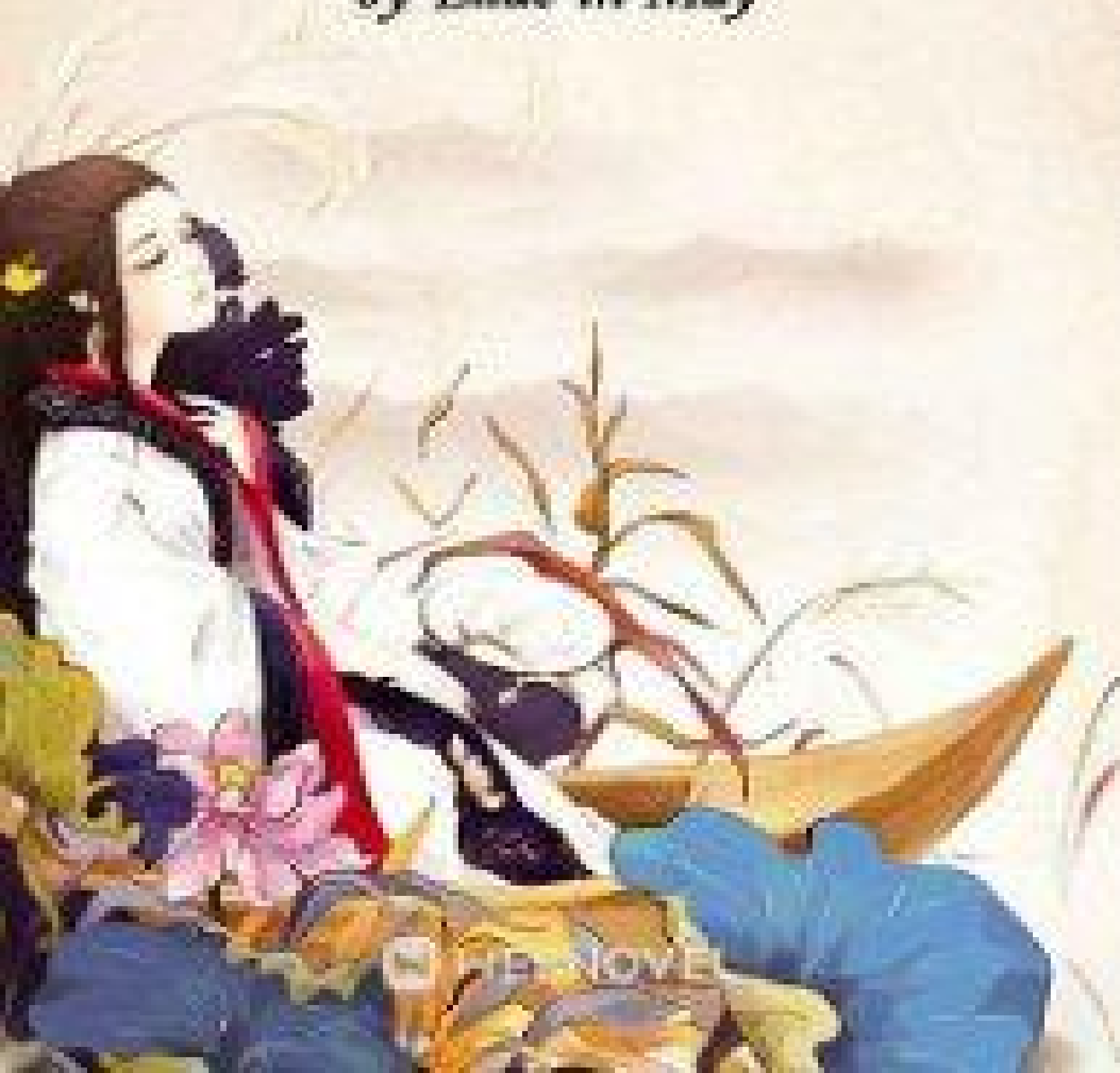


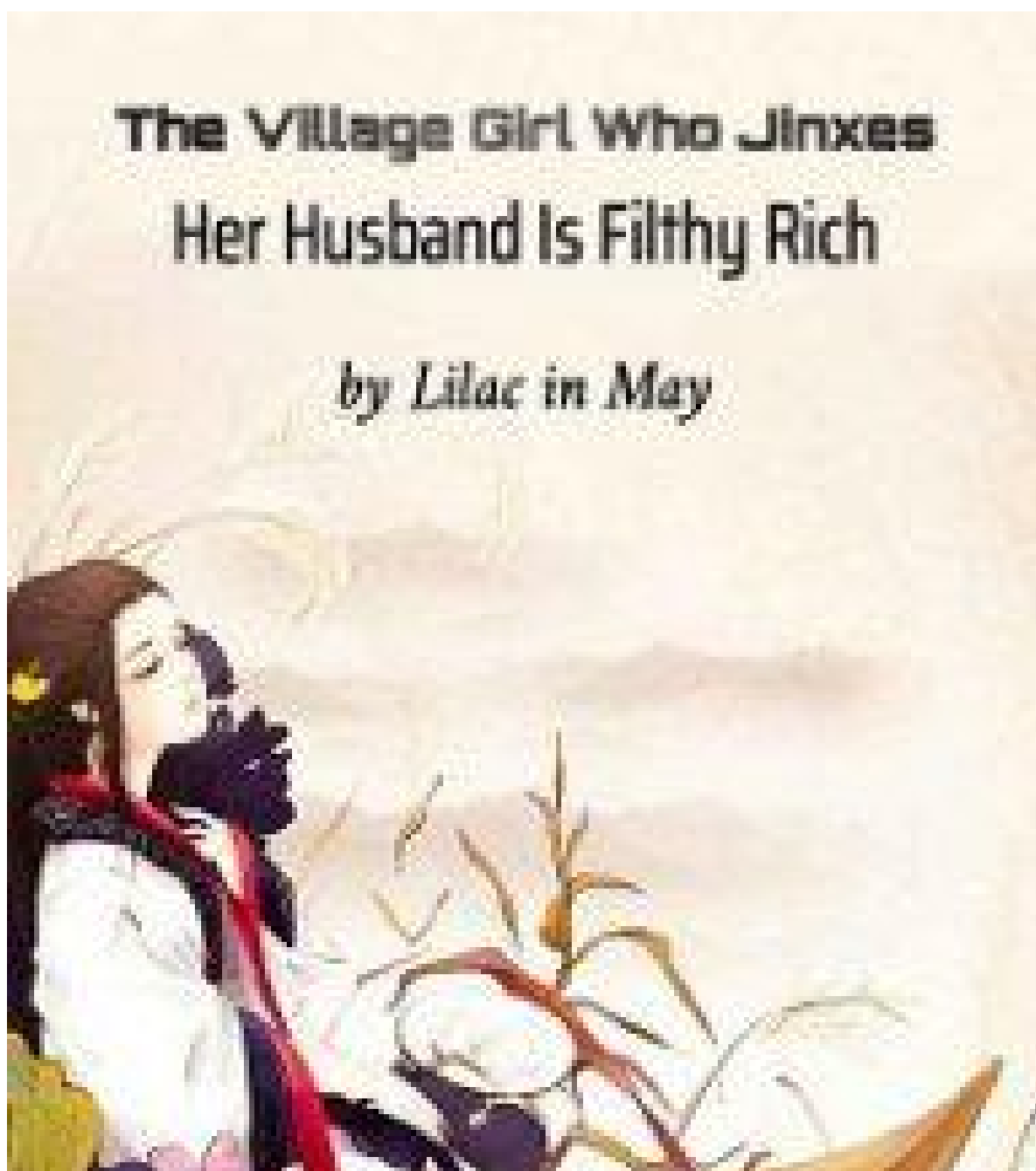
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# **Volume 1**

# Chapter 1 - Experimental Subject Of The Apocalypse

Starting from 2095, the Earth's internal magnetic field began to disrupt, causing the global temperature to rise abruptly. Subsequently, it triggered a series of natural disasters, like earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, and ice droughts. In just a few short months, the earth was in a crisis, and mankind was facing a huge danger.

On New Year's Eve of 2100, the apocalypse finally broke out!

Civilization and order were destroyed overnight. New order surfaced with the awakened among the survivors and the undead among the victim. There were mutations among flora and fauna too. Animals expanded in size, and plants became hostile. The civilized world collapsed. The rule of survival in this ruined world instantly changed!

It was the survival of the fittest!

There were the awakened who were superior to others, ordinary people who lived in the post-apocalyptic world, horrifying and ugly zombies who ate people, and animals and plants that would attack indiscriminately.

However, no matter which species they were, they all needed food, whether it was humans, zombies, or mutated animals and plants.

Therefore, a new round of cruel plunder began!

Lin Xinlan was 26 years old. She was an ordinary white-collar worker with ordinary family background, ordinary looks, and an ordinary body. However, in this horrifying post-apocalyptic mutation, she was lucky enough to become an awakened with a wood-based superpower. The awakened were the most likely to survive in the post-apocalyptic era!



In order to protect her boyfriend of two years and her best friend, who were both normal people, Lin Xinlan would accept high-level missions from the base. She'd come back after a day of exhaustion with the nuclei dug out from the heads of high-level zombies or mutated and ferocious animals in exchange for a day of food to feed her boyfriend and her best friend.

Five years passed just like that.

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“I hate it so much!” Tied to the cold operating table, the cold silver chain reflected the bone-deep hatred in Lin Xinlan's eyes.

She was injected with the drugs the research institute used to control the awakened. Her power was suppressed. She couldn't even take down a normal person, much less escape from the lab that was scarier than hell.

That day, the mad people had injected another cocktail of drugs into her body. It made her whole body feel like it was being torn apart, and her blood was boiling.

She was in so much pain that she wished she could die! However, at that moment, she couldn't even die! She could only become their test subject and be manipulated by these crazy researchers!

A man in a white coat walked over. He was wearing a mask so his face couldn't be seen. He looked at Lin Xinlan, who was bleeding all over, and frowned. Then, he turned to an old man in his sixties who was also wearing a white coat but didn't wear a mask. He said, “Professor, the medicine is not right. The experimental subject is in great pain.” There was no pity in his voice, only coldness and ruthlessness.

The professor said crazily and excitedly, “No, this proves that our medicine is right. I heard that the development of space requires an object or a symbol, which can be activated through the medium of blood.

“This Lin Xinlan's space is unlike the space of the other awakened, which can only store dead objects. Her space can not only store living things, but I

also heard from the couple that her space contains pure land that can be used to grow food.

“What do we lack the most? Food! If I could develop more users of her superpower, then I, Lu Lin, will become a hero of this era and a hero worshipped by millions in the future!”

Professor Lu Lin’s eyes were burning with madness. He had gone insane from imagining the future glory.

The other man in the mask had a fierce light in his eyes. Then, he looked at Lin Xinlan, who was still bleeding all over, and asked, “Professor, what should we do now?”

“Continue to increase the dosage!” Lu Lin said fiercely.

The man wearing a mask took out a vial of blood-red medicine and pushed it into Lin Xinlan’s veins. He was cold and merciless.

Lin Xinlan cried out in pain. Her eyes were filled with hatred and anger as she looked at the two figures intertwining outside the lab window!

# Chapter 2 - Betrayal And Self-Destruction

“Brother Yuan, Xinlan sounds like she’s in pain. Will she really be okay?” A coquettish voice asked.

However, in her heart, she was very proud, excited, and glad. She thought to herself, ‘Hmph, Lin Xinlan, I finally don’t have to live by your charity anymore. Now, I will take away your Brother Yuan and let you suffer the pain of being cut into slices! This is the thanks I’m giving you for taking care of me for the past five years!’”

The man called Brother Yan said mercilessly, “If she had obediently handed over her space, she wouldn’t have to suffer this pain at all. This is her fault for hiding it from us. To think that she’d hide it from her boyfriend and best friend. She lied to us and said that she got the food from her missions, but it was actually from her space. Does she think we’re idiots? If not to find out more about her secret, do you think I’d be with her for five years?”

The girl said, “Brother Yuan, so that’s why you’ve asked me to wait. I’ve been waiting for you since six years ago!”

Brother Yuan pulled the petite shadow into his arms and said guiltily, “Ying ‘Er, I’m sorry. I wanted to break up with Lin Xinyue six years ago, but who would have thought that the apocalypse would happen. Neither of us are awakened, so we needed her protection.

“You also know that without Lin Xinlan’s protection, we would have starved to death already. You have to understand my difficulty.”

The girl sobbed, “Brother Yuan, I don’t blame you. If anything, I feel bad for you. You have to endure this woman for six years. She is always guarded against you. If she had shown us the space six years ago, would we be called freeloaders in this base? This is all her fault.”

Both of them blamed Lin Xinlan.

“Yes, it’s all her fault. If she had been honest with us, we wouldn’t be called so many names.” Brother Yuan echoed. Then, he changed the topic and said in a vengeful and excited tone, “But, it’s all good now. I made a deal with the people in the research institute after they found out about her power. We don’t have to worry about food and clothing anymore after we hand her over to them. They will even let me be a team leader.”

Ying ‘Er was very excited. “Brother Yuan, this is great! We’ll have food and clothes. And you’ll become a squad leader. We’ll see who dares to look down on us in the base anymore!”

The two of them came to the research institute that day to gloat before Lin Xinlan. They purposely said these words to inform her that they’d live a better life without her!

‘Yuan Mingkai, Qu Ying, you bastards! How can you be so crazy? You’ve drugged me and sold me to the research institute for a month of food?!’ Lin Xinlan learned all these from the mad doctor.

Lin Xinlan had nature power, which was not that rare. However, the rare thing was she had a dual elemental power. Her other power was a dimensional space, a space that could cultivate living creatures.

What was the most important thing in the apocalypse?

Food!

Someone would kill their family for a mouthful of food.

However, she didn’t expect that her boyfriend and her best friend, who she had been protecting with all her might, would suddenly turn on her.

It was all because they had discovered her power. They started to harbor evil thoughts and tried to get her to reveal her secrets. However, to protect them, Lin Xinlan didn’t tell them too much because the more they knew, the more danger they’d be in.

Who would have thought that Yuan Mingkai and Qu Ying were already going behind her back before the apocalypse? Since they were not awakened, they needed her protection. Therefore, they pretended before her. But, they had secretly hooked up and had been trying to steal her power away from her.

Unfortunately, they were unable to do that. Therefore, they made a deal with the research institute. The people of the research institute promised them a comfortable life for them to sell out Lin Xinlan. The base would even give Yuan Mingkai a promotion. The two agreed without hesitation.

However, Yuan Mingkai and Qu Ying didn't know that the research institute would only provide them with the comforts for a month. Yuan Mingkai's promotion was also just an excuse to get rid of him. He was a normal person. If he left the base, well... the result was imaginable.

“Haha. Yuan Mingkai, Qu Ying, you bastards. Without my protection, the people of the base can crush you to death as easily as crushing an ant. Haha, I'll wait for you in hell!” Lying on the operating table, Lin Xinlan, who was tied up by the silver chain, suddenly laughed crazily and happily.

“Not good, doctor. The subject is going to self-destruct!” The man wearing a mask suddenly felt the intense fluctuation of the air in the narrow space.

“Impossible!” Dr. Lu denied it. “Lin Xinlan's spiritual power is completely suppressed by medicine. How can she do this?” Lu Lin, who was immersed in his power fantasy, didn't notice anything strange at all. He continued to observe the blood from Lin Xinlan and finally found a drop of blood that was different from the other blood drops. He carefully picked up the blood drop with both hands and laughed crazily. “Haha... I found it. I found it. As long as I can inject it into my body, I can replicate the power in me.

“With this power, I will be the ruler of this post-apocalyptic world! Haha...”

The man wearing a mask looked at the insane professor. He felt more and more uneasy as the air became more palpably tense.

He pulled Professor Lu anxiously and said nervously, “Professor, it seems that the experimental subject Lin Xinlan has really chosen to self-destruct.

It's very dangerous. We feel that we should leave this place.”

However, before he could pull Lu Lin away, they heard a miserable and hateful scream.

Bang!

A violent explosion suddenly came from the research room of the base!

# Chapter 3 - Being Called A Jinx

“Hey, you jinx, get up! Don’t lie on the ground and play dead!” A teenager with a hoarse voice shouted.

“Er Gou Zi, the jinx hasn’t woken up after you kicked her so hard. Is she really dead?” A delicate girl’s voice said.

“How is that possible?” The loud teenager suddenly panicked.

Although Lin Yuelan was a jinx, she wouldn’t jinx herself, right?

Could he have killed her with just a light kick?

Although Lin Xinlan was a well-known jinx, if he had killed her, his reputation would be ruined. As a murderer, how could he get a wife in the future?

The youth called Er Gou Zi was immediately shocked and panicked. He carefully lowered his body and reached out his hand to check Lin Xinlan’s breath.

“Ah! It hurts! Let go! Let go!” Before his hand could reach under Lin Xinlan’s nose, a giant force suddenly restrained him.

Lin Xinlan’s entire body was in pain. In her blurry mind, she heard the noise from the outside world. The voices all sounded like children.

‘Where am I?’

‘Am I dead?’

‘Is this hell?’

‘Why are there so many children?’

When the two doctors injected another dose into her body, there was a moment when Lin Xinlan regained her power. She immediately seized the opportunity and chose to self-destruct without hesitation!

She'd rather die than be tortured by those people!

When she self-destructed, the pair of bastards were outside the research institute. She wondered if they had died from the explosion. If they did, she would meet them in hell. She'd grab their souls and beat them up. Even in death, she would never forgive them.

Lin Xinlan wanted to open her eyes to look at hell. She also wanted to find the pair of bastards. Even if they were ghosts, she would still haunt them.

However, before she could open her eyes, she felt a threatening object approach. She reacted reflexively to grab it. She wanted to eliminate the threat, but her body was weak and soft. She had no choice but to twist the object she had grabbed around at a 180-degree angle. This was a reflex Lin Xinlan had developed during her five years of survival in the post-apocalyptic world. This resulted in how Er Gou Zi being detained by Lin Xinlan.

“It hurts, it hurts...” the young man’s voice kept ringing in Lin Xinlan’s ears. “Lin Yuelan, you jinx. Let me go now! It hurts...”

All the children were stunned.

They all covered their mouths and widened their eyes as they watched this scene in astonishment.

They saw a eight-year-old girl wearing coarse old clothes with patches on them apprehending their village’s best fighter, Er Gou Zi. There were bruises on the girl’s face and bloodstains on the corner of her mouth. The girl’s eyes were half-closed.

Oh My God!

How did the jinx suddenly gain so much strength and swiftness?



She managed to stop Er Gou Zi with her eyes closed!

Could the jinx have died and returned as a ghost?

“The jinx is dead. She turned into a ghost to grab Er Gou Zi!” Someone shouted and the crowd of children immediately scattered.

When Lin Xinlan opened her eyes, she saw the figures of youngsters stumbling and falling as they ran away, as well as a pale-faced teenager who was struggling with her hands.

“What’s going on?”

Even Lin Xinlan, who had lived through the apocalypse, was stunned.

# Chapter 4 - Survival Is The First Principle

“Lin Yuelan, you jinx, let me go, let me go...” the young man in Lin Xinlan’s hand stomped his feet, his face and ears red. He struggled wildly as he shouted in panic.

His friends all said that Lin Yuelan had become a ghost. He was also afraid of ghosts.

Although Lin Xinlan had experienced the apocalypse for five years, before the apocalypse, she was just an ordinary white-collar worker. Her hobby was reading webnovels, especially those that had themes of reincarnation and transmigration.

She had chosen to self-destruct in the apocalypse. The memory of the pain was still fresh in her mind. Therefore, she was certain that she had died.

However, she was still alive. Thus, the explanation was transmigration. Lin Xinlan calmly accepted that fact after straightening out her train of thought.

So now, she had to figure out the identity of her host. Why did everyone call her a jinx?

Lin Xinlan lifted the boy, who was half a head taller than her, with one hand and heavily patted the boy’s shoulder. She shouted sternly, “Shush! Why are you shouting? If you call me a jinx again, I’ll slap you. Do you want to test me?”

Er Gou Zi looked at the fierce Lin Yuelan and was so scared that his face was as white as paper. However, his skin was very dark, so technically, the paleness wasn’t that visible.

Afraid that the ghost would really smack him, Er Gou Zi immediately quieted down. His panic-stricken eyes and his fearful expression made the corner of

Lin Xinlan's mouth twitch involuntarily. 'It seems like he really thinks I'm a ghost.'

After all, even before the apocalypse, people believed in ghosts, not to mention in this olden era.

Lin Xinlan put on a threatening face and warned sternly, "I'll put you down now, but you're not allowed to run away, do you understand? Otherwise..."

However, Lin Xinlan didn't realize that she was inhabiting the body of a eight-year-old child. Her thin and sallow face was really incompatible with a stern look. If someone else were there, they would laugh because she was too cute.

There was no one else other than Er Gou Zi, who was so scared that he almost curled up into a ball. He was in no mood to appreciate the cuteness of the contrast. Er Gou Zi hurriedly nodded. "Okay."

Lin Xinlan let out a sigh of relief. Her small body was thin and weak. She didn't have the strength to carry Er Gou Zi, who was taller and stronger than her, anymore.

The reason she was able to do so earlier was due to the training she had undergone in five years of the apocalypse. When she was attacked, she would counter in double her usual strength because the alternative was death!

Once Lin Xinlan put down Er Gou Zi, the latter immediately ran away in a panic as his feet landed on the ground.

Lin Xinlan anticipated this. Honestly, she was just scaring the brat. After all, she heard the children say that it was Er Gou Zi who kicked her host to death.

Lin Xinlan ignored the escaping Er Guo Zi. She turned to look at her clothes from top to bottom. She was wearing a black linen dress that didn't fit her at all. The dress dragged all the way to her ankles. It was obvious that the dress didn't belong to the original host. On top of that, there were numerous patches on the dress. They were probably done by the host.

The dress was also covered in dirty patches as if it hadn't been washed for a long time. There were also tiny footprints on the dress.

Lin Xinlan suddenly felt itchy, as if ants were crawling all over her. She desperately wanted to take a bath.

She raised her head and looked around. Other than the paddy fields and the small farms with seedlings, there were winding paths that were only wide enough for a single person.

Lin Xinlan frowned slightly. 'Is there no river around here?'

Suddenly, her ears perked slightly, and Lin Xinlan's face lit up with joy.

She heard the sound of running water. It was only about a hundred meters away from her position.

Lin Xinlan followed the sound of running water. She wanted to run, but her body had been seriously injured. Plus, the original host was severely malnourished. She felt devoid of energy. Even just taking a few steps would take the breath out of her.

Lin Xinlan had no choice but to slow down, hold her chest, and make her journey slowly.

The distance was around a hundred meters, but Lin Xinlan walked for a full twenty minutes, and her forehead was already covered in sweat.

However, when she saw the clear and bottomless river, Lin Xinlan was ecstatic.

This was a truly unpolluted river. She had only seen it at her grandmother's house in the countryside when she was very young.

However, as the land was developed by those unscrupulous bosses, the harmful elements polluted the river. In addition, there were more and more chemical factories on both sides of the river. All the wastewater was discharged into the river, and the river became a jet-black stream with no signs of life. The crystal clear river from her childhood was gone.

The river at her grandmother's place was so polluted, so it was even worse for the rivers in the cities.

After the apocalypse, all the animals and plants on earth mutated. A red rain of blood had caused serious pollution to the water sources on earth. The water was not drinkable. In fact, humans could mutate into zombies when exposed to the rain. The blood rain almost made the mutated creatures more hostile.

Now that she had been transmigrated to this pure, pollution-free, and safe era of the past, Lin Xinlan decided to focus on the goodness before her. She had to live well. That was the only way.

Lin Xinlan walked to the riverside with excitement and caution.

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“Where is her?” A group of men and women armed with hoes, sickles, and sticks gathered together at the spot where Lin Xinlan had left. They looked around as if they were looking for a fight.

“Xiao Ying, Er Gou Zi, didn't you say that Lin Yuelan, the jinx, has returned as a ghost? Where is she now?” A middle-aged man with a ferocious face and beard asked loudly.

# Chapter 5 - The Origin Story

Lin Xinlan was exceptionally surprised as she squatted by the side of the river and looked at the clear reflection of her own appearance.

The original host looked to be about seven or eight years old. Her hair was as yellow as weeds, and her face was sallow and thin. Her facial features were decent, but they were hidden by severe undernourishment. Her eyes were bulging, and her lips were pale.

‘Damn, even refugees look better than this.’ Lin Xinlan gasped. But she was now in this body.

From the things she had experienced since she transmigrated here, the original host must have had a hard life. However, since Lin Xinlan had taken over this body, she would treat it well. She would restore her body to the pink of health.

Lin Xinlan decided to take a bath in this small river since she was feeling itchy all over.

However, the moment she stood up, her eyes dimmed, and it felt like the world was spinning. Lin Xinlan used a lot of willpower to endure it. She held her head. She stopped herself from falling into the river, lest she loses her life again.

After a long while, Lin Xinlan put down her hand. Her eyes were filled with anger. The memories of the original host had just entered her mind.

She understood why the kids were calling the host jinx and even tried to beat her to death.

The host was targeted because when she walked with her head lowered, she accidentally brushed against the sleeve of the village bully. The kid thought it was extremely bad luck.

Therefore, the kid paid everyone a dime and had all of his friends in the village catch Lin Yuelan on her way home to beat her up. The host was already thin. Plus, she had not eaten for a whole day already. She didn't survive the assault.

When Er Gou Zi kicked the host on her chest, the last breath was caught in her throat, and she died. After that, Lin Xinlan arrived and took over the body.

Why was the host called a jinx? Where was her family? Why was the host beaten to death for just brushing against someone's sleeve?

The story began three years ago with an old Taoist Master.

This was a village called the Lin family village. The original host's family lived here. This family was led by Lin Laosan. He had a granddaughter called Lin Yuelan.

Lin Laosan had a wife called Li Chuihua. They had four sons, Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, Lin Sanniu, and Lin Siniu, as well as a daughter called Lin Xiaoxue.

Lin Daniu had two sons: the eldest son, Lin Daguang, and the youngest son, Lin Dazong.

Lin Erniu had two daughters and one youngest son, Lin Dahua, Lin Xiaohua, and Lin Dayao.

Lin Sanniu had two sons and two daughters, the eldest daughter, Lin Yuelan, the second son, Lin Dazu, the youngest daughter, Lin Yueru, and the youngest son, Lin Darong.

Lin Siniu had yet to get married.

Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua doted on Lin Daniu and Lan Dazong the most.

Lin Daniu because he was their first son, and Lin Dazong because he was the only grandson of the Lin Family who went to school. His talent was praised, and he was the family's hope to be an elementary scholar.

Therefore, Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua worshiped the ground Lin Dazong walked on. They bought everything for him. In fact, half of the Lin family's income was spent on Lin Dazong.

As for the remaining half, other than putting away some for household expenses, the rest was hidden by Li Cuihua.

Lin Yuelan's father, Lin Sanniu, was hated by Li Cuihua the most. Sometimes, she treated him like an enemy. This was because Li Cuihua almost lost her life when Lin Sanniu was born due to the position of the baby. Li Cuihua believed that Li Sanniu was a being of misfortune, so she always scolded and beat him. She treated Lin Sanniu's wife and children as slaves too.

The Lin family land was worked solely by Lin Sanniu's family. The household chores were done by Lin Sanniu's wife and daughters.

Due to the endless work and undernourishment, the members of Lin Sanniu's family were all skinny. Lin Sanniu's wife, Chen Xiaoqing, was forced to work the day after giving birth to Lin Yuelan. As a result, she fell ill. After she gave birth to her youngest son, her health deteriorated day by day. However, she did not even buy any medicine, let alone see a doctor.

Because those things needed money and all the money was in Li Cuihua's hands. Li Cuihua did not like Lin Sanniu and his family. How would she take out money to treat Chen Xiaoqing's illness? She wished that Lin Sanniu and his family would die.

However, Lin Sanniu was a very foolish and filial person. He handed over all the money that he earned from his daily work to his mother. Therefore, even if his wife was sickly and emaciated and coughed every day, he would only advise her to endure it.

The host, Lin Yuelan, was Lin Sanniu's daughter. She was not liked by Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua either. However, at the very least, she would be fed by her grandmother as long as she worked hard.

However, three years ago, an old Taoist master passed by Lin Laosan's home and asked for some water. At the time, only Lin Yuelan was home.



In ancient times, Taoist masters were respected and revered.

Lin Yuelan poured a bowl of water for the old Taoist priest.

After drinking the water, the old Taoist priest looked at Lin Yuelan's face and frowned. He asked, "Little girl, how old are you?"

Lin Yuelan answered in a crisp voice, "Nine years old!"

The old Taoist priest held the horsetail whisk in one hand and stroked his long white beard with the other. He nodded and said, "Little Girl, take this. You'll need it in the future."

Lin Yuelan took a yellow talisman in puzzlement and asked, "What's this?"

The old Taoist priest said seriously, "Little girl, I can see that your future will not be good. Your cheekbones are high, and your eyes are wide. It's a sign that you'll jinx your husband to death. Wear this talisman on your neck. Hopefully, when you're fifteen, your destiny will have been fixed!"

When the old master told this to Lin Yuelan, a gossipy woman in the village happened to hear it.

When the old master left the Lin Family Village, the news of Lin Yuelan being a future husband killer had already spread throughout the village.

In less than half a day, she had evolved from a jinx who'd harm her husband to a jinx who'd harm her mother, father, and then all her relatives.

# Chapter 6 - Separation From Family

“No, I must kill this wretched girl today.” Li Cuihua, who was in her fifties, combed her hair that was white around her temples. There was some meat on her face, and her eyes were sharp and fierce.

“Lin Laosan, this wretched girl is a jinx. If she doesn’t die, the Lin Family will die. Do you want us to die?” Li Cuihua roared at a man who was a bit thinner than her. He was in his sixties, and his sideburns were completely silver.

Almost everyone was in the courtyard except Zhu Dazhong, who was still in school. There were Zhu Daniu and his wife, Zhu Erniu and his wife, Lin Siniu, and Lin Sanniu’s family.

“Father, mother is right.” Lin Daniu glared at Lin Yuelan, who was squatting in the corner of the courtyard with a blank look in her eyes. “Father, do you remember this spring’s county examination? Zong ‘Er didn’t pass the county examination because of her. She is the reason Zong ‘Er failed.”

“No wonder I’ve been suffering from endless headaches these few years. It’s all because of this jinx. Old man, let me tell you,” Li Cuihua said fiercely, “We have to deal with this jinx today! It’s either her or me!”

“Mother... Lan ‘Er is just a child. Father, mother, please let her go!” Lin Yuelan’s mother cried and pleaded for her daughter.

“Shut up!” Li Cuihua glared at Chen Xiaoqing. “I knew that a jinx like you is going to give birth to a jinx. If you say one more word, I will get San ‘Er to divorce you!”

In ancient times, women valued honor. Once a woman was divorced, it was a fate worse than death. Even if she died, no one would be there to clean up

her body. She would not be buried in a grave and left to wander the world as a ghost. For ancient people, having no peace after death was the most terrifying thing.

Chen Xiaoqing immediately stopped talking. She did not dare to say anything else. She just lowered her head and started to sob.

Lin Laosan was holding a copper pipe.

Lin Laosan did not have many hobbies, but he liked to smoke. When he was free, he would sit on the doorstep and smoke.

This copper pipe had cost half a year of the Lin family's savings to buy. Li Cuihua didn't want to waste this money, but Lin Laosan was the head of the family. He normally didn't have any hobby, so this was the only luxury his wife allowed him.

As he listened to his wife and son making a ruckus, he held the pipe and sucked on it. His eyelids drooped and his expression darkened. No one knew what he was thinking.

Seeing that their father didn't say anything, Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, and Lin Siniu looked at each other before Lin Siniu said angrily, "Father, why are you hesitating? I'm 20 this year, and I still can't get a wife. Gou Wazi, who is the same age as me, already has a son who is four years old. His youngest son has just celebrated his full moon.

"We've talked to a few families, but the marriage didn't go through in the end. In the past, I thought it was because they didn't like our family or they didn't like me. But now I understand it's because of this jinx!

"Dad, as long as this jinx is still alive, I'll not be able to marry!"

Lin Laosan moved his pipe and raised his head. He looked at his granddaughter, who was squatting in the corner with listless eyes, and furrowed his brows tightly.

Lin Erniu's daughter-in-law, Zhou Guixiang, glared at Lin Yuelan with a face full of anger. She pointed angrily at Lin Yuelan and said loudly to Lin Laosan, "Father, this jinx caused me to have a miscarriage. I will never let her stay in this house. Father, I'm on the same line as mother. If she stays, then I'm not staying!"

Lin Yuelan still had a bruise on her forehead. Her eyes were listless as she squatted in a corner numbly.

The nine-year-old Lin Yuelan never thought that in just three days, she would become everyone's hated and despised jinx. She was beaten by everyone who saw her. She knew that once she was chased out of the house, she would be bullied. However, if she stayed, her grandmother, uncles, and aunts would kill her.

Lin Yuelan knew that she had to escape, but she was too frightened.

Lin Laosan took another drag of the pipe. His aged voice asked as he turned to Lin Sanniu, "Third son, this is your daughter. What do you say? Do you think we should kill her?"

"Hmph, Lin Sanniu, if you dare to speak up for that wretched girl, don't acknowledge me as your mother." Before Lin Sanniu could speak, Li Cuihua had already taken the initiative to attack. "I don't have a useless son like you.

"Lin Sanniu, why don't you look at your wife? She's black and thin, and she can't get out of bed from the pain. This must be the curse of that wretched girl. This wretched girl wants to destroy the entire Lin family. Only then will she be satisfied!"

Li Cuihua was filled with hatred. In her mind, the girl was the reason behind all the tragedies that befell the Lin Family.

"Let me tell you, Old Man. As long as this wretched girl is in the Lin family, the Lin family will not be able to live in peace. Therefore, this wretched girl must be dealt with today!" Li Cuihua shouted loudly. She meant the girl had to be killed.

“Shut up!” Lin Laosan yelled at Li Cuihua sharply, “You’re shouting so loudly. Do you want the entire village to know about our family’s dirty laundry? What kind of woman goes around shouting for murder?”

After Lin Laosan reprimanded Li Cuihua, he asked Lin Sanniu again, “Third son, what do you think?”

“Don’t let them kill Lan ‘Er.” Chen Xiaoqing, who had been keeping quiet all this time, immediately begged Lin Sanniu. She wanted to use her last strength to save her eldest daughter.

“Slap!”

Li Cuihua went up and slapped Chen Xiaoqing, scolding, “Are you deliberately trying to kill the Lin family? If you say one more word, I’ll ask Sannui to divorce you right now.”

Chen Xiaoqing covered half of her reddened face. She lowered her head and wept quietly, not daring to make another sound.

Compared to her daughter, she was more afraid of being divorced.

Lin Sanniu’s eyes were also somewhat numb. He looked filial and obedient. He answered. “I’ll follow Dad’s arrangements!”

Lin Sanniu smacked his pipe a few times and seemed to have finally made up his mind, “Alright, San ‘Er. In a while, you will catch the girl and press her into the water tank. When she runs out of breath, we’ll tell the village chief that the girl has died in an accident!”

# Chapter 7 - Separation From Family

“Sir, sir, please save me.” Lin Yiwei was holding a hoe with his pants rolled up. It was obvious that he had just returned from the fields. On the way back, he was stopped by Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yiwei was about 60 years old. His skin was dark, and he seemed to be in good spirits. His face was glowing red.

He had read some books when he was young, so he was recommended by the villagers to be the village chief.

When Lin Yiwei saw Lin Laosan’s granddaughter kneeling in front of him, he also noticed the panic and fear on her face. Then, he thought of the rumors about this child. He immediately realized that something must have happened.

He put down the hoe, bent down, and wanted to help Lin Yuelan up. He asked, “Xiao Lan, what happened? You have to get up first.”

At that moment, Lin Yuelan’s mind was filled with what her grandfather had said. He wanted to push her into the water tank and kill her.

Lin Yuelan did not get up. She only cried loudly, “Master, Master, please save me. Grandfather wants my father to push me into the water tank to drown me. Master, I don’t want to die. I don’t want to die. Master, please save me!”

Lin Weiyi was shocked and immediately asked seriously, “Xiao Lan, get up. Tell me, why does your grandfather want to drown you in the water tank?”

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When Lin Sanniu heard his father, the corners of his mouth moved. There was some pleading in his eyes. However, when he saw his father’s serious face,

he finally said, “Okay!”

Li Cuihua was very satisfied with Lin Sanniu’s obedience and said, “That’s right, San ‘Er. That wretched girl is a jinx. If she doesn’t die, Zong ‘Er won’t be able to become a master scholar. Your fourth brother won’t be able to marry a wife. Your wife’s health won’t recover too.”

“Mother, this is bad. That wretched girl ran out!” Zhou Guixiang turned around to gloat when she realized that the girl was no longer at the corner.

“What?” Li Cuihua was shocked and then scolded, “You were supposed to watch over her! Hurry up and catch her. Don’t let her run away.” She was scolding Zhou Guixiang. Then, she shouted at the others in the courtyard, “What are you still standing there for? Hurry up and grab that wretched girl back.”

The others, including the children, ran out of the courtyard. They were going out to hunt for the jinx.

However, before any of them got far, they saw the village chief walking toward their house with a serious look on his face. Beside him was Lin Yuelan, whom they were going to look for.

She lowered her head and followed Lin Yiwei timidly. The closer they were to the Lin family, the more her feet dragged. She obviously didn’t want to return here.

Lin Yiwei patted the back of her hand and comforted her, “Child, don’t be afraid. I’m here.”

The moment Li Cuihua saw Lin Yuelan, her anger rose from the bottom of her heart. She immediately scolded Lin Yuelan, “You’re really a jinx. Instead of working, you ran away to slack off! Hurry up and wash those clothes!”

Li Cuihua’s furious shout immediately scared Lin Yuelan into hiding behind Lin Yiwei.

Li Cuihua was even more furious when she saw this. She took a few big steps forward and stretched out her hand, wanting to pull Lin Yuelan out. She cursed loudly, “You wretched girl, how dare you disobey me? You even dare to hide! I’m going to teach you a lesson!” Li Cuihua moved around Lin Yiwei to drag Lin Yuelan out.

Lin Yuelan’s face turned white with fear. Her hands instinctively covered her ears. This was because Li Cuihua would twist Lin Yuelan’s ears every time she was angry or just free.



## Chapter 8 - Family Separation

“You have to be crazy to think to hide from me!” Li Cuihua was furious. The jinx was truly the jinx. She had escaped from her multiple times already.

“Li Cuihua, what are you doing?” Lin Yiwei shouted sternly, “She is just a child. Is there a need to hit her?”

Li Cuihua still had some respect for Lin Yiwei.

Her eyes looked a little embarrassed as she smiled and said, “Village chief, the wretched girl is slacking off at work, so I have to teach her a lesson.”

Lin Yiwei looked at Li Cuihua’s obviously guilty expression and sneered, “Is that so?”

Then, he turned to look at Lin Laosan, who was smoking with a pipe in his hand. There was some anger in his eyes as he said, “Is it not because you want to drag her home to drown her in the water tank?”

As soon as Lin Yiwei finished speaking, the villagers behind him exploded like a pot of boiling water.

Weren’t Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua being too devious? The girl might be a jinx, but she was still their biological granddaughter. How could they do something like that?

Besides, Lin Yuelan was usually a hardworking and capable child. At such a young age, she followed her parents to the fields and did all the work for the family.

If it wasn’t for the jinx news, many families with sons had already planned to ask to arrange marriage with this child. At the same time, these families were glad that Li Cuihua had stopped their marriage proposals. Or else their families would be the ones to have to live with the jinx!

Li Cuihua was angered easily. When she heard the village chief, she roared, “So the girl went to tattle on us!”

Lin Yiwei’s face darkened, and he asked seriously, “So she’s telling the truth. Lin Laosan, this is your biological granddaughter. Where is your conscience? How can you plan to kill her?” Lin Yiwei sternly asked. He was angry.

When Lin Laosan saw the village chief holding Lin Yuelan’s hand and returned with the other villagers, he knew that things were not going to be good. He didn’t expect the usually obedient and cowardly Lin Yuelan would be so clever to find the village chief to save her life.

“If she lives, the Lin family will die because of her!” Before Lin Laosan answered, Li Cuihua popped up again. “With this bane in our family, we’ll never have peace. In that case, we should just kill her once and for all. Otherwise, Dazong won’t pass his exam, and Si ‘Er won’t get married!”

“Ridiculous!” Lin Yi sternly berated, “Lin Dazong didn’t appear during the county exam, so how is that the girl’s fault? Lin Siniu can’t find a wife because you and your husband refuse to pay the dowry. How is that the girl’s fault?”

Li Cuihua refused to back down. She said righteously, “If it weren’t for this jinx, why would Dazong go missing on the day of the exam? How would we lack the money for dowry?” No matter what, she intended to push all the troubles in the Lin family onto Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yiwei didn’t want to argue with the unreasonable woman. He turned to Lin Laosan. “Lin Laosan, do you think so too?”

Lin Laosan’s face was gloomy. He took a few deep puffs of his cigarette and sighed. He said, “Village chief, the girl is a jinx that will kill her husband and family. We can’t keep her anymore.”

“But that’s no reason to kill her!” Lin Yiwei said angrily.

“That wretched girl is my father’s biological granddaughter. She inherits the Lin family’s bloodline. If she doesn’t die, we’ll be destroyed because we’re

her family.” Lin Laosan’s eldest son, Lin Daniu, suddenly interjected.

“Have you considered the simple fact that murder is against the law?” Lin Yiwei took a deep breath and said. This family was really unreasonable.

“That’s why we planned to do this secretly.” Li Cuihua muttered at the side, “We’ll announce to the public that she died in an accident. How would the officials know? But to think that the girl dared to escape.” As she said that, Li Cuihua glared fiercely at Lin Yuelan, scaring Lin Yuelan so much that she shrank behind Lin Yiwei and shivered.

“You...” Lin Yiwei simply had nothing to say.

Then again, Li Cuihua was telling the truth. The girl was a member of the Lin Family. As long as the whole family said that she died in an accident, the whole village wouldn’t say anything even if they knew the truth.

Furthermore, the entire village had the surname Lin. Lin Yuelan would jinx all of them too. Therefore, they were also worried. Instead of being jinxed, they would rather her die.

“Father, I have an idea that can save the girl and Uncle Lin Laosan’s family!” At this moment, Lin Yiwei’s youngest son stood up and said.

“What is it?” Lin Yiwei asked.

“Family separation ceremony!” He said.

## Chapter 9 - Ulterior Motive

Lin Xinlan looked at Lin Yuelan's reflection in the water. Oh, wait. It was her reflection now. She could not help but let out a cold smile.

The Lin family believed that Lin Yuelan would harm them because of their blood connection.

Lin Yiwei's son, Lin Mingqing, was in his twenties. He was also studying at a private school in the town. That autumn, he had just passed the county examination and became an elementary scholar.

There were only two scholars in the Lin family village. One was the youngest son of the village chief's family, Lin Mingqing, and the other was the second grandson of the Lin family's third son, Lin Dazong.

Lin Yiwei was the village chief, and he had a scholar in his family. Therefore, the villagers respected Lin Yiwei very much. The Lin family was no exception.

However, when Lin Dazong was sent to the school, he was praised by the headmaster. He was called a young genius because he passed the child examination before he was ten years old. He was two years younger than Lin Mingqing when he passed the child exam. Lin Laosan and his family were so proud and arrogant because of it.

When Lin Mingqing wanted to meddle in their family business, Lin Laosan's face darkened, and he was unhappy. He said, "Kid Qing, it's easy for you to say that. Even if we have the family separation ceremony, the girl still has our body flowing in her body. She will eventually kill my family." In other words, if Lin Yuelan didn't die, the Lin Family would die.

Lin Yiwei's face turned green from anger at Lin Laosan's words. The man and his family needed the child to die, and the child was the man's biological granddaughter.

Lin Mingqing looked delicate and refined. He wore a white robe and had a square cloth wrapped around his head. He had the appearance of a scholar. “Uncle Lin Laoson, there is a legend that before Heavenly King Tuta Li became an immortal, he had a third son, Nezha. Nezha was in the womb for three years and six months. After he was born, Nezha was very mischievous.

“One day, Nezha went to the East Sea to take a bath. Because of his Heaven and Earth Ring that was given to him by the primordial immortal, the East Sea Dragon Palace was shaken. The Dragon King sent his third son to investigate. The third dragon prince, Ao Bing, was murdered by Nezha. The Dragon King reported this to the Jade Emperor. The Jade Emperor wanted to punish Nezha’s parents for his misdeeds.

“Later, to show that his actions had nothing to do with his parents, Nezha tore off his flesh to return them to his mother and broke his bones to return them to his father.

“Nezha was reborn through the lotus root, but his life had nothing to do with his biological parents anymore.”

This story was a rural legend, so the villagers were very familiar with this story. However, they did not understand why Lin Mingqing would suddenly bring this story up.

“So?” Lin Laoson’s sharp eyes looked at Lin Mingqing, “Are you going to have the girl strip her flesh and break her bones?”

The villagers gasped. In that case, it was less painful to drown in the water tank.

Lin Yuelan’s face turned pale when she heard that. Her body trembled even more violently.

Lin Mingqing smiled elegantly, “Uncle Lin Laosan, you must be joking. The story of Nezha is a folk legend. Plus, Nezha is an immortal. How can we possibly ask the girl to replicate his actions?”

Lin Daniu was a little impatient as he shouted at Lin Mingqing, “This won’t do, and that won’t do either. Lin Mingqing, this girl has nothing to do with you anyway. Why don’t you let her die so that we can all be saved? Or do you have an ulterior motive?”

The villagers then looked at the village chief and his son with a strange look.

Indeed. Why were the father and son helping the jinx who might bring down the whole village? Did they really have an ulterior motive?

# Chapter 10 - Malicious Thoughts

Before Lin Yiwei and his son could say anything, Li Cuihua jumped up, crying and shouting loudly, “Lin Yiwei, I thought you had good intentions, but in actuality, you just want to keep this girl around so that she’ll continue to suppress my family! That way, my Dazong won’t become an elementary scholar, and your son will be the only family in the village to have a scholar, right? You are only going to use the girl against us!”

Even Lin Mingqing’s refined face was dark. Lin Yiwei was so angry that his entire body was about to shake. Li Cuihua had dropped a giant accusation against them.

No matter how well-mannered Lin Yiwei was, he couldn’t help but shout angrily at Lin Daniu and the rest, “Lin Daniu, Li Cuihua, don’t your conscience hurt saying these things? My son already became an elementary scholar last year. Do I need to rely on a tactic as disgusting as this?”

“In the past three generations of my family, there have been many scholars. In fact, my family has an advisor in the county office. Is there a need for me to be jealous of your family?”

“Moreover, I have been the chief of this village for decades. I can honestly say that I’ve done the best for this village. I have worked hard, and I have never mistreated any of the villagers. I have never selfishly seized power for myself.

“I have devoted my whole life to serving the people of this village. But in the end, my character and conduct are being questioned and slandered.

“In that case, I’ll surrender my post as the village chief. I’ll focus on my grandchildren and raise more scholars in the future!”

Hearing that, the villagers exploded again.

Lin Yiwei had served the Lin Family Village for more than 30 years. Just like what he mentioned, he had wholeheartedly served the village, and his little brother was working as an advisor in the county office. It was a huge factor why the Lin Family Village was so peaceful and stable.

If Lin Yiwei really surrendered his post, the other villages would immediately invade the Lin Family Village. Furthermore, Lin Yiwei's brother in the county office would come back to take revenge too. The whole Lin Family Village would suffer.

The villagers began to speak up for Li Yiwei.

“Lin Daniu, you're not right to say something like that. The village chief and his son are only trying to save human life, but you're slandering their name. If you ask me, you're the one with bad intentions.”

A middle-aged man in his forties stood up and said, “I think you're jealous of the village chief and his family. That's why you're slandering their name. Even normal villagers like us know that your words will bring questions to Mingqing's character. We all know that once an elementary scholar's conduct is questioned, the government will strip them of their title.

“If Mingqing is disqualified as an elementary scholar, once your Dazong passes the exam, he'll be the only scholar in our village. Isn't that what you're plotting?”

“Damu has a point.”

“So it's really Laosan's family who is harboring these harmful thoughts.”

“Lin Laosan's family is too vicious. Not only did they want to kill their granddaughter, but they also want to bring down the village chief and Mingqing. They are so despicable.”

The villagers were criticizing Lin Laosan's family. Lin Laosan's family was ashamed of the mockery.



“Lin Damu, don’t you spread nonsense here!” Lin Daniu was so angry that his face was red.

# Chapter 11 - Blood Sever

Pressured by the villagers, the Lin Family could only agree to the family separation ceremony. They would sever the relationship with Lin Yuelan.

However, there was an issue of what they should do for this ceremony. The villagers turned to Lin Mingqing because there had to be a reason why he brought up the story of Nezha earlier.

Lin Mingqing said, “According to ‘Su Wen’, if a person bleeds up to two bowls, he will faint or die.”

“So?” Lin Laosan asked.

Lin Qingming explained, “Once a person bleeds too much, they might faint or die. Therefore, for this ceremony, let the girl return the blood that flows in her body to you.

“To ensure her safety, the girl will return you two bowls of her blood. After that, her life and death have nothing to do with the Lin family anymore.”

Zhou Guixiang whispered at the side. “If it’s just two bowls of blood, she won’t die. If she doesn’t die, she’ll continue to jinx our family.”

Zhou Guixiang said this to remind Li Cuihua.

Ever since it was rumored that Lin Yuelan was a jinx, Zhou Guixiang had pushed the blame for her miscarriage against Lin Yuelan. She believed the girl had killed the child in her stomach, so she hated Lin Yuelan to the bone. Only by killing Lin Yuelan that the flame of hatred in Zhou Guixiang’s heart would settle down.

Two bowls of blood might cause the girl to faint but she won’t die. However, Zhou Guixiang needed the girl to die. For that purpose, Zhou Guixiang turned to her good mother-in-law.

As expected, when Li Cuihua heard Zhou Guixiang, her heart skipped a beat. She jumped out again and shouted loudly, “How can two bowls of blood be enough? It has to be three bowls of blood!”

Since three bowls of blood could kill a person, then she had to ensure that Lin Yuelan bleed a total of three bowls so that she’d die.

Lin Yiwei and Lin Mingqing frowned.

These women were so vicious!

They didn’t expect the girl’s grandmother to be so heartless. She didn’t give her a chance to survive. She wanted to kill the nine-year-old girl.

However, Lin Yiwei couldn’t just watch helplessly as they forced a child to death.

Lin Yiwei said angrily, “Li Cuihua, humans are born to follow their destiny. If the girl is really a jinx, then that is her destiny on Earth. However, what if she dies before her jinx has the chance to work? After all, she hasn’t married yet.

“Does that mean that someone else will replace her as the jinx? Naturally, this replacement will be from those closest to her in terms of blood. This will begin a cycle in the Lin Family. Do you really think the Heavens will be pleased after you execute the girl?”

“Li Cuihua, the Gods are always watching. Aren’t you afraid of karma when the Gods see you treating your nine-year-old granddaughter like this?”

Lin Yiwei’s words made the faces of the Lin family turn pale.

What if Lin Yiwei’s word was true? What if Heaven had plans for the girl? Since she was a jinx that would harm her husband, could they kill her before she married? It would be against Heaven’s will. Gods would punish them by finding another jinx replacement in their family, it could be Lin Dahua, Lin Xiaohua, or Li Cuihua. No matter who it was... the cycle would continue.

# Chapter 12 - Blood Sever

Li Cuihua was frightened and didn't dare to say anything else out of superstition.

In the end, the Lin family compromised.

Under the witness of all the villagers, Lin Yuelan severed her blood ties with the Lin Family. Considering Lin Yuelan might still survive, the village chief asked for Lin Yuelan to be given a shabby little hut near her ancestral home, one Fen of paddy fields, and two Fens of farming fields. That way, at least she had a roof over her head, and she wouldn't starve to death.

Originally, Lin Laosan's family, especially Li Cuihua, wanted to reject it, but they were scolded again by Li Zhengli. "Do you really want to earn the God's ire? If you leave the girl out there with nothing, how is that different from killing her? Do you want another jinx in the family?"

Thus, the ceremony commenced.

First, Lin Yuelan's name was crossed off the Lin family tree. This meant that Lin Yuelan no longer existed in this family. They were no longer Lin Yuelan's grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, and so on...

Then, it was time to return the blood.

After Lin Yuelan poured out two bowls of blood, it meant that she had severed her bloodline relationship with Lin Laosan and Lin Sanniu.

Should Lin Yuelan be lucky enough to survive, then good for her.

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Lin Xinlan looked at the reflection of her sallow face in the water and sighed softly.

Lin Yiwei and Lin Mingqing had won a chance for Lin Yuelan to survive. Considering she was still standing there, Lin Yuelan had clearly survived the ceremony. From that day onward, she no longer had anything to do with Lin Laosan's family.

Unfortunately, Lin Mingqing, who helped Lin Yuelan, ran into an accident two months after the ceremony. His ox-cart to school tipped over.

Lin Mingqing became paralyzed from the waist down. He had his title revoked due to his illness. This confirmed Lin Yuelan's jinx status. Lin Mingqing encountered this tragedy because he helped Lin Yuelan.

After that, the villagers who originally pitied Lin Yuelan became nervous and anxious around her. Lin Yuelan was ostracized by the whole village. The villagers threw things at her, and some even used violence on her. They tried different methods to chase her out of the village or to kill her.

However, perhaps Lin Yiwei was right because Lin Yuelan managed to survive despite all odds.

Her life was tenacious because she hadn't found a husband to curse yet.

Lin Yuelan eked out a living until she was killed by the youngsters in the village. Regarding the fate of her host, Lin Xinlan felt pity and resentment.

Why did those people have the right to pin the blame on the host when the host hadn't even done anything?

Lin Xinlan touched her pounding heart and thought to herself, 'Don't worry. I'll carry on living for you. I will repay kindness with kindness and hatred with revenge!'

For the host, she owed the village chief and his son the most because they had saved her life, but revenge was taken on Lin Mingqing.

Indeed, the accident wasn't an accident. It was revenge taken by Lin Laosan's family.

Lin Yiwei and his son knew. Lin Yuelan also knew. However, without evidence, they could only swallow this loss.

But, now that Lin Xinlan was here, she would expose the truth and serve the retribution!

# Chapter 13 - Mutation Of Superpowers

Lin Xinlan jumped into the river. Lin Xinlan felt heartache when she studied her dirty and skinny body.

She was twelve years old, but she looked like a seven or eight-year-old child.

Three years ago, she had lost a lot of blood. She had to be bedridden for a long time. If it weren't for the village chief who came to look after her every few days, she probably wouldn't have survived.

Regardless, the blood-severing ceremony had ruined her body. She was so weak that a gust of wind could blow her down. Of course, she was also thin and short because she didn't get enough nutrition.

Lin Xinlan sighed as she rubbed off the dirt on her body. However, when she raised her right hand and saw a small red mole on her wrist, she was stunned.

'Is this...?'

'Is there such a coincidence?'

'Does it follow me here, or the host also has this mole?'

To confirm the situation, Lin Xinlan suppressed the excitement, closed her eyes, and said, "Enter!"

When she opened her eyes, she was shocked!

There was a vast land, a lofty mountain peak, and a clear stream. In the middle of them was an ancient Chinese building with a few fruit trees in the yard.

This... This was her original space.

This dimension had actually followed her soul into this body. The red mole was a sign of that.

Lin Xinlan laughed loudly.

With this space, she didn't have to worry for the time being.

Lin Xinlan hurriedly drank a few mouthfuls of water from the river. This river didn't carry ordinary water. It had the effect of strengthening and cleansing the body. When an injured person was soaked in this river, they would heal quickly.

Lin Xinlan had been cut many times by different threats on her missions. The wounds were ghastly, and there was a lot of blood. She would enter the space and bathe in the river for one to two hours. When she exited the river, the wounds would be healed already. There wouldn't even be a scar left.

With the space, Lin Xinlan had escaped death again and again. There was one time when Lin Xinlan was accidentally caught by a high-level zombie. Those who were attacked by zombies would soon turn into zombies too.

Lin Xinlan thought her life was over. However, she wanted to be a clean zombie instead of a bloody one. Therefore, she went to take one last bath. She would be the cleanest zombie in the world.

The river was so comfortable that she fell asleep. When she woke up, a day had passed outside, and six days had passed inside the space. Lin Xinlan realized that she didn't turn.

That was the moment Lin Xinlan knew the river had magical detoxifying property. It could work wonders on the poison that couldn't be cured in the outside world, like the zombie virus.

However, the world's most dangerous poison was envy, and that was something the river couldn't cleanse. Therefore, for the sake of her life, Lin Xinlan hid her space very well.



Unfortunately, her secret was still discovered by her two most trusted people, and they had inadvertently betrayed her.

Lin Xinlan looked at her thin and weak body. She wanted to soak in the river longer. However, she would have to leave the space eventually. If someone saw her materialize out of thin air, the villagers might really think that she was a ghost.

# Chapter 14 - Mutation

Lin Xinlan quickly abandoned the idea of bathing in the space. After all, she had found the space. She could bathe all she wanted when she returned home. But when she thought of the dirty and old clothes outside, Lin Xinlan frowned. She decided to find a new set of clothes here.

There were a lot of clothes in the space that she had salvaged from supermarkets. There were both children's and adult's clothes.

Lin Xinlan picked out a child's skirt. It was low-quality in the apocalypse, but in this ancient era, it could be considered a very fine material. It would be too suspicious for Lin Yuelan to reappear wearing this dress. Lin Xinlan thought about it and removed the dress. She picked a thin innerwear and decided to put the host's clothes back on later. Regardless, she was not going to wear the host's old clothes directly on her skin. It was too uncomfortable.

Lin Xinlan drank a few mouthfuls of water and recovered her strength. She decided to leave. If she delayed for too long, who knew what would happen.

Lin Xinlan muttered, "Exit." She was holding the thin cotton underwear.

Then, she came out from where she had entered just now.

With the recovery of her strength, Lin Xinlan became more alert. She looked around, but there was no one around. She stood up and put the clean clothes on the shore. Then, she grabbed the host's dirty clothes to dry them in the river. She spread them out on a big rock to dry.

The summer sun was very hot, so the clothes would dry very quickly.

After doing all this, Lin Xinlan suddenly remembered something. If her dimension had followed her here, would Little Green have done the same?

With that thought in mind, Lin Xinlan spread out her hands, and released her spiritual power. Soon, two silk-like swirls twirled above her palm. They

were gray and green.

“The earth, fire, water, metal, rain, wind, thunder elements?” Lin Xinlan was shocked. “What is going on?”

These elements had fused with her wood element.

After her death and transmigration, her dimensional power and wood element had come with her, but they had also fused with metal, water, fire, earth, and other elements, causing a new elemental mutation.

In the post-apocalyptic world, most awakened wielded one of the nine common elements, metal, wood, water, fire, earth, wind, thunder, lightning, and space. Of course, there were other awakened who could turn invisible or transform into animals. However, there were very few awakened who could dual-wield powers. They were very rare and were often the leaders of the bases.

Lin Xinlan had two elemental powers. People knew she had the dimension and wood element. However, they thought her space element was just like everyone’s else, which was to store inanimate objects.

Lin Xinlan could have been the leader of the base with her two powers. But she held herself back because of the two scumbags. The two didn’t want her to be the leader because they believed that she would abandon them after she did.

Lin Xinlan was also dumb back then. To prove that she really cared about them, she rejected the many offers to be the base officials. Like the other single-element awakened, she went on many missions to earn food and rations for three people.

In the end, the other two had collusion. As soon as they learned the secret of Lin Xinlan’s space, they sold her out to the research institute.

“Master,” a crisp child’s voice rang out.

“Little Green?!” Lin Xinlan looked at the green sprouts in surprise. “Don’t cry.” Lin Xinlan gently stroked his tender sprout.

Little Green was Lin Xinlan’s wood elemental. It was a green vine with two leaves and a green sprout.

“Little Green, I’ve fused with all nine elements. What’s going on?” Lin Xinlan asked.

Little Green climbed onto Lin Xinlan’s wrist and then curled up to form a jade-colored bracelet. He answered, “It’s because of the blood-red liquid the doctors have injected you with at the end.”

“What do you mean?” Lin Xinlan was a little confused.

“That red liquid is the refined blood of nine different awakened with nine different powers. Those mad doctors wanted to use the blood to expose your space, but your body fused with the blood instead,” Little Green explained.

Lin Xinlan had more questions for Little Green, but she heard a sound coming from not far away. It sounded like someone was looking for her.

“This is strange. Where is the jinx? Could she have really turned into a ghost and disappeared?”

# Chapter 15 - Finding The Jinx

“Er Gou Zi,” a middle-aged man shouted with a hoe in his hand. He didn’t hear a reply and turned around to look. There was no sign of Er Gou Zi.

He asked the other villagers, “Where’s Er Gou Zi?”

“Uncle, Er Gou Zi ran away,” a 15-year-old teenager answered.

“What? He ran away?!” Lin Dawei shouted at the teenager beside him.

The villagers heard from the children that Lin Yuelan had died and returned from the grave to capture Er Gou Zi.

“Dad. Lin Yuelan is dead. She became a powerful ghost.”

“Mom, the jinx is dead. She’s back to haunt Er Gou Zi.”

“Grandpa, Er Gou Zi was captured and eaten by the jinx.”

When the villagers heard that the jinx was dead, they were happy. With the jinx gone, the village should be safe.

However, the rest of the statement made them anxious.

Er Gou Zi was captured?

The villagers were furious.

The jinx should have died, but why did she need to come back to capture Er Gou Zi?

When Er Gou Zi’s parents heard that the jinx had taken their son away, they became anxious and immediately gathered the villagers to snatch Er Gou Zi back.

The jinx was dead and had become a ghost.

Weren't these villagers afraid?

Of course, they were afraid.

Who wasn't afraid of ghosts?

But they were even more afraid that the jinx would come back to take revenge on the village.

In the past few years, both adults and children had bullied and harmed Lin Yuelan. Their goal was simple. They wanted to force Lin Yuelan to death.

They didn't dare to kill Lin Yuelan directly. They were afraid of divine punishment, like what Lin Mingqing had said. Since Lin Yuelan was a jinx who would harm her husband, she needed to fulfill her destiny first before the villagers dared to kill her. If not, the village might have another Lin Yuelan.

Of course, they were not afraid of having another jinx. They could just kill the new jinx. But they were afraid that the family that killed Lin Yuelan would give birth to the new jinx. That was a result no family wanted.

Therefore, the villagers tried to figure out ways to force Lin Yuelan to leave the village or kill herself. Then it wouldn't be their fault anymore.

No one expected the jinx to be so resilient. No matter how hard they bullied her, Lin Yuelan refused to die.

Now that the children came back to announce that the jinx was dead, the villagers were glad and relieved. However, before they could enjoy the relief, they received another terrifying news.

The jinx had returned as a ghost and had captured Er Gou Zi!

According to rural legend, ghosts would become stronger after they feasted on humans. If Er Gou Zi was eaten, the jinx would become powerful and take revenge on the village. Especially those who had once bullied her!

To ensure that didn't happen, Er Gou Zi's parents and most villagers grabbed their hoes, shovels, and wooden sticks and rushed to the place the children mentioned.

However, on the way there, they bumped into Er Gou Zi, who was so scared that he had lost all color on his face.

After confirming that Er Gou Zi was still human, Er Gou Zi's father, Lin Zhong, immediately asked, "Er Gou Zi, are you alright?"

Er Gou Zi shook his head and said, "Dad, I'm fine."

"Er Gou Zi, weren't you captured by the jinx's ghost?" Lin Dawei asked, "How did you escape?"

Er Gou Zi's face was pale, and his entire body was trembling. He stuttered, "She... She let me go..." Then, I escaped. He didn't say the latter half of the sentence because he was too scared.

Lin Chong frowned and asked, "She let you go?"

Er Gou Zi was silent.

Dawei said, "Where... where is that jinx?"

"In... in... in front."

"Er Gou Zi, let's go. We'll look for her together," Lin Dawei said.

They hauled Er Gou Zi along. However, Er Gou Zi was too afraid. When no one paid attention, he sneaked away.

The jinx wasn't at the location the children said she had died. Lin Dawei told the villagers, "Everyone, let's split up." However, who dared to split up at that moment?

"Uncle Dawei, I think we should stick together," Lin Sinui, Lin Yuelan's biological uncle, said nervously, "The ghost is haunting the land even though

the sun is up. This means that she is powerful. We shouldn't separate." In case something happened.

Lin Sinui didn't want to face the ghost alone because he was guilty. Even though Lin Yuelan had been cut off from their family, Lin Sinui still thought Lin Yuelan was the reason couldn't get married.

Two years ago, with Lin Siniu's complaints and the gazes from the villagers, Lin Laosan and his wife finally forked out the dowry money and got Lin Siniu a wife from the neighboring village.

Lin Siniu got married only one year after Lin Yuelan cut off her ties with the Lin Family. This confirmed the claim that she was a jinx. Of course, the issue of whether the wife was good or not would be discussed in the future.

In any case, Lin Sinui despised his niece a lot.

He often said hatefully, "If it weren't for this jinx, my children would be working for me in the fields already!"

He needed a place to vent. Thus, Lin Yuelan became his punching bag.

Whenever he was unhappy, he would find Lin Yuelan to scold her. Sometimes, he would even beat her until she couldn't get out of bed.

Because of this, Lin Siniu was scared. If Lin Yuelan really came back as a ghost, she would seek revenge on him first. Therefore, he would never split up from the crowd.

Lin Dawei raised his head and looked at the scorching sun. After pondering for a while, he said, "Alright, everyone, we shan't separate. Let's search together so that we don't get into trouble."

Many people like Li Siniu, who had a guilty conscience, felt relieved.

At that moment, someone shouted in shock, "Look, who is that? Is that the jinx?"



# Chapter 16 - Battle Of Wits

Lin Xinlan listened to the sound as it got closer and closer. She touched the location of her rapidly beating heart and said softly, "In the future, I will be Lin Yuelan, and Lin Yuelan will be me. Don't worry. I promised you that I will repay kindness with kindness and hatred with revenge!"

Then, she closed her eyes. However, the moment she opened them again, her clear and sharp eyes were flowing with light and colors. They were like a soul-sucking bottomless pit that no one could touch.

She stood up swiftly. Although she was still skinny and weak, she gave off a sense of absolute power that could shake the world.

No one would have thought that it was this thin and weak girl who would change the world in the future.

After drinking the water in the river and gaining the buff from Little Green, Lin Yuelan had recovered 50 percent of her strength from her previous life. She couldn't sustain the other 50 percent because her host's body was still too weak. However, the 50 percent was enough to guarantee her life in the village!

Lin Yuelan walked up to the shore, picked up the undergarment, and put them on. Then, she shrugged the host's grey dress on. She put on a belt and tidied herself up.

It was summer, and it was uncomfortable wearing too many layers. However, due to her superpowers, Lin Yuelan could automatically adjust her body temperature.

Lin Yuelan brushed her long hair that was disheveled, and her clear dark eyes looked sharply at the place where the sound was coming from

Lin Yuelan stepped forward... to her future and the future of the world!

“Look, who is that? Is that the jinx?” Someone noticed Lin Yuelan in the distance and immediately screamed. Based on these villagers’ understanding, Lin Yuelan had died and returned as a ghost.

They turned to look at Lin Yuelan, and they were shocked.

She had long hair that reached her waist and was wearing a dress that reached her ankles. She walked barefooted on the soft path with her head held high, and her chest puffed out.

She still had a shallow face and a thin body, but the feeling she gave them was completely different. As for the specific differences, the villagers couldn’t tell. It was complicated.

Lin Dawei studied the approaching Lin Yuelan. The sallow face turned up to the sun. However, the thin face radiated a kind of arrogant and fierce aura. It was like she had returned from Hell, and they were just ants that she could easily crush.

Lin Dawei couldn’t describe his feelings, but he felt the changes in the jinx. She became more terrifying and could instill more fear in people’s hearts.

But, as he took another look, the girl was still the often-bullied jinx. How could a person change so drastically, right?

Lin Dawei frowned deeply and pondered. Then, he narrowed his eyes and sized up Lin Yuelan, who was getting closer and closer. Suddenly, he felt a sharp gaze shooting straight at him, like a sharp knife aimed at his neck. It made him instantly afraid, and for a moment, he wanted to stop breathing.

Lin Dawei followed the gaze and was stunned to realize it came from Lin Yuelan’s eyes.

He finally realized what had changed about Lin Yuelan.

# Chapter 17 - A Ghost

Yes, the eyes!

It was the eyes!

In the past, the jinx's eyes were apathetic. They were filled with helplessness and despair towards life. They showed the host's desperation and pain in the struggle for survival.

But now, the eyes were filled with a deep and sharp look. They were filled with vitality and confidence in life. There was also a haughty and arrogant aura. It was as if the world was nothing in her eyes. She had disdain for the world.

Lin Dawei was shocked.

This change was too unbelievable!

What caused this change in Lin Yuelan?

“Ghost, ghost!” Lin Siniu looked at the disheveled Lin Yuelan and immediately cried out in panic. He hid behind Lin Dawei and trembled all over.

When Lin Yuelan appeared, Lin Sinui felt like a huge mountain had pressed down on him. He was gasping for breath as if he was on the verge of death. It was a terrifying feeling.

When the others heard Lin Siniu, while they didn't act as exaggeratedly as Lin Siniu, many of the guilty couldn't help but hide behind the other villagers. They were afraid that Lin Yuelan would fly over to grab them.

Lin Dawei, who was made into a meat shield, frowned. He despised Lin Siniu for his cowardly behavior. Of course, he didn't say anything.

He pulled Lin Siniu out from behind him and pointed at Lin Yuelan. He shouted sternly, "This girl is a human! Look at the shadows on the ground. Do ghosts have shadows? Get out from behind me!"

Everyone looked in Lin Yuelan's direction. The few people who were hiding behind the villagers secretly poked their heads out and looked in Lin Yuelan's direction.

It was quarter past three. The sun cast long shadows on the ground.

When the villagers looked, there was a long shadow.

It was a living human!

Everyone was relieved.

Lin Siniu, this coward, started to act up again. He took several angry steps toward Lin Yuelan. He cursed loudly, "You wretched girl, you're really bold. How dare you pretend to be a ghost to scare people? I'm going to teach you a lesson!"

As he said this, he rolled up his sleeves and swept one hand towards Lin Yuelan's right face and the other towards Lin Yuelan's left ear. His actions were exactly the same as his mother, Li Cuihua. She used the same tactic to beat Lin Yuelan. They were truly mother and son.

His foot was not idle either. He raised his left foot and kicked Lin Yuelan's thigh.

Lin Yuelan was thin and small. Lin Siniu was short among men, but he was still an adult male. When he raised his foot, he could easily reach Lin Yuelan's thigh.

Lin Siniu thought Lin Yuelan would take her punishment like before. She would stand there obediently and not move.

After all, in the past, once Lin Yuelan dodged his attacks, he would give her a darker lesson!

Therefore, Lin Yuelan would stand there obediently to let him beat and scold her. After he finished venting his anger, Lin Yuelan would be lying on the ground half-dead.

“Crack!”

“Crack!”

“Ah!”

“Ah!”

# Chapter 18 - The Unlucky Lin Siniu

The villagers stared at Lin Yuelan in disbelief when they heard Lin Siniu's shrill scream. They were shocked that the girl who was just as tall as their waist had broken a man's leg with a kick.

When Lin Siniu approached, Lin Yuelan jumped up swiftly and gave Lin Siniu a slap with the back of her hand. Then, with lightning speed, she jumped and landed on Lin Siniu's calf.

The first smack was from the slap, and the second crack was from the broken bone; the first scream was from Lin Siniu and the second scream was the collective gasp of the villagers.

This whole series of actions happened so fast that people didn't even have the time to react.

When they came to their senses, they saw Lin Siniu lying on the ground in pain. His face was pale, and his forehead was covered in a cold sweat. He held his broken leg and wailed.

Lin Yuelan, on the other hand, stood there straight and calm. She did not even glance at Lin Siniu like she was not the one who hit him. Her eyes, which were dull in the past, were now sharply looking at the hoes, shovels, and poles the villagers were holding.

Some subconsciously dropped the tools in their hands.

"Lin Yuelan, you jinx, how dare you treat me like this" Lin Siniu grabbed his leg and cursed angrily. "Why don't you die? Once you are dead, the village will be peaceful."

Lin Yuelan's mouth curled up as she said with a cold smile. "Will the village be peaceful after I die? Have I done anything to disrupt the village peace since I was born? Did I murder anyone or set the village on fire? Did I abduct children or women from their homes?"

Lin Yuelan was twelve years old, but she had the appearance of a eight-year-old child. When she questioned Lin Siniu, the villagers were a little shocked and horrified. Their scalps could not help but tighten. They felt afraid looking at Lin Yuelan.

Lin Siniu was in too much pain to feel fear. He only knew that Lin Yuelan had slapped him and even broken his leg. He hated Lin Yuelan to death for making him feel so much pain.

Lin Siniu shouted at Lin Yuelan confidently, “You were born as a jinx. You don’t have to do anything. As long as you’re still alive, the village will suffer because of you. Besides, you might not have done anything bad now, but it doesn’t mean that you won’t do something terrible in the future.”

Lin Yuelan sneered, “What a joke! Lin Siniu, I can’t believe Lin Yuelan once called you her fourth uncle. You have really inherited the cold-blooded nature of your mother, Li Cuihua. You should be thankful to your ancestors that someone who is as heartless as you manage to find a woman to marry you.”

Lin Siniu hated Lin Yuelan because Lin Siniu only got married after the Lin family cut off blood ties with Lin Yuelan. By then, he was already 42.

However, his wife was actually someone’s finance. She was caught cheating by her fiance’s family. In order to protect both parties’ reputations, the girl’s family paid some money and told the public that the marriage was off because the bride and groom’s astral charts didn’t match.

Of course, Lin Siniu only heard about these rumors after the woman was already his wife.

Lin Laosan’s family heard the news too, but it was already too late. If they divorced the woman, it was impossible to find Lin Siniu a new wife. Therefore, the whole family acted dumb and allowed the rumors to circulate around them. Lin Siniu was humiliated. He often saw the villagers pointing at him behind his back. Some people even mocked him for being cuckolded.

Lin Siniu was angry, but what could he do? With his stature, the other villagers could easily push him over. Therefore, he placed all the blame on Lin Yuelan, who had no ability to fight back.

Once Lin Yuelan said those things, some of the villagers, including Lin Dawei, couldn't help but twitch their lips. They were thankful that they didn't get such a scandalous woman as their wife. It would be a shame to the whole family.

Lin Yuelan's words touched Lin Siniu's sore spots. He covered his leg and pointed at Lin Yuelan with his free hand. He cursed furiously, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for you, my children would be running all over the place already. It's your fault that I have to marry..." Lin Siniu didn't finish the sentence because no matter how angry he was, he couldn't admit openly that he had been cuckolded.

Lin Yuelan said, "Heh, you're funny! The old Taoist Master said that I'm a jinx who'd harm my husband. Based on our previous relationship, you were my fourth uncle and not my husband. So how was your marriage my fault?"

"Plus, I've cut off blood ties with Lin Laosan's family. You're not even my fourth uncle anymore."

Since the old master said Lin Yuelan was a jinx who'd harm her husband, she would bear that with pride. She just wouldn't get married in the future!

Lin Yuelan's words attracted a burst of laughter from the villagers.

Her words were interesting, but many women felt embarrassed for her. She was only a child, but she was talking about her husband already. She was really too shameless.

Lin Yuelan said her jinx would only work on her husband, so unless Lin Siniu admitted that he was her husband, he couldn't blame everything on her.

Would he admit that?



Lin Siniu's face was flushed red. He looked around before pointing at Lin Yuelan and roared angrily, "You wretched girl. So, you've been lusting after your own uncle! How shameless can you be? The heavens will strike you!"

"Someone sure is conceited," Lin Yuelan retorted. Her sharp gaze swept past Lin Siniu, who was shorter than 1.5 meters, "Why don't you take a look at yourself in the mirror first? I'd rather take a fancy to a pig than a weak and short walking winter melon."

Lin Siniu was insulted once again. He couldn't take it anymore.

He wanted to jump up and teach Lin Yuelan a lesson again, but tragedy struck.

He had forgotten about his broken leg!

Lin Yuelan ignored Lin Siniu, who was crying in pain. Instead, she directly swept a glance at the surrounding villagers. Then, she stared sharply at Lin Dawei and asked, "Uncle Dawei, what are you doing with the hoes and spades?"

# Chapter 19 - Burn Her To Death

The villagers finally came to attention. They had come with hoes, shovels, and wooden sticks to catch a ghost. To be exact, they came to stop Lin Yuelan, the ghost jinx.

But the problem was, she was a human and not a ghost!

What was there to catch? Were they going to force her to die so that she'd turn into a ghost for them to catch? In that case, who was going to kill her? Was the whole village going to kill her together? Then, which family would have the next jinx?

However, no family was willing to house the next jinx!

Therefore, when they realized that Lin Yuelan wasn't dead, no one dared to say anything or volunteer to kill her.

Lin Yuelan had called out Lin Dawei. He was a large and strong man. His face was covered in a bushy beard. He wasn't someone to be trifled. Both children and adults in the village feared him. Most importantly, Lin Dawei's family was the only hunter in the village. As a hunter, he was very courageous. He often went up the mountain to hunt wild animals for a living. His family home often reeked of blood.

This time, he took the lead in hunting down Lin Yuelan because the villagers heard that the jinx had returned as a ghost and captured Er Gou Zi. The villagers wanted to get Lin Dawei to hunt down the ghost and rescue Er Gou Zi.

There were three men in Lin Dawei's family. One was his old father, one was Lin Dawei, and the last was his young son about 10. Perhaps it was the bloody hunting job, the women in this family didn't live long. However, no one dared to call Lin Dawei a jinx.

Why?

Other than the fact that Lin Dawei's family was the only hunter, more importantly, the Lin family village was a village that relied on the mountain.

There were some ferocious beasts in the mountain, such as tigers and wolves. When winter came, these dangerous creatures would flock to the village to look for food.

As a hunter, Lin Dawei would track these animals. Once he discovered them, he would warn the villagers lest they were injured by these animals.

Lin Dawei was a core member of the village. He was like the guardian of the village. No one dared to offend him. In fact, most of the villagers feared him.

In contrast, the young Lin Yuelan had such a horrible fate because of the word of a Taoist master. Before something bad happened to Lin Qingming, the whole village had already loathed her.

Even though Lin Dawei led the hunt, his target was a ghost who might harm the villagers. Lin Dawei normally felt pity and sorry for Lin Yuelan.

The only reason he promised to help was not that he hated her, but he didn't want her to cause more damage to the villagers.

This was because he could understand her. When Lin Dawei was young, he was called a jinx who killed his mother. However, back then, he had his father to protect him. His father said that if the villagers continued to bully his son, his whole family would move to another village and the villagers could fend for themselves during winter.

As expected, the gossip died down. As for those who mocked him behind his back, Lin Dawei pretended not to hear them.

However, once the girl was claimed by a priest that she was a jinx, the rumors immediately spread through the village. Her biological grandparents, uncles, and aunties all wanted to kill her. The most heartbreaking thing was her biological parents even allowed it.

As furious as Lin Dawei was, he couldn't meddle in other families' business. However, after Lin Yuelan severed bonds from Lin Laosan's family, Lin Dawei would occasionally send her some meat in secret. He actually had a goal. He wanted to have the girl marry his son. Since his son was a jinx too, perhaps two negatives could make a positive?

When he heard the villagers say that Lin Yuelan had died, his heart skipped a beat. Had the girl died simply because he planned to have her as his daughter-in-law? Was his family's curse that strong?

When the girl appeared in human form, he sighed in relief. It was good that she didn't die.

Lin Dawei looked at Lin Yuelan's childish face. Her tone was as mature and experienced as an adult. He found it interesting and laughed heartily, "Haha, Lan 'Er, the kids stumbled back to the village, saying that you have died and captured Er Guo Zi to eat. We were curious and came to look."

Through the host's original memory, Lin Xinlan knew that Lin Dawei was different from the other villagers. He would come to help Lin Yuelan from time to time. Therefore, Lin Yuelan did not have any hostility or negative emotions toward David Lin.

She curled her lips and asked with a smile, "Then, Uncle Dawei, have you found anything?"

Lin Dawei laughed loudly and said, "I find Lan 'Er to be more beautiful and energetic than before. This is good!"

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, "I'm always grateful for Uncle David's care. I will definitely return this favor in the future!"

The villagers were completely baffled by their conversation.

Weren't they here to capture Lin Yuelan?

What was happening?

Lin Chong, Er Guo Zi's father, said unhappily, "Brother Wei, even if this girl is human, the children said that the girl lifted Er Guo Zi up with one hand. That is not normal, right?"

"Yes, we saw she lifted Er Guo Zi with one hand with her eyes closed." Ying Zi, who followed the adults, quickly added.

Ying Zi was the same age as Lin Yuelan.

Before Lin Yuelan was deemed a jinx, she was often compared to Ying Zi. The villagers had a better opinion of Lin Yuelan, which made Ying Zi jealous and resentful.

Therefore, after Lin Yuelan was hated by the whole village, Ying Zi would wake up smiling in her sleep.

This time, Ying Zi would not be satisfied because Lin Yuelan didn't suffer.

"Yes, that's not normal. Even if she's not a ghost, she has to be possessed by a demon!" Someone immediately concurred. This someone was Zeng Jiaojiao or Ying Zi's mother.

"Yes, she has to be possessed! We'll burn her to death!"

"Burn the demon!"

"Burn the ghost!"

"Burn!"

## Chapter 20 - Battle Of Wits

“Yes, burn the girl to death!” The voices rose and fell, almost piercing the entire sky and reverberating throughout the entire village.

However, no one dared to take the lead to grab Lin Yuelan. They all had the same thought, which was to wait for Lin Dawei to take the first move.

However, Lin Dawei only placed his hoe on the ground. He placed his hands on the hoe, and he leaned against it. His bushy beard concealed his expression, but his eyes were sharp. He glanced at the excited mob, and his eyes glowed with disdain and mockery. He really had no idea what these people were thinking.

Even though Lin Yuelan was twelve, she looked like a eight-year-old girl because she didn't have much to eat for the past few years. What kind of harm could such a girl bring to the village? How could they be so vicious to think about taking the life of a child?

The villagers' voices were hoarse from shouting. However, Lin Dawei was indifferent.

The villagers looked at each other. If Lin Dawei didn't move to capture the jinx, none of them dared to do it. If the girl was really possessed, how could they capture her? What if she harmed them in return?

Therefore, none of them dared to take the initiative.

They all placed their hope on Lin Dawei. However, Lin Dawei completely ignored them, so they were a little at a loss.

The villagers looked at each other, and then everyone gave Lin Chong a look. Lin Chong was a middle-aged man who was neither fat nor thin. His eyes were not big, and his skin was dark like charcoal. Er Gou Zi inherited the color of his skin from his father.

Lin Chong was not a very smart person, but he was not a fool either. The villagers shot him the look because they wanted him to be the first one to go after the jinx.

To be honest, he did not have much hatred towards Lin Yuelan. His son was now safe and sound. Lin Yuelan didn't eat his son as the other children said. So, he couldn't really bring himself to burn the girl to death.

Hence, he looked straight ahead as if he couldn't see the gazes of the other villagers.

Ying Zi noticed that no one had moved, even if their voices had become hoarse. Only by burning the jinx to death would she be comforted.

Even though Ying Zi was the same age as Lin Yuelan, Lin Yuelan's growth had stunted. Therefore, Ying Zi was taller and stronger than Lin Yuelan.

She looked at the weak Lin Yuelan in a condescending manner. After that, she bit her lower lip and looked carefully at Lin Dawei with a fearful and nervous look, "Uncle Dawei, why don't you go and capture the jinx? If we don't burn her to death, she'll harm the others. What will you do then?"

Lin Dawei was shocked when he heard Ying Zi. He didn't expect a child this young to have a heart so vicious.

In fact, he'd rather believe that Ying Zi was the jinx than Lan 'Er. At least, while she was called the jinx, Lin Yuelan hadn't done anything to harm anyone. In contrast, Ying Zi had been going around the village saying that Lan 'Er had turned into a ghost and captured Er Gou Zi to eat. Earlier, she was also the one who claimed Lan 'Er had been possessed and needed to be burned. Now, when no one stood forward, Ying Zi acted all innocent and pleaded with him to do the dirty work.

No one wanted to be the first to grab the girl because they were afraid that their family might have the next jinx. The reason the villagers pushed him out was that he was a hunter and his family was already a jinx. The women in his family would always die, so he was the perfect person to deal with Lin Yuelan.

Lin Dawei sneered twice. His family didn't have any women now, but it didn't mean that his family wouldn't have any females in the future.

The village wanted to kill the jinx, but no one wanted to bear the consequences. They encouraged him to take the fall instead. They really thought he was a fool.

Lin Dawei narrowed his eyes, stared at Ying Zi, and asked seriously, "Ying Zi, why are you so sure that Lan 'Er is possessed by a demon? Is it because she can lift up Er Gou Zi? Do you know that some people are born with great strength? Do you intend to burn an innocent girl to death because of a misunderstanding?"

Ying Zi widened her eyes and looked at Lin Dawei incredulously. However, Lin Dawei didn't look back at her. Instead, he turned to Lin Yuelan, who was as calm as ever, even though the villagers wanted to burn her to death. He asked, "Lan 'Er, the children saw you close your eyes and lift up Er Guo Er. Can you explain what happened?"

"The villagers are saying that you're being possessed by the demon. I personally don't believe it, but for the safety of the village, you have to give an explanation, or Uncle Dawei might have to make a move!"

Actually, when the villagers said that Lin Yuelan was possessed, Lin Xinlan was shocked. She was no ghost, but she did possess Lin Yuelan's body.

However, if the villagers really wanted to burn her to death, then she would have to counter. Even if she had to massacre the whole village, she would not die here.

Self-preservation was the most important!

In this village, other than the village chief and Lin Dawei's family, there were no kind people. They had all bullied Lin Yuelan before. She wasn't going to stand there and let them burn her to death. She was no white lotus.

Thankfully, these villagers were too superstitious to make the first move. They all hoped that Lin Dawei would lead the attack. But Lin Dawei was no



fool.

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, “Uncle Dawei, it’s easily explainable.

“Earlier, Er Guo Zi, Ying Zi, and the rest kicked me into the Palace of Hell...”

Everyone was shocked.

Kicked her to the Palace of Hell?

# Chapter 21 - Battle Of Wits

She has been kicked to the Palace of Hell?! What did the jinx mean?

The faces of Lin Chong and Gu Sanniang turned ugly.

Gu Sanniang, Ying Zi's mother, held a pole and asked Lin Yuelan angrily with a dark face, "What do you mean?"

How could the jinx say that her daughter had kicked her? If it were spread that her daughter had a fierce temper, it would affect her daughter's marriage.

Er Gou Zi was a boy, so it was more acceptable for him to get into fights, but it was another case for him to kick someone to the Palace of Hell.

Lin Yuelan implied that the two were ruthless enough to kill her, but clearly, she was standing there perfectly fine.

Lin Chong had a gloomy face as he said sternly, "What are you talking about, jinx? You can't just say these things. Don't you understand the consequences?" There was a faint hint of a threat in his words.

Lin Dawei frowned and said, "I say, Brother Chong, why are you so agitated? Just listen to what Lan 'Er has to say first." Then, Lin Dawei turned to Lin Yuelan, "Lan 'Er, go on. What exactly is going on?" Lin Dawei had a feeling that things were not that simple, or else the girl wouldn't have said that she had been sent to the Palace of Hell.

Lin Yuelan said calmly, "Actually, it's quite simple. I accidentally touched Yan Xiaoyong's sleeves. He found it too unlucky, so he gave everyone in the village a coin to have them teach me a lesson.

"They ambushed me at that spot." Lin Yuelan pointed at the place where the kids killed her host.

Yan Xiaoyong was the youngest son of Yan Lin, a small landlord with a different surname in the village. Because Yan Lin had some farmland assets in the village that he rented to the villagers, the villagers fawned on the Yan Family.

Yan Lin doted on his youngest son, Yan Xiaoyong, a lot. It was why the child thought he ruled the village.

Yan Xiaoyong hated the jinx and always bullied her too. Normally, he would order the other kids to attack Lin Yuelan. However, the kids were cautious about the curse of the jinx, so the kids normally held back.

This time, Yan Xiaoyong and his friends were playing when they happened to encounter Lin Yuelan, who was walking on the road. Unfortunately, Lin Yuelan accidentally touched his sleeve.

He thought it was unlucky for the jinx to touch him, so he was unhappy. When he was unhappy, his solution was to beat the person who made him unhappy. So, he immediately shouted loudly, "I will give a coin to anyone who teaches this jinx a lesson."

At that time, there were many children playing nearby. When they heard Yan Xiaoyong say that he would give money to those who beat the jinx up, they immediately ran over.

The villagers were shocked. They immediately moved away from the spot where Lin Yuelan pointed at.

"There were seven or eight people, including Er Gou Zi and Ying Zi. They stopped me at that spot. Da Mao Er was the first to kick my calf."

As she spoke, Lin Yuelan pulled up the hem of her skirt, revealing her calf. It was bruised.

"Then, the others came and attacked me. Some grabbed my hair, and others kicked at my stomach, my back, and my leg. I hugged my head with both hands and curled up against my body. Then, I cried out in pain..."

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Lin Yuelan's narration was plain, but it invoked the cruelty and ruthlessness of the kids in the village. The adults were shocked.

“But the more I shouted, the more excited these people became. Ying Zi was cheering from the side, clapping her hands from time to time while cursing, ‘beat this jinx to death, beat her to death.’

“In the end, it was Er Gou Zi who kicked me in the chest.” At this point, Lin Yuelan's eyes sharpened. She glanced at Lin Chong and said with an angry expression, “Uncle Chong, do you want me to show you the evidence of the kick?”

Of course, she meant taking off her clothes so that the villagers could examine the wound.

To be honest, the villagers had already believed Lin Yuelan when she lifted the hem of her skirt to show the bruises on her calf. However, they didn't think much of it. After all, the children were doing the village a service by beating up the jinx. It was fine as long as the jinx didn't die.

It was as if these people had forgotten that even though Lin Yuelan was a jinx, she was a human too. She would still feel pain. Ironically, the villagers would feel sad when they saw a stray cat or dog being mistreated, but they felt nothing when the same happened to a human.

Through the memories of the original owner, Lin Yuelan knew that she couldn't count on the villagers to have a shred of sympathy or remorse for her.

A sharp glint flashed in Lin Yuelan's eyes, and she was about to reach out and unbutton her shirt.

Lin Dawei shouted sternly, “Nonsense! Girl, we're right out in the open! Put your clothes back on!”

Tears flowed down Lin Yuelan's eyes as she said, "Uncle Dawei, if I don't show the evidence, everyone will think that I'm lying and that I'm slandering the others.

"Uncle Dawei, what have I done wrong? They say that I'm a jinx, so they don't like me. Therefore, I isolate myself and live on my own.

"Why did everyone come to find me every few days to scold and beat me? Even if I am a jinx, I need to ask. What have I done to uncles and aunties that I deserve to be treated like this?

"What have I done to uncles and aunties?"

The question slammed on everyone's hearts heavily. The only exception was Lin Siniu, who was still lying on the ground and howling. The other members of Lin Laosan's family were afraid that Lin Yuelan had really turned into a ghost, so they didn't come because they felt guilty and afraid.

Lin Dawei swept his gaze across everyone's faces and said, "Child, you didn't do anything wrong. Your mistake was your kindness for giving that rotten priest a bowl of water."

If not for that bowl of water, perhaps the child would still be Lin Laosan's granddaughter. And she would still have a family.

Lin Yuelan said with tears, "Uncle Dawei, I don't regret giving that old Taoist priest a bowl of water."

Why? No one could understand it.

"If I'm really a jinx, then when I get married, wouldn't my husband's life be ruined? I don't want to harm an innocent man," Lin Yuelan explained.

Why was Lin Xinlan saying all these?

It was because she needed to live in this village now. It was impossible for humans to live alone. Even if she didn't have a good relationship with the villagers, she didn't want it to get worse. As long as these people didn't provoke her, she would treat them as strangers.

Therefore, what she wanted now was for the villagers to feel ashamed and guilty. This was the only way the villagers would stay out of her way. Otherwise, there would be hell to pay. After all, she was not the host and would allow them to bully her.

The villagers pondered. It made sense. If the Taoist priest didn't point out the girl's jinx, then she would get married and harm an innocent man's life.

Lin Dawei's eyes watered as he said, "Girl, you're really too kind. Everyone treats you like this, yet you're still thinking about..." still thinking about not harming anyone's life.

Some of the villagers began to feel ashamed.

This girl was actually very kind. The Taoist priest only said that this girl would be a jinx to her husband. She wouldn't be a jinx to harm anyone else. That was simply a rumor spread by the gossipy Liu Liujiao in the village.

As long as their son didn't marry this girl, their families wouldn't be harmed.

But wait, what about Lin Mingqing?

After all, Lin Mingqing had an accident not long after he helped the girl. She had to be a jinx that would harm the whole village!

Gu Sanniang sneered, "Hehe, you wretched girl, it doesn't matter what you do. You are born as a jinx. Didn't you harm the village chief's son three years ago? Lin Mingqing helped you, so he suffered a calamity. He had his title taken away, and he is still now an invalid.

"You said you didn't hurt anyone, so how did you explain what happened to the village chief's son?"

Gu Sanniang was furious that Lin Yuelan kept mentioning her daughter. She was filled with resentment.

She would never forgive Lin Yuelan for slandering her daughter's good name!

Lin Yuelan wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes. In the blink of an eye, she turned cold and stern.

She did not argue with Gu Sanniang. Instead, she said faintly, “Er Gou Zi kicked me in the chest, and I passed out.

“Then, I came to a dark and gloomy place. Everything was dark. The things around me floated about. Suddenly, I descended before a large desk. A man in a red robe with a fierce expression sat there.

“He asked, ‘Who is thee who kneels before me?’

“I answered, ‘Lin Yuelan of the Lin family village.’

“He flipped through a thick book as if he was looking for something...”

At this moment, all the villagers were reminded of the description of hell. Thus, the gaze they gave Lin Yuelan immediately became even more ominous.

# Chapter 23 - : Turning The Tide

Lin Yuelan knew that people were very superstitious in ancient times. Otherwise, Lin Yuelan's fate wouldn't be ruined by a single statement by the old Taoist priest. It even normalized the villagers' thoughts when they heard that Lin Laosan's family wanted to kill the girl.

If not for the village chief and his son's quick wit, Lin Yuelan would be a pile of bones already.

However, it did not mean that good people would be rewarded.

Lin Yiwei and his son were taken revenge for helping Lin Yuelan. The village chief's family became dispirited after that and would only intervene when the villagers went too far in bullying Lin Yuelan.

The host was still very grateful to the village chief and his family. However, she was weak and couldn't repay him. The only thing she could do was to stay far away from them.

Since these superstitious villagers believed that she was a jinx and would curse the village to death, then Lin Xinlan would take advantage of their fear. She would instill deep fear in them so that they wouldn't dare to bully her anymore.

Lin Yuelan continued in her young voice, "After the man flipped through the thick book, he stopped on a page. Then, he shouted sternly, 'Lin Yuelan of the Lin family village, you haven't reached the end of your lifespan yet. Why did you come here?'"

"At that time, I panicked and looked at my gloomy surroundings in a daze. I asked in a very scared voice, 'Uncle, where are we?'"

"Then, he told me, 'This is the Palace of Hell.'"



“When I heard that, I asked in a panic, ‘Uncle, isn’t that where people go after they die?’

“He answered, ‘that’s right!’ I asked, ‘Am I dead then?’

“The King of Hell flipped through the book and asked, ‘Yes, you are. But you haven’t reached the end of your lifespan, so why are you here?’

“I shook my head and said in confusion, ‘So I’m really dead... Did those people kick me to death?’

“The King of Hell thundered, ‘What do you mean by that? Tell me everything!’

“So I did.

“The King of Hell nodded. ‘Since your lifespan is not over yet, you shall return.’ ‘No, uncle. I don’t want to return. I don’t want to go back.’

“The King of Hell asked, ‘Why not? Many people are fighting to go back instead of being a ghost. You would rather be a ghost than a human. Why?’ ‘Uncle, they all said that I’m the village jinx and I will harm everyone in the village. So they beat and scolded me every day. Uncle, they beat me so badly... I don’t want to go back...’

“The King of Hell turned over his book and pondered for a while. ‘Girl, you have a jinx that will harm your husband. It’s a bitter fate. But you shan’t be punished by mere humans for it. They shall not intervene in divine prophecy! In that case, I shall bestow you with divine strength. If anyone dares to bully you in the future, you can fight back. I will be here to welcome their souls!’”

Lin Yuelan’s vivid narration stunned the villagers, including Lin Dawei.

The villagers were familiar with Lin Yuelan’s character. The girl didn’t even know how to read or write. Before she severed ties with Lin Laosan’s family, she was already cowardly and timid. She only knew how to lower her head and work.

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After severing ties with Lin Laosan's family, the girl became duller due to the rejection and loathing of the villagers.

She was not creative enough to weave such a colorful story.

Therefore, if Lin Yuelan really weren't possessed by a demon, then her shocking transformation could really be due to a fortuitous encounter with the King of Hell.

The jinx was really not fated for death. Even after she died, she was sent back by the King of Hell.

Some villagers shivered. They decided to stay away from the jinx in the future. If they were accidentally kicked to death by the jinx, it would be a real waste.

Of course, there were others who still thought Lin Yuelan was possessed and that she had been spouting nonsense.

Ying Zi looked at Lin Yuelan angrily and pulled her mother, Gu Sanniang, to give her a look in secret.

Gu Sanniang was a rural woman. When she was young, her husband died early, and she only had one daughter. She had very little status in her in-laws' family. Her mother-in-law plotted with her sons to sell Gu Sanniang and her daughter. After Gu Sanniang found out, she grabbed the woodcutter and hacked at the door. She said that she'd kill the whole family and then herself before she would allow herself and her daughter to be sold.

Gu Sanniang was originally a gentle and fragile woman, but for the sake of her only daughter, she became extremely selfish and shrewd.

Her only daughter, Ying Zi, was raised to be an extremely selfish child. Whenever Ying Zi wanted something, Gu Sanniang would do anything to get

it. It didn't matter even if she had to destroy or harm other people for it.

Ying Zi was a very smart girl. Her best ability was to be able to read the situation rapidly and then decide on the people and objects that she could use to create the most advantageous outcome for herself.

Coincidentally, she viewed Lin Yuelan, who was the same age as her, as a thorn in her flesh.

This was the perfect chance for her to kill Lin Yuelan, so how could she not take advantage of it?

She thought that she had already encouraged the boys to kill Lin Yuelan, but who would have thought that Lin Yuelan would come back smarter and quicker with her words. She was turning the tide around. How could Ying Zi allow Lin Yuelan to do that?

Mother and daughter were united, so naturally, Gu Sanniang knew what her daughter was thinking.

Gu Sanniang said sharply, "Don't be deceived by her. Who knows if she's telling the truth?"

"She is probably possessed by a powerful demon and that is why she can make up the crazy story for the sudden change in her.

"We mustn't let this demon go. If we do, the whole village will be cursed. Everyone, you have to consider this carefully. Do not fall for her lies."

Some villagers were swayed by Gu Sanniang's words.

At that moment, Lin Yuelan suddenly cried pitifully and aggrievedly, "Aunt Gu, why do you insist on accusing me like this?"

"I was really kicked to the Palace of Hell and met an uncle there. He said my lifespan wasn't over yet, and thus he sent me back after giving me divine strength.

“When I returned, Er Gou Zi was checking whether I was dead or not. In the shock of the moment, I accidentally picked up Er Gou Zi. It was only then that I realized I had met the King of Hell.

“Uncle Dawei, you have to believe me.”

Lin Yuelan became anxious as if she didn't know how to explain she had really met the King of Hell. Then, her eyes lit up as if she had thought of something. She looked at Gu Sanniang and said,

“Oh, right, Aunt Gu, I saw Uncle Damao. He told me to tell you that you haven't burned paper money for him for eight years already. He has to beg on the path of hell because he doesn't have enough money to pay Meng Po to cross the bridge.

“He also wanted me to tell you that if you're really lonely, you can remarry. There's no need to sneak around anymore. He will not blame you.”

# Chapter 25 - Turning The Tide

Once Lin Yuelan finished speaking, everyone turned their gazes at Gu Sanniang.

Lin Damao had been dead for nine years, but Gu Sanniang had stopped burning paper money for eight years. Lin Yuelan also hinted at the fact that Gu Sanniang had been going around sneaking off with other men.

Instantly, all the women pulled their husbands away from Gu Sanniang and her daughter. No one knew who her adulterer was, but no one wanted it to be their husband. After all, it would be humiliating to the family.

Ying Zi saw the unfriendly looks from the villagers, and her face turned red with anger. She turned to Lin Yuelan and shouted angrily, “You’re talking nonsense! Don’t accuse my mother!”

As for whether it was true or not, she knew better than anyone else. She would occasionally wake up in the middle of the night and hear men’s voices coming from her mother’s room.

“I say, Sister Gu, I remember that it has been indeed eight years since you last burned paper money for Damao.” A slightly plump woman in her forties stood out and said with a little disdain, “I believe the girl has really met your husband down there. Otherwise, how would she know that you haven’t burned paper money for eight years already? Poor Damao, he still can’t be reincarnated because he doesn’t have the money.”

How did the girl know about the things that most adults didn’t if she hadn’t gone to Hell and back?

The answer was her superpower.

“Lan ‘Er, did you see anyone else other than Lin Damao?” Some still didn’t believe Lin Yuelan, so they asked further.

Lin Yuelan answered, “Yes, I did. I saw sixth grandfather. He is living very well because his descendants are filial and burn him a lot of paper money. He is very comfortable. Therefore, sixth grandfather says he is not in a rush to reincarnate. He wants to stay and bless his descendants.”

Uncle Lin You and his family were touched. Uncle Lin You asked, “Girl, did my father say anything else?”

Lin Yuelan said, “Yes. He said that he buried a pile of money in the left corner under his bed. He was saving it for when Big Brother Dacao is ready to get married...”

Before Lin Yuelan could finish her words, Uncle Lin You’s wife, Zhou Xianglan, quickly ran away.

Everyone knew what she had gone to do.

They would know Lin Yuelan was lying or not when Zhou Xianglan came back. Soon, Zhou Xianglan came back with a black jar in her arms. She looked at Uncle Lin You and said anxiously, “Husband, the girl is telling the truth. Dad did bury a stack of money in the left corner under the bed.”

This time, no one questioned Lin Yuelan’s words anymore.

If she was possessed by a powerful demon, she would have slaughtered the whole village when they called for her to be burned. They believed that demons were powerful and ruthless.

Some people were still doubtful, and others were surprised. Most were afraid.

The girl was sent back by the King of Hell even after she died. The King of Hell personally said that her lifespan was not over yet. He even gave her divine strength for protection.

The villagers didn’t dare to say anything to provoke such a person anymore. They decided to stay far away from her in the future.

Ying Zi could only glare at Lin Yuelan in hatred as the villagers started to believe her story. Her expression was also filled with fear. After all, she was a common villager. She was also a victim of superstition. Plus, Lin Yuelan had found out correctly that her mother had been having secret affairs.

Lin Dawei asked curiously, “Lan ‘Er, you said that the King of Hell had provided you divine strength. Can you show us that?”

After all, only the children saw Lin Yuelan pick up Er Gou Zi with one hand. The adults wanted to see the evidence too.

This was exactly what Lin Yuelan wanted. She wanted to stun the villagers so that in the future, they would take a detour when they spotted her.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, “Sure.”

Then, she looked around and happened to see a 20-centimeter-long stone nearby.

She lifted the stone and walked to the villagers. Then, she put it down and said, “Since uncles and aunties want to witness the divine strength, it is not right for me to refuse. Watch closely.”

She straightened her right palm and cut down on the big stone.

Bang!

Everyone saw the stone was cleanly shaved into two pieces. Everyone’s faces changed.

This was a stone, not a cabbage or bun! The girl managed to saw the stone into halves with her bare hand!

This divine strength... was too terrifying. What if the stone was a human? Just the thought of it made the villagers shiver in fear.

They must stay away from the jinx. They didn’t want to end up like the stone.

In the future, they had to warn the children from provoking the jinx as well. They must be like Er Guo Zi and the likes who thought they could still bully the jinx as they did in the past. If not, they would be the ones who would be sent to meet the King of Hell.

After all, the girl did say that the King of Hell would welcome all the souls that were killed by divine strength.

After witnessing the performance of the divine strength, the panicked villagers immediately left with their children. Even Ying Zi and Gu Sanniang retreated.

Because they couldn't afford to provoke Lin Yuelan anymore.



# Chapter 26 - Back To The Hut

Ying Zi glared at Lin Yuelan and left with Gu Sanniang.

Only Lin Siniu and Lin Siniu were left at the scene. Lin Siniu was anxious because everyone had left and didn't seem to notice him. He shouted at the villagers, "Hey, don't go. Carry me with you..."

But the villagers moved faster.

Lin Dawei glanced at Lin Siniu with a disdainful gaze. The man deserved what he got for being so heartless to his own family.

Lin Dawei turned to Lin Yuelan. The girl's eyes were dry. He asked curiously, "Lan 'Er, did you really go to the Palace of Hell?"

Lin Yuelan smiled calmly and replied, "Of course, Uncle Dawei. Where else would I get the divine strength?"

Lin Dawei didn't ask any more questions. He nodded, "That's good. With divine strength, you won't be bullied in the future." He walked up to Lin Siniu, put him on his shoulder, and left.

Lin Siniu was frightened by Dawei's actions and immediately shouted, "Lin Dawei, what are you doing?"

The only thing that answered him was Lin Dawei's footsteps.

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Dawei's disappearing figure, and her eyes sparkled. It didn't seem like Lin Dawei believed her completely. But she didn't feel any malice from him.

Lin Yuelan believed that as long as she didn't do anything harmful to the villager, Lin Dawei wouldn't harm her.

She looked at the green wheat fields around her, looked at the rolling mountains, and then looked at the crowd in the distance. A meaningful smile appeared on Lin Yuelan's sallow and tender face, "It's good to be alive!"

Although the people here were feudal, superstitious, and ignorant, it was still better than surviving in the post-apocalyptic world, struggling in pain for a bite of food, fighting in bloody battles, and being betrayed by her companions.

Furthermore, she had thousands of years of advanced knowledge compared to the people here. Her close companion, Little Green, also followed her here. She refused to believe that she wouldn't be able to survive.

Lin Yuelan touched Little Green, who was in the shape of a bracelet, and said with a happy smile, "Little Green, you were great just now! Also, thank your friends on my behalf!"

It was Little Green who told her that Gu Sanniang hadn't burned paper thread for Lin Damao and cheated on him in the past eight years and that there was money buried under Lin You's father's bed.

It was to make sure that the villagers wouldn't come to trouble her anymore. They wouldn't touch her again because she had gone to the Palace of Hell. And they wouldn't say that she was possessed by a demon.

In the post-apocalyptic world, many people had wood power, but their power was different from hers.

The others could only use their powers to attack, but her power had another important function. She could use her power to restore life.

Little Green was a wood elemental, and wood power was the source of life. Therefore, Little Green was the lord of all living things!

Little Green could communicate with all living things, be it plants or animals. However, Little Green was tied to the special space. If Little Green died, then the space would disappear and vice versa!

When the apocalypse arrived, Little Green chose Lin Xinlan as its master.

In order to protect Little Green and herself, Lin Xinlan didn't show off her special power when she was on missions.

Other than herself, no one knew that her dual power was actually fake. In reality, she had a wood elemental that came with its own special space!

Lin Yuelan's joy had infected Little Green. If anyone were here, they would be shocked to discover that Lin Yuelan's bracelet had grown two green leaves and a bud.

The bud turned into a small flower bud, and very quickly, the flower bud turned into a red seven-petaled flower. The red flower landed on Lin Xuelan's palm. Little Green said in a crisp voice, "Master, you're welcome! Master, the little friends said that they are happy to serve you too."

Lin Yuelan took the flower and gently knocked on Little Green's bud. Then, she said with a smile, "Don't be naughty. Save some nuclei."

Nuclei were the resources that were dug out from the brains of zombies or some mutated animals and plants during the apocalypse.

Nuclei were Little Green's source of food. It converted them into energy to expand the space.

In the past five years, Lin Yuelan and Little Green had worked together to kill countless zombies, mutated animals, and plants. Therefore, countless nuclei were stored in the special space.

However, there didn't appear to be any zombies or mutated creatures in this world. Therefore, they were running on a loss.

Lin Yuelan gently touched Little Green and said with a smile, "Little Green, let's go home and see what our home looks like."

In the original host's memory, the home was a small hut. It leaked during the rainy season, and it was bone-chilling in the winter. Lin Yuelan decided she would improve the house.

“Let’s go home, Master!” Little Green stretched out its green sprouts and bent as if it was nodding in agreement with Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan said with a smile, “Okay, little green!”

Little Green turned back into the bracelet on Lin Yuelan’s wrist. If someone saw Little Green in this form, they would really treat Lin Yuelan as a monster and burn her to death.

Lin Yuelan briskly walked along the field path, following the path in the host’s memory.

On the way, she met villagers who were either going out or going home.

They didn’t act like before. They didn’t throw rotten leaves at her or curse that they had encountered the jinx.

Instead, they scattered when they saw Lin Yuelan. They panicked and ran far away. They stared at Lin Yuelan with fear in their eyes.

This was a jinx who was sent by the King of Hell. She was even bestowed with divine strength to prevent her from being beaten to death again. How could they not be afraid?

This was the effect that Lin Yuelan wanted. She did not want to be disturbed. That made things more convenient for her in the future.

Standing in front of the little thatched hut, she was a little speechless. From the outside, it was only about ten square meters in size. Other than a few horizontal and vertical wooden beams that supported the house, the rest were all made of weeds.

The roof was covered with dried weeds. Even the surrounding walls were made of a few bamboo pieces that were tied together to form a wall. The door was made of bundles of dried grass.

It was a real hut!

# Chapter 27 - Hunting In The Mountains

Lin Yuelan sighed a few times before pushing the door open and entering the house.

The door had no lock because there was no reason for one.

Lin Yuelan entered the hut and sighed again.

The moment she entered, she saw a short wooden stool. A small square wooden board was put on top of a few stones to make a table. On the table were two cracked bowls and a pair of chopsticks.

Behind the table, there was a single bed about a meter wide. It was made of a few wooden boards of different lengths. The pillow was made of some dry grass and an old piece of cloth. In the corner, there was an old black quilt. It was now covered with dry grass to prevent water from soaking it.

On the right side of the bed, there was a small door. Beyond the small door was a simple and crude kitchen. Since the living space was so broken, the kitchen couldn't be any better.

Lin Yuelan went in and took a look. The kitchen was less than two square meters. The stove was built with a few stones, and there was a hole in the middle to place firewood.

On top of the stove was not a pot but a piece of a broken jar, the type that was used to store pickled vegetables. The cracked piece of the jar was the pot to cook.

Once Little Green entered the house, it jumped down from Lin Yuelan's wrist. Thus, a vine with two green leaves fluttered all over the room. He was also inspecting their new house.

Little Green jumped out of a small earthen jar in the corner and slithered up Lin Yuelan's leg like a snake. He crawled to his master's chest and pinned himself there. He sighed in a dejected manner, "Master, this place is poor, old, and dilapidated. How can we live here?"

There wasn't even a complete bowl with a cup to drink water from. It was really too dilapidated. Of course, thirst was not a problem for Little Green. If he wanted to drink water, he could just crawl into the ground, or he could order the other plants to bring him some water.

However, his master was a human. She had to follow normal human rules.

He was now a little regretful that he had transferred his master's soul into this person's body. It couldn't be helped. He had looked through several worlds, and this host's body was the most compatible with his master's soul.

Lin Yuelan and Little Green were telepathically connected. Lin Yuelan could tell what Little Green was thinking immediately.

Lin Yuelan touched Little Green's two leaves, lowered her head, and kissed his bud. The bud turned from tender green to tender red in an instant. Little Green was blushing in embarrassment.

Lin Yuelan said, "It's fine. Life will only get better for us! In the future, we'll build a big house and make it beautiful!"

The host was separated from her family when she was nine years old. Lin Laosan's family didn't care about her at all. It was the village chief and Li Dawei who came to help her from time to time.

After she returned two bowls of blood, Lin Yuelan weakened a lot. She was too weak to work the land she had gotten from Lin Laosan's family. Therefore, she did not have any source of livelihood. These old clothes, old clothes, old cotton sheets, rotten bowls, and pots were all given to her by the villagers before Lin Mingqing's accident. Some of them felt sorry for her.

However, after Lin Mingqing's incident, the villagers stopped sympathizing with her. They were worried that they'd be harmed if they helped her. So the

things in the hut were from three years ago.

The village chief often came to give Lin Yuelan food after she was cut off from Lin Laosan's family. However, after his son's incident, the village chief only came once in a while with food to make sure that Lin Yuelan wouldn't die. He didn't want to see Lin Yuelan. Although the accident happened due to Lin Laosan's family, the source of the conflict was Lin Yuelan.

His youngest son had his title removed, and he was paralyzed for the rest of his life. His life was ruined. Therefore, the village chief stopped caring about Lin Yuelan. He did the bare minimum to ensure that Lin Yuelan wouldn't starve or be beaten by the villagers to death.

In spite of that, Lin Yuelan still felt sincere appreciation toward the village chief.

Although the hut was dilapidated and was exposed to the elements, although the objects were old and tattered, everything would improve now that Lin Xinlan was here. Furthermore, she had the space. She only needed to show herself during the day. At night, she could sleep in her space.

However, the hut still needed to be tidied up. She would throw away the trash in a few days.

What she needed was money to get better things.

Lin Yuelan looked at the room again. This bed was a resting place and needed to be fixed up the most.

Lin Yuelan cleaned up all the hay and then carried the bed boards out, intending to wash them. As for those worn-out quilts, she put them in the corner and planned to throw them away in a few days.

She took a large jar and headed towards the riverside to fetch water.

Once Lin Yuelan left the hut, the adults and children who had been hiding nearby immediately approached and looked into the hut. When they spotted nothing value, they spat and then left while cursing.

“Master, a few adults, and children came to our house just now. There were Liu Liujiao, Da Mao Er, Yingzi, Lin Sanniu, and Zhou Guixiang,” Little Green said angrily in Lin Yuelan’s mind. These people really loved to bully Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan said, “Don’t worry about it. We’ll teach them a lesson in the future.”

After fetching water and washing the bed boards, Lin Yuelan planned to go up the mountain to find some food.

Granted she had the space, but Lin Yuelan still wanted to go up the mountain to see what things could be harvested. She also wanted to transplant some plants into the space.

After her rebirth, even though she maintained her space, most of the living organisms she had during the apocalypse had perished. The rice, the vegetables, the chickens and ducks, they were all gone. There were only a few fruitless fruit trees in front of the house that remained.

She had to regrow her stock.

“Little Green, let’s go up the mountain and take a look!” Lin Yuelan said.

“Okay, Master!” Little Green was excited when he heard that. “Since we’re going up the mountain, I’ll ask my friends to keep an eye on any big prey. We should be able to snag one!”



# Chapter 28 - : Pushing Li Cuihua Down Into The Stinking Ditch

Lin Yuelan's hands were empty as she used the direction in her memory to follow the path of the mountain.

The village was only so small. Although many villagers were not present for what happened in the afternoon, word of mouth spread. Soon, everyone knew that Lin Yuelan had been sent from the dead by the King of Hell because she had not fulfilled her destiny of jinxing her husband. The King of Hell even bestowed her with divine strength.

The villagers heard how Lin Yuelan met Gu Sanniang's dead husband and Lin Yue's father.

The villagers who heard this were surprised, afraid, and worried.

If Lin Yuelan were bestowed with the King of Hell's favor, then they wouldn't be able to bully her anymore. In fact, they might be bullied back by her.

However, how could they allow a jinx to live in the village? Would she bring disaster to the village?

These ignorant villagers still believed that the jinx would be their downfall. The old master said Lin Yuelan would jinx her husband, but these people insisted that she would jinx her whole family. The Lin family village originated from the same ancestors. Therefore, they were technically connected to Lin Yuelan by blood.

"Big Sister, I heard that your fourth granddaughter has died and was sent back by the King of Hell. She was even given divine strength. Is that true?" A fat woman in her forties asked Li Cuihua, who was picking vegetables at the farm.

Li Cuihua, who had silver hair on her temples, was as fat as ever. She raised her head and looked at the scorching sun. She wiped her sweat with her hands. When she heard the woman, her face instantly turned black.

She said, “Woman from Dachang’s family, what are you talking about? What do you mean by my fourth granddaughter? The jinx is no longer a member of the Lin family.”

Even though they had severed all ties with Lin Yuelan, there were still some people who would talk to them about Lin Yuelan like she was still their fourth granddaughter from time to time. It made Li Cuihua so angry that she wanted to stab them.

But, after she processed what the woman said, Li Cuihua asked in surprise, “Dachang’s woman, what did you say? What divine power?”

Dachang’s wife was stunned. Then, she smiled and said, “Big Sister, didn’t you know about what happened this afternoon?” Dachang’s wife found it strange that Li Cuihua didn’t know about such a huge event.

To be honest, this wasn’t Li Cuihua’s fault. She had been picking vegetables at the field since lunch. There was no one else here until Dachang’s wife came to join her.

“What happened?” Li Cuihua asked in puzzlement.

“It’s your...”

“It’s not my anything. My family has nothing to do with that jinx,” Li Cuihua said through clenched teeth.

Dachang’s wife shrugged and smiled, “The girl was kicked to death by Da Mao Er, Er Gou Zi and the rest. She was sent to the Palace of Hell and met the King of Hell. After finding out her lifespan wasn’t yet over and she hadn’t fulfilled her destiny, the King of Hell sent her back.

“The girl said she didn’t want to be sent back because she was afraid of being bullied. The King of Hell thus blessed her with divine strength. Many

people witnessed this.” Dachang’s wife gestured. “There was a rock this big. She used her bare hand to slice the stone into half!”

Li Cuihua was shocked. She said in surprise, “How is this possible? Why would the King of Hell send the jinx back and give her divine strength?” She didn’t believe it.

“It’s true.” Dachang’s wife said. “The girl even told everyone about how Gu Sanniang hadn’t burned paper money for her dead husband for the past eight years. She even had a message from Damao telling her to burn him some paper money so that he could pay Meng Po.”

Li Cuihua’s face was full of shock, but her expression was clearly suspicious.

Dachang’s wife continued, “Big Sister, you have to believe it. The girl then said Uncle You’s father had buried some money under his bed to use as dowry for his grandson. They found the money too!”

“Is... is this real?” Li Cuihua’s fat face was full of disbelief. A bare hand could cut through a large rock?! That was impossible!

“Everyone who was there saw it.” Dachang’s wife said loudly. “Eh, isn’t that the ji... the girl? The sun is about to set. Where is she going?”

Dachang’s wife saw Lin Yuelan, who was walking on the path. “It looks like she’s going up the mountains.” Dachang’s wife looked up and said with puzzlement. “But it’s already so late. Is she really going up the mountain?”

Li Cuihua heard the woman and turned around. She saw the wicked girl walking on the small path covered with weeds.

The moment she saw Lin Yuelan, Li Cuihua instinctively felt disgust and anger. She took a few steps to stop Lin Yuelan. With one hand on her waist, she pointed at Lin Yuelan with the other and cursed loudly, “You jinx, why didn’t you get beaten to death? Your existence is a disaster. Why didn’t the King of Hell take you? Is there any justice left in this world...”

Lin Yuelan was walking when suddenly, she was blocked by a fat woman. Based on the host's memory, this was the host's grandmother, Li Cuihua.

Lin Yuelan frowned because Li Cuihua was being unreasonable. She was annoyed. Lin Yuelan pushed Li Cuihua aside. Li Cuihua stumbled and fell into a stinky ditch. Lin Yuelan ignored the screams and curses. She walked straight ahead.

Dachang's wife confirmed that Lin Yuelan did have divine strength. Otherwise, how could the young girl shove the tall and fat Li Cuihua out of the way so easily?

After Lin Yuelan left, Dachang's wife quickly pulled Li Cuihua up and said, "Big Sister, now do you believe the girl has divine strength?"

Li Cuihua was pulled up and she was covered in mud and her hair was messy. She spat out a mouthful of dirty water and cursed angrily, "This wretched girl, she's really disrespectful. How dare she push her family elder into the ditch. I'll have to teach her a lesson tomorrow!"

Dachang's wife muttered, "How are you her elder? Haven't your family cut ties with the girl already?"

Li Cuihua's face darkened and she said, "Dachang's wife, what are you muttering about?"

Dachang's wife smiled embarrassedly and said, "It was nothing."

# Chapter 29 - The Fragrance

After ditching Li Cuihua, Lin Yuelan walked along the winding mud path.

Soon, she arrived at the intersection at the foot of the mountain.

Both sides of the intersection were grown with lush and verdant Old World forked ferns. They were almost as tall as her. In fact, the entire mountain was covered by this fern.

Lin Yuelan remembered going mushroom hunting under these large ferns at her grandmother's place when she was young. Sometimes, she would find one or two wild mushrooms; other times, she'd find rows of mushrooms under a single fern.

Lin Yuelan almost drooled when she thought about the delicious taste of wild mushrooms. She had not eaten wild mushrooms for almost twenty years already.

Lin Yuelan said excitedly, "Little green, I want to eat wild mushrooms. Can you ask your little friend to help me look for them?"

Little Green immediately replied, "Yes, Master."

Then, Little Green jumped off Lin Yuelan's wrist and disappeared like a thin snake with two green leaves poking out of its head.

Soon, Little Green returned and said, "Master, they've found a lot." Then he climbed onto Lin Yuelan's wrist and pointed out the direction for Lin Yuelan. "There are some there."

Lin Yuelan pushed aside the lush fern and indeed saw a few wild mushrooms.

However, the color was very bright and bright red. It was obvious that they were poisonous mushrooms. This was something her grandmother had taught

her. Colorful mushrooms were mostly poisonous.

Lin Yuelan said, “Little Green, these are poisonous. Humans can not eat them. You have to find those white or brown mushrooms.”

Although Little Green could communicate with plants, he was not human. He didn't know that the colorful membranes the mushrooms used as camouflage were actually poison to humans.

Little Green's two buds curved, indicating that he had learned the lesson. Later, Little Green pointed out a few other spots.

Lin Yuelan pushed aside the fern to take a look. This time, they were edible mushrooms. They stood there with umbrellas on their heads, looking exceptionally cute.

Lin Yuelan happily picked some and then found a relatively flat and clean place to start a fire.

Why was she starting a fire? She was going to roast the mushrooms.

She found a source of water in the mountains and washed the mushrooms clean. Then, she used the thin branches on the ground to skewer the mushrooms. She roasted them over the fire.

As the mushrooms roasted, the fragrance of the mushrooms began to spread. Lin Yuelan swallowed her saliva again. “This is so fragrant! I'm starving.”

After the mushrooms were done, Lin Yuelan took out all kinds of seasonings from her space. She had gotten these from the supermarket during the apocalypse.

Rustle...

Lin Yuelan heard the faint sound of animal footsteps. She looked in the direction of the sound and saw that it was actually a wild rabbit. It was hiding under the fern. Its head poked out, and its red eyes were looking in her direction. It seemed to be attracted by the fragrance of the wild mushrooms.

‘This is great. The wild mushrooms will pair great with wild rabbit.’

Lin Yuelan stored the roasted mushrooms in the space, rolled up her sleeves, and then, with lightning speed, pounced on the rabbit and caught it.

She returned to the river and cleaned the rabbit with a small knife.

She split the rabbit in half and roasted it over the fire. Then, she took out the mushrooms from her space and ate them. She was very happy. It had been a long time since she had eaten such a delicious meal.

As the rabbit fat dripped onto the flame, it sizzled. Lin Yuelan smelled the fragrance too.

Her stomach seemed to have become a bottomless pit. After eating a few mushrooms, she felt even hungrier.

When the rabbit meat was almost ready, Lin Yuelan’s ears suddenly twitched, and her expression immediately became stern. Then, she raised her head to look at a big tree not far away. Then, like a monkey, her thin and small body climbed up to a spot on the big tree and hid.

More than ten soldiers in gray armor, holding spears and long knives, appeared. They were led by a tall and strong man in silver armor and a silver mask.

“Hey, what smells so good?” Suddenly, a person said in surprise.

“It smells like roasted meat, but not quite. I’ve never smelled anything so delicious,” another person echoed.

In fact, what they smelled was the smell of roasted mushrooms.

When Lin Yuelan cooked the mushrooms, the fragrance had wafted thousands of miles away. It drifted into the nostrils of these soldiers too.

This was a time when people hadn’t understood how to differentiate between poisonous and edible mushrooms, so these soldiers hadn’t tried roasted mushrooms before.

“The smell seems to be coming from this direction,” a soldier who was closer to the masked man said with a smile. “Boss, let’s go take a look. What exactly is so fragrant? What do you think?”

The masked man had never smelled such a fragrant smell before. Of course, he was also very curious about its source.

The group of soldiers followed the trail of the fragrance.

When these people were about to arrive at the firepit, Lin Yuelan’s rabbit was almost ready. However, she heard these people’s movements. Lin Yuelan immediately went into hiding, leaving behind a few skewers of roasted mushrooms and the roasted rabbit.

After all, Lin Xinlan just arrived in this world. These people looked and sounded like soldiers. She didn’t want trouble.

She didn’t know if they were good people or not. If they were good people, they would be curious why a girl like her was doing alone in the mountain, but they wouldn’t harm her. But what if they were bad people?

In that case, Lin Yuelan would have to defend herself and kill these people. It wouldn’t be hard for Lin Yuelan to kill them, but what was she going to do about the bodies? Plus, what if the soldiers came from a powerful background? It’d be so complicated.

Therefore, in order to avoid trouble, instead of confronting these people directly, it was better to retreat and observe.

Those people soon found Lin Yuelan’s firepit.

“Huh, it’s a roasted rabbit. Did we smell rabbit earlier?” The person next to the masked man spoke and sniffed, “No, the smell is different. It’s not just rabbit.”

Then, he looked around, “Hey, what’s this?”

He pulled three or four skewers of mushrooms from the side of the fire. He sniffed and said excitedly, “This is it! Damn, it’s so fragrant.”



He put a skewer in his mouth.

“Sir First Lieutenant, you can’t! These things are poisonous!”

# Chapter 30 - First Meeting

The first lieutenant immediately said unhappily, “Little Six, this thing is so fragrant. How can it be poisonous?”

Little Six was dark and skinny. He didn’t look more than 16 years old, “First Lieutenant, this thing is called a Little Umbrella in my hometown because it looks like an umbrella.

“Two years ago, my hometown was flooded, and there was nothing to eat. Someone found these shrooms on the mountain.

“We decided to eat them. However, not long after that, the people’s faces started to turn purple. They suffered from nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and other symptoms.

“The village doctor went to check on the patients, and he confirmed that those who ate the Little Umbrella were poisoned!”

Little Six pointed at the mushrooms in the first lieutenant’s hand fearfully.

The first lieutenant also felt the fear. He didn’t dare to eat the skewer anymore. However, as a foodie, he really couldn’t stand the smell.

The first lieutenant held the skewers and looked around. Then, he approached the masked man and asked, “Boss, don’t you think it’s strange?”

The masked man was wearing a silver mask so his face couldn’t be seen. However, the sharp light in his eyes showed that he had been observing their surroundings.

“Yes.” The masked replied in a deep and magnetic voice, “Look at the bonfire. The rabbit meat is about to be ready, and there are roasted skewers beside the bonfire. Someone was just here before we arrived. Looking at the wild grass that was stepped on, there was one person here. They probably cooked these things. But that person went into hiding before we arrived.”

The first lieutenant nodded and said, “If it were just an ordinary person, Boss would be able to sense them.

“However, this person managed to spot us before we arrived, and they are able to hide from Boss. This means that they are not an ordinary person.”

At this point, the first lieutenant immediately said in a serious tone, “Could it be that person? They sent someone to hunt us down and this is a trap? We’d eat this poisonous food, and they’d...” He made a cut across his neck, “Ambush and kill us?!”

Lin Yuelan, who was hiding on the branch, wanted to curse.

These people wanted to eat her food, and they even came up with a conspiracy to frame her. If they wanted to eat, they should just eat and leave. Why stay?

However, she did notice that the masked man’s voice was really pleasant to the ears. It was very magnetic and very charming.

Yes, Lin Yuelan was very sensitive to people’s voices. She liked to listen to magnetic and deep voices. She liked that scumbag for so many years because his voice could draw her in like a lullaby.

However, she had learned from her mistakes!

She would not walk the same path of failure again because some man had a good voice that she liked!

Lin Yuelan squatted on the branch and lowered her head slightly. She held the small branch with one hand and rubbed the space between her eyebrows with the other. This was a habit that she had developed during the five years of the apocalypse.

Soon, her eyes lit up, but then she heard a sharp and alert voice, “Who is it? Come out now!”

The masked man was very vigilant and serious because he agreed with his first lieutenant that this might all be a trap.

He sensed movements in a big tree, so he shouted.

Lin Yuelan didn't expect the masked man to be so vigilant. She only relaxed a little, and he found her immediately.

It seemed like these soldiers couldn't be underestimated!

Lin Yuelan immediately said to Little Green in her mind, "Little Green!"

Little Green's sharp buds immediately bent, and then he climbed to a bird's nest on the top of the tree.

In the bird's nest, a bird covered in black fur seemed to be snoring.

Little Green poked the bird's head with its sprouts and then used two green leaves to flap its wings!

"Boss, is there really someone hiding on that big tree?" The first lieutenant's eyes were sharp as he stared at the big tree, and his expression was very serious.

The first lieutenant was reluctant to throw away the skewers because they smelled so delicious. He held them in his hands, but he didn't dare to eat them.

The masked man wondered if his senses had tricked him when everyone heard an aged caw from the tree. Then, they saw a crow fly out of the big tree.

The first lieutenant let out a sigh of relief. He smiled and said, "Boss, so it's just a crow!"

However, the masked man did not agree. He truly believed there was someone on the tree.

To investigate, he walked to the bottom of the tree in his silver armor.

More than ten subordinates immediately shouted in shock, "General!"

Then, they quickly followed the masked man and surrounded him in the middle.

The masked man walked to the bottom of the tree and raised his head. Through the gaps between the leaves and branches, his sharp eyes spotted someone on the tree. This person was small, and that came as a surprise to him.

Lin Yuelan was a little nervous when she realized that her cover had been blown. She had the protection of Little Green and the plants around her. Ordinary people shouldn't be able to spot her.

However, this masked man managed to spot her with his sharp gaze.

'It looks like this man is not that simple!'

Since she had been discovered, Lin Yuelan did not want to hide anymore.

Based on her observation, other than the masked man, the rest of the soldiers could be taken down easily with a move of her hand.

Lin Yuelan slipped and climbed down the tree.

Then, she glared at the first lieutenant who was holding her skewers and scolded, "You bunch of thieves! How can you steal my food when I was searching through a bird's nest?!"

# Chapter 31 - : Paying For Food

More than a dozen people stared at the child who suddenly slipped down from the tree.

They couldn't believe that a child so young had such a high vigilance. She managed to hide in the tree before they arrived. She even managed to avoid the detection of their boss.

However, the most shocking thing was the first thing the child did once she slid down was to scold their first lieutenant angrily.

In other words, the food belonged to the child, and this was not a trap like what they had imagined,

Guo Bing, the first lieutenant, held the few skewers of wild mushrooms in his hands. His eyes were filled with surprise as he stared in shock at this little brat who didn't even reach their waist.

This child was wearing a coarse black dress that reached her ankles. Her hair was disheveled, and her skin was sallow and tanned. It was clear that she had not eaten her fill for a long time and was malnourished.

The surprising thing was the child had the eyes of a wild wolf. They were sharp, fierce, and guarded. The vine she held, which was as thick as an adult man's finger, seemed to have a sharp, bloodthirsty aura. Their instinct as soldiers told them that the vine had killed thousands of creatures even though the vine looked exceptionally normal, like it had just been plucked from the mountain.

Guo Bing, Jiang Zhennan's righthand man, had already felt that way, much less Jiang Zhennan, who had faced many on the battlefields.

However, he was confused. How did the child, a girl around eight, survive in a deep mountain and forest on her own?

She would have to live on the edge of danger for years to cultivate her high vigilance, swiftness, agility, and alertness. It suggested that she was often attacked by wild beasts or severe dangers.

Guo Bing looked at Lin Yuelan and then at the few mushrooms in his hand. He said with a casual smile, “Little girl, we didn’t steal your food. We happened upon them and didn’t see anyone around, so we picked them up.”

“Bullshit!” Lin Yuelan cursed with her childish voice. Then, she harshly questioned, “You took without asking, and that’s stealing! Have you asked the owner of the food if you can take them?”

Then, her sharp eyes sized up their attire. A cold and sarcastic expression immediately appeared on her small face as she said, “Looking at the way you’re dressed in armor and armed with spears and sabers, you must be soldiers.

“If every soldier goes around like you pillaging from commoners, will normal people be able to survive anymore?”

Guo Bing had always boasted that he had a silver tongue, but this time, he was rendered speechless by a little girl!

What made him speechless was the skewers in his hands.

He was wrong for taking the food to eat without asking, but he didn’t mean to pillage anyone.

Guo Bing felt very wronged!

As for the others, they were shocked. This little girl was really too rude! How could a little girl say something as brash as bullshit? Wasn’t she worried about her marriage prospect?

However, one of them was highly intrigued by the content and tone of the girl’s words.

## Chapter 32 - Paying For Food

First, the child's vocabulary was quite sophisticated. This was not an uneducated child.

Second, the child could tell they were soldiers at a glance. This would not be possible for someone who had lived her whole life in the mountains.

Therefore, he was especially curious and puzzled about her identity.

Guo Bing was especially depressed as he held the skewers. He wanted to turn around and return them, but the fragrance that drifted into his nostrils really made his mouth slurp.

Guo Bing looked at the little girl's eyes that were locked on the skewers. There was a hint of depression in them.

Guo Bing darted his eyes and immediately asked in a flattering tone, "Little girl..."

"Who are you calling a little girl? You're the little girl!" "Lin Yuelan said fiercely.

She was already 32 years old, and she was not used to being called a little girl by people younger than her. So she was annoyed. Clearly, Lin Yuelan had forgotten about her transmigration. She was now only 12, and due to lack of nutrition, she looked like she was 8.

Therefore, to Guo Bing and the others, she was a little girl.

When Lin Yuelan scolded Guo Bing, everyone's lips twitched, except for Lin Yuelan herself. Even Jiang Zhennan, who wore a mask, could not help but twitch the corners of his mouth. The corners of his mouth curved up in an unbelievable arc.

This was something that was impossible in the past.



However, his subordinates were so taken by the child before them that they didn't realize that their general could actually smile!

Did the child swallow manic medicine?

Why did she explode immediately?

Manic medicine was a kind of medicine that made people become crazy and irritable. The victim would become aggressive to everyone.

Guo Bing was stunned for a moment, but he immediately reacted and said in a fawning manner again, "Then... Miss, can you tell me, can these things really be eaten?" If they were edible, he really wanted to try them.

"What nonsense. If they can't be eaten, why would I roast them? To watch?" Lin Yuelan said with a sharp and fierce tone again.

Once Guo Bing heard that the mushrooms could be eaten, Guo Bing became impatient and put them into his mouth. Little Six and the others didn't have time to stop him.

They stared at their first lieutenant with a purple face, afraid that he would be poisoned or die at any time!

Seeing how frightened the soldiers were, the corners of Lin Yuelan's mouth twitched. Pitying them, she said with a bit of compassion, "Don't worry, this thing isn't poisonous. It won't kill him!"

Then, she walked over to the fire. She spotted two skewers of mushrooms still on the ground. She picked them up and sat down. She took out seasoning from her bag and sprinkled it on the mushrooms. The fragrance immediately became even more intense.

This bag was a cloth bag she took out of the space when she was hiding in the tree.

The fragrance made everyone drool.

Lin Yuelan took the mushrooms and put them into her mouth. Then, she chewed on them happily. The chewing sound made the soldiers swallow their saliva.

Lin Yuelan looked at their slurring mouths and chuckled. Then, with a cunning smile, she asked, “Do you guys want to eat some?”

Everyone immediately nodded. “Yes, we do!”

“Sure. Then pay for the food! Once you give me money, I’ll give you food. Oh, by the way, one mushroom costs one tael of silver.”

Lin Yuelan said very naturally. Then, she looked at Guo Bing and said, “Speaking of, this uncle ate four skewers of my mushrooms or a total of 36 mushrooms. That should be 36 taels of silver, but I’ll give you a discount and take only 35 taels.

“So, please give me 35 taels of silver, thank you!”

Huh...

# Chapter 33 - Lin Yuelan, The Bandit

Once Lin Yuelan said that, Guo Bing, who was happily eating, was dumbfounded.

He looked at the Little Umbrella that was not even the size of his toe. How could they cost one tael of silver each? She was plainly robbing them!

Guo Bing looked at the remaining two mushrooms. He wanted to return them to the girl, but when he thought of their delicious taste, he couldn't bear to part with them.

Guo Bing only had two hobbies, one was perusing erotic pictures, and two was eating. He wouldn't forgo any delicious food.

Furthermore, he had tasted something that he hadn't tasted before. How could he give it up because they cost money?

Guo Bing immediately went forward and said in a fawning manner, "Miss, I mean, Madam, can you give us a lower price? One tael of silver for one mushroom, isn't that a little too expensive? You must know that our salary is only three taels of silver a month." Three mushrooms would be one month of their salary. It was not worth it, no matter how he thought about it.

Lin Yuelan turned her head and asked Guo Bing with a fake smile, "Do you want me to charge you cheaply?"

Guo Bing nodded in a daze.

Then, he heard Lin Yuelan say very decisively, "If you think it's too expensive, then don't eat it! I'm not holding a knife and forcing you to buy or eat my food!"

After saying that, she turned around and focused on eating her delicious food. In her heart, she thought to herself, 'You're unlucky because I need money now. If I don't rip you off, I won't be able to sleep easy at night! I refuse to believe you can resist the temptation of such delicacies!'

After she was done eating a skewer, Lin Yuelan went to grab the other skewer. However, the skewer was already in the hands of another person.

Lin Yuelan stared at the masked general who had snatched her mushrooms. She found it unbelievable.

Being stared at by Lin Yuelan's clear eyes, Jiang Zhennan's cheeks were rather hot under the masks.

He took out two gold ingots from his sleeve pocket and said in a deep and magnetic voice, "Miss, give me 206 Little Umbrel... roasted mushrooms!"

Why 206?

That was because Lin Yuelan had said that there was a discount.

Guo Bing ate 36 mushrooms, and he was charged 35 taels of silver, and two gold ingots were equivalent to 200 taels of silver.

206 mushrooms for 200 gold ingots should be a fair trade, right?

Lin Yuelan was so charmed by the man's voice that she nodded in a daze. "Okay." Then, she quickly snapped out of it and said seriously, "Since you're buying so much from me, I'll give you a 50 percent discount. 2 mushrooms for 1 tael of silver, so I'll only charge you one gold ingot for 206 mushrooms."

One gold ingot was one hundred taels of silver.

Three taels of silver could allow a villager to live comfortably for a whole year. This showed much money traded hands here.

The man's willingness to pay made Lin Yuelan feel embarrassed. But that didn't mean that she was going to reject him.

She thought of her small thatched hut with the broken bowls and jars. She would need money to build a new house and buy daily necessities.

Lin Yuelan thought about it and realized she really needed more money.

Lin Yuelan looked at the two gold ingots and said, “Since you’re my first customers, I’ll sell you 412 mushrooms for two gold ingots and cook them with the best seasonings I personally made.”

# Chapter 34 - Lin Yuelan, The Bandit

“No matter what kind of food it is, these seasonings will make them incomparably delicious,” Lin Yuelan said and looked at the roasted rabbit. “I’ll give you a taste using the rabbit meat!”

Then, she expertly grabbed the roasted rabbit from the fire. With the soldiers looking on in shock, Lin Yuelan shook the content of the bottles and jars on the rabbit meat.

Those with sharp noses immediately smelled that the taste of the rabbit meat had changed. It became even more delicious.

After she was done, Lin Yuelan pulled out a rabbit leg and gave it to Jiang Zhennan. She said, “Here, try it. You’ll definitely think that the two gold ingots you spent are worth it!”

Jiang Zhennan looked at the small hand that handed her the rabbit meat and then at her bright and fearless eyes. The expression behind his mask shifted.

At the same time, he was confused. Was the girl not afraid of him?

He had killed thousands on the battlefield. His body reeked of blood and he emitted a natural murderous aura.

Children in their parent’s arms would cry when they saw him. In fact, even adult males would cower in his presence. Because he was God General of the Longyan Kingdom!

He was also known as the Ultimate Jinx!

He was destined to harm his father, mother, and wife. He would destroy everyone around him!

This was why even though he was 24, the age where most men had gotten married and had children, he was still single. Not only that, most women would avoid him like the plague. They didn't dare to show up around him because they were afraid that he'd force them to marry him!

After all, he was the God General!

However, these people had no idea that he had long decided to grow old alone. He had no intention of getting married at all.

Therefore, those women did not need to worry at all.

However, at this moment, this girl was the only woman who looked at him without fear in his life. She looked at him with a very magnanimous and normal gaze.

No, wait. She was just a girl and not a woman.

Since the masked man didn't take the rabbit leg from her, Lin Yuelan was a little annoyed. She said, "Erm, masked general, do you want this rabbit leg or not? If not, I'll eat it myself. After all, the rabbit legs are the most delicious parts."

This time, Jiang Zhennan's subordinates immediately looked at Lin Yuelan in shock as if they had seen a ghost. They were trying to tell if she was pretending to be calm from her eyes or expression.

Jiang Zhennan was also jolted back to his senses by Lin Yuelan. He said in a low and slow voice, "Yes, yes, I like rabbit leg meat the most!"

Lin Yuelan happily gave the rabbit leg meat to Jiang Zhennan. When she turned around, she saw more than ten men staring at her in shock.

She asked in confusion, "What's wrong?"

They shook their heads and waved their hands. "Nothing, nothing."

"Speaking of which, Miss, we also want to eat this mushroom, but we can't afford it. Can you give us a lower price?"

“No!” She refused immediately. “There is no haggling!”

“Miss, the mushrooms are so small but they’re so expensive. How are you different from a bandit?”

“Have you heard that the rarer the things, the more expensive they are?”

“But you sold them to boss for half a tael each and you even gave him free seasoning!”

“If you can produce two gold ingots, I’ll also charge you for half a tael each and give you free seasoning!”

Everyone fell silent!

The general held the skewers of mushrooms in one hand and a rabbit leg in the other. He was happily munching on them!



## Chapter 35 - Talks Of Money

In the end, although not everyone was willing to fork out so much silver just to eat a small mushroom, they couldn't stand the temptation of the fragrance. They gritted their teeth and took out a tael of silver. They bought one mushroom to taste.

Then, the small mushroom slithered down their throat. They didn't even have the chance to taste it properly.

Then, they turned to look at their boss, who was eating, with eager eyes.

He had paid two gold ingots for 412 mushrooms. There were 12 people in their troop, so each of them could get at least 30 mushrooms.

Although their boss had spent a lot, at least he had a free rabbit leg and some seasonings that they hadn't seen before. The seasonings could be used in future barbecues.

As for Guo Bing, although he did not lack money, he didn't have money growing on trees. A mushroom cost one tael of silver. He had already eaten 35 taels of silver just now. Just thinking about it made his heart ache.

He touched the two ingots of gold ingots in his pocket and looked at the rabbit leg that their leader was eating so loudly. He turned to Lin Yuelan with a cheeky smile, "Miss, please give me a taste of this rabbit meat. I want to see the difference between it and the roasted rabbit meat that we usually eat."

To be honest, he just wanted to take advantage of the free sample. Then, he could use his money to buy more mushrooms.

His plan was good, but Lin Yuelan didn't fall for it

Lin Yuelan reached out a hand toward him and put her palm in front of Guo Bing.

Guo Bing was a little confused. “What are you doing?”

“Pay up!” Lin Yuelan said matter-of-factly.

“Pay up?!” Guo Bing was so surprised that he almost jumped up. “Miss, I just wanted a taste. Do you want to charge me for that?”

Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing with a disdainful look and said indifferently, “As I said, the rarer the food, the more precious it is. Do you think I’d let you taste such precious food for free?”

“If you want to taste it, then pay up. Once you do, I’ll give you a taste.” Lin Yuelan stressed.

Guo Bing was struck. It was one thing for a young girl to be so smart but was it necessary for her to talk about money always?

Didn’t vendors normally give free samples?

Guo Bing felt like he should lecture this child. How could a child so young be so money-minded?

Guo Bing pretended to cough a few times. Then, he cleared his throat.

Guo Bing said to Lin Yuelan, “Hey, Miss, can we not have everything revolve around me. Talks of money hurt a relationship, don’t you agree?”

Lin Yuelan ate the rabbit head. For her, this was the best part.

She nodded and seemed to agree with him. “Well, you’re not wrong.”

Guo Bing was delighted. He reached out his hand excitedly, wanting to take the other rabbit leg that had already been seasoned. After all, his goal was to taste the rabbit for free.

Lin Yuelan’s small hand slapped Guo Bing’s outstretched devil claw away. She continued to munch on the rabbit. Then, she mumbled, “Walks of looney curt a relation hip, but what kind of lationship do we harp?”

Guo Bing didn't get what Lin Yuelan was saying, so he asked her to clarify. "Miss, do you mind repeating what you said? I didn't get what you said."

"Uncle, talks of money hurt a relationship, but what kind of relationship do we have?" Then, Lin Yuelan continued to munch on the rabbit. There was also another person who was munching noisily on the rabbit's leg.

Guo Bing's face darkened. He looked at Jiang Zhennan with a frown. 'Boss is so unkind. I'm trying my best to get a taste, but Boss is eating so noisily.'

After Lin Yuelan finished the rabbit head, her hands were full of grease.

She took out a handkerchief from her bag and wiped her mouth. Then, she finally remembered what Guo Bing said. She glanced at Guo Bing, who was looking at the masked man who was eating with relish, and said, "Hey, uncle. Back to the matter at hand, what kind of relationship do we have?"

At this moment, Guo Bing finally reacted and immediately shouted, "Uncle? Miss, how can you call me Uncle? Do I look that old? I'm only 20 years old! I'm a handsome big brother with a fair face." Then, Guo Bing took out a small compact mirror. It looked like a round copper mirror used by rich young ladies. He looked left and right. His reflection still looked like a handsome young man. He was definitely not old enough to be called an uncle!

His heart was fragile, and it could break with a touch.

Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing, who seemed to have suffered a huge blow. The corner of her mouth twitched. 'Why would a grown man carry around a mirror used by a woman in his sleeve?' No matter how she looked at it, it didn't seem normal.

The other soldiers had been watching the show from the side. Their first lieutenant was trying to trick people with his words again. However, this time, a young girl seemed to have stumped him.

Seeing Lin Yuelan's puzzled expression, Little Six whispered to Lin Yuelan, "Miss, our first lieutenant loves beauty as much as a woman. He has to look at himself in the mirror at least three times a day."

“Little Six, are you itching for a fight? How dare you say that I act like a woman?” Guo Bing immediately exploded in anger.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and waved her hand, “Uncle, don’t you know that there’s a saying called there’s a generation gap every three years? I’m only eight years old now, and you’re already twenty years old. The difference of twelve years is already four generation gaps, okay? Why shouldn’t I call you an uncle? Or do you prefer Young Uncle?”

The others, including the general, blinked their eyes. They watched on with interest. What was the difference between uncle and Young Uncle. They were both uncles!

Plus, what was the meaning of a generation gap? Soldiers like them didn’t understand it.

“Miss, what is a generation gap?” A deep and magnetic voice came into Lin Yuelan’s ears from the left.

# Chapter 36 - Generation Gap

Jiang Zhennan was really curious. What was a generation gap? Was it a gap on the road called Generation?

Jiang Zhennan didn't think that was right.

Lin Yuelan's big and round eyes focused on Jiang Zhennan. Then, she rolled her eyes. It was very cute and instantly made Jiang Zhennan's heart tremble. His fingers that were holding the skewer couldn't help but move.

He had not experienced this feeling before.

However, he could not help but smile bitterly in his heart.

He had been a terrifying figure in the hearts of all women and children since he was young. Therefore, he felt a little strange when he met a child who was not afraid of him.

Lin Yuelan did not know what Jiang Zhennan was thinking.

She explained in a relaxed manner, "How can you not know about the generation gap? Generation gap refers to the difference in views between two generations. For example, there is a huge psychological distance and psychological barrier in terms of thinking methods, values, life attitudes, hobbies, and other aspects of different generations. Do you get it now?"

The dumbfounded soldiers, "..."

The dumbfounded Uncle Guo Bing, "..."

The masked general, whose expression could not be seen, "..."

That was a long explanation, but they still didn't understand anything!

Jiang Zhennan had never heard such a strange yet reasonable observation of human nature. It made him incredibly curious. He asked Lin Yuelan like a curious baby.

“Miss, what is the method of thinking?”

She was eating the rabbit and didn't answer!

“Miss, what is the concept of values?”

She hadn't done eating, so she didn't answer.

“Miss, why is it three years a generation gap but not four years or five years?”

The subordinates stared at their leader with wide eyes again. He was actually asking the girl so many things.

Lin Yuelan ate more than a dozen strings of mushrooms, half a rabbit, and a rabbit's head. She was finally full.

She took out a handkerchief to wipe her mouth again. Then, she rolled her eyes at Jiang Zhennan again and chuckled, “Masked Uncle, if you really want to know the answers, why don't you refer to Generations for Dummies?”

She was too lazy to answer so many questions. She was not familiar with him, so was there a need to answer him?

Of course, there was not!

Then, she stood up, patted her butt, looked at the other half of the rabbit meat, then glanced at the drooling eyes of the crowd around her and said, “The starting price for my half of the rabbit meat is half a tael of silver. The highest bidder will get it. The bidding starts now!”

“...” The crowd had no time to react to the sudden bidding war.

Jiang Zhennan was caught in the thought of Generations of Dummies. Why hadn't he heard of that piece of literature before?

Lin Yuelan noted the crowd's lack of reaction, and she raised her small eyebrows and grinned. "Since none of you want it, I'll keep it and take it home and..." eat it for dinner.

Guo Bing immediately snapped back to attention. He immediately rushed over and snatched the half rabbit. Then he quickly handed Lin Yuelan half a tael of silver, picked up the rabbit meat, and put it into his mouth. Then he said while chewing, "Miss, they won't afford such an expensive thing anyway. I'll buy it for half a tael of silver."

'Damn, this roasted rabbit is so delicious! The seasoning is amazing!

'It's really too delicious!

'No wonder Boss was enjoying himself so much!'

When the others came to their senses, Guo Bing had already slathered the whole rabbit with his saliva. Why? He was afraid that his prize would be snatched away. So, he had to mark it first. He'd see if the others dared to eat the rabbit after it was covered in his saliva.

'Hmph, these people have to train for another ten years before they can fight with me.'

'Damn! First Lieutenant Guo is really too shameless! But does he think he can monopolize the food with this underhanded tactic? Such wishful thinking!' The others looked at each other and rubbed their hands greedily.

Lin Yuelan noticed the group was about to get into a food war. She picked up her cloth bag, carried it on her back, and prepared to leave.

Jiang Zhennan immediately called out, "Miss, where are you going?"

If she left just like that, would he be able to see her again in the future?

The girl had an easy and free personality. She did not seem like a wild child who had lived in the mountains and forests for a long time.

Would they be able to meet after she left? Probably not.

With that thought, Jiang Zhennan couldn't help but call out to Lin Yuelan, wanting to ask her name and where she lived.

However, Lin Yuelan thought that he had stopped her because he was afraid that she would run away with the money.

Lin Yuelan pointed to the side of the fire. It was very clean except for the grass. She explained, "Don't worry. I won't run away with your gold ingots. You've ordered a lot of mushrooms, so I'm going to go harvest them. There are more than 400 mushrooms. Your subordinates will want more too. I will have to go and start mushroom-picking."

Hearing that the girl wasn't leaving him, Jiang Zhennan secretly let out a sigh of relief. However, when he heard how Lin Yuelan had misunderstood him, he quickly explained, "Miss... that wasn't what I thought. I just wanted to go mushroom-hunting with you. Miss, do you mind?"

He had never felt so tongue-tied before. It sounded like he wanted to go with her to keep an eye on her to stop her from escaping.

Of course, that was not what he meant. He just wanted to spend more time with her.

Lin Yuelan didn't think so much. If the masked man wanted to go with her, she didn't mind.

On the contrary, she was happy to have someone to help her carry her bag or something. Although she had the space, there were many people around, and she couldn't just open it at will.

Lin Yuelan nodded, raised her small face, and smiled happily. "Of course, uncle! Here..."

Lin Yuelan stretched out a hand, holding out the bag that was hanging on her back earlier.

Jiang Zhennan was a little confused. "Huh?"

"Carry the bag for me, please!" Lin Yuelan said matter-of-factly.



When the subordinates saw their leader following behind the girl, carrying the bag, their eyes widened in surprise, and they didn't move at all.

Oh My God!

What is happening?!

# Chapter 37 - First Intimate Contact

On a large pine tree, a eight-year-old looking girl with a ponytail was sitting on a tall branch. Her legs dangled and swayed in boredom.

She was holding a thick branch in one hand and a vine that was as thick as an adult's finger in the other. The vine twirled a few times and had two green leaves.

Her eyes were round, big, and bright. She looked at the busy man under the tree and ordered, "There's a big one there. There's another one under the tallest fern. That's a poisonous one that can't be eaten. How many times do you need me to tell you? The colorful or dark and purple mushrooms are poisonous. Don't pick them. Throw that one away..."

Ever since Jiang Zhenan entered the battlefield at the age of ten, he had to employ a vicious and cruel way of living to survive on the battlefield. When he was pushed out as a shield by his comrade, he did not hesitate to haul his comrade back out. His life was no less important than that of his comrades, so why should he be a meatshield for others?

The soldiers mocked him for not having much strength and that he'd save them some time for committing suicide at the base so that they wouldn't have to waste time finding and collecting his corpse.

He was so angry that he knocked down all the soldiers present. He even mercilessly beat up the person who mocked him the most.

From then on, no one dared to mock him anymore.

From the age of ten to eighteen, he slowly climbed up to the position of a general with his own strength and strategic talent.

Eighteen years old was still a very young age. Therefore, when he became a general at 18 with great achievements, many people under him were unconvinced.

The way they showed their dissatisfaction was by disobeying Jiang Zhennan's orders.

Jiang Zhennan immediately captured the deputy general and had him beheaded for the crime of violating the general's orders. The beheading was shown before the whole army. The head was hung at the entrance of the barracks for three days and three nights.

This happened in the summer when the weather was hot. There were many mosquitoes. The head was infested by maggots. When the soldiers walked past it, their scalps went numb.

Jiang Zhennan was cruel and vicious, and it scared every soldier. After all, the man beheaded a vice general who was only one rank lower than him. What about the normal soldiers?

Just like that, Jiang Zhennan established his prestige among the hundreds of thousands of soldiers.

As for those officers who still had rebellious thoughts, their bodies trembled with lingering fear.

On the surface, they served Jiang Zhennan. In his back, they kept making moves. Jiang Zhennan knew about it, but as long as they didn't affect the battle plan, he would pretend not to notice.

Ever since Jiang Zhennan became the general, he had won every battle. Eventually, he gained the name of God General.

At that moment, the legendary God General was bending over, holding a cloth bag and rummaging through the ferns. He was picking the mushrooms one by one. But the mushrooms were so difficult to find.

The edible mushrooms had the same color as the soil. His eyesight was good, but the mushrooms still hid very well from him. He had to climb up and low to look for them.

However, Jiang Zhennan appeared to be exceptionally patient. Wherever Lin Yuelan pointed, he would go there and look for the mushrooms. He quite enjoyed this.

Of course, he did not realize that he was happy.

“Hey, Uncle, how many mushrooms have you picked up already?” Lin Yuelan asked as she sat on a branch.

Jiang Zhennan’s hand that was picking up the mushrooms paused. He was too happy picking up the mushrooms that he lost count. The God General looked at the girl in the tree like a child who had done wrong.

‘Am I the child here, or is he?’

After a moment, Lin Yuelan waved her hand and said, “Forget it. I forgot to count the mushrooms too.”

The eyes under the mask looked at her at a loss.

Lin Yuelan was slightly stunned. Then, the corner of her mouth could not help but twitch.

“I’ll give you the extra mushroom for free. Consider it payment for helping me with the mushroom-picking.”

Then, she jumped down from the three-meter-tall tree branch. Jiang Zhennan, who was below, saw this and shivered. He immediately threw the things in his hands away and reached out his hands to catch Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan was completely stunned.

She was in Jiang Zhennan’s arms. She looked at the man in the mask with confusion. ‘I was just jumping down from the tree. Why was this man so nervous?’

She had fought for five years in the post-apocalyptic world. This height was nothing to her. He didn’t need to be so nervous.

Lin Yuelan looked at Jiang Zhennan with confusion and asked, “Uncle, what are you doing?”

Jiang Zhennan had been labeled as the Ultimate Jinx since he was young. His family loathed him and viewed him as an ominous person. Outsiders were even more fearful and fearful of him. After he joined the army, he was even known for his ruthlessness and viciousness.

He had gone from an ordinary soldier to a general step by step. Most people respected and feared him, but no one was able to get close to him. It was not until very late in his career that he met his current troops. Guo Bing and the rest could joke with him.

In short, Jiang Zhennan had been alone since he was young. He had never been close to anyone.

Since he was disfigured and became God General, he became a demon in people’s minds and a tool to stop children from crying.

He had never carried a warm and soft woman in his arms before. This was the first time he had that experience.

When Lin Yuelan fell into his embrace, his heart began to pound.

# Chapter 38 - Uncle, Don'T Throw Me!

“Uncle, uncle,” Lin Yuelan was in Jiang Zhennan’s arms. Her eyes were filled with confusion. She waved one hand in front of Jiang Zhennan and called out, “Masked uncle, Uncle General, shouldn’t you put me down?”

Jiang Zhennan was called back to his senses, but when he came back to his senses, he did something surprising.

“Ouch!” Lin Yuelan, who was thrown to the ground, cursed angrily.

That’s right. She was thrown to the ground!

When Jiang Zhennan realized he was carrying a female in his arms, he immediately threw Lin Yuelan to the ground in panic.

When Lin Yuelan got up from the ground, she pointed at Jiang Zhennan and cursed angrily, “Masked uncle, what’s wrong with you?!” She asked him to put her down, not throw her down.

She was so unprepared that she rolled to the ground.

Jiang Zhennan looked at her angry little face, and the expression behind the mask looked even more helpless and nervous. He opened his mouth, wanting to explain.

He didn’t mean to throw her down. He had never had such close contact with a female before. He was afraid that once he hugged her, he would never let her go again. However, he was a jinx, and anyone who was close to him would be killed by him. That was why... he was so panicked that he accidentally threw Lin Yuelan away.

However, Jiang Zhennan didn’t know how to explain that to this child.

Even Jiang Zhennan didn't expect he'd become so attached to the warmth of this girl. If he continued to be around her, he might get addicted to her!

But he couldn't be so selfish and put her in harm's way!

Lin Yuelan did not know what was going on in Jiang Zhennan's mind at all.

She only knew that she was very angry now.

Everything was fine if she had jumped down from the tree. Why did he have to catch him? And after he did, he could have lowered her to the ground gently. That would have been fine. But, after the man caught her, he dumped her on the ground. If not for her agility, she would have fallen down the slope.

Lin Yuelan said angrily to Jiang Zhennan, "Uncle, you're a general in silver armor. You're tall and fierce. Why would you go around bullying a girl who is not even as tall as your waist?"

Jiang Zhennan was ashamed. He felt sorry too.

He really wanted to slap himself a few times. How could he rudely throw her to the ground? Anyone in her shoes would be furious.

Jiang Zhennan opened his mouth and lowered his head slightly like a child who had done something wrong. He looked at her and said in a low and sincere voice, "I'm sorry. I didn't do it on purpose!"

Lin Yuelan was charmed by his voice again.

When she heard Jiang Zhennan's apology, her voice immediately quieted down.

She raised her small head and placed her hands on her hips. She said in a tender and clear voice, "Fine, then explain to me why you threw me to the ground all of a sudden. If it wasn't for my agile limbs, I might have rolled down the mountain by now. Do you know how serious the consequences are?"

When Jiang Zhennan dropped her, he panicked, and he didn't consider the consequences. Now that Lin Yuelan had brought them up, he felt a lingering fear!

It was just like what she said. If she didn't save the fall, she might have rolled down the slope. The slope was covered in sharp stones. If she didn't die, she'd be crippled.

The image of Lin Yuelan covered in blood and glaring at him appeared in his mind. Suddenly, his heart winced with pain. He couldn't describe this feeling, but he was certain that he didn't want any more harm to come to this girl.

However, faced with the girl's small face and beautiful eyes, he didn't know what to say. In the end, he uttered, "I'm sorry. I'll not throw you again next time!"

Lin Yuelan exploded again when she heard that. "Do you think there's a next time?!"

Jiang Zhennan shut his mouth and didn't speak anymore. The more he explained, the worse it got!

At the end of the day, Lin Yuelan wasn't a child who had an IQ of an eight years old. Since Jiang Zhennan had already apologized, she wouldn't keep hounding her. She was just a bit angry.

She picked up the bag from the ground and threw it at Jiang Zhennan. She said angrily, "Take it! If you throw this away again, you won't have anything to eat. And I'll take your gold and leave."

Jiang Zhennan took the bag of mushrooms. His thick lips showed through the underside of the mask, and he smiled. "Okay."

Just as Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were about to go back, Lin Yuelan's relaxed expression suddenly changed. Her bright eyes immediately became sharp and alert. Her expression was also serious and fierce.



Jiang Zhennan was slightly puzzled by the change in her aura. But then, he soon understood why!

He became alert and sharp. His eyes under the mask were filled with bloodthirst as he looked around.

However, the surrounding environment seemed to be very normal. The surroundings were lush and calm. Occasionally, a slight breeze would blow by, causing the green leaves on the branches to sway gently. The ferns rustled as if something was coming!

A mighty roar came from the forest in the distance, causing the entire mountain range to shake.

Jiang Zhennan said in surprise, “This is...”

Lin Yuelan said, “This is the roar of the tiger, the king of Beasts.”

In reality, the thing that surprised Jiang Zhennan was the girl’s alertness and sensitivity.

He could feel that there was no internal Qi from the girl. However, she managed to sense the tiger’s approach faster than he could. Why was that?

Was it hunting instinct from being in the forest for a long time?

But based on the child’s vocabulary, she didn’t seem like someone who was raised in the wilds.

Therefore, Jiang Zhennan became more and more curious about Lin Yuelan’s background.

He noted the excitement on the child’s face. He thought the girl planned to fight the big tiger but in the end...

# Chapter 39 - Masked Uncle, How Old Are You?

And then...

“Uncle, let’s run quickly!”

After Lin Yuelan shouted at Jiang Zhennan, she pulled Jiang Zhennan and left in a hurry.

Although Lin Yuelan was small and her steps weren’t large, Jiang Zhennan still had to jog to keep up with her running speed.

So, the image was like this.

Lin Yuelan held onto Jiang Zhennan’s hand and ran forward. Jiang Zhennan was dragged along as he jogged to keep up with Lin Yuelan as he held onto the cloth bag.

When they returned to the firepit...

Those who ate rabbit meat, mushrooms, and even grass saw Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. Their mouths fell wide open. Their eyes were open, and their expressions were filled with shock and astonishment. Time seemed to have stopped and frozen them in place.

Lin Yuelan frowned slightly. She looked at the crowd that had frozen in place and a great steed that had appeared when she was gone. Then, she looked at Jiang Zhennan with a puzzled expression. She saw that his chin was curling upwards. Even though she couldn’t see his face, Lin Yuelan could guess that he was smiling.

Lin Yuelan looked at Jiang Zhennan in puzzlement and asked, “What’s wrong with them? Could it be that their acupuncture points have been sealed, and

they can't move?" But why would someone seal the points of a horse? If it was true, that person was a real expert!

Jiang Zhennan glanced at Lin Yuelan's small hand that held his big hand. Then, he looked at the girl who was completely unguarded against him. The corners of Jiang Zhennan's mouth curled up slightly. He was happy as he felt the warmth that traveled through their palms.

He lowered his voice and said to Lin Yuelan in a deep and magnetic voice, "It's nothing! They are just too shocked. There wasn't anyone who pressed their acupoints or anything like that."

They were too shocked because their general actually put his guard down enough for someone to hold his hand.

At the age of 24, other than the wet nurse, who died when he was three years old, he had never touched anyone physically. This was the second time.

Actually, it was the third time. The second time was when he caught Lin Yuelan in his embrace!

Both times felt amazing.

It was like a volcano erupting with hot lava, burning his heart and making his entire world abnormally hot.

He felt that he was no longer alone!

At least in his life, there was someone who would smile at him, throw a tantrum at him, and call him uncle.

At least there was someone who had once held his hand and ran through the mountains and forests with him. At least he had once experienced the burning sensation of company.

Lin Yuelan nodded slightly. Since their acupuncture points weren't pressed, then it meant that this crowd had seen something shocking.

However, other than the roar of the tiger, they didn't encounter anything too surprising.

Lin Yuelan held Jiang Zhennan's hand and walked to Guo Bing, who was holding the mushroom skewer in his hand. Then, she poked and scratched him a few times.

Guo Bing appeared to have been frozen. He didn't move at all.

Guo Bing held the mushroom in one hand and another skewer in another. He was enjoying himself, but at this time, his eyes and mouth were wide open.

The others were in the same state as Guo Bing. However, they were holding rabbit meat. Their mouths were all wide open, and the food had fallen to the ground.

But their expressions were the same as Guo Bing's. Their eyes were wide as they looked forward.

Lin Yuelan frowned slightly. Then she turned back to look at Jiang Zhennan, but she didn't ask any more questions.

She walked toward the brownish-red steed that looked awe-inspiring.

This steed looked like it was eating grass. The grass appeared to be freshly cut. It was very fresh and tender.

The steed's mouth was wide open as it ate the grass. It glanced at its master, Jiang Zhennan, through its big black eyes with some confusion.

Lin Yuelan instantly had a good impression of the steed. The steed appeared to have great intelligence and could understand the human connection.

Lin Yuelan subconsciously let go of Jiang Zhennan's hand and gently walked to the front of the horse. She wanted to touch its shiny coat.

"It's called Liefeng, my good companion." Jiang Zhennan followed Lin Yuelan step by step. Since Lin Yuelan liked his house that much, he introduced her to Liefeng.

“He was saved from the slaughterhouse when I was ten years old. I named him Liefeng. From then on, we lived together until now!”

Lin Yuelan asked doubtfully, “Masked uncle, how old are you this year?”

The corner of Jiang Zhennan’s mouth twitched.

‘Do I really look that old? Why does this girl like to go around asking people about their age? Do I give off the impression that I’m very old? Do I appear too aged in her mind?’

If Lin Yuelan could hear his thoughts, she would laugh. She couldn’t even see his face, so how would she know if he appeared too old or not?

Although Jiang Zhennan had his doubts, he answered Lin Yuelan honestly. “I’m 24 years old!”

“24 years old.” Lin Yuelan nodded. “That’s indeed very old!”

However, Lin Xinlan was even older. She was a 32 years old woman before the transmigration. Her mental age was older than Jiang Zhennan.

When Lin Yuelan called him old, Jiang Zhennan felt as if an arrow had been shot through his chest. He could not help but feel aggrieved. He wondered, ‘Will she still see me as a friend and call me uncle if she sees me as someone so much older than her?’

However, he did not feel aggrieved for long. Under the mask, his pupils suddenly contracted violently. His entire person was tense and nervous.

# Chapter 40 - Interaction With Liefeng

When Jiang Zhennan saw Lin Yuelan's movements, his pupils under the mask suddenly contracted violently.

This was because he saw Yuelan reaching out to touch Liefeng's fur.

Liefeng would not allow anyone but its owner to touch it. If someone tried, Liefeng would kick them hard. It had a very strong personality.

Even more impossible was for Liefeng to allow someone to ride on his back.

Just when Jiang Zhennan thought that Liefeng would lose his temper, another unexpected thing happened.

Liefeng not only did not lose its temper at the child but also stretched its head over for Lin Yuelan to touch in a flattering manner. It rubbed its head against her palm. Then, it picked up the grass and placed it in Lin Yuelan's hand. Liefeng wanted to share its favorite grass with Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan immediately giggled happily and said, "Liefeng, I don't eat grass!"

Her voice was clear and sweet, like an oriole singing. Her voice spread through the mountains. They drifted in the ears of humans, animals, and even the king of beasts!

Guo Bing and the others were jolted back to their senses by this clear and melodious laughter.

When they saw the interaction between Lin Yuelan and Liefeng, their already dry eyes widened once again. The food fell once again as their mouths opened again.

Jiang Zhennan was really shocked that Liefeng didn't reject the girl. On the contrary, it tried to befriend her.

Jiang Zhennan was intrigued. How did the girl manage so many miracles?

This time, Guo Bing and the others came back to their senses quicker.

Guo Bing immediately ate the mushrooms just in case he saw something else that would surprise him and make him drop the good food to the ground again.

Then, he took two steps and ran to Lin Yuelan. He asked curiously, "Miss, how did you get Liefeng to like you that much?"

Lin Yuelan continued to stroke Liefeng's fur happily and said with a smile, "Liefeng, you're so obedient. Come, lie down. Let me scratch your fur on the side!"

Then, under Guo Bing's shocked expression, Liefeng obediently lay down. To make things more convenient for Lin Yuelan, Liefeng moved closer to Lin Yuelan's feet and rubbed its head against Lin Yuelan's palm again. It seemed to be telling her, 'Touch me all you want!'

The more Lin Yuelan looked at Liefeng, the more she liked it. The bright red fur, the handsome appearance, and the awe-inspiring presence really struck her heart.

If she didn't know that Liefeng and the uncle had been together for more than ten years and that they wouldn't leave each other, she really wanted to ask him to give her Liefeng.

Guo Bing and the others, including Jiang Zhennan, looked at Liefeng, who was normally so proud and arrogant, acting like a child around Lin Yuelan. The corners of their mouths couldn't help but twitch.

They didn't know what kind of magic this child had to make Liefeng submit to her.

The child didn't answer his question just now, but Guo Bing didn't give up. He moved closer to Lin Yuelan again and asked with a flattering smile, "Miss, how did you get Liefeng to like you that much?"

Lin Yuelan was playing with Liefeng's fur when she heard Guo Bing. She raised her head and said casually, "Oh, it's you. I thought you guys have been petrified."

Guo Bing's heart was full of frustration. He was simply too shocked to see Lin Yuelan come back holding their leader's hand. Plus, were there statues as handsome as he was?

Guo Bing could only put on a smile and said to Lin Yuelan embarrassedly, "Miss, please answer my question, Okay?"

Lin Yuelan touched Liefeng's soft ears and tilted her head to look at the extremely curious Guo Bing. Then, she said casually again, "Oh, you mean that one?"

Guo Bing nodded vigorously and replied, "Yes, it's that one." In fact, he didn't know which one they were talking about. However, his intuition told him to keep on nodding.

Lin Yuelan continued to play with Liefeng's ears. She rested her chin on her hand. She looked at the steed. She asked in relief, "Does Liefeng reject you guys and hate for you to be near it?"

Guo Bing quickly nodded his head.

Lin Yuelan said with a puzzled look, "That's strange. Why can't I feel any rejection from Liefeng? Moreover, I can feel that Liefeng especially likes me."

Lin Yuelan knew the real reason. It was because of her special power and Little Green. The wood element was the source of all life, and Little Green was the king.



Therefore, as long as she wanted, she could earn the favor of any plants, animals, or certain people easily. Furthermore, she really did like Liefeng.

When she touched Liefeng with her hand, she used her power to sense the internal injuries within the steed. Then, she used her source of life to heal the injuries. How could that not win over Liefeng?

Of course, the rest didn't know about this.

When Liefeng's internal injuries were mostly healed, Lin Yuelan stood up and clapped her hands. She said to Jiang Zhennan excitedly, "Uncle mask, Liefeng is really cute. Can I ride it?" As she said that, she suddenly thought of something and asked with a puzzled face, "Oh, right. Uncle Mask, I saw that you were very nervous just now. Did something happen?"

Jiang Zhennan's mouth twitched again. Wasn't the girl's reaction a bit too slow?

Regardless, he shook his head. "It's nothing. When you wanted to touch Liefeng, I was afraid that it might harm you, so..." he was a little nervous.

Lin Yuelan nodded in understanding. "Oh, I see. Uncle, I'll take Liefeng for a ride. You guys can continue to roast the mushrooms. In a while, I'll bring back a few wild rabbits for you."

Without waiting for Jiang Zhennan's reply, she immediately jumped on Liefeng's back and rode away.

When Lin Yuelan left, Guo Bing and the others rubbed their hands and asked with a cheeky smile, "Boss, did something happen just now that we don't know about? Why did the two of you come back holding hands?"

# Chapter 41 - By Chance

When Lin Yuelan came back with Liefeng with six hares and four pheasants, Guo Bing and the others were shocked again.

They surrounded Lin Yuelan and looked up and down, but they couldn't figure out how this child, who was not even as tall as their waists, could hunt so many wild animals.

Moreover, she had only been out for less than an hour.

In just an hour, she had hunted six hares and four pheasants. Wasn't this a little too exaggerated? For the soldiers, it would take longer for them to hunt this many animals in the mountains.

Lin Yuelan looked at the big guys surrounding her, looking at her with glowing eyes. She asked in puzzlement, "Statue uncles, why are you looking at me like that?"

"Statue... statue uncles?!"

Guo Bing and his subordinates were shocked by this new title.

Lin Yuelan nodded her head as if it was normal. "I don't know your names, and all of you have the penchant for standing there stupidly like stone statues. Don't you think the name statue uncles suit you perfectly?"

Guo Bing felt that ever since he met this child, his power of speech was fully taken away. The child would constantly injure his heart with her sharp words.

Guo Bing coughed twice and said, "Miss, I'm Guo Bing. You can call me big brother Guo from now on. May I ask your name, Miss?"

Lin Yuelan threw the wild rabbits and pheasants to the soldiers and said, "Clean them up! Oh, by the way, if you want to eat them, the prices are the

same. One tael of silver each.”

Then, Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing. Her young and sallow face showed a different maturity. She said calmly, “We only met by chance. After this, we will be on different sides of the world. Why would you need to know my name?”

She only came out to meet them because she wanted to scam them of their money. However, she did not want to get to know them at all.

Among them, there was a general and a first lieutenant. But she just wanted to be a farming villager. She didn’t want to get close to them because of their high status. Therefore, it was better for them to stay strangers in the future.

Guo Bing immediately fell silent.

Indeed, their acquaintance was just an accident.

They were soldiers, and she was from this mountain.

They would be in the military camp for a long time, but she could be anywhere. They couldn’t pretend that they were not soldiers, generals, and first lieutenants. So, why would they need to know the identity of this child?

However, when Jiang Zhennan heard Lin Yuelan, his eyes could not help but darken, and his heart felt a little sour. He had never felt this kind of feeling before.

Although he had not interacted with this child for long, she was the first person who was not afraid of him. She would even talk to him, smile at him, yell at him, and throw a tantrum at him. This made him feel a sense of joy he had never felt in his twenty years of loneliness.

It was the joy of having friends to talk to.

However, his life was destined to be lonely.

He might never see this new friend ever again. But this was a good thing. He was the Ultimate Jinx. He didn’t want to harm her.

Jiang Zhennan's gaze dimmed for a moment, and he suddenly became a cold and stern general.

Compared to Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing was still a little unwilling. It was rare to meet such an interesting child. Even if they would not meet again in the future, at the very least, he wanted to know the child's name so that he'd always have something to remember her by.

Guo Bing was silent for a moment, and then he immediately said with a cheeky smile, "Miss, you're still so young. Why would you talk about such heavy subjects?"

"Besides, so what if we met by chance? This chance meeting proves that we have the fate. Since fate has brought us together, fate can do that again, right?"

Lin Yuelan raised her head and stared at Guo Bing with her big eyes. Then, she pulled up her face and gave Guo Bing a few fake laughs, "Haha. Yes, fate has compelled you to steal from me. If I hadn't appeared, would you have eaten my mushroom and rabbit without paying?"

Guo Bing immediately apologized, "Miss, the mushrooms were too fragrant, and it was a fragrance that we'd never smelled before. We were too excited that we couldn't control ourselves.

"However, we did pay in the end. You also charged us a lot for them. You've already taken half of my year's salary. Miss, don't be so calculative anymore!"

Lin Yuelan raised her eyes slightly and said unhappily, "If you think it's too expensive, then don't eat it! Oh, you shouldn't eat the hare and pheasant either. After all, you think it's too expensive anyway."

Guo Bing was really wronged.

He only complained a little, but the child was being so petty.

There was a saying that said women and children were the hardest to raise. They were the most calculative people. This child was both a woman and a child. No wonder she was so petty.

However, this was related to food. Guo Bing had to fight for his welfare no matter what. Although the rabbit and pheasant meat was still one tael of silver a piece, it was still cheaper than that mushroom, which went for one tael of silver a piece.

But then again...

The boss had gone with the girl to pick the mushrooms. He would be able to identify which were poisonous and which were not in the future. The boss could teach them how to differentiate between the two in the future.

With the future of delicious free mushrooms in his mind, Guo Bing decided to buy an entire pheasant. After eating his fill, he would no longer think about the delicious taste of the mushrooms.

The people who went to clean the hares and pheasants returned.

Guo Bing saw this and immediately snatched one pheasant from one of his subordinates. The subordinate was so angry that he wanted to fight Guo Bing. He had spent a lot of effort to clean up this pheasant because he wanted to use half a tael to buy half of it. However, he did not expect his first lieutenant to be so shameless.

Time passed with the men digging into the food. After they had eaten and drunk their fill, they would set off again!

# Chapter 42 - Healing The Great White Tiger

Jiang Zhennan and Guo Bing led more than a dozen subordinates and continued down the mountain.

Halfway down the mountain, Jiang Zhennan suddenly ordered, “Guo Bing, take them and continue forward. When you reach the exit of the mountain, wait for me.”

After saying that, without waiting for Guo Bing’s response, he turned around and walked back up the original route.

Guo Bing stood at the back and asked curiously, “Hey, boss, it’s almost dark. Where are you going?”

Jiang Zhennan ignored him and continued walking forward.

Guo Bing seemed to have gotten used to Jiang Zhennan’s attitude. He could only let out a sigh. Then, he led the small troop and continued their march. He carried a black cloth bag on his back.

The black cloth bag was given to them by Lin Yuelan. It was used to store mushrooms and seasonings.

Because Jiang Zhennan, the general, had picked up a lot of mushrooms, Lin Yuelan asked them to pay an ingot of silver to buy all of these mushrooms. Then, she also gave them some special seasonings.

Guo Bing was a foodie. When Lin Yuelan took out these seasonings, he was the first to snatch them.

Even though they had only interacted with Lin Yuelan for a short period of time, they didn’t think they’d ever forget about this special child!

When they said goodbye to the child, the child said, “If we are fated to meet again, we will no longer be strangers but friends. At that time, I will be happy to tell you what my name is and where my home is!”

Honestly, the soldiers also looked forward to meeting her again.

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Lin Yuelan looked at the dozen or so people who had disappeared, and her eyes suddenly became sharp.

She patted Little Green which had turned into a vine, and said, “Let’s go, Little Green. We will meet that Big Tiger!”

She wanted to have a big fight with that big tiger, but the masked general was with her, so she could not make a move.

That was why she chose to escape.

Now that those people had left, she could have a big fight.

Little Green quickly turned into a black snake and slithered on the ground, followed by the excited and eager Lin Yuelan.

Soon, they heard the roars of two tigers, and it sounded fierce and violent as if they were engaged in a fierce battle.

Lin Yuelan ran forward in high spirits. As she ran, she asked Little Green, “Little Green, are there two tigers? Are they injured from fighting each other? We can benefit and take down two of them at once! This is going to be big!”

A tiger skin could be sold for a high price. In addition, the tiger meat, bones, and so on would sell great on the market too. With the two tigers captured, she’d be rich!

Little Green was a little confused. His master wanted to fight the two tigers for money.

But what exactly was money?

Was it a good thing?

Actually, it was not Little Green's fault for not knowing what money was. He had appeared during the apocalypse. At the end of the war, the economy had reverted to the simple barter system. Money became a piece of waste paper.

Therefore, Little Green had never understood the true meaning of money.

However, in this era, Lin Yuelan kept talking about money. Little Green didn't know what money was, but he understood one thing very well. Since his owner wanted money, then it had to be a good thing!



# Chapter 43 - Healing The Great White Tiger

Lin Yuelan stopped at the edge of the fight. She told Little Green to go ahead. Little Green complained in a crisp voice, “Master, you said that you’d fight the tigers with me.”

Lin Yuelan waved her hand indifferently and said, “Little Green, I’m still so weak. How can I fight against those fierce tigers?”

Little Green turned his sprouts around and told Lin Yuelan with a little anger, “Master, you can’t give up so easily!”

Lin Yuelan rubbed her nose and immediately went up to him and said in a fawning manner, “Little Green, look at me. I’ve just arrived here, and this body of new mine is very weak. Even if I’ve recovered half of my power, I still don’t have much strength left.

“Little Green, do you really want me to fight with big tigers? What if I get hurt? The one who’d hurt the most is you, right? Don’t you think so, Little Green?”

She coaxed Little Green. Even if Little Green was sentient, he wasn’t exceptionally intelligent.

After being coaxed by Lin Yuelan, he was persuaded, but he also thought something wasn’t right.

Lin Yuelan continued, “Besides, little green, I’ve been fighting in the apocalypse for five years. This is a peaceful place. Can’t you let me rest for a while?”

Little Green lowered his green sprouts as if he was thinking. Then, he raised his green sprouts again and nodded, “Alright, Master can rest for a while! But Master, you can’t be lazy again! You must recover your superpower as

soon as possible and open the space. Then, master won't have to go hungry anymore!"

During the five years of the apocalypse, Lin Xinlan had given her food portion to those scumbags. She didn't dare to take the food from the space because she was afraid of exposing Little Green and herself. Therefore, she often starved herself.

Little Green was both angry and distressed. Therefore, Little Green was always worried about his master.

Now that they had transmigrated, Little Green wanted his master to get stronger and activate the special ability space so that she could better protect herself. He didn't want her to live like how she did in the apocalypse anymore.

Lin Yuelan and Little Green soon arrived at the battle scene. They saw two tigers lying on the ground, obviously injured. There were two male tigers.

One was a yellow-white male tiger, while the other was a pure-white male tiger.

As the saying goes, a mountain can not accommodate two tigers unless it is a male and a female!

The current situation was very clear. The two male tigers were fighting for territory, and it was a life and death duel!

The moment Lin Yuelan stepped onto the field, the white tiger that was originally leaning its head on the ground immediately became alert. It did not care about its own injuries and stood up with great difficulty, assuming a defensive posture!

The other yellow-white tiger did not move at all. Obviously, it was either dead or unconscious. Based on Little Green's assessment, the tiger was dead.

Lin Yuelan's eyes glowed when she saw the white tiger which was taller than her.

Then, she raised her head and said to the large white tiger, “Don’t be nervous. I have no ill intentions!”

This white tiger was tall and mighty. It would be great if she could use it as a mount.

Lin Yuelan activated her animal affinity presence. Then, she slowly walked toward the injured white tiger and said, “I don’t have any bad intentions. I just want to treat your injuries!”

Lin Yuelan did not know that the moment she walked into the tiger battlefield, the pupils of a figure behind her immediately shrank. The hand that held a long knife couldn’t help but tighten!

# Chapter 44 - Secret

Guo Bing and the others had been waiting for their leader at the intersection at the foot of the mountain.

It was not until the sky was almost dark and they could not see the road that they saw their leader return.

They were curious, what was their leader doing back in the mountain? But one thing was certain. It must have something to do with that child.

However, it was so late. The leader didn't return with the child. Was she really a child who lived in the mountain? If she wasn't, wouldn't her parents be worried about her staying up the mountains so late at night?

Although Guo Bing and the others were curious, they couldn't get anything out of that child at all. She deflected all of their questions. She was really strange and eccentric.

They really hoped that they would meet again!

Jiang Zhennan was wearing a silver mask, silver armor, and a long knife at his waist. He strode down the mountain steadily.

Guo Bing was confused and a little gossipy. He came over and asked with a teasing tone, "Boss, haven't we already said goodbye to the kid? Did you go back to have a private goodbye with her?"

Under the mask, Jiang Zhennan's sharp eyes glanced at Guo Bing. Then, he walked to Liefeng and patted his horse's back. Then, he said in a low voice, "Let's go!" He ignored Guo Bing.

Jiang Zhennan didn't go back to the mountain because he wanted to have a private goodbye but because he was worried.

When he was picking mushrooms with her, they had heard a tiger's roar. At the time, he noticed that she was excited. There was not a trace of fear on her face. He assumed the child would drag him to go look for the tiger, but she grabbed his hand and ran away! This was very unexpected to him!

After they said goodbye to her, she also had no intention of going down the mountain with them.

The more Jiang Zhennan thought about it, the more he felt that something was wrong. Therefore, he asked Guo Bing and the others to go down the mountain first. He was worried. He went back to find the child and find out what was going on.

When he rushed back to the campsite site, the child was gone. He wondered if the child had gone to find the tiger on her own. Therefore, he followed the direction of the tiger's roar.

As he got closer, he actually heard the girl talking to someone called Little Green. Based on Little Green's voice, he should be someone very young. This made Jiang Zhennan even more confused. When they were with the girl, there was no other person with her, definitely not a three or four years old.

Was there an even younger child hiding in the tree that Lin Yuelan jumped down from?

Jiang Zhennan was confused and worried. Two children running in the mountains at night? That spelled danger.

He quickened his steps. He used his internal Qi, so his steps made no sound.

Little Green and Lin Yuelan didn't notice they were being tailed.

When Jiang Zhennan finally caught up with the child, he was confused again. He only saw Lin Yuelan.

Then, he was shocked!

He saw a vine that slithered away like a snake!

The vine was very familiar. It was the vine the girl had been holding in her hand ever since they met. It had two green leaves and a sprout.

# Chapter 45 - Secret

To make things even more confusing, Jiang Zhennan heard the girl address the vine as Little Green. So the voice he heard earlier came from not a person but a vine?

Jiang Zhennan felt his brain go blank.

Was that a vine that had become a spirit? Was the child a demon or something like that?

Demons were usually hidden in the mountains.

Jiang Zhennan suppressed his shock and touched his chest to calm himself down from what he had just seen, heard, and understood.

However, he decided that regardless of whether this child was a human or a demon, he would protect her. Some humans were more terrifying than demons.

This child was a person with a clear mind and a kind heart. Even if she was a demon, she was still a good demon.

Jiang Zhennan quietly followed behind them and soon found the place where the tigers were fighting.

There were two tigers there. A yellow-white tiger was lying on the ground. A great pool of blood was rapidly expanding underneath it. The tiger was either dead or fainted from its injuries.

The other tiger, which was completely white, noticed someone was coming. Even though its abdomen was bleeding profusely, it stood up. Its bristled, and its eyes were sharp. It was on guard.

Jiang Zhennan was hiding behind a big tree. As he watched Lin Yuelan slowly approach the big white tiger, his heart immediately became nervous.

His entire body was in a tense state. The veins on the hand that was holding the hilt of the knife were popping up.

He wanted to rush out immediately and protect her, preventing her from approaching the dangerous big white tiger.

However, another shocking scene happened before his eyes.

Lin Yuelan slowly approached the big white tiger and said to the big white tiger, “I don’t mean any harm. I just want to heal you!”

Then, the big white tiger, which had been on guard, suddenly became gentle. It was not as fierce as before, as if it and Lin Yuelan were good friends in the first place.

The great white tiger wagged its tail and then nodded at Lin Yuelan as if it had accepted Lin Yuelan’s offer.

It had lost its guard around this human because the human had a very pleasant scent.

Lin Yuelan saw how relaxed the white tiger became, and she said with a smile. “After I treat your injuries, will you become my mount in the future?”

The Great White Tiger was obviously unwilling.

It was the king of all beasts. How could it be enslaved to a human? It would be very detrimental to his prestige!

Lin Yuelan seemed to know what the tiger was thinking. Her expression suddenly turned serious, and she said very seriously, “You won’t be my slave. You’ll be my good companion!”

What was a companion? Little Xiao translated it to the tiger.

The Big White Tiger was suspicious for a moment, but in the end, it still nodded. It trusted Little Green, so it trusted this human.



When she saw the Big White Tiger nod, Lin Yuelan immediately jumped up excitedly. She directly touched the thick white fur and said with a smile, “Little White, in the future, we will definitely be good companions!”

That was how the Big White Tiger became Little White!

Jiang Zhennan, who was listening from the shadows, almost squeaked out. In the end, he held it in.

However, at least he was certain that the child would be safe in the mountains. After all, she had the king of beasts by her side.

Therefore, he went down the mountain to meet up with his troops.

# Chapter 46 - Shock The Villagers

The news of Lin Yuelan, the jinx, had brought a big tiger down the mountain blew up the small village!

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The fact Lin Yuelan went up the mountain alone that afternoon was publicized by Li Cuihua angrily.

Li Cuihua was pushed into the gutter by Lin Yuelan, the person she hated the most. Her clothes and hair were stained with the dirty water and mud from the gutter. The smell of her body made her want to throw up, so she had no choice but to stop her work and go home to change her clothes.

Li Cuihua was very angry. She swore all the way home. Her every word was vicious. She wished that she had strangled Lin Yuelan to death when she was born.

“Hey, sister, what happened to your clothes?” Li Guafu, who met Li Cuihua on the way, asked in surprise, “Did you fall into the stinking ditch by the mountain slope?”

She wanted to get closer, but as soon as she walked closer to Li Cuihua, the stench assaulted her nostrils!

Li Guafu quickly covered her nose and took a few steps away from Li Cuihua.

Li Guafu and Li Cuihua both came from the neighboring Li family village. Li Cuihua was a few years older than Li Guofu.

Both of them were famous for their shrewdness in the Li family village. They would scold the villagers whenever they disagreed with them. Therefore, the people of the Li family village were not willing to marry such a shrewd woman. In the end, they had to be married off to the neighboring Lin Family

Family. Li Cuihua married Lin Laosan, while Li Guafu married Lin Jiu, Ying Zi's grandfather.

Both of these women had explosive tempers, so they should blow up when they were together. However, they were very compatible. Perhaps they could smell the illness in the other.

When Li Cuihua heard Li Guafu, she spat on the ground. Her face was dark as she scolded loudly, "It's that black-hearted, rotten-hearted, damned girl. I was kind enough to stop her from going up the mountain, afraid that she would encounter danger in the mountain. But, guess what! She scolded me for being a busybody and even pushed me into that smelly ditch!"

Li Guafu curled her lips and thought to herself with a little disdain, 'As if you'd be so kind-hearted to be worried about the safety of that jinx. On that day, the sun would have risen from the west. You must have stopped the girl and scolded her again. She probably lost her temper and pushed you away.'

However, Li Guafu's face was filled with shock as she spoke, "Sister, that damned girl is too insensible! She has to know that you only have the best intentions for her when you stop her from going up the mountain! But sister, calm down. Whether that girl dies or not is none of your business. In any case, you have nothing to do with her anymore." Then, Li Guafu gasped with surprise. "Oh, right. Sister, did you just say that the jinx went up the mountain alone?"

The Lin Family village was close to the mountain. The mountain had deep forests. It was the home to all kinds of fierce beasts. The villagers normally didn't even dare to go near the mountain to pick wild vegetables and herbs and fruits. They had to be extremely careful should they decide to go. If the fierce beasts smelled them, their lives would be in danger.

In the past, some people in the village wanted to go to that mountain to pick some herbs to sell. However, most of them were unable to return. Those who did return had missing limbs and bloody wounds.

Therefore, that large mountain became a taboo existence for the Lin family villagers. Even the Lin family village's only hunter, Lin Dawei's family, had

to make sufficient preparations to enter that mountain.

However, the jinx entered the mountain forest alone? Was she seeking death?

Li Cuihua nodded. "It's best if that rotten jinx dies in the mountain. Have those big beasts devour her until her bones are gone. Then, I'll feel much better!" When she remembered how she was pushed into the smelly ditch by the jinx, she was unable to control her anger. Therefore, she prayed for the girl to die in the mountain. This was what she deserved for disrespecting her grandmother!

Li Guafu felt a chill run down her spine, and her hair stood on end. Just how poisonous and hateful was Li Cuihua? She actually wanted her own granddaughter to be eaten by the wild beasts until not one bone of hers was left. This outcome was most tragic for a human being!

Li Guafu covered her nose as she laughed embarrassedly, "Sister, it's that girl's fault for not taking your advice. You'll be so happy if she dies. So why are you so angry?"

Li Cuihua's face turned black as she said, "I'm angry that the jinx actually came to annoy me before she died. She dared to push me into a ditch! She really is a bitch who deserves to die!"

The two of them talked as they walked. When they were about to reach the village, the flow of people also increased. Many people would ask how Li Cuihua got so dirty. Li Cuihua would tell others that she had tried to stop the jinx from getting up the mountain out of kindness, but she was pushed into the ditch.

Soon, everyone in the village knew that the jinx had gone up the mountain to seek death!

As the sky grew darker, there was still no sign of the girl. Most of the villagers believed that she had been eaten by a fierce beast on the mountain.

In ancient times, people would have dinner around dusk when there was still sunlight. After eating, they would rest for a while and then go to bed for rest.

This way, they could save a lot of money on fuel.

Just as the people of the Lin family village turned off the lights and were about to go to bed, a series of dog barks suddenly rang out in the village, each more intense than the last!

The people of the village thought that something had happened, so they immediately put on their clothes and hurried to the source of the intense barking.

However, as they followed the trail, they became confused. The barking appeared to come from Lin Yuelan's little hut.

Lin Yuelan carried the dead yellow-white tiger and went straight home. She planned to go to town the next day to sell it.

She took the tiger out of her space and carried it home when she was close to the village. She wanted the villagers to see where she got her money just in case people had questions.

However, she did not expect that the dogs in the village would bark so violently they smelled the tiger's scent.

Lin Yuelan carried the tiger home a little helplessly.

When she was almost at her hut, a group of people had already gathered there.

When the villagers saw Lin Yuelan and what she was carrying, their mouths were wide open in shock, and their eyes were wide open!

# Chapter 47 - A House Call

The villagers were really shocked! The child was carrying a big tiger weighing 500 to 600 catties!

Could a normal child do that? No! But that was not the point. Where did the big tiger come from?

They heard that the jinx went up the mountain that afternoon. Did she kill the tiger?

And then, this child who was so puny, carried a big tiger that weighed 500-600 catties down the mountain?

This was too shocking!

Many villagers cried out in surprise when they saw Lin Yuelan carrying the big tiger. Immediately, the news spread throughout the entire village.

Lin Laosan's family was about to go to bed and rest.

Li Cuihua, in particular, was certain that the jinx had died on the mountain because she had not returned even though it was already so dark.

Therefore, she was in a particularly good mood. When she cooked at night, she added a little more oil to the dishes. The whole family enjoyed a good dinner.

However, just as she was about to lie down, she heard waves of barking dogs outside, as if they had seen something dangerous.

“Old Man, Old Man, get up. Listen to what's going on outside. There are so many dogs barking?” Li Cuihua shook Lin Laosan, who was about to fall asleep next to her.

Lin Laosan rolled over in frustration and muttered, “They must have sensed some dangerous beasts coming from the mountain. Anyway, it’s none of my business! Don’t disturb me!” After saying that, he fell asleep.

Dangerous beasts coming to the village! Li Cuihua was shocked. Indeed, this had happened several times in the past.

Whenever a dangerous beast approached the village, the dogs would start barking loudly. Then, the whole village would grab their hoes and poles to beat the beasts to death. Of course, Lin Dawei and Lin San, Lin Dawei’s father, would always lead the assault.

Li Cuihua thought for a moment. She put on a coat in the dark and walked to her big courtyard. She saw that her sons and daughters-in-law had all woken up. In the courtyard, she saw people rushing past her place, holding hoes and spades through the crack in the wall.

Lin Sanniu grabbed a hoe in the courtyard and decided to follow the crowd. He was stopped by Li Cuihua.

“Ol’ Three, where are you going?”

Lin Sanniu answered with a little confusion, “Mother, all the villagers are swarming to someplace with hoes and poles. Aren’t we going to follow them?”

Li Cuihua said angrily, “What do you mean? Do you think you have extra lives to sacrifice to the angry beasts? Just let those stupid people go and die for us.”

Li Cuihua’s voice was not soft. Everyone who hurried past could hear her.

Therefore, some people frowned in dissatisfaction at Li Cuihua’s words.

Coincidentally, there was someone who was not on good terms with Lin Laosan’s family in the crowd. She was Liu Dongmei, the daughter-in-law of Lin Laosan’s biological younger brother, Lin Laoliu. She was furious. She stood outside and pointed at the gate of the Lin family’s courtyard, “Third

sister-in-law, what do you mean by that? Do you mean your family's lives are more precious than the rest of us?

“When wild beasts appear near the village, it is the village custom that all of us have to work together to kill them or chase them away. This is to protect the whole village. How come third sister-in-law's family is now hiding at home like little cowards?”



# Chapter 48 - House Visit

“That’s right. Lin Laosan’s family keeps saying that their house will cultivate the next master scholar, but look at them now. They are a group of cowards!” A group of women who were friends with Liu Dongmei started cursing angrily.

Then again, how could they not be angry?

The entire village was helping to look for the wild beast. Li Cuihua’s family, which had four sons, four daughters-in-law, and four grandsons, were all hiding at home.

However, when the beast was killed and the game was about to be distributed, Li Cuihua would be there to demand a portion. Her skin was really thick.

When Li Cuihua heard them, she immediately became embarrassed. However, she also fired back, “It’s not like I’m asking you to go find the wild beast. If you want, you can hide at home too. If our family wants to do that, it’s none of your business!”

The few women were so furious that they didn’t know what to say.

What kind of twisted logic was this?

The wild beasts had come to the village. If everyone decided to hide at home, wouldn’t the beast just go around eating everyone?

Li Cuihua’s family could hide at home because the rest of the village had gone to defend the village. It was why they could hide at home in peace.

If there was justice, the wild beasts would find their way to Lin Laosan’s home first.

Liu Dongmei was embarrassed for her third sister-in-law. She had to turn away from her friends. How could Li Cuihua even say these things?

Suddenly, a child ran over. He shouted loudly, “Lin Yuelan, that jinx, has killed a big tiger. She dragged the tiger down from the mountain...”

When the passersby heard this, they immediately stopped him in surprise and asked, “Da Mao ‘Er, what did you say? Who killed a big tiger?”

“It’s Lin Yuelan, the jinx!” Da Mao ‘Er was about to reach his youth. He was one year older than Er Guo Zi, but he was tall and thin. He was one of the kids who kicked Lin Yuelan to death.

As soon as Da Mao ‘Er said that, there was a clatter. This was the sound of Lin Laosan’s courtyard door opening.

Then, Li Cuihua ran out excitedly and asked, “Da Mao ‘Er, is what you said true? That Damn Jinx beat up a big tiger and hauled it down the mountain?”

Da Mao ‘Er nodded. “Of course, it’s true. The cat is this big.” Da Mao ‘Er used his arms to indicate the size, “According to my dad, the tiger is estimated to weigh 500 to 600 catties.”

When Li Cuihua heard this, she left and said excitedly, “Ol One, go and wake up your father. Tell him that our family is going to fight that big tiger!”

Lin Daniu was a cunning and shrewd person in the Lin family.

When he heard his mother’s words, he immediately understood what she meant. “Okay, mother!”

The few women, who had not left, sneered.

One of the women, who was the same age as Li Cuihua, spoke in a disdainful manner, “Cuihua, who are you kidding? Da Mao ‘Er has already said that the tiger is dead. I’m sure that’s why you have your eyes set on it. You’re going to fight a girl and not a tiger, aren’t you?”

Li Cuihua raised her head and gave that woman a disdainful look. She snorted coldly and said, “Hmph. Why should I fight that bitch? I’m her grandmother. Everything she has, including the big tiger, belongs to me!”

## Chapter 49 - How Shameless

The women had not seen such a shameless family. Just moments ago, Li Cuihua was scolding Lin Yuelan and praying that she'd be devoured by the wild beasts in the mountain. However, when they heard that the Jinx had carried back a big tiger, they said that the big tiger belonged to them because they had raised Lin Yuelan for nine years.

The women were amused by their shamelessness!

This big tiger was worth at least 300 taels of silver according to the price of the goods in the town.

This amount of money was a huge amount for the villagers. Even those with great harvests wouldn't earn that much in a year!

For the villagers, three taels of silver were enough to feed their entire family for half a year. How many years could 300 taels of silver feed a family?

It was no wonder that Lin Laosan and his family wanted to get their hands on this big tiger.

Technically speaking, Lin Laosan and his family, including his four sons and four daughters-in-law, had quite a lot of land. In addition, they also had jobs in town. Their monthly income was at least one tael of silver.

Li Cuihua was very stingy, so the family only spent three hundred wen every month. The remaining money was saved. With this, she could save at least seven taels of silver in a year. In ten years, she would have at least 70 taels of silver.

In the village, a man would not spend less than three taels of silver when he married a wife. This included the fees for the betrothal gifts, banquet, and other expenses.

However, Lin Laosan spent less than one tael of silver when he married Li Cuihua, while Lin Siniu spent two taels of silver when he married his wife. Lin Daniu and Lin Sanniu also spent around two taels of silver when they married their wives.

Therefore, Lin Laosan's family could be considered a relatively wealthy family in the village.

However, Lin Laosan's family had a young man who was studying to be a master scholar, Lin Dazong!

Lin Dazong's tuition, the fee for his paper and pens, as well as the clothing fee, was high. Furthermore, Lin Dazong was someone who was careless with his money. He would treat his friends to meals often. Therefore, the man burnt through his family's savings in less than two years.

Lin Dazong was about to come home, and he would definitely ask for money again. Lin Laosan and his family were worried. Where were they going to get the money?

However, at that moment, Lin Yuelan carried a big tiger back from the mountain.

When Lin Laosan heard the barking, he didn't want to care. After all, he had four sons. Any one of them could go and represent their family in the hunt. However, his eldest son suddenly burst into his home and told him that the jinx had carried a big tiger home. Instantly, Lin Laosan woke up!

This was good news!

How much was a big tiger worth?

He heard from the shopkeepers in the town that a tiger cub that weighed two to three hundred catties was worth at least two hundred taels of silver. So a big tiger would be worth more than that!

Naturally, Lin Laosan wouldn't let this money slip away from his fingers.

He immediately took the clothes from the bedside and put them on. Then, he walked out of the courtyard and said to his wife and his sons and daughters-in-law, "Let's go!" The family majestically headed to the hut where Lin Yuelan lived.

A few villagers followed behind them.

Since the dogs were not barking because of a live beast but a dead one, they didn't need to be afraid anymore. They were following Lin Laosan's family because they wanted to watch the show.

## Chapter 50 - How Shameless

As soon as Li Cuihua arrived at Lin Yuelan's house and saw the dead tiger on the ground with the help of the villagers' lanterns, her eyes immediately lit up.

She passed through the crowd and ran excitedly to the tigers. She told her sons, who were following behind her, "Ol One, Ol Two, quick. You have to carry this tiger home. If we leave this here, who knows how many mosquitoes it'll attract!"

Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, and Lin Siniu immediately ran over. Their expressions were very excited. As they ran, they rolled up their sleeves. When they saw the big tiger on the ground, they rejoiced in their hearts, "How much will this tiger be sold for? We'll be rich!"

Compared to his brothers, Lin Sanniu was slower. He still had no idea why his mother asked them to carry the big tiger home. Wasn't the tiger hunted down by his Lan 'Er? His Lan 'Er had nothing to do with their family anymore, so why would his mother ask them to carry her hunting spoil home?

Lin Daniu and the other two didn't usually do housework, so they lacked the physical strength to lift a tiger that weighed 500 to 600 catties.

Li Cuihua looked at Lin Sanniu, who was still standing behind like a blockhead, and immediately cursed, "Ol Three, what are you still standing there for? Hurry up and come over. Help your brothers carry this big tiger home!"

The villagers were still a little surprised when they saw Lin Laosan's family appear.

This was because every time the wild beast came down the mountain, Lin Laosan's family would be the first to go into hiding. However, when it was time for the villagers to share the game, they'd be the first to appear. The villagers were unsatisfied, but they couldn't argue with the unreasonable Li

Cuihua. She'd sit on the ground and cry, "We also helped hunt the beast. It was just that the beast had died when we came over to help. How is that our fault?" She was that unreasonable.

Eventually, the villagers would be so annoyed that they'd give her family some meat. For Lin Laosan's family, they were able to get delicious meat without doing anything. Of course, they were very happy.

However, this time they came very quickly.

They were really shameless!

The moment they came, they wanted to take possession of the big tiger that Lin Yuelan hunted down!

They didn't even consider the girl who was standing there. They were no longer related to her, so what gave them the right to claim the big tiger?

Some of the villagers couldn't stand seeing this.

Lin Sanniu didn't quite get it, but he was filial. He immediately followed his mother's order and went to help carry the big tiger home.

Lin Dawei was always on the hunting trip whenever wild beasts approached the village. This time, he was there too.

He saw how Lin Laosan's family came over and naturally laid claim to the big tiger.

Lin Dawei glanced at Lin Yuelan. She didn't stop Lin Laosan's family, but she pursed her lips into a cold smile.

Lin Dawei frowned and moved to block Lin Daniu and the brothers. Lin Dawei questioned in dissatisfaction, "What are you doing?"

Lin Daniu answered matter-of-factly, "Can't you see? Of course, we're carrying this big tiger back home!"



Lin Dawei questioned sternly, “I can see that. But why would you carry this big tiger home when it was Lan ‘Er who worked so hard to hunt it down and drag it back from the mountain? Hmm?”

# Chapter 51 - Nine Years

Lin Dawei was a hunter. He had a rough appearance and a loud voice! Everyone heard his stern questioning of the Lin family's behavior.

Honestly, that question was on everyone's mind as well. Why would Li Cuihua ask his sons to carry back the big tiger that Lin Yuelan had carried down the mountain?

Wasn't this a little unreasonable?

After all, the girl had cut off all relations with Lin Laosan's family three years ago. At that time, Lin Yuelan, who was only nine years old, had already shed two big bowls of blood and returned them to the Lin family.

So, what was going on?

Lin Daniu was a person who cared about his face. He believed that in the future, he would be the father of an elementary scholar. Therefore, he would usually put on an arrogant look and look at the dirty villagers who were covered in mud with disdain. However, Lin Dazong wasn't a scholar yet. He wouldn't offend the village elders lest it affected Lin Dazong's reputation.

However, Lin Daniu was the same age as Lin Dawei. When Lin Daniu was blocked by the boorish Lin Dawei, he immediately flew into a rage, "Lin Dawei, this is the Lin family's business. It's none of your business!"

Of course, Lin Daniu knew that his family had severed blood relations with the jinx, so it was unreasonable for him to claim the big tiger.

But so what?

Were they going to hand the tiger over to the jinx? Of course not! His son, Lin Dazong needed a large sum of money. Lin Daniu had also promised some jewelry to the widow as well as the daughter of Official Li's family he had hooked up with

He sneered, “How is this your Lin family matter? I remember clearly that the girl has broken off all relationships with Lin Laosan’s family three years ago. She has even returned two bowls of blood to you. Do you really think you can carry this big tiger back to your home with the whole village watching?” Lin Dawei pointed out the obvious.

Lin Daniu was embarrassed to the point that his ears were red. However, he believed that he was a cultured person and wouldn’t bother with a boorish person. He snorted coldly and said, “I won’t quibble with a boorish person!”

Lin Dawei was so angry that he laughed. He was about to continue this argument with Lin Daniu when Li Cuihua decided to throw a tantrum.

Li Cuihua said confidently to everyone, “So what if the jinx shed two bowls of blood with my family. My family has raised her for nine years. She has to repay us, right? Do you think we’ve raised the jinx nine years for free?”

“In the past, she had problems finding her own food, so I never asked her for compensation. But now that she is capable of carrying a big tiger down the mountain, isn’t it time for her to repay the Lin Family for raising her for nine years?”

The f\*ck, how could Li Cuihua be so shameless? She even brought up the issue from before the family separation ritual. How shameless could she be?

Who didn’t know that Lin Yuelan was forced to work for the family since she was three? Normally, she had to work with her parents, and she had to wash clothes, sweep the floor, and cook. She was given the least amount of food in the family. Which family would treat their granddaughter as cruel as Lin Laosan and his wife?

Lin Yuelan was enslaved to this family since she was born. Then, when her family heard that she was a jinx, they wanted to kill her. They even ordered the girl’s father to drown her. And Li Cuihua still had the face to ask for nine years of compensation for raising her?

Of course, some people did agree with Li Cuihua. After all, Lin Yuelan was raised by Lin Laosan’s family for nine years, right? Since their relations had

been severed, Lin Yuelan was obliged to pay the compensation to Lin Laosan's family for the nine years they had raised her.

Lin Dawei laughed, hearing Li Cuihui's bizarre reasoning. Just as he was about to retort, Lin Yuelan, who had been sneering coldly beside him, suddenly stood up and said, "Uncle Dawei thank you for your kindness! However, this is a matter between me, Lin Yuelan, and Lin Laosan's family. Let me settle it myself!"

Seeing Lin Yuelan's calm and collected appearance, David Lin was no longer angry.

He believed that the child who had been sent back from the Palace of Hell could handle herself. Therefore, he was happy to watch the show from the side. He also didn't want people to gossip that he had ulterior motives in helping Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan turned her head and looked at Li Cuihua with a cold smile. "Elder Li, you said that you want me to return the favor to thank you for raising me for nine years, right? In compensation, you have to carry this big tiger away."

Li Cuihua's disgust towards Lin Yuelan was obvious. When she saw Lin Yuelan, she wanted to vomit.

Therefore, when Lin Yuelan looked at her, she snorted coldly with her nose facing the sky, "Of course! Since you have nothing to do with my family anymore. Then, you have to pay back everything we have done for you in the first nine years of your life!"

Lin Yuelan looked up at the silent Lin Laosan and asked him again, "Elder Lin Laosan, do you agree with what your wife said?" Lin Yuelan no longer addressed them as grandpa and grandma but Elder Li and Elder Lin.

It was not that Lin Yuelan wanted to be rude, but Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua forced her to do so.

In the past, after Lin Yuelan cut ties with them, she would still run into them in the village. When Lin Yuelan greeted them as Grandpa and Grandma, she

would be scolded and beaten up by Li Cuihua.

Therefore, in the future, whenever Lin Yuelan ran into them, she would take a detour. Sometimes, when she couldn't avoid them, she could only endure the humiliation and be beaten and scolded by them.

From then on, Lin Yuelan never greeted them as her family anymore. She never greeted her former parents as her dad and mom either.

Lin Xinlan's host, Lin Yuelan, thus greeted them as Elder Li, Elder Lin, Auntie Lin, and Uncle Li. In spite of everything, she made sure to extend them enough courtesy.

# Chapter 52 - Lin Yuelan'S Biological Parents

Lin Laosan suddenly inhaled a few mouthfuls of smoke. The grayish-white smoke that came out of his nose was like poisonous white snakes, obscuring his old and wrinkled face.

With regards to Lin Yuelan's question, Lin Laosan chose to remain silent. He let his wife handle everything.

However, Lin Yuelan would never allow Lin Laosan to sneak by this time. Lin Laosan was the head of the Lin Family. Only his words could represent the consensus of the Lin Family.

The corners of Lin Yuelan's mouth curled into a cold smile as she asked again, "Elder Lin, do you also agree with your wife's words?"

Li Cuihua immediately jumped up and scolded her, "You Jinx, what do you mean by that? Don't tell me you plan to deny the facts that we've raised you for nine years?"

Lin Yuelan really didn't want to pay attention to this biological grandmother. Once you paid attention to such a person, she would bite you like a mad dog and refuse to let you go.

Lin Yuelan was young, but her tender voice carried a sharp and imposing tone. She said sharply, "Elder Li, I do not deny that. It's why I'm confirming it with Elder Lin. Is there anything wrong with that?"

Faced with Lin Yuelan's persistence, Lin Laosan narrowed his small eyes and immediately shot a sharp gaze at Lin Yuelan. There was a faint trace of anger on his face as he said in a low voice, "Lan 'Er, you can't deny that my family had indeed supported you for nine years before you separated from us."

When he said this, some people were surprised, and some were not.

Lin Laosan was usually very silent. His wife was normally the one who came out to settle things with the family. However, when it came to major matters, the one who would make the decision was definitely Lin Laosan.

As the saying goes, a dog that didn't bark was a dog that would bite!

Lin Laosan looked honest, but his heart was as vicious as his wife's.

This fact could be proven by the fact that he ordered his son, Lin Sanniu, to kill his biological granddaughter, Lin Yuelan.

At that time, the villagers didn't expect that Lin Laosan would acquiesce to his wife's idea of telling his biological son to kill his biological daughter.

Now, Lin Yuelan had cut all blood relations with his family for three years, but he still had the nerve to demand the girl repay his family for nine years of nurturing!

It was really ridiculous!

Although Lin Xinlan was not familiar with Lin Laosan's family, she had the memories of her original host. She had a deep understanding of Lin Laosan's selfish, mean, and greedy nature.

When she carried the yellow-white tiger down the mountain, she had already thought that Lin Laosan's family would take the opportunity to monopolize the big tiger.

After all, the big tiger represented a great fortune. Lin Laosan was so greedy, so how could they let this go?

When Lin Yuelan heard Lin Laosan's answer, her eyes glanced at her original host's parents.

Lin Sanniu looked a little confused, while Chen Xiaoqing stood behind the crowd, crying nonstop. She looked at Lin Yuelan with guilt and helplessness.

Disgust flashed across Lin Yuelan's eyes.



# Chapter 53 - Lin Yuelan'S Biological Parents

‘The parents of the host are really ignorant and disgusting!’

Although it was wrong for children to criticize their parents, Lin Sanniu was an extremely stupid and filial man. He only knew how to follow his parent's and brothers' orders. Every day, he dragged his wife and children to work the twenty Mu of land.

However, he saw not a single copper for his hard work. The other members of Lin Laosan's family could feast on meat, but Lin Sanniu's family could barely afford rice grains. They could only eat the wild vegetables that were boiled in water.

Therefore, Lin Sanniu's family was all sallow and emaciated. Like Chen Xiaoqing, they often fainted and fell sick. However, once Lin Yuelan was called a jinx, all these mistakes became Lin Yuelan's fault.

Chen Xiaoqing was a weak and incompetent mother. She obeyed her husband's orders and worked hard for the Lin family. Her children were basically tortured every day, but all she knew to do was to cry and work.

Three years ago, when the Lin Family wanted to kill her eldest daughter, Lin Yuelan, she only put on a little resistance. In the end, Chen Xiaoqing cowed when Li Cuihua threatened her with the mention of divorce. She only knew how to cry.

After Lin Yuelan cut ties with Lin Laosan's family, what did they do as Lin Yuelan's biological parents?

During these three years, they did not even bother to visit their eldest daughter.

Other families would even bring Lin Yuelan some old clothes, rags, broken bowls, and jars.

However, Lin Laosan and Chen Xiaoqing didn't even dare to send a word of concern. They didn't care about their eldest daughter.

Every time the host ran into Lin Sanniu and Chen Xiaoqing in the village, the host would want to greet them. But as soon as they saw Lin Yuelan, they immediately left in a hurry, as if there was a pack of wolves chasing after them.

Parents like these were really disgusting to Lin Xinlan.

However, this was also good.

This meant that Lin Yuelan, their eldest daughter, did not owe them anything at all.

In the future, she would be able to handle her relationship with them better.

No matter what happened to Lin Yuelan in the future, it had nothing to do with her biological parents anymore.

In the future, her days would definitely be better. Lin Laosan would definitely use Lin Yuelan's parents to annoy her. Lin Yuelan wouldn't want to be accused of being cold-blooded and heartless.

Currently, Lin Yuelan's parents hadn't wanted to claim her back as their daughter yet, but who could say what would happen in the future?

For example, she had just brought the big tiger home, and Lin Laosan's family immediately appeared to lay claim to it! The reason was that she owed them because they had raised her for nine long years!

But this was good. Lin Yuelan wanted things to end clearly between them. She didn't want Lin Laosan's family to keep on bothering her with family ties that were supposed to be severed already. She wasn't afraid of them, but she found it very annoying!

If Lin Yuelan's biological parents had resisted and fought fiercely when the Lin family wanted to kill her, they would at least be able to gain her respect. In the future, their lives would be better. Lin Xinlan would respect them on behalf of her host.

But in reality, they did not.

Lin Sanniu listened to his parents' orders like usual. He only hesitated for a while before agreeing to kill his daughter.

As for Chen Xiaoqing, she didn't dare to make a peep after Li Cuihua threatened to have Lin Sanniu divorce her. Her reputation was more important than her daughter's life.

Therefore, Lin Xinlan was not going to give them any face.

After Lin Yuelan heard Lin Laosan's answer, her little face became serious.

# Chapter 54 - Face Smacking

This big tiger was the turning point of Lin Yuelan's life. No matter what, she would never let Lin Laosan's family take advantage of her.

Lin Yuelan stared at Lin Laosan with a cold look in her eyes. Her tender voice rang out in front of all the villagers.

She said, "Since Elder Lin and Elder Li want to put nine years of my upbringing into numbers, then fine. We'll do it in front of everyone today!"

When Li Cuihua heard Lin Yue Lan's words, she jumped out and interrupted, "What do you mean by that? No matter how you calculate it, you have spent nine years living with us, eating our food, wearing our clothes, so you owe us.

"Jinx, if you know what's good for you, hurry up and let us carry this big tiger away. Otherwise, you can convert the nine years of support fees into four hundred taels of silver and give it to me!"

The villagers knew the big tiger was worth three hundred taels of silver, but Li Cuihua directly asked for four hundred taels of silver.

The villagers were once again shocked by Li Cuihua's greed.

Four hundred taels! Li Cuihua was really shameless.

Three taels of silver were enough for a dozen people to survive comfortably for half a year. Lin Yuelan was only a child. She had only been raised in that home for nine years, so in terms of expenses, it was not even half a tael of silver.

When Lin Yuelan heard Li Cuihua's exorbitant demand, her young and tender face turned completely cold.

She sneered and asked, “Elder Li, does that mean raising me for nine years will cost 400 taels of silver? Do you remember how I was during those nine years? I was as thin as a stick and only slightly bigger than a kitten.

“In that case, Lin Daguang, Lin Dazhong, Lin Dahua, Lin Xiaohua, Lin Dayao, and all my cousins in the past would at least cost 800 taels of silver to raise since they’re all fair and fat!

“So five of them will cost you at least 4,000 taels of silver. Then, let’s not forget your sons, Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, Lin Sanniu, and Lin Siniu. Raising them will definitely cost a lot of money. If we calculate it this way, the Lin Family has spent at least 10,000 taels of silver on raising their descendants alone. Elder Li, your family is really rich!”

Lin Yuelan’s last sentence was obviously sarcastic and mocking.

The villagers were stunned by Lin Yuelan’s words. When they came back to their senses, they burst into laughter.

She was mocking Li Cuihua. How did Lin Yuelan turn out so weak and small if they had spent 400 taels of silver to raise her?

“Since you’re so rich, why are you acting like a bandit and robbing me?” Lin Yuelan asked sharply.

Lin Yuelan clearly wouldn’t give them the big tiger to pay for the nine years of ‘nurturing’ they had given her.

The villagers looked at Lin Laosan’s family with a mocking expression.

Of course, everyone knew the girl was mocking Li Cuihua. Li Cuihu was the one who asked the girl for four hundred taels of silver. Lin Yuelan didn’t have money. Even if she did, she wasn’t going to give them the money over such an unreasonable demand.

Li Cuihua said it so grandly because she was jealous of this big tiger and wanted to take it all for herself.

After she was sent back from hell, Lin Yuelan gained divine power, and her brain became sharp.

In the past, Lin Yuelan would be cowed with a single word from Li Cuihua. However, she was now openly mocking Li Cuihua's greed and Lin Laosan's shamelessness.

Li Cuihua was a shrewd and thick-skinned woman, but she was not very smart. When she wanted something, she would only pester and argue until her goal was achieved.

Therefore, she didn't hear the sarcasm in Lin Yuelan's words. She only angrily pointed at Lin Yuelan and said, "That's none of your business. You need to give us 400 taels of silver now!"

Lin Laosan was embarrassed by the villagers' mockery. He said sternly, "Lan 'Er, I've raised you for nine years. Although I didn't really use 400 taels of silver, I spent a certain amount of silver. This is the truth!"

Lin Yuelan immediately clapped her hands. She said loudly, "Good! Since Elder Lin wants to talk about the truth, we'll talk about the truth!"

"I was born into the Lin family. This is the truth, and I won't deny it.

"From one to three years old, I was also raised in the Lin family. This is also the truth, and I won't deny it.

"So from my birth to three years old, how much would it take to raise a child? Can an auntie tell me?" Lin Yuelan asked all the women who had given birth.

"500 copper coins at most!" Someone gave Lin Yuelan an answer. In reality, it was not even five copper coins.

Other families would spend money to buy brown sugar, eggs, and hens for the pregnant mother to recover. They needed nourishment after childbirth.

However, after Chen Xiaoqing was pregnant with Lin Yuelan, she wasn't given any extra treatment, in fact, she had to work like normal. Whenever

Chen Xiaoqing asked for an extra mouthful of rice, Li Cuihua would scold her for being a freeloader.

After Lin Yuelan was born, Chen Xiaoqing did not have enough nutrition and did not have any milk. Li Cuihua did not even give Lin Yuelan any rice porridge. Lin Yuelan was only fed with cold water and leftover grains. This was because Li Cuihua didn't allow Lin Sanniu's family to use the stove.

Of course, only the Lin family knew about these things. Lin Yuelan was so young, so she would not remember. Chen Xiaoqing was a weak and incompetent person. She didn't dare to reveal these facts. Otherwise, she might be threatened with divorce again.

Lin Yuelan nodded, "Alright, let's count it as half a tael of silver. From the time I was three years old, I was given the tattered clothes that my cousin didn't want. What I ate was rice soup. I lived in the pigsty. That was how I lived from three to nine years old. I believed my living expense per month wouldn't even account for one copper coin.

"For the sake of calculation, we'll calculate it as one copper coin each month. From three to nine years old, that's six years or seventy-two months. In other words, you've spent seventy-two copper coins on me.

"Five hundred copper coins plus seventy-two copper coins equal to five hundred and seventy-two copper coins!" Lin Yuelan calculated the account clearly.

When everyone heard what Lin Yuelan said, they were once again in an uproar.

Outsiders only vaguely knew about the internal affairs of the Lin family.

They had no idea Lin Laosan's family treated their own granddaughter like this. They were truly worse than animals!

# Chapter 55 - Face Smacking

When Lin Laosan's family heard Lin Yuelan's account, they could not care about the strange looks in the villagers' eyes. They were all extremely angry.

Lin Erniu jumped out and pointed at Lin Yuelan, cursing loudly, "You ungrateful thing. The Lin family raised you with great difficulty. It's one thing for you not to be grateful. Now, we just want some money from you, but you're blaming it on your former cousins?"

"Can you compare to them? They're part of the Lin family. But you, you're just a jinx. Isn't it right to ask you for this little bit of money?"

The implication was that Lin Dazong and the others were Lin family members. They didn't mind treating Lin Yuelan like an animal because she was not.

Lin Laosan had four sons. Lin Daniu loved face, but he also had a little bit of shrewdness. He was a hypocritical man. Lin Erniu was a glib-tongued and treacherous person, which he inherited from Li Cuihua. Lin Sanniu was a dull, slow-witted, and filial man. Lin Siniu was a hot-tempered and impulsive man.

However, of the four sons, other than Sanniu, the other sons had inherited the selfish, hypocritical, and greedy personalities of Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and glanced at Lin Erniu. Then, she sneered and said, "So in the eyes of the Lin family, 400 taels of silver is a little bit of money?!"

"The Lin family is really rich!"

"Also, second uncle Lin, based on what you said, before I split from the family, I was already not considered a member of the Lin Family."



“Now it makes sense. Since I was three, I had to wash clothes, cook, sweep the fields, and farm. I did the work of an adult.

“The Lin family treated me like a slave. When my cousins were seven or eight, they had never washed a bowl in their lives. Every day, they wore beautiful clothes and played with other children. When they ate white bread and fragrant rice, I could only swallow my saliva and look at them enviously.

“But I understand it now. This is because to the Lin Family, I was not a part of the family since I was born.”

Lin Laosan shot Lin Yuelan a sharp gaze, warning her from talking further.

The family’s dirty laundry couldn’t be exposed. Moreover, Lin Yuelan accused the Lin family of torturing a three-year-old child to work.

In fact, Lin Laosan did not need to do this. The villagers already knew everything. They were not blind.

However, Lin Yuelan was not the Lin Yuelan of the past. She was not frightened by Lin Laosan’s gaze.

She continued, “Since you don’t admit that I’m a member of the Lin family, then I’ll make the calculation again.

“I’ve just calculated 572 copper coins. That is how much you used to raise me for the past nine years.

“I worked from the age of three to nine. Since I’m an outsider, the Lin family has to hire me to work for them. I should receive remuneration.

“Based on the pay of the lowest-grade servant girl, I would receive at least 50 copper coins a month. But those are for girls who work for big families. For a small family, the pay is at least 30 copper coins a month.

“Since I wasn’t considered a member of the Lin family, then I would treat myself as a servant girl for the Lin family. Before I was six years old, I did laundry, cooking, cleaning, and fetching water. These were light tasks, so I counted them as ten copper coins every month.

“From six to nine years old, I had the additional chores of going up the mountain to chop firewood and working in the fields. I believe I deserve twenty copper coins per month.”

# Chapter 56 - Face Slapping

“Three years equal to 36 months. With ten copper coins a month, that is a total of 360 copper coins. For six to nine years old, it’ll be twenty copper coins a month, and that is a total of 720 copper coins.

“So in total, when I was a servant, my salary would be 360 copper coins plus 720 copper coins. That’s a total of 1,080 copper coins. After taking away the 572 copper coins for my nine years of raising expenses, there were still 508 copper coins left.

“In that case, your Lin family still owes me a total of 508 copper coins.

“Forget the change and give me 500 copper coins. So Elder Lin, when are you going to give me the money?”

Lin Yuelan did another round of calculations, causing these uneducated villagers to be confused.

However, they understood one thing. The girl did not owe the Lin family money. Instead, it was Lin Laosan’s family who owed her 508 copper coins.

Some people exclaimed in their hearts, what exactly is going on?

However, at the same time, they were even more puzzled. When did this jinx become so good at math? Was it another gift from the King of Hell? Did he provide her with knowledge?

Even Lin Daniu, who thought himself to be shrewd, was ensnared by Lin Yuelan’s series of calculations.

Lin Laosan took another puff of smoke, and the smoke he exhaled once again engulfed his old and dark face.

Then, he sternly berated Lin Yuelan, “Bastard! Can these be settled like this? What do you take the grace of parenting for?”

The corners of Lin Yuelan's mouth curled into a cold smile as she said, "Then, bastard Elder Lin, how do you think we should settle this debt?"

"What parenting have you given me when I was with your family for nine years? Your family has only treated me as a slave. So I'm only doing the calculations based on how you treated me.

"If you treated me as a member of the Lin family back, of course, I wouldn't have settled it this way. Perhaps, I could have given you a piece of tiger meat to thank you for raising me.

"But now, you owe me money for forced indenture. Say, when you will pay me the money?"

She knew Lin Laosan was the vilest. The silent ones were the deadliest. Before the others could react, Lin Laosan had already understood everything.

He still wanted to put on airs and scold her, but he didn't expect that she wouldn't be afraid of her anymore.

Once Lin Yuelan finished her words, some of the villagers were amused. Lin Yuelan just called Lin Laosan a bastard. To think that the girl dared to scold Lin Laosan! Was she not afraid that he'd get angry at her?

To be honest, Lin Yuelan was really not afraid. After all, she wasn't the real Lin Yuelan. She had no respect for these disgusting people.

Lin Laosan was instantly choked by Lin Yuelan's sharp retort, and his face turned black and green, looking exceptionally ugly.

At this moment, Lin Daniu had also reacted. He was also angered by Lin Yuelan's words. However, he didn't know how to refute Lin Yuelan's words, so he could only give his eldest wife, Wang Cuiniang, a look.

Wang Cuiniang immediately understood what her husband meant. She walked in front of Li Cuihua and said, "Mother, this girl said that we owe her five hundred copper coins!"

Sure enough, when Li Cuihua heard this, she exploded. She would never loosen her purse strings.

Li Cuihua shouted angrily, “You jinx, what nonsense are you talking about? How can we owe you money? Bah!

“Let me tell you, you’re going to give us this big tiger no matter what, or we’re going to forcefully take it away from you!”

Lin Yuelan nodded and said coldly, “Okay, let’s see you try!”

Then, she walked to a large stone beside the large tiger and stepped on it, turning it into powder instantly!

# Chapter 57 - Filial Piety

Lin Laosan and his family left with their tails between their legs!

The surrounding villagers also left one after another!

When they saw that Lin Yuelan could crush a rock into powder with one foot, their faces immediately turned pale with fright!

They suddenly remembered the fact that the jinx had been sent back by the King of Hell. He had given her divine power so that she wouldn't be bullied again. And he'd take anyone who she had killed.

Who wasn't afraid of death? It was a fear common to everyone.

Lin Laosan's family was afraid of death too! Therefore, after Lin Yuelan's intimidation, they could only leave unwillingly!

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Laosan's family, especially Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu, who were staring at the big tiger with indignant eyes, and immediately sneered.

Of course, Lin Yuelan knew that this matter had not been completely resolved.

Lin Laosan's family was only temporarily intimidated by her.

In the future, they would come back sniffing whenever she gained some money or benefits, especially Li Cuihua and that self-proclaimed clever scholar, Lin Daniu. They would come to take advantage of her.

In the past, her host had no land, no money, no house, and no power. Even her life wasn't hers. The Lin family would definitely not recognize such a Lin Yuelan as a member of the Lin family.

But now, things changed. Since Lin Xinlan was here, she would not lead a poor life.

She wanted money, land, and a house. When she made it big, Lin Laosan's family would stick to her like leeches. These shameless people were thick-skinned enough to ignore that Lin Yuelan had severed blood ties with them. They would come knocking nonstop until they got the things they wanted.

Even if she was given divine power, Lin Yuelan couldn't do anything to an unreasonable shrew like Li Cuihua.

This was because in this Ancient era, even if Lin Yuelan had cut off relations with Lin Laosan's family, she was still Lin Laosan's granddaughter. She was raised by Lin Laosan's family. Even if she had exposed everything and the Lin Family had only treated her as a slave, even if Lin Yuelan had returned them two bowls of blood, the villagers would still view Lin Yuelan as the daughter of Lin Laosan's family.

This belief was deep-rooted. Blood was thicker than blood.

From the villagers' perspective, Lin Laosan's family could sever ties with Lin Yuelan but not the other way round. Why? It was because of an ancient Chinese belief: filial piety!

The word could be an excuse for all kinds of unreasonable behavior.

Lin Yuelan frowned. This couldn't do. She had to think of some ways to completely stop Lin Laosan's family from coming to cause trouble every day.

However, for now, she had no money or power. Plus, she was loathed and ostracized by the villagers because she was the jinx.

# Chapter 58 - Filial Piety

Therefore, she needed time before she could fully deal with Lin Laosan's family.

Currently, there were not many people who were willing to speak up for her. If she pushed too far, the village elders would side with Lin Laosan's family and brand her as being unfilial.

The law of Long Yan Kingdom was as such: Parents can never be wrong! No matter how big the mistakes the parents make, their children have to serve them with filial piety! Those who fail to follow this law will be given thirty lashes and have their sins carved on their body.

In other words, even if the parents had tortured their children, the children had to serve them well. Otherwise, the children could be dragged to court and be given thirty lashes.

Because of this law, Lin Yuelan was a little timid in dealing with Lin Laosan's family.

Even if there was the blood severance ritual, Lin Yuelan still had to be filial to Lin Laosan's family.

Once Lin Laosan's family became jealous of her future wealth, they could easily file a lawsuit against Lin Yuelan in court. Even if Lin Yuelan had all the justifications, she would be viewed as the guilty party because she was unfilial!

Therefore, before she gained power or money, she could only deal with Lin Laosan's family in secret. On the surface, she had to continue to rely on the sympathy of the villagers.

However, this couldn't work for a long time.

Lin Yuelan stared at the big tiger on the ground and sighed softly.



She had not thought so much before going up the mountain. Now that Li Cuihua had caused such a ruckus, it made her think twice.

She had to slow down in the future. When she had the chance, she needed to strike Lin Laosan's family right to the ground.

“Master, don't worry. I'll get my little friends to teach them a lesson!” Little Green, who had been winding around Lin Yuelan's wrist as a bracelet, said to Lin Yuelan telepathically.

Lin Yuelan gently stroked Little Green's two little green leaves and said with a smile, “Sure! Give them a small lesson for now! I'll deliver the big lessons in the future! They still owe the host a lot, and I'll have to make them pay for it!”

The little green shoots curved and said, “Yes, master! But what kind of small lesson should we give them?”

Lin Yuelan also thought about it and said, “Why don't you ask your little friends to secretly hide their clothes? When they wake up tomorrow and have no clothes to wear, they can only come out naked to look for clothes. That won't look good.”

Little Green thought for a moment, then fanned its two green leaves and said, “Yes, master. Tonight, my little friends will secretly transport their clothes to the forest and hide them!”

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, “Okay!”

Little Green got off Lin Yuelan's wrist and then disappeared into the night. He headed to Lin Laosan's house.

Lin Yuelan looked at the big tiger on the ground, her eyes vigilantly scanning her surroundings. When she was sure there was no one around, she raised her hand and placed the big tiger back in her space to keep it fresh!

She planned to sell it in the town tomorrow morning!

Lin Yuelan tidied herself up and went into her own little hut. Then, she went into her space to rest.

Early the next morning, a series of sharp curses rang out. The villagers who were sleeping in the village were instantly woken up!

“Which damn thief stole our clothes?”

# Chapter 59 - Naked

On this day, a joke started the day for Lin Family Village.

The clothes of Lin Laosan and his family, young and old, disappeared overnight.

The men came out, wrapped in sheets, to find clothes, while the women could only hide at home and wait for their men to find the clothes.

They were sneaking around their own courtyard early in the morning. God knows what they were doing.

Some villagers thought that they had encountered a thief and immediately shouted for help.

In the end, they caught Lin Laosan and his four sons. They were all wrapped in sheets and looked very comical.

Later on, the villagers found out that the clothes of Lin Laosan's family had evaporated overnight.

They searched inside and outside the house but could not find any clothes. They had no choice but to leave the house to look. Being stared at by the villagers, the men of the Lin Family blushed. They had lost all face. How could they not be ashamed?

Since they had already been caught by the villagers, Lin Laosan braced himself and asked the villagers to lend them some clothes. As for these children, they would stay at home and be naked for the time being.

The villagers found it very strange that the clothes of the Lin family had suddenly disappeared overnight. But they understood the problem. It was fine for the men. If they were exposed, people would only call them shameless.

However, if a woman wandered around the village naked, even if she appeared in front of everyone wrapped in a sheet, she would be scolded as a lewd woman and punished for lack of morality.

Therefore, the families that had a slightly better relationship with Lin Laosan's family lent them clothes to wear.

Speaking of which, it was really strange. How could the clothes of Lin Laosan's family disappear overnight?

Not even a single piece of clothing was left. Who had the ability to steal all of the clothes without alerting Lin Laosan's family? The thief had even taken away the undergarments the family wore to bed. Everyone only found out they were naked when they woke up the next morning!

The villagers' eyes became wide with fear. This was not doable by a human. Then, it had to be a ghost!

That's right. The girl, Lin Yuelan, had been sent back by the King of Hell. Could it be that the King of Hell had sent little ghosts to protect her too?

Otherwise, how could there be such coincidences?

The night before, Lin Laosan's family wanted to take advantage of Lin Yuelan. The next day, Lin Laosan's family had all of their clothes taken away without anyone noticing.

In an instant, the villagers immediately left Lin Laosan's family. They found all sorts of excuses and ran away. They didn't want to anger the King of Hell for being too close to Lin Laosan's family.

All of the villagers felt goosebumps now. There was even panic and fear.

If the King of Hell really had sent his ghosts to protect Lin Yuelan, didn't it mean that Lin Family Village was haunted?

What if they ran into ghosts in the future?

These people had done a lot of horrible things to Lin Yuelan, so they were afraid that the ghosts would harm them.

Didn't this mean that their lives were constantly in danger and they had to be careful all the time?

# Chapter 60 - Scaring The Town

Many villagers were afraid. Many started to ponder stuff.

Lin Laosan's family managed to borrow the clothes, but when they saw the crowd disperse, they were confused. However, they didn't connect this to Lin Yuelan.

Their top priority was to find their clothes.

If they didn't find their clothes, they would have to buy new clothes in the future. They would have to buy new clothes for spring, summer, autumn, and winter. That would cost them at least a year's worth of extra money.

However, the problem was that they didn't have extra money to buy clothes.

They didn't even have enough money to give Lin Dazong for his studies. How would they have enough money to buy new clothes? If they couldn't buy new clothes, then they had to find their old clothes back.

All members of the family went out to look, wearing other villagers' borrowed clothes.

After Li Cuihua walked out in Li Guafu's clothes, she screamed nonstop. She was screaming about the person who had stolen her family's clothes.

However, when the villagers heard her cursing, they curled their lips and looked at her strangely.

There was a bit of disdain, but in short, no one came forward to comfort her.

The villagers didn't share with Lin Laosan's family their guesses behind their clothes' disappearance, and they didn't care if Lin Laosan's family managed to find their clothes or not.

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Before dawn, Lin Yuelan set out from her home and headed towards the town.

As for the big tiger, Lin Yuelan had already taken it out of her space when the sky was still dark. She carried it on her shoulders.

Why?

Because Lin Yuelan was too small and the tiger was too big. If she dragged the tiger, the tiger's fur would be damaged, and it wouldn't sell for a good price.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan chose to carry it over her shoulders.

However, she was too small, and the tiger was too big. When she carried the tiger, one could only see the tiger floating in the air, but one couldn't see the child carrying it.

Therefore, this created a scary and strange scene.

A lying tiger wandered into the streets to attack people! The passers-by instantly scattered!

However, when the passersby turned back, they discovered that there was a small figure under the big tiger.

'Holy shit! Is this really a child?'

She looked around eight. How did she manage to carry a tiger that looked to be at least 500 catties with ease?

'Heavens, are you joking with me?'

Or perhaps, this child was carrying a paper tiger?

Some people were extra curious and carefully approached the child... and the tiger.

When they approached and confirmed that the tiger was not moving, the passerby was extra curious. He gulped and asked, “Child, is that a real... real tiger on your shoulder, or a paper tiger?” A paper tiger would be used in Chinese opera as a prop.

‘Paper tiger?’ Lin Yuelan was puzzled. ‘Isn’t this quite obvious? Why would they ask such a question?’

Lin Yuelan, who didn’t realize the strange scene she had created, told the passerby, “Uncle, this is a real tiger that I hunted down in the mountain, not a paper tiger!”

A real tiger!

The passerby was stunned!



# Chapter 61 - Violent Child

Lin Yuelan's divine power was shocking. Thus, when people found out Lin Yuelan was carrying a real tiger, they followed Lin Yuelan curiously to the medicinal herb store.

Tigers were very precious medicinal herbs. Tiger's bones, heart, internal organs, tendons, and so on could be used in medication. That was why Lin Yuelan came to the medicinal herb store.

Lin Yuelan chose the Lin store. This was the largest medicinal herb store in town, and it was also a store with a good reputation. Although Lin store was called Lin store, it had nothing to do with the Lin family village.

Lin Lanlan was carrying a big tiger, but her small body was not even as tall as the counter.

Therefore, the store waiter saw the tiger flying horizontally into the shop with horror. In the past, he had traded with tigers before, but he could tell those tigers were dead in an instant.

However, this one was different.

This tiger looked clean and tidy. Its yellow and white fur was pure and clean. There was no blood or wounds on it. It was like a living tiger sleeping. That was why the waiter was so frightened.

Lin Yuelan raised her head and shouted loudly in her childish voice, "Waiter, waiter..."

She called out a few times, but there was no response. Lin Yuelan felt that it was too tiring. So, she threw the big tiger to the ground.

The waiter and the crowd who had come to see the child with divine power were shocked.

Lin Yuelan pulled a chair from the side and jumped on it. Her face was very close to the waiter.

Lin Yuelan leaned on the cabinet and held her chin. Her big eyes were full of confusion. She waved one hand in front of the waiter and shouted, “Waiter, waiter!”

The waiter finally recovered from his shock. Then, he found that there was a yellow and thin child in front of him, but her eyes were big, bright, and energetic.

The waiter said, “Miss, what do you need?”

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes. She had brought a big tiger into the shop. Why else could she want?

Lin Yuelan pointed at the big tiger on the ground and asked in a crisp voice, “Waiter, will you buy this from me?”

The waiter, by then, had realized the child was the one who had been carrying the big tiger.

Although he was shocked by the child’s godly power, he still knew how to do business. Plus, this tiger was very well-preserved, so it was very valuable.

The waiter immediately smiled and said, “Yes, yes.” Then, he asked curiously, “Miss, did you take down this tiger yourself or someone else did?”

Lin Yuelan replied, “I killed it myself. Is there a problem?”

The waiter immediately shook his head like a rattle-drum and said, “No, no!”

This was too amazing and too terrifying!

This was a child less than eight years old, but she managed to kill a tiger. She even carried the tiger into town alone. This was beyond their understanding.

Even an adult hunter would not dare to go up the mountain to hunt a tiger without preparation. This girl was too surprising and shocking!

Of course, the crowd watching had the same thought too.

Lin Yuelan asked again, “How much will you offer for this big tiger?”

## Chapter 62 - Violent Child

The waiter's expression turned serious as he asked, "Miss, do you want to sell it in parts or in whole?"

Selling in parts meant that the girl would only sell individual parts of the tiger like tiger bones and hearts, but she'd keep the rest. The opposite would be selling the tiger as a whole.

Lin Yuelan replied crisply, "I'll sell it in parts! I want to keep this tiger skin for myself!"

The tiger had been bitten many times by Little White, but she had used her power to repair it.

Therefore, the tiger skin was not damaged at all and was very intact.

She wanted to keep it for herself. When the new house was built, it could be used as a cushion. It would be warm and comfortable.

The waiter thought for a moment and said, "I'll go find the shopkeeper. Please wait a moment."

After saying that, the waiter went in through the inner gate.

Not long after, a man in his forties with a long beard walked out from the inner gate with a slightly stern expression.

At this moment, Lin Yuelan jumped from the chair to the counter. Her big eyes were filled with surprise as she looked at the ancient medicinal herb shop that was emitting a medicinal fragrance.

Her hands were propped up on both sides, and her feet were swaying. Her eyes were looking around at everything around her, causing the passersby who had been following her to have the corners of their mouths twitch.

This child looked like she was filled with innocence and curiosity, but wasn't she too relaxed?

She was here to sell a tiger and not to play, right?

The waiter saw Lin Yuelan sitting leisurely on the counter, and the corner of his mouth also twitched. However, he quickly pointed at Lin Yuelan and said to the shopkeeper, "Manager, this is the child who said she was going to sell the tiger."

The manager's expression was slightly stunned when he saw the child. However, when he saw the child's swinging her legs, his reaction was the same as the other teams, and the corner of his mouth twitched slightly.

He went forward and asked, "Child, are you selling this tiger?"

Lin Yuelan turned her head and nodded. "Yes, I'm selling it. Shopkeeper, how much can you give me for it?"

Lin Yuelan did not have the reserved and shy manner of a girl. She directly started talking about money.

The shopkeeper went around the counter and walked to the tiger on the ground. He walked around the big tiger, squatted down, and flipped it. Then, he said, "Child, can you sell me the whole tiger? I can give you a high price! How about 400 taels of silver?"

Usually, such a big tiger would fetch a high price of 350 taels. However, he did not find any wounds on the tiger's body. Its fur was intact and very fresh. This increased its medicinal properties.

Then, he could sell the tiger meat and tiger skin separately. The tiger skin alone could sell for 300 taels. Therefore, even if he bought it at 400 taels of silver, he could turn a high amount of profit. At the very least, he could make a profit of 400 to 500 taels of silver.

One couldn't really blame the shopkeeper. He was a businessman who was looking for profit.

The price he offered was already very high.

Lin Yuelan might look like a child, but her soul was an adult. She was 32 when she died. In this era, she could be considered an old woman already. At her age, normal women would have several grandchildren already.

Lin Yuelan also knew that the price the shopkeeper offered was very generous, but she shook her head and said, “No, I want tiger skin! How about I sell you everything else but the tiger skin for 380 taels?”

The corner of the shopkeeper’s mouth twitched once again.

‘Is this girl dreaming? Without the perfect tiger skin, how can the tiger be worth 380 taels?’ The shopkeeper shook his head and said, “Child, without this tiger skin, this tiger is worth at most 300 taels!”

Lin Yuelan’s tender little face immediately said with a grin, “Uncle Shopkeeper, when I beat this tiger, I knocked it out with one punch and then suffocated it to death. As you can see, there’s not one drop of blood or a single wound on its body. Its well-preserved organs will be incredibly valuable medical ingredients.

“Clearly, it’ll be worth more than 300 taels. In any case, I won’t sell it for one copper coin less than 300 taels of silver.”

When Lin Yuelan said that she knocked the tiger out with one punch, the shopkeeper, his waiter, and the curious passers-by were terrified!

How crazily strong was this child?

## Chapter 63 - Being Robbed

It was unknown whether he was convinced by Lin Yuelan's sharp tongue or frightened by the child's violence, but in the end, the shopkeeper really bought the big tiger for 380 taels of silver. After the tiger skin was shaved off, he returned it to the child.

Lin Yuelan's tender little face was full of joy. She took the silver taels with a smile and said to the shopkeeper, who had a pained expression on his face, "Shopkeeper, don't worry. In the future, if I take down another tiger or big wolf, I'll come back. I'll not make you suffer any loss!"

When the shopkeeper heard this, his pained expression immediately turned into a grin. He immediately put the silver in Lin Yuelan's hand and said, "Child, you must keep your word. In the future, no matter if there is a tiger, wolf, or deer, you have to come to my place to sell them first, okay?"

Although he had bought the big tiger at a high price, he would still earn some profit. It was just less than what he had wished. Based on what the girl said, she dealt with the tiger with one punch. Since the girl could take down the first tiger, there'd be the second and third tiger. If she became a supplier for the shop, then the shopkeeper would have a bigger profit in the long run. Therefore, the shopkeeper naturally had to keep Lin Yuelan happy.

Lin Yuelan took the money bag and opened it. Looking at the silver ingots inside, she took out one and weighed it with her hand. She replied in a crisp voice, "Of course, uncle shopkeeper. But the price..." she deliberately let the sentence hang.

Shopkeeper Lin immediately understood. He quickly nodded and replied, "The price will be absolutely fair!"

Shopkeeper Lin looked at the child, but he felt like he was bargaining with a shrewd old businessman. How could the girl be so smart?

Lin Yuelan knew she had attracted too much attention, but there was nothing she could do. She lived alone. She couldn't act like a real child with a limited IQ. That would only make people feel that she was very easy to bully.

After all, she had just finished a big transaction. It had already drawn a lot of attention. Some people with evil intentions would target her because she was just a child. They would think that she was easily fooled.

In the future, Lin Yuelan would return to the town to sell or buy things.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan wanted to use her show of divine power and intelligence to tell others that although she was only a child, no one could deceive her.

After taking the silver and bidding farewell to shopkeeper Lin, Lin Yuelan felt exceptionally curious and wanted to explore this ancient town.

The streets were paved with bluestones, and there were many shops and restaurants on both sides.

The streets were bustling with people. There were the shouts of hawkers, the laughter of children, the sounds of customers bargaining, and so on. It was exceptionally lively.

Lin Yuelan squatted down to take a look when she saw someone making Candy Man. The seller made her a Monkey King, Sun Wukong. Then, Lin Yuelan wandered over to a spot where someone was performing acrobatics. She squeezed into the crowd and clapped her hands in approval.

Lin Yuelan had been fighting for years during the apocalypse. At that moment, she felt extremely relaxed and happy. It felt like her inner child was coming alive.



# Chapter 64 - Being Robbed

When Lin Yuelan was done having fun, she saw that it was almost afternoon.

She had to buy some daily necessities. She had a long shopping list. She had to buy oil, rice, salt, clothes, sheets, shoes, pots, pans, and so on. She had nothing in the hut. They were either too old or completely unusable.

Lin Yuelan was carrying the money she had earned from selling the tiger in her pocket. She passed through an alley with few people, and then she stopped.

Her lively expression disappeared. Her tender voice was loud and carried a strong aura. The alley was especially quiet compared to the lively street. She said sternly, “You’ve followed me for a whole morning already. Aren’t you tired? Come out and show yourselves!”

Indeed, from the moment she left the Lin medical shop, she sensed that there were a few people with malicious intentions following her.

However, Lin Yuelan decided to have fun around town first. The people following her didn’t seem to be in a hurry either. They just followed Lin Yuelan at a leisurely pace. They thought that they had hidden well. They had no idea that Lin Yuelan had known about them from the very beginning.

Since they had been discovered, four men slowly walked out from the corner.

Among these four men, two of them were fat, and two of them were thin. However, they all had shifty eyes, and their eyes were filled with a greedy glint.

One of the fat men with a mole on his cheek said generously, “Since you’ve discovered us, what’s the point of hiding anymore?” Then, he changed the topic and said with arrogance and malice, “If you know what’s good for you, hand over all the money you earned from selling that big tiger. Otherwise, hehe...”

Lin Yuelan pursed her lips and asked coldly, "Otherwise, what?"

"Otherwise, you're not leaving this place!" The man's expression suddenly turned serious. With a malevolent expression, his rat-like eyes stared fiercely at Lin Yuelan.

The other three also agreed, "Right, if you don't hand over the three hundred and eighty taels of silver, you are not leaving!"

Lin Yuelan's small face was as beautiful as a flower, and the curve of her lips seemed to contain a deep charm and temptation. However, she also radiated the pressure of an empress, causing the four men to unconsciously swallow their saliva and take a few steps back. The pressure on their shoulders was suddenly very heavy.

Lin Yuelan took out a small dagger and placed it in the palm of her hand. She flipped it a few times, and the scorching sunlight shone on the sharp blade. The blade reflected the sunlight, and it seemed to be calling for blood.

Lin Yuelan laughed lightly and said, "Since you want my 380 taels of silver, let's see if you have the ability to take it."

The four of them looked at the relaxed Lin Yuelan and then at the sharp dagger. The four of them looked at each other. Then, the man with the black mole on his face said with contempt and disdain in his eyes, "Since you refuse to cooperate, then don't blame us. Do you think we'd be afraid of a child? Brothers, let's go!"

Obviously, the four of them had forgotten that this was a child who knocked out the big tiger with one punch.

The four of them were not even as threatening as a barking dog in Lin Yuelan's eyes, much less a tiger.

Let us have a few moments of silence for the four bandits.

# Chapter 65 - Bandit, Lin Yuelan

These four people were just local ruffians in town. They were unemployed, so their job was to harass villagers who came from the countryside. They demanded protection fees from the villagers and small shopkeepers.

That day, when Lin Yuelan appeared in town with the tiger, the eyes of the four lit up. They followed Lin Yuelan.

Clearly, they were eyeing the profit that was going to be made from the sale of the tiger. According to their estimations, the tiger was worth at least three hundred taels of silver.

They had no issue robbing an adult, much less a child. It would make things a lot easier.

These four were dumb. Since this kid, who looked around eight, could carry a big tiger on her shoulders without pressure, would she be an ordinary child?

Lin Yuelan did not show any mercy.

These four local ruffians rolled up their sleeves and arrogantly rushed toward Lin Yuelan. They raised their hands to give Lin Yuelan a slap. Lin Yuelan's face turned to the side, and then her small hands formed into fists. Her actions were swift and sharp. The punch shot at the four's stomachs.

“Ao...”

“Ah...”

The movement was swift as lightning. Then, in the blink of an eye, the four adult men clutched their stomachs as they lay on the ground and cried out loudly.

Lin Yuelan stopped and clapped her hands. She walked towards the man who looked like the leader with a black mole on his face. She squatted down and patted the man's face as she said with a smile, "Didn't Big brother want to teach me a lesson? Why is he lying on the ground now?"

The man with the black mole felt that his internal organs had been shattered by Lin Yuelan's punch. He was angry, but he was in so much pain that he couldn't catch his breath.

Then, he rolled his eyes and fainted.

Lin Yuelan was slightly stunned. 'The man fainted just like that? I didn't even hit that hard. That's not fun at all.'

Lin Yuelan smiled as she slowly walked toward the other three.

When the three of them saw Lin Yuelan walking toward them with a smile on her face, their eyes were filled with terror and fear as though they had seen a devil. The three of them covered their stomachs as they dragged themselves away from her.

Lin Yuelan walked towards the skinny one. She once again squatted down and said with a smile, "Hey, Big Brother, you look like a bamboo pole, and you'd fall over with a blow from the wind. How are you so courageous that you'd think about robbing me?"

"If I really want..." Lin Yuelan stepped on the ground, and the brick on the pavement immediately sunk deep into the ground, forming a small pit. "Yes, with some adjustments, you'll end up right inside that hole."

The kid's face immediately turned pale with fright. Just like his big brother, he rolled his eyes and immediately fainted.

He was afraid! He was very afraid!

Lin Yuelan was speechless. Looking at the two people who had fainted, she said, "These people are really no fun!"

Then, she immediately raised her smile. She turned to the other two. Her eyes glowed like she had found some new toys.

The two held their stomachs and took a few steps back. Then, they looked at each other.

One of the slightly chubby men said with a frightened and pleading face, “Madam, please forgive us. We don’t even recognize the great Gu Feng Mountain. Please forgive us. We won’t dare to do it again!”

Gu Feng Mountain was known by everyone in Long Yan Country. Not recognizing Gu Feng Mountain was an idiom that meant that a person was being absolutely stupid.

Lin Yuelan raised her eyebrows and then took out the dagger again. The dagger reflected a cold and dense silver light, which immediately frightened the two people who hadn’t fainted and made their faces even paler.

Lin Yuelan said with a smile, “Will you rob again?”

“Of course not...” The two shook their heads.

However, Lin Yuelan’s face suddenly turned serious, and she said seriously, “But I don’t believe you! Give me something as a guarantee, and perhaps I can be persuaded.”

“Give you something?” The two were dumbfounded.

They immediately ignored the pain on their bodies and took out some loose silver. They said with reverence, “Madam, this is all the silver we have. Take it!”

Lin Yuelan raised her eyebrows again. It seemed that these two people were quite clever.

Lin Yuelan took their silver. One of them had three taels of silver while the other had two taels of silver on him. It seemed that they had robbed quite a number of people and collected quite a lot of protection fees.

Lin Yuelan then turned around and walked towards the two fainted people.

Then, the two local ruffians, who had not fainted, widened their eyes in shock as they watched a little girl examine the bodies of the two men. She even touched ‘that part’ without any shame.

‘Oh my God! Is this a girl?’

She had divine power, knew how to fight, and didn’t have the restraint and shame of a girl!

Lin Yuelan took out five taels of silver and thirty copper coins from the man who was the second to faint. However, Lin Yuelan only managed to find a few copper coins from the man who seemed to be the leader. She found it suspicious.

She believed that this man must have hidden silver somewhere on his body.

There was only one part of his body that she hadn’t searched. Lin Yuelan had survived the apocalypse. There was no sense of decency during the apocalypse.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan did not hesitate to search that part of his body. Lin Yuelan found a big surprise. There were several bank notes. There was one for one hundred taels of silver, one for fifty taels, and the last was for twenty taels of silver. This was a big fortune.

Lin Yuelan was very happy. After all, these men had gained this wealth by robbing others, so she felt no compunction robbing them.

Lin Yuelan clapped her hands once again and took out her dagger. She walked towards the two conscious men and said with a smile, “I think big brothers have misunderstood me. I want something from you, but it’s not silver...” Lin Yuelan pointed the dagger at the man’s crotch.

The devil didn’t want their money but wanted to make sure that they wouldn’t be able to have children anymore. The two men were very scared. One of them was so scared that he fainted on the spot.

Lin Yuelan looked at this unconscious man and was a little speechless. ‘Am I that terrifying? I haven’t even done anything, and he has already fainted?’

Lin Yuelan turned her head to look at another person.

That person looked at Lin Yue Lan’s sharp eyes, clutched his crotch, and took a few steps back. He said loudly, “Please don’t. I’ll faint!” Then, his eyes rolled, and his body slumped to the ground.

Lin Yuelan, “...”

It took skill to fake fainting. The man’s eyes were still moving.

Since the four had ‘fainted’, Lin Yuelan lost interest. However, before she left, she used special paint to write on the four’s faces. “I’m a robber!”

# Chapter 66 - Humiliated

Lin Yuelan immediately went shopping with around 500 taels of silver in her arms.

The first thing that Lin Yuelan wanted to buy was definitely the food.

During the apocalypse, your family would stab you for a piece of bread. Rice became even as precious as gold once was.

Other than the high-ranking leaders of some bases, ordinary people could not even smell the aroma of rice, let alone eat it.

Lin Yuelan was a southerner. She had grown up eating rice.

However, in the five years of the apocalypse, the number of times she could eat rice was few and far between.

This was because she had to hand in the paddy grain that she obtained from almost every mission. The grain that she was awarded, she gave to the two bastards. As for herself, she continued to eat the slightly moldy bread. Whenever there was extra, she would have to secretly cook and eat them in her space.

In the apocalypse, many people's sense of smell became more sensitive than a dog's. Therefore, after each meal of rice, she had to wash her mouth a lot. Otherwise, she might be targeted.

Thinking back, Lin Yuelan felt extremely stupid. She had done everything for those two bastards, but in the end, they had joined hands to betray her.

However, she wouldn't mistreat herself anymore. She would eat well, dress well, and treat herself well.

Lin Yuelan walked to the grain store and looked at the white rice. She swallowed her saliva. She really wanted to eat rice.



“Shopkeeper, how much is this rice paddy?” Lin Yuelan pointed in the direction of the rice grain and asked.

A fat man in his thirties walked out and looked at Lin Yuelan. She was thin and shabby. It was clear that she was poor, and she wanted to eat rice? What a joke!

A contemptuous expression immediately appeared on his face. He looked at Lin Yuelan arrogantly and disdainfully and said, “Shoo. You can’t afford it anyway. The poor don’t deserve to eat rice.”

When Lin Yuelan saw this man’s contemptuous look, a cold smile immediately appeared on her small face. Her childish voice carried a stern tone as she asked, “Boss, how can you tell that I’m poor? Also, why can’t poor people buy rice grains? Do you look down on all the poor people? But Boss, do you know that this Ning An Town has a more than 90 percent of poverty rate?”

Lin Yuelan said this loudly to grab the passersby’s attention.

Sure enough, a woman wearing a patched-up dress said loudly, “Shopkeeper Chen, I was wondering why the rice I bought from you the day before yesterday felt so light. You have given me less because you look down on me!”

A man came out and said, “I have bought japonica rice from you, but why does it taste so strange? Shopkeeper Chen, did you swap them out for indica rice and sell them to me at the price of japonica rice?”

Although both japonica rice and indica rice were rice, the taste of the two was different!

Generally speaking, indica rice was long and narrow, and its taste was rough and not very good. On the other hand, japonica rice was sticky, short, and round. It was very fragrant.

When the boss heard the complaints, his face immediately darkened.

He said sternly, “Who said I gave you less than usual? Why don’t you take it back so that we can weigh it?” He did give the woman less because she was poor, but he knew that her family would have eaten the price already, and this was an argument he could win.

The shopkeeper turned his head to look at the poor man. He also said with a bad expression, “How is it my fault that you can’t recognize the difference between indica rice and japonica rice? Plus, you’ve already eaten the rice! Now only you decide to come back to complain? Do you think I’m so easily fooled?”

“Poor people will always be poor. Even on the issue of rice, you people want to extort me. You don’t even buy that much from me!”

The faces of the people turned green with anger.

They pointed at shopkeeper Chen and scolded, “So this is how you really think of us! In the future, I won’t come to your place to buy rice anymore. After all, you look down on us and like to scam us anyway!”

“That’s right. I’ll go to some other rice shop!”

“We came to frequent his store, but he still looks down on us. We are poor, but we are not without a backbone!”

“That’s right. We will not come here to buy rice again!”

The people around them said loudly.

Only then did shopkeeper Chen realize the seriousness of the situation.

Although he looked down on the poor, his business was supported by these poor people. After all, as Lin Yuelan said, there were only so many rich people in town. If these people all boycotted his store, he wouldn’t be able to do any business anymore.

Shopkeeper Chen flew into a rage and scolded Lin Yuelan, the main culprit of this incident, “You Little Brat, why are you trying to sow discord here? When did I look down on the poor people?”

Lin Yuelan curled her lips and said to Shopkeeper Chen innocently and aggrievedly, “Shopkeeper Chen, didn’t you just say, Shoo. You can’t afford it anyway. The poor don’t deserve to eat rice. Have you forgotten about it so quickly?”

Shopkeeper Chen pointed at Lin Yuelan and roared, “That was only my assessment of you alone. Looking at your shabby clothes and sallow and emaciated face, how can you have the money to buy rice? Am I wrong?”

However, as soon as he finished speaking, someone burst out laughing.

Shopkeeper Chen looked over and saw that it was the eldest son of the town’s Official Liu.

He immediately cupped his hands and said with a flattering smile, “Eldest young master Liu, are you here to buy rice too?”

Eldest Young Master Liu was a 16-year-old youth. Perhaps it was because he had been well-taken care of, his skin was fair, his face was fair, his face was round, and his eyes were big. When he smiled, he looked exceptionally cute.

Young Master Liu said to shopkeeper Chen with a smile, “Shopkeeper Chen, I’m not here to buy rice. I’m just following this little girl. Shopkeeper Chen, I’m afraid you don’t know this. This child sold a big tiger this morning and received 380 taels of silver. So, she is definitely not a poor person!”

Shopkeeper Chen felt as if he had been struck by lightning!

However, he was a businessman and had thick skin. He immediately went up to Lin Yuelan and apologized, “Miss, I was blind just now. Please be understanding and forgive me for my recklessness!”

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, “Shopkeeper Chen, I’m just a child. I don’t know what you’re talking about.” Then, her tone changed, “After all, this is a free market. Since shopkeeper Chen doesn’t welcome a poor person like me, I’ll go find a place that welcomes me!”

Then, with the crowd looking on stiffly and Shopkeeper Chen staring angrily, Lin Yuelan went to the shop opposite Chen's grain store, Yun Xiang's grain store.

To anger Shopkeeper Chen even more, the poor child, in his eyes, bought more than ten stones of rice grains from Yun Xiang's grain store. In this era, one stone was equivalent to 53 kilograms in modern times. Therefore, Lin Yuelan had bought ten stones, which was equivalent to buying more than 1,000 catties.

This was Shopkeeper Chen's sales volume for half a year.

However, Shopkeeper Chen didn't reflect on his actions. Instead, he resented Lin Yuelan.

In the future, when Lin Yuelan had her own store, he gave her a lot of trouble.

But that was a story for another time.

# Chapter 67 - Children Bullying Children

Lin Yuelan wondered if the statement, 'please come and bully me' was written on her face.

She had no issue selling the tiger, but everything started to go wrong after she sold the tiger. First, she was targeted by the local hooligans, and then she was insulted by the grain store owner.

Now, when she came to buy some clothes, she had to get into a conflict with someone. This time, the person who had a conflict with her was a little girl who was as tall as her.

Although Lin Yuelan looked like she was eight years old, her real age was twelve. In her heart, she was thirty-two.

As a thirty-two person, Lin Yuelan really did not want to get into an argument with a kid. However, the girl didn't want to let her off.

"You poor wretch, what right do you have to buy such good fabrics to make clothes?" The owner of the disdainful voice was a girl wearing a pink dress with two pigtails. She stood before Lin Yuelan. She had big eyes, a round face, and pink and tender skin. She was a beauty.

However, the moment she opened her mouth, she ruined her beautiful image. This was a spoiled and arrogant young lady.

Lin Yuelan was scolded for no reason and could only roll her eyes. She would be called poor wherever she went.

The girl pointed at Lin Yuelan in anger and shouted, "I saw that! How dare you roll your eyes at me?" The child was relentless. As patient as Lin Yuelan was, she couldn't endure this anymore.

She rubbed her forehead and said somewhat helplessly, “Little girl, what do you want? First, you wanted the pastel-colored cloth I selected, so I gave it to you. Then, you wanted the pink cloth I chose. I surrendered it to you too. Now, I’m trying to get this baby-blue cotton fabric, and you’re calling me poor.” Then, she changed her tone and asked sternly, “Young missy, what do you want from me? Also, please move aside. I don’t have so much time to waste on you!”

Then, she said to the cloth shop owner, “Shopkeeper, give me a set of baby-set cotton cloth and a set of black cotton cloth! I don’t want this one anymore because it has been grabbed by the girl’s grubby hands already!” A set of cloth was about 1.6 meters long. It was just enough for Lin Yuelan to make two sets of clothes for herself.

The shop owner took a quick glance at the arrogant young lady. Then he took the ruler and began to measure the cloth.

The child was so angry that her face was flushed red. Her big, watery eyes stared at Lin Yuelan with anger. She pointed at Lin Yuelan again in anger. With an incredulous expression, she said to Lin Yuelan, “You poor wretch, how dare you ignore me?”

Lin Yuelan frowned. She was very confused. ‘Is this girl mentally ill? How can a person be so self-centered?’

Lin Yuelan didn’t care for the girl. If she were an adult, she’d feel ashamed bullying a kid, but she was a kid too.

Lin Yuelan also immediately turned around. “Young missy, you are unreasonable and arrogant. Are you out of your mind? If your mind is sick, go to the clinic. Don’t go around biting people.”

The girl was obviously not mentally ill because she felt insulted very quickly. Her small face immediately turned even redder. She said angrily out of embarrassment, “You... you... you poor wretch, how dare you call me a crazy dog?”

Lin Yuelan immediately waved her hand, then shrugged her small shoulders and said, “I didn’t call you a crazy dog. I can’t help it if you identify yourself as one!”

The girl, “...” This poor wretch didn’t call me a crazy dog. She just said I’d go around biting people. No, wait.

The girl was almost distracted.

The girl’s eyes widened, and she said angrily, “But you said that my mind is sick and told me to go to the clinic. You even said that I’d go around biting around. Doesn’t that mean that you’re calling a crazy dog?”

Lin Yuelan was surprised by the girl’s logical thinking. She honestly thought the girl was crazy.

But she was confused. Lin Yuelan minded her own business, purchasing fabric. However, this girl came and snatched everything Lin Yuelan had picked.

If it happened once, it might be an accident. Lin Yuelan decided to let it go. However, it happened not once, twice, but thrice! Lin Yuelan then understood the girl was doing it on purpose.

Lin Yuelan spread her hands and said to the child, “You keep calling me a poor wretch, but you’re always there to steal the fabric that I’ve chosen. Is your taste as bad as a poor person’s? Plus, you’re glaring at me as if I owe you. If you’re not mentally ill, then what is your problem?”

Lin Yuelan’s words were rather impolite. She directly called the child sick in the head.

The child’s face turned even redder after being scolded by Lin Yuelan. Her large eyes were brimming with tears. She looked so aggrieved and innocent.

Suddenly, she cried out loudly.

Lin Yuelan was stunned! ‘What is going on?!’

When the girl cried, her servant girl in a green dress immediately ran over. The servant girl was about the same size as them too. She pointed at Lin Yuelan as she cursed, “You poor wretch, what are you doing? How dare you make my young miss cry? Young Miss, don’t cry...”

Lin Yuelan was completely confused.

How could she explain this?

Lin Yuelan, who was still puzzled, suddenly saw a round-faced young man running towards her. He stood in front of the girl and said with great heartache, “Jiayin, why are you crying?”

This young man was the young master Liu who had helped Lin Yuelan when she was at the rice shop.

When Liu Jiayin saw her big brother, she wiped her eyes with her hand and glared at Lin Yuelan. Then, she cried out in grievance, “Big Brother, I just wanted to be friends with her, but she called me mentally ill!”

When Lin Yuelan heard that, she was dumbfounded! In fact, all the people around were shocked too.

‘Make friends? What is this newfangled method of making friends?’



# Chapter 68 - Way To Make Friends

Lin Yuelan really couldn't understand this child's brain.

Who would go around cursing people and then snatch their things because they wanted to be friends? It was really an eye-opener!

After hearing his sister's words, young master Liu felt a burst of embarrassment.

He knew his sister very well. His sister perhaps really wanted to make friends with Lin Yuelan. However, her way of making friends was rather...

He patted his sister's shoulder and turned around with an embarrassed look on his face.

He said, "I'm sorry, Miss, my sister really wants to make friends with you. However, she doesn't know how to. That's why she might have offended you with her actions and words! I apologize to this Miss on behalf of my sister!"

As he said that, he cupped his hands and bowed to Lin Yuelan. Lin Yuelan wasn't that narrow-minded. Since the brother had apologized, she decided to let it be. Besides, the girl didn't really do anything harmful other than grabbing her stuff and calling her poor.

Lin Yuelan nodded and then asked curiously, "Is your sister like this when she makes friends with everyone?" By insulting them and grabbing their stuff? If that was the case, who would be her friends?

Young Master Liu was once again embarrassed. He placed a fist under his chin and coughed lightly. His face was slightly red as he said, "Oh, no. To be honest, you might be the first person my sister wants to befriend. It's just that my sister has been spoiled by my parents since she was young. She always has things handed to her. So, in her mind, making friends should be..."

Lin Yuelan finally understood.

This child's brain was really amusing. The girl thought that calling her poor and snatching her stuff would make Lin Yuelan be interested in befriending her.

But who would have thought that was the case? The girl would get more enemies this way.

Lin Yuelan's forehead was filled with black lines. She looked at Miss Liu, who was still choking on her tears. Her eyes were still wide open, but they were bright. Her eyes were filled with anticipation and some desire.

Lin Yuelan opened her mouth. Finally, she asked with some confusion, "Miss Liu, why do you want to make friends with a poor girl like me?"

Liu Jiayin did not say anything. Instead, the little girl next to her said with some resentment, "Miss, it's because Young Miss saw you carrying a tiger on the street. We also heard that you were the one who took down the tiger. She thought you were a heroine and very awe-inspiring. That's why Young Miss wants to make friends with you."

'It all comes back to the tiger. But to be called a heroine because of a tiger didn't feel so appropriate.' Lin Yuelan thought the girl had overestimated her.

Lin Yuelan could only say, "But your Young Miss' ways of making friends are..."

The servant girl huffed and interrupted Lin Yuelan. She said loudly, "Our young miss hasn't made any friends before. She asked others how to make friends. They said that she needs to get you to get to notice her first.

"It was why my Young Miss did all those things. However, you have completely ignored her and made Young Miss feel so wronged."

Lin Yuelan didn't really know what to say. It would be a miracle if the girl could make any friends acting like this. Fortunately, the girl was only 8.

Even though the girl was a little unruly, willful, and arrogant. Overall, she wasn't a bad person. In a way, she was quite naive.

Besides, based on Young Master Liu and the girl's appearance, they should be from a rich family. She didn't mind Lin Yuelan's poor appearance and tried to befriend her, albeit in a very funny way.

Lin Yuelan thought she could use a friend in them. In the future, when she wanted to open a shop in this town, she could get them to support her. Furthermore, she had to deal with many problems at home as well. Having rich friends could shock the villagers from doing anything stupid.

As the saying goes: it's easy to dodge a spear in the open but hard to guard against an arrow in the dark!

Even if she had Little Green and her superpower, Lin Yuelan couldn't defend against the ugliness of the human heart.

Therefore, if she had a powerful backer, people would have second thoughts before they decided to attack her.

Now that a strong backer had voluntarily presented herself, why would Lin Yuelan push her away? Of course, she was willing to befriend Young Master Liu and Young Miss Liu because they did have upstanding characters.

Young Master Liu was also speechless when he heard the servant girl. His little sister... was so simple-minded!

He immediately berated the servant girl and said, "Xiao Lv, you should know better than allowing your Young Miss to take advice from strangers. Plus, you can't let your Young Miss go around insulting people. Jiayin, you're only making enemies and not friends with what you're doing. Do you understand?" He explained to Liu Jiayin.

Liu Jiayin understood the lesson. The method she used to attract Lin Yuelan's attention was wrong. It only made Lin Yuelan confused and angry. No wonder the girl called her crazy.

There were some tears at the corner of Liu Jiayin's eyes, and there was a slightly confused expression on her face. She asked, "Big Brother, was I wrong then?"

Eldest young master Liu nodded and said, “Yes, Ying ‘er, you did something wrong. So, you have to... Er, Miss, what’s your surname?”

“My surname is Lin.” Lin Yuelan answered.

“Ying ‘Er, you need to apologize to Miss Lin!”

Liu Jiayin was a straightforward and decisive person. Since she realized that she was wrong, she immediately apologized to Lin Yuelan and said, “Miss Lin, I’m sorry. I made a mistake just now. But... I just wanted to get your attention. However, you kept ignoring me. So I got angry.” It wasn’t really an apology, but it was quite cute.

Lin Yuelan burst into laughter, “Miss Liu, your way of making friends is really too special.

“Plus, I was also wrong to call you sick and mad. I apologize.”

Lin Yuelan could feel the girl’s sincerity.

Liu Jiayin’s eyes lit up, and she asked expectantly, “Miss, then are we friends now?”

# Chapter 69 - Riding A Carriage Back To The Village

When the villagers of Lin Family Village heard the sound of a horse carriage, they were very curious, especially when they saw how luxurious this horse carriage was. This was surprising to the villagers. They wondered who could actually afford such a beautiful and luxurious horse carriage.

“Sister Yue, how much longer do we have before we reach your house?” A clear and sickly voice asked. Someone lifted the curtain of the carriage and looked at the endless winding and muddy road. She had gone from excitement from seeing the lush greenery to current listlessness.

The journey to Lin Family Village was long, windy, and muddy. It was very difficult to traverse. Even in the best horse carriage, the journey was boring.

A crisp child in the carriage said in a slightly weak voice, “About an hour more!” Honestly, she was not sure too. After all, she walked to town that morning. She didn’t think it was that tiring.

Now, she was sitting in a carriage. If it were a flat road, it would be better. However, the carriage ride was simply torturing. The bumpy road made her stomach roll so much that Lin Yuelan wanted to vomit.

Lin Yuelan had never sat in a horse carriage in her entire life. In her previous life, the most common vehicles were the four-wheeled kind.

This was her second day of transmigration and she already had the privilege of riding in a horse carriage... It was ‘fun’.

She had almost vomited out her lunch. Before Lin Yuelan considered if she should invest in a horse carriage because she’d be making a lot of trips to town. But now, she realized maybe an ox cart was more suitable for her.

Although the ox cart was slow, at least it was stable.

Seeing Lin Yuelan leaning against the wall of the carriage weakly, Liu Jiayin asked with a worried look in her eyes, “Sister Yue, are... are you okay?” Her face was so pale that there was not even a hint of blood on it.

Liu Jiayin hesitated for a moment and said, “Sister Yue, why don’t I ask my brother to drive the carriage a little slower?” It was eldest young master Liu who was driving the carriage at the front.

To be honest, they were already going very slow. Otherwise, they would have reached Lin Family Village already.

Lin Yuelan’s pale face shook, and she said, “No need. We are almost at Lin Village.”

Liu Jiayin nodded her head suspiciously. Lin Yuelan had said that for the third time already.

Lin Yuelan pulled open the curtain, stretched out her hand, and pointed at the place where there was a thin wisp of smoke. “Jiayin, look, we can almost see the house. We are really almost there.”

When Liu Jiaying heard that, her tired face brightened immediately.

Her round and bright eyes widened, and she said quickly, “Really? Sister Yue!” Then, her little head looked out of the window. She did see a house in the distance. The smoke came from the cooking stove.

Lin Yuelan really couldn’t stand the bumpy ride anymore. She wanted to open the carriage door and get down to walk.

“Miss Lin, you really can’t ride a carriage, can you?” Eldest young master Liu said with a smile, “I’ve never seen such a serious case of motion sickness in my life. You’ve vomited practically all the way. Your face is drained of color.”

Ever since Lin Yuelan agreed to be their friends, the Liu Siblings, especially Liu Jiayin, immediately stuck to her like glue.

Wherever Lin Yuelan went, she would follow her. Young Miss Liu had never carried any heavy object in her life before, but she voluntarily helped to carry Lin Yuelan's stuff. This had her brother, and her servant girl flabbergasted.

It was as if Liu Jiayin had changed into a completely different person. Her previous domineering aura completely disappeared. Now, she was just like a little girl. She followed around the other girl who was in old and tattered clothes.

Young Master Liu was also very helpless towards his sister. He could only follow behind them and then came to help her sister with the stuff.

After Lin Yuelan finished her shopping, there were a lot of things like pots and pans that she had to carry home on her own. The rice grains would be sent by the shop via carriage the day after.

It was impossible to expect the Liu Siblings to help her carry all the things back to Lin Family Village. Therefore, Liu Jiayin suggested that Lin Yuelan could ride their horse carriage back home. The carriage could transport the stuff. Liu Jiayin also wanted to visit Lin Family Village.

Having no other choice, young master Liu could only personally send Lin Yuelan to Lin Family Village because he still needed to drive his sister back home.

“Whose family has such a beautiful carriage?” As they approached the entrance of Lin Family Village, some sharp-eyed villagers spotted them immediately.

“Could it be the village chief's younger brother, Lin Yishan?”

“It doesn't look like it.” Someone said with some doubt, “Although the carriage of Lin Yishan's family is equally beautiful, it is not as luxurious as this.”

“How would you know? Maybe their family has changed their horse carriage?”

“That’s true,” the person continued but soon pointed at the person inside the carriage. “Look, isn’t that the jinx?”

“I think you’re right!” The other person answered. “It looks like she’s talking and laughing with the person driving the carriage. They seem to be very familiar with each other. But, is the jinx familiar with Lin Yishan?”

That was impossible!

Lin Yishan only came back to visit his big brother once every year, so how could he be familiar with the jinx?

As they talked, the carriage rolled past them.

They quickly discovered that the person driving the carriage was a round-faced, slightly cute youth. Moreover, from the way he was dressed, he looked like an elegant young master. One could tell that he was from a rich family.

How did Lin Yuelan got to know a wealthy young master?

The villagers instantly filled up the blanks in their minds.

Lin Yuelan might look young, but she was already twelve. That was the age for most country girls to get married already. Therefore, they assumed that Lin Yuelan had taken a fancy to this wealthy young master.

“The girl is a jinx. Is she not afraid that she’d jinx this young master?”

“You’re really stupid. This young master clearly doesn’t know that the girl is a jinx. Otherwise, why would he be talking to the jinx?”

“That’s true.”

“No, we have to tell that young master to stay away from the jinx. We have to save him from the jinx!”



# Chapter 70 - Sister Yue, I'M So Sorry For Your Loss

When they arrived at Lin Yuelan's house, which was on the verge of collapse, Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin were both dumbfounded.

Was this a house?

The house their servants lived in, hell, even their woodshed was better than this hut.

Except for a few beams that were made of wood, almost all of this house was built from withered grass, and even the door was made from withered grass.

Was this house... habitable?

Liu Jiayin stared at the house of her heroine in shock. She could not speak. A moment later, she pointed at the little thatched house and asked with a stutter, "Sister Yue... Sister Yue... Is this... your House?"

Lin Yuelan thought to herself. 'Technically, it is not. But I'm the one living in it now.' She nodded and replied, "Yes."

She did not seem to mind at all. There was not a hint of embarrassment on her face. She was very calm and at ease, even when she was faced with the shock of her two new friends.

As she said that, she turned around and carried the things down from the horse carriage. These things were all daily necessities, pots, and pans. They were all new.

Liu Jiayin was still young, so she would not beat around the bush in conversations. She cried out in surprise, "Sister Yue, isn't your house too shabby? Don't you have a better house?"

It was too late for Liu Qi to cover his sister's mouth. His round face was filled with embarrassment as he said, "Miss Lin, my sister doesn't know how to filter her words. Please don't take it to heart!"

Who would be so rude to say to the master that their house was too shabby? Well... his little sister would.

Lin Yuelan didn't mind at all.

After all, her shabby little cottage was only temporary.

She had 380 taels of silver from selling the tiger, three gold ingots, and 100 taels of silver from the soldiers as well as almost 200 taels of silver she confiscated from the local ruffians. She used around 100 taels of silver to buy daily necessities. She had enough left over to build a new house.

However, she wanted to build a house with a big courtyard. She didn't have enough funds yet. So Lin Yuelan planned to save first. Therefore, the hut was her house for now.

Lin Yuelan answered Liu Qi with a smile, "It's fine. What Jiayin said is the truth." She finally understood the temperament of Liu Jiayin. She looked unruly, willful, arrogant, and unreasonable, but in fact, she was just a simple, kind, and straightforward little girl without any schemes.

However, Liu Qi's personality was completely opposite to Liu Jiayin's.

His round and cute face, and those big round eyes of his, were very deceiving. He looked like a naive and inexperienced child. In fact, he was a tactful person who was always on guard.

Perhaps, children from rich families were always more scheming than ordinary people. Otherwise, their family assets would be stolen by others already.

Liu Qi was friends with Lin Yuelan because of his sister, Liu Jiayin. However, how could he not be guarded against someone whom he had met for the first time?

Once his sister befriended Lin Yuelan, she cried to come to Lin Family Village. Liu Qi definitely wouldn't let his sister go alone. He was afraid that Lin Yuelan would use his sister to build a relationship with the Liu family, and then gain great benefits from the Liu family.

Therefore, he drove the carriage, brought her sister, and personally sent Lin Yuelan home.

However, when he saw this little thatched cottage that was on the verge of collapse, he was truly stunned.

He would never have thought that a child who could go up the mountain to fight tigers would actually be so poor and live in this shabby house.

However, the thing that puzzled him the most was the size of the house. The house was so small. Could she and her parents fit in it?

Liu Qi looked around at the villagers. They seemed very apprehensive. They were surprised, suspicious, and fearful. Liu Qi was confused. 'What is going on with these villagers? They might be curious about the horse carriage, but that doesn't explain the fear in their eyes.'

Liu Qi looked around suspiciously at the villagers and asked curiously, "Miss Lin, can you and your family fit in such a small house?"

Lin Yuelan gave him an unexpected answer.

Lin Yuelan answered flatly, "I don't have any family. I'm the only one who lives in this house!"

How could that be?

Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin didn't expect that Lin Yuelan would live in this house alone.

Liu Qi asked again in surprise, "What about your parents?"

Lin Yuelan answered flatly, "They are gone!"

She didn't say they died because they were still alive. However, having parents who were so stupid and filial was no different than having them dead.

However, for Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin, it sounded like Lin Yuelan's parents were dead.

A pitiful and sympathetic expression immediately appeared on Liu Jiayin's face. She said to Lin Yuelan, "Sister Yue, I'm sorry for your loss!" Then, she said in a very loyal tone, "Sister Yue, from now on, I will be your good sister and good friend. My parents will be your parents! I will definitely make my parents treat you like their own daughter."

Liu Qi's face was full of black lines! His sister was really too innocent. Why would she go around finding stepchildren for their parents? Furthermore, this was technically their first time meeting Lin Yuelan. Could they even trust her?

Then again, it was rare for his little sister to find a friend who matched her temperament. Therefore, as her older brother, he didn't want to discourage her. He just needed to be on guard in the future.

Liu Qi immediately echoed, "Yes, Miss Lin, I'm sorry for your loss! Since your parents are gone, you have to live well alone. I believe that your parents also want you to live well too." He didn't mention anything about his parents being Lin Yuelan's parents.

He was being tactful.

However, the Liu siblings did not realize that the surrounding villagers' expressions immediately became strange after hearing their words. Some of them even glanced at Chen Xiaoqing, who was secretly crying in a distant corner.

Lin Yuelan did not explain further.

She just nodded.

Then, she held the pot in one hand and the bucket in the other as she walked home.

After Lin Yuelan entered the house, the villagers who were closer to the siblings immediately walked over and whispered to the siblings, “Young Master and Miss, I advise you to stay away from her.”

As they spoke, they pointed in the direction of Lin Yuelan, “She is the famous Jinx of our village! Her parents are not dead, but they have severed their relationship with her!”

The Liu siblings were shocked once again!

# Chapter 71 - Return To The Village In A Carriage

Lin Yuelan and the people in the carriage chatted and laughed. Then, the carriage stopped at Lin Yuelan's hut. That was how the villagers confirmed the Jinx was familiar with the owner of the carriage.

Therefore, many villagers gathered around curiously.

They didn't expect that the Jinx would gain divine power and wisdom, kill a tiger and then return with rich friends in just two short days.

The transformation was hard to accept. More importantly, it made them feel jealous of Lin Yuelan.

Why? Of course, it was because the Jinx had started to earn money.

It was fine if she had a little money, but she actually got to know the rich young masters and young ladies in the town and even got the rich young master and young lady to send her home in a luxurious carriage. This was something that they could not bear to see.

To them, the Jinx should live in the mud and dust. She should be disgusting and hated.

Ying Zi looked at the round face of the handsome young man who had a smile on his face, and her face could not help but blush. She was in the age where butterflies would fly in her stomach. It was also the age when she was about to get married.

Even though Ying Zi had been to town before, she had never seen such a handsome young man. Therefore, when she saw Liu Qi, her heart was stirred.

She was so angry when she saw this handsome young man send the Jinx home. Her eyes were filled with jealousy and her hands were clenched into

fists.

However, when she noticed that the young man didn't seem to know anything about the jinx's background, she looked around and then shot a look at her mother, Gu Sanniang. She signaled with her eyes for her mother to send Liu Liujiao, the village's big mouth, to expose Lin Yuelan's background to the young master.

Actually, without any prompts from Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao was already ready to bombard Liu Qi with the 'truth' about Lin Yuelan. As for why? It was because she was a narrow-minded woman. She believed that a twelve-year-old jinx should be hated by all. Plus, she had a sixteen-year-old daughter, Lin Meimei, who hadn't married. Well, technically, Lin Meimei was already engaged. When she was 12, Lin Meimei was engaged to a boy from a neighboring village.

However, the young man missed his footing and fell down the mountain when he was harvesting herbs. He became a cripple.

After Lin Meimei heard about it, she cried and made a fuss. In the end, she broke off the engagement. However, only half of the betrothal gifts had been returned.

However, after breaking off the engagement, Lin Meimei couldn't find another man to marry. It was either because Lin Meimei wasn't satisfied with their looks or because Lin Meimei thought they were too old.

Furthermore, Liu Liujiao and Lin Meimei's reputation wasn't good either.

After Lin Meimei's ex-fiance broke his leg, Lin Liujiao immediately cut off the engagement. She even wanted to keep all the betrothal gifts. The boy's family in the end only managed to get half of the gifts back. When this matter spread among the villages, the people were surprised by Liu Liujiao's family's actions. Most of them did not agree with Liu Liujiao's cold-blooded and greedy actions. Therefore, good families wouldn't have considered having their sons marry Lin Meimei. Those with poor backgrounds would come to offer a marriage to Lin Meimei. However, the Liu family looked down on them.

Just like that, Lin Meimei was engaged at 12 but stayed single until she was 16. In this ancient era, being single at 16 basically meant that no one wanted to marry the girl. It was how Lin Meimei became a spinster.

However, a handsome young man around 16 suddenly appeared in Lin Family Village. He was dressed in bright clothes and was driving a beautiful carriage. He came from a rich family. Of course, Liu Liujiao wouldn't let go of the chance to snatch such a wonder son-in-law.

Lin Meimei was 16, and the young man looked like he was 16 too. They were a perfect match.

Therefore, even without the prompt from Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao was already planning to sow discord between the jinx and the rich young master.

Thus, when Lin Yuelan grabbed the stuff and entered the hut, she immediately ran over and told the Liu Siblings, "Young Master and Miss, I advise you to stay away from her." While saying that, she pointed in Lin Yuelan's direction and continued, "She is the famous Jinx of our village! Her parents are not dead, but they have severed their relationship with her!

"Anyone who helps her will face a disaster. For example, three years ago, an elementary scholar who helped her in our village is now lying in bed, unable to get up."

Liu Liujiao ignored the shocked expressions on Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin's faces. When she saw Lin Yuelan coming out of the house, she awkwardly slipped back to her previous position. It was like she hadn't done anything to speak ill of the Jinx behind her back. Liu Liujiao was still afraid of the divine power gifted to the jinx by the king of hell. Liu Liujiao was a coward. She wouldn't dare to provoke the jinx openly.

The Liu siblings were shocked.

They didn't even ponder the possibility that their new friend's parents were not dead, and the truth was so shocking!



A jinx? Their tiger-beating heroine had to live with such a reputation. She was despised by the villagers. Even her biological parents were so cold-blooded that they cut off their relationship with her.

No wonder she told them that her parents were gone. Then again, she was not telling a lie.

But they would have felt better if they were told a lie because the truth was much more infuriating.

At the very least, if Lin Yuelan's parents died, they could be forgiven for leaving Lin Yuelan alone to fend for herself. However, her actual parents were still alive, and they had cut off relations with her. They were really cold-blooded!

When Liu Qi heard that an elementary scholar from the Lin family village had been harmed by Lin Yuelan because he had helped her, he frowned slightly.

However, Liu Jiayin was only eight years old. She didn't think that far.

For her, it was too ludicrous for a heroine to bear the reputation of a jinx. She was even viewed as a jinx by her biological parents, who were both alive and well. Lin Yuelan hadn't even harmed them, but they actually tossed their daughter out because of hearsay!

Liu Jiayin became abnormally angry!

# Chapter 72 - Conflict

Everyone expected Liu Jiayin to be angry.

But the villagers expected that she'd be angry because of Lin Yuelan's deception.

After all, Lin Yuelan was a jinx. If she got too close to someone, that person might die. Therefore, it was understandable for Liu Jiayin to be angry after knowing Lin Yuelan's real background.

Liu Jiayin's cheeks were red, and her eyes were filled with unusual anger. She glanced at the villagers who were watching a show, and then said loudly, "You despicable villagers, what's wrong with sister Yue? You called her a jinx, but what has she done to you? Plus, what kind of parents does Sister Yue have? They are too heartless. With parents like that, it's better to be alone. No wonder Sister Yue said that they're gone!"

Ha...

Liu Jiayin's sharp words made many people suck in a breath.

Lin Yuelan had said the same words before, but the villagers didn't believe her. When Liu Jiayin repeated the same things, they felt angry.

Why?

They were angry about Liu Jiayin's accusation, especially Ying Zi, who was now jealous of Lin Yuelan.

When these two heard that Lin Yuelan was a jinx, they didn't get angry at Lin Yuelan for lying to them, but they felt sympathy for her.

Ying Zi glanced at the surprised crowd around her. After that, she slowly walked up to Liu Qi, half bent her body, and gave him the curtsy reminiscent

of a rich young lady. Ying Zi mimicked this from some of the young ladies she had seen in town.

Ying Zi stood up and glanced at the entrance of Lin Yuelan's house. She looked a little embarrassed as she spoke to Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin. When she looked at Liu Qi, there was a shy and bashful look on her face, "Young master, young miss, it's not that I'm complaining about Lin Yuelan, but... I'm really doing you both a favor. Just now, Auntie Liu has already told you that three years ago, the youngest son of our village chief helped her. However, not too long after that, he had an accident while riding on the ox cart, causing his lower body to be paralyzed. Even now, he is lying on the bed, and his title as the elementary scholar has been revoked. This is all her fault.

"Young Master and Young Miss are so close to her. The villagers and I are worried that the same tragedy will happen to you as it did the elementary scholar.

"Furthermore, it's not that the jinx's parents didn't want her. They are not cold-blooded and heartless. However, they have been so cursed by the jinx that they are weak and sick. The mother is weak that she can't even do any farm work.

"However, after the jinx is kicked out of the family, her parents' health miraculously recovered. Young Master, Young Miss, if you don't believe me, you can ask the other villagers."

Ying Zi smeared Lin Yuelan's name on the pretext of protecting the Liu Siblings. She wanted them to hate Lin Yuelan like the rest of the villagers.

After all, even if Lin Yuelan suddenly gained divine power and gained wisdom, most of the villagers still hated and rejected her as before. This was why Ying Zi believed the villagers would be on her side. The villagers wouldn't have anything good to say about Lin Yuelan.

Liu Jiayin did not care at all whether Lin Yuelan was a jinx or not. In her heart, Lin Yuelan would always be the heroine who carried the big tigers on her shoulders and stood majestically on the streets.

Plus, Liu Jiayin might be naive but she was not dumb. When she saw how this girl who was acting all coy before her elder brother, how could she not know what the girl was aiming at?

Liu Jiayin had encountered many women like this.

They were all lusting after her brother who was rich and handsome. They shamelessly tossed themselves at him. They either blushed at her brother, or purposely dropped their stuff around him. In the past, there were even some who pretended to trip and wanted to fall into her brother's arms...

Liu Jiayin really had no idea how these people could be so shameless. This girl before her was even worse. She slandered her new friend while trying to attract her brother's attention. How annoying.

Then, Liu Jiayin stared at Ying Zi with disdain and said, "Stop acting so coquettish around my brother. You look so ugly, and your heart is even uglier. My brother will not be interested in you!" She then added, "You are not worthy of my brother!"

Ying Zi's face turned from a bashful red to an even redder one. She was so angry that she turned red from embarrassment.

She had never thought that the girl in front of her, who was only a little shorter than her, would have such a vicious mouth.

Yes, she was trying to seduce the young master but being exposed so openly, Ying Zi felt so ashamed.

Ying Zi was ultimately just twelve years old. She was still a child. She immediately frowned at Liu Jiayin and shouted angrily, "What's wrong with you? I came here with good intentions to remind you, but you turned back to scold me instead. Do you really think that I am a country kid who is easy to bully?"

But then, her expression changed again. She looked at Liu Qi with an innocent and aggrieved expression and said in a coquettish tone, "Young master, I really didn't mean that. Look at your sister, how could she say these

things about me? If those words get out, how can I still get married?” That was a big enough hint that Ying Zi wanted to marry this young master.

Liu Jiayin raised her head and rolled her eyes. She sneered and muttered, “What a shameless woman!”

Liu Qi rubbed his forehead. Having such a willful and unruly sister gave him a headache.

Although this person called Ying Zi indeed had lustful feelings for him, his sister couldn't make her lose face.

Moreover, this girl called Ying Zi did come to remind them out of kindness. She had no malicious intentions.

Liu Qi cupped his fists and said to Ying Zi, “Young Lady, thank you for your kindness. But, we know what we are going to do. Please leave us for now!”

He did not mention anything about his younger sister insulting her.

Although Ying Zi was very displeased, she could only glare at Liu Jiayin when she saw Lin Yuelan coming out from the door. After that, she stomped her feet and left.

When Liu Jiayin saw Lin Yuelan coming out, she immediately stepped forward in anger and asked, “Sister Yue, they all say that you are a jinx. Is that true?”

## Chapter 73 - Conflict

When Lin Yuelan was working in the house, she could hear the villagers gossiping about her to the Liu Siblings.

Lin Yuelan expected Liu Qi's attitude. However, Liu Jiayin's insistence on protecting Lin Yuelan made the latter's heart warm.

Lin Yuelan had placed her trust in the wrong friend in her previous life. But now, an eight-year-old was staunchly defending her for no reason at all. She knew the girl was sincere. She was too young to be so calculative.

From that moment on, Lin Yuelan truly regarded Liu Jiayi as a friend, and not just because she was the daughter of a wealthy family. Technically, Lin Yuelan was old enough to be Liu Jiayi's grandmother, but who said they couldn't be friends?

As for Liu Qi, his attitude was not as clear. But it didn't matter. Lin Yuelan wanted to befriend Liu Jiayin and not Liu Qi. To put it bluntly, Lin Yuelan would see Liu Qi as a friend only because he was the eldest young master of the Liu family.

Lin Yuelan didn't quite care about Liu Qi's reaction. If he would continue to be her friend, then she secretly protect him and the Liu family. If he would not, she would not care about anything other than protecting Liu Jiayin.

After Lin Yuelan came out of the house, Lin Jiayin rushed over and asked in a loud voice, "Sister Yue, they all say that you are a jinx. Is that true?"

Lin Yuelan's attitude was very calm as she walked to the front of the carriage. Then, she glanced at the villagers around her with her sharp eyes and answered lightly, "Yes." Then, she easily and neatly took a large bag of flour from the carriage, which weighed twenty catties.

Seeing this, Liu Jiayin immediately went forward to give her a hand and said angrily, "Sister Yue, how can you be so indifferent? They said that you are a

jinx. How can you just let them call you that?” Her angry little face was flushed red as if she was the one being called the jinx. Her eyes were wide with anger, and her cheeks were puffy with anger. She wore a pink dress, which made her look very cute.

Lin Yuelan suddenly chuckled. She patted Liu Jiayin’s little face and said, “They are talking about me. What are you angry about? Besides, we can’t control their mouths. If they want to call me a jinx, then so be it. It’s nothing off my back anyway.”

Liu Jiayin still said angrily, “But, they are isolating you and spreading slander everywhere. This is too much.”

Lin Yuelan said, “Jiayin, we walk our own paths. Don’t care what others say.”

These villagers were still frightened by what happened to Lin Mingqing three years ago. Coupled with the instigation of some people, for the past three years, Lin Yuelan had been ostracized and isolated from the Lin family village.

But now that Lin Yuelan had been reborn, as long as the villagers didn’t provoke her, she could ignore the gossip behind her back. Once they did, she would take revenge immediately.

Liu Jiayin slowly calmed down. Since sister Yue did not care, she would listen to sister Yue. However, in her heart, Liu Jiayin was sure that the girl, who could go up the mountain to take down a tiger, wouldn’t be a jinx. They only called her a jinx because they were jealous of her.

Lin Yuelan really did not know that she had unknowingly received a loyal fan.

Compared to his sister’s closeness to Lin Yuelan, Liu Qi’s attitude was clearly much more distant than before.

He cupped his hands and smiled, “Miss Lin, the weather is a little late. My sister and I have to go back already!”

Lin Yuelan looked at the unnoticeable frost in his eyes, and the corners of her mouth curled into an unnoticeable smile.

It seemed that the eldest young master of the Liu family was still a little wary of her.

Lin Yuelan said with a chuckle, “Young Master Liu is right. The day is getting dark. You should leave. Otherwise, if something did happen on your way back, you’ll blame it on me. That would truly make me a jinx.”

Lin Yuelan’s straightforward words made Liu Qi feel a little embarrassed. But, he said with a little embarrassment, “Miss Lin, please don’t say that.”

Then, Liu Jiayin was reluctantly dragged into the carriage by Liu Qi.

After getting into the carriage, Liu Jiayin said to Lin Yuelan, “Sister Yue, I will definitely come and play with you again. Sister Yue, when you go to town, you must come to the Liu family to find me.”

Lin Yuelan nodded at Liu Jiayin and said, “Alright. I will come to visit you often in the future.”

After that, Liu Jiayin was dragged into the carriage.

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“In the future, you are not allowed to make friends with Lin Yuelan anymore.” On the way back, Liu Qi said to his sister, Liu Jiayin, with a serious expression on his face.

Lin Yuelan was a jinx. She was a girl who was ostracized and loathed by all the villagers. No matter how capable she was, they were not allowed to have anything to do with her.

What if they ended up like the elementary scholar of the Lin Family Village? That would make Liu Qi lose all his power in the Liu Family. They would be chased out of the Liu Family then.

Thinking of these consequences, Liu Qi felt a chill run down his spine.



Therefore, he made up his mind. No matter what, he couldn't have any contact with Lin Yuelan, let alone allow his sister to have any contact with her.

Even Lin Yuelan did not expect Liu Qi to be as ignorant as the villagers.

Then again, it was understandable.

Superstition was common for all ancient people, regardless of age, region, race, or class!

As the son of a large family in An Ning town, Liu Qi was the legitimate heir of the Liu family.

However, he was not the only heir. He had a lot of brothers from different mothers. They all wanted his spot.

If something happened to him...

What would happen to his weak mother?

What would happen to his naive sister?

Could he rely on his father, who loved his concubine more than his wife?

Liu Qi had to be careful. In order to prevent anything from happening, they had to keep a distance from Lin Yuelan. This was Liu Qi's concern.

He could not let anything happen to him because he could not gamble with the future of his mother and sister.

Therefore, when he heard the Lin Family Village's villagers call Lin Yuelan a jinx, he frowned.

Liu Jiayin had been well protected by her brother since she was young. She had never considered such things.

Therefore, when her brother forbade her from being friends with Lin Yuelan, she immediately became angry.

She glared at her brother with red eyes and said loudly, “Brother, don’t tell me you also believe that nonsense?”

Liu Qi said seriously, “It’s not nonsense! That is the truth.”

Three years ago, the news of an elementary scholar being expelled caused big news in An Ning Town. However, Liu Qi had no idea that it could be traced back to a jinx.

Liu Jiayin did not believe in these things at all.

She explained loudly, “That must be an accident, a coincidence. Sister Yue didn’t do anything. Brother, you are being very unfair.”

Liu Qi also said loudly, “Then, why would the whole village call her a jinx?” Then, Liu Qi warned her sternly, “In the future, you are not allowed to associate with her anymore, do you hear me?”

“I don’t!” Liu Jiayin was stubborn.

Then, she suddenly stood up, looking as if she was about to jump off. When Liu Qi saw this, his face immediately turned pale with fright.

“Ying ‘Er, it’s dangerous!” Liu Qi cried out in alarm. He stopped the horses, and the inertia threw Liu Jiayin out of the carriage.

There were stones on both sides of the road. If Liu Jiayin hit them, her face would be ruined, or she’d be crippled. Then, her life would be ruined.

## Chapter 74 - Friends

When Liu Jiayin fell from the carriage, she thought that she would break her bones too. But she landed on a patch of soft soil. Other than her clothes getting dirty, she was fine!

When Liu Qi saw his sister stand up completely unscathed, his tensed heart finally relaxed. ‘That was lucky or else...’

Little did Liu Qi know that that had nothing to do with luck at all.

When Liu Jiayin fell from the carriage, the pebbles on the ground automatically rolled to the side. Then, tender grass and weeds sprouted on the ground to cushion Liu Jiayin’s fall. Otherwise, the consequences would have been serious.

Liu Qi stopped the carriage, put down the reins, immediately jumped out of the carriage, ran to his sister, and examined her whole body. Other than some small dirt on her knees, he could not find any injuries, so Liu Qi was completely relieved.

Then, he sternly and seriously reprimanded his sister, “Liu Jiayin, you are too impulsive and too reckless! Do you know how dangerous it is for you to jump out of the carriage? Can you spare your brother some worry?”

Liu Jiayin also knew how dangerous it was. When she was scolded, she bit her lips stubbornly with tears rolling down her face. Her brother had never been so harsh with her before.

When Liu Qi saw his sister’s wronged expression, his heart ached terribly. However, he knew that if he did not teach his sister a good lesson, she would change her ways.

After lecturing her for a while, Liu Qi continued, “It seems that you really need to stay away from Lin Yuelan. We have just departed from her, and you almost got into an accident. Thankfully, you landed on a soft opening in the

land. Otherwise, you'd be disfigured or crippled!" In other words, Liu Qi was blaming Lin Yuelan for this incident.

Liu Jiayi initially regretted suddenly standing up in the carriage. However, when she heard her brother push the blame onto Lin Yuelan, she immediately became angry again.

She shouted angrily at her brother, "Brother, you are too unreasonable! I was the one who stood up in the carriage, so how can you blame sister Yue?"

Then, she ran away crying.

She ran in the direction of the Lin family village.

It seemed that she had gone back to find Lin Yue Lan.

Liu Qi was dumbfounded.

He was doing everything for his sister's sake, but his sister couldn't understand his good intention at all. Instead, she had turned her back on him for a person she had known for less than a day.

Seeing her sister run away, Liu Qi was also wondering if he had done anything wrong.

Lin Yuelan was really a good girl. If she did not have the reputation of being a jinx, he would also be very happy for his sister to make such a friend.

But their backgrounds were too different.

One was the daughter of a rich family, and the other was a jinx from the countryside.

One was rich, and the other was poor.

Afraid that something would happen to his sister, Liu Qi looked in the direction of the Lin family village and sighed. Then, he jumped on the horse carriage, turned around, and rode towards the Lin family village.

Fortunately, the Lin Family Village was not that far away.

Liu Jiayin was surprised by the attitude of her big brother. He actually placed so much emphasis on the slander against Sister Yue.

Liu Jiayin cried and ran in the direction of Lin Family Village, or more precisely, Lin Yuelan's home.

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As for Lin Yuelan, when Liu Qi and Liu Jiayi were leaving, she had asked Little Green to pay attention to their movements.

Firstly, she wanted to check Liu Qi's true attitude. Secondly, she really wanted to protect the siblings in the dark. She could not let the incident of Lin Mingqing happen again.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan knew about the conflict between the siblings, Liu Jiayi's close accident, and the girl running to her house.

When Lin Yuelan saw Liu Jiayi fall out of the horse carriage, Little Green immediately asked his friends to move the sharp stones that would harm Liu Jiayi. Then, Little Green softened the ground and coaxed the grass to grow.

Lin Yuelan was wearing the same set of clothes as before. With her hands behind her back, her eyes were sharp as she stood on the road, waiting for Liu Jiayi's arrival.

When she saw Lin Yuelan, Liu Jiayin's tears fell like rain, and she looked very wronged.

Liu Jiayin hugged Lin Yuelan, who was dressed in tattered clothes, and cried out loud, "Sob, sob... Sister Yue, my brother just scolded me. My brother has never scolded me so harshly before."

Liu Jiayin really did care about Lin Yuelan, so Lin Yuelan was moved.

Liu Jiayin might change in the future, but currently, she really treated Lin Yuelan as a friend. Of course, Lin Yuelan would treat her as a friend too.

Lin Yuelan's heart was not made of stone.

She gently patted Liu Jiayin's back and comforted her, "Jiayin, your brother is also doing this for your own good!"

Then, Lin Yuelan's sharp eyes stared at the carriage that was rapidly approaching.

# Chapter 75 - Stealing Silver

Once again, Liu Qi led his sister, Liu Jiayin, back into the carriage.

However, the words Lin Yuelan said to him kept ringing in his ears: ‘Stupid people listen to stupid words. Smart people will do smart things!’

Liu Qi thought that he was a smart person, but after hearing Lin Yuelan’s words, he began to doubt himself in his heart. Was he a stupid person or a smart person?

He didn’t want to believe Lin Yuelan’s rumors. However, the entire village rejected and hated her. He had no choice but to believe that.

However, Lin Yuelan’s words gave him a deep shock!

He had to think carefully now. Could they really befriend Lin Yuelan, the jinx?

If Lin Yuelan really did jinx them, then the consequences...

However, if the incident with the Lin Family elementary scholar was just a coincidence and Lin Yuelan was framed...

It seemed like there was a deeper story behind Lin Yuelan. He needed to dig deeper before he could make a decision.

Liu Qi had made up his mind. When he returned, he would send someone to investigate the cause of Lin Yuelan being called the jinx.

In fact, Lin Yuelan didn’t really care about what Liu Qi did or didn’t do. She was very clear that the Liu family was the Liu family, Liu Qi was Liu Qi, and Liu Jiayin was Liu Jiayin.

The friend she wanted to make was Liu Jiayin. As for Liu Qi, she was just taking advantage of him.

He was the eldest young master of the Liu family, and she needed a backer.

However, if Liu Qi was not willing to help her, she did not want to force him. At most, her current life would be slightly harder, but she wouldn't die because of it.

Liu Qi had no idea that his choice would decide the Liu Family's future. It would affect whether the Liu Family would be Lin Yuelan's partner or common admirer in the future!

As for how Liu Qi would choose, his heart was also filled with doubts and hesitation!

After the Liu siblings left for the second time, Lin Yuelan frowned slightly.

She would protect Liu Jiayin no matter what. As for Liu Qi and the Liu family, it would depend on Liu Qi's choice.

If he chose to be her friend, then she would treat him as a friend. In the future, when she struck gold, she would not forget about his portion. However, if he chose to act as ignorant as the Lin Family villagers, then Lin Yuelan wouldn't be so stupid to stick to him anymore.

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The next day, Lin Yuelan went up the mountain again.

The main purpose of going up the mountain this time was to harvest medicinal herbs, like ginseng, lingzhi, and other precious medicinal herbs!

She was not going to sell them but to plant them in her space.

Once Lin Yuelan left, groups of people immediately barged into her small hut. Since the door was made of hay, there was no lock. Even if there was a lock, people could easily kick down the door. In fact, people could easily poke a hole in the wall. They didn't even need to use the door.

Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu sneakily approached Lin Yuelan's hut before dawn. They hid behind a pile of grass, their eyes shining as they stared at the



cottage. It was as if they wanted to see through the thick grass walls and see the people inside.

Lin Daniu whispered to Li Cuihua with some excitement, “Mother, where do you think this jinx will hide the silver?”

He had heard that Lin Yuelan had sold that big tiger for 380 taels of silver. He had also seen her take that beautiful tiger skin off the carriage yesterday.

Therefore, in a while, he would swipe the silver and the tiger skin. He knew that the beautiful and undamaged tiger skin could be sold for at least 100 taels of silver. In fact, bigger families in the capital would offer up to 400 taels for the tiger skin.

When Lin Daniu thought of the money and the tiger skin, he could not suppress the excitement in his heart.

He wanted nothing more than to grab the silver and leave. With the money, he could buy jewelry for Widow Li and Official Liu’s daughter. With the silver, he could hook up with more beauties in town.

Lin Daniu felt restless. He wanted to rush into the hut and be the first to snatch all the money.

Why the first?

Because he knew that even though his mother doted on him, she wouldn’t allow him to have all the silver.

A son knew his mother!

Li Cuihua’s plan was as Lin Daniu predicted.

There was no way she would let Lin Daniu take away all the silver.

Firstly, she was in charge of the family finance and all the money had to pass through her hands.

Secondly, she needed money for the family expenses.

Thirdly, and most importantly, her third grandson, Lin Dazong, was the future master scholar. In the future, he would be a high official. However, before that happened, he needed silver to buy paper, ink, book and so on. The Lin Family had to supply Lin Dazong with a lot of money.

Therefore, for the sake of Lin Dazong's future glory, Li Cuihua had to make sure she had all the silver in her hands.

As for why the two of them had come to stake out the hut before dawn... Well. It was to sneak into Lin Yuelan's house and steal the money when no one was around.

Lin Yuelan was now blessed with divine power, so they wouldn't be stupid enough to go head-to-head with her. Moreover, Lin Yuelan had become cold and ruthless after a trip to the underworld. She even slapped her uncle and broke his leg.

Fortunately, the doctor had managed to reattach the bone for Lin Siniu. However, this made Lin Siniu suffer a great deal of pain, which made him hate Lin Yuelan even more.

When dawn came, Lin Yuelan left.

"Mom, the wretched girl has gone out. Let's sneak in!" Lin Daniu said excitedly while pulling her mother's sleeve.

Li Cuihua was also excited and said, "Yes, let's go!"

When they approached the door of the cottage and saw another group of people, Li Cuihua lost her composure and screamed, "Why are you here?"

# Chapter 76 - No Honor Among Thieves

Lin Yuelan had gotten a few hundred taels of silver from selling the large tiger. Then, many villagers saw Lin Yuelan buy many new pots and pans. There was even rice grain being taken out of the horse carriage.

These things were a great attraction to the poor villagers. Therefore, many people wanted to rob Lin Yuelan.

On the surface, they were afraid of Lin Yuelan's divine power. After all, she managed to take down a tiger on her own.

However, they had been observing Lin Yuelan since yesterday night. As soon as she left, they would sneak into her hut to rob her blind. Where could she hide things in her shabby hub? Even if they had to dig under the ground, they would find her silver.

As for the newly bought pots and pans, they were even easier to steal.

Therefore, before the sky was even bright, there were waves of people sneaking around Lin Yuelan's shabby little cottage.

However, due to the lack of light, they didn't see each other. Who knew so many people had the same idea?

When they approached the hut, the groups of villagers looked at each other in dismay.

Li Cuihua pointed at Liu Liujiao, Gu Sanniang, and the others and shouted angrily, "Why are you here?" Lin Yuelan's assets should go to her family. But these people brazenly came to steal from her. How shameless!

After being caught, Gu Sanniang felt a little embarrassed and found an excuse to say, "Auntie Li, I woke up early in the morning to use the toilet and came

here out of curiosity when I saw you guys here.”

“Bullshit!” Li Cuihua was angry and scolded, “Your house’s toilet is so far away from here. Do you come here to steal the girl’s money?” Li Cuihua pointed out the obvious.

Since she was exposed, Gu Sanniang no longer concealed her motive. She said, “The jinx has obtained so much silver from the sale. My family is short on money, so why can’t I take it from her?” She said this very naturally like Lin Yuelan owed her money.

Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu believed that Lin Yuelan’s silver belonged to the Lin family. The silver didn’t even belong to Lin Yuelan in their mind, much less the other villagers.

When Lin Daniu thought that this money might fall into the hands of others, he couldn’t suppress the anger in his heart.

Lin Daniu sternly shouted at Gu Sanniang and Liu Liujiao, “Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao, how dare you steal from the Lin Family? I’m going to report you to the village elders!” He didn’t say he was going to report them to the court because he was afraid of the court. After all, he was a thief too.

Instead, he threatened them with a complaint to the village elders because he was Lin Dazong’s father. Lin Dazong was going to be the future elementary scholar. The elders would definitely favor him. Secondly, Lin Yuelan was still from Lin Laosan’s family. Therefore, Lin Yuelan had to hand over the money to Lin Laosan’s family.

In short, the elders would side with Lin Laosan’s family, and they would punish Gu Sanniang and Liu Liujiao, who also came to steal money.

Liu Liujiao was also furious when she heard Lin Daniu say that he would go to the elders. She also shouted angrily, “Lin Daniu, you are so shameless. How can you say that the jinx’s money belongs to your family? Everyone knows that she has severed blood ties with your family already!

“Looking at your sneaky appearance, don’t think we don’t know you’re also here to steal from the jinx?!”

“And you dare to call us thieves? That’s the pot calling the kettle black!” Liu Liujiao indirectly admitted that she was there to steal.

Liu Liujiao was famous in the village for her big mouth. Therefore, she had a silver tongue that could turn the truth upside side.

When Lin Daniu threatened her, she immediately exploded.

When Li Cuihua heard Liu Liujiao say the jinx’s money had nothing to do with Lin Laosan’s family, she was furious too. She immediately cursed, “Liu Liujiao, you big mouth. Who said that the jinx’s money has nothing to do with my family anymore? Let me tell you. The jinx’s money is my money. If you know what’s good for you, leave immediately. Otherwise, I’ll shout for the entire village to come over. They’ll see that Liu Liujiao and Gu Sanniang came early in the morning to steal the money from the jinx.”

Liu Liujiao said without the slightest fear of provocation, “Go on and shout them! Bring all the villagers over here. We’ll see whether it is more embarrassing for me, or is it more embarrassing for you, Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu, the jinx’s former grandmother and uncle?”

Gu Sanniang saw that their argument was getting more and more heated. When no one was paying attention, she sneaked into Lin Yuelan’s hut.

Li Cuihua couldn’t win against Liu Liujiao. She was so angry that her face turned green and white. She immediately went forward to scratch Liu Liujiao’s face.

Liu Liujiao was a fat woman in her forties, while Li Cuihua was in her fifties. She was weaker than Liu Liujiao.

Therefore, the difference in age made Li Cuihua weaker.

The two of them struggled.

Li Cuihua failed to scratch Liu Liujiao. Instead, Liu Liujiao scratched her face a few times. Red marks immediately appeared on her face. Li Cuihua was furious. She reached out to grab Liu Liujiao's hair.

Liu Liujiao saw this coming. She quickly grabbed Li Cuihua's hair first.

Li Cuihua was at a disadvantage. She became angry from embarrassment and shouted at Liu Liujiao, "Liu Liujiao, how dare you hit me?" Then, she shouted at Lin Daniu angrily, "Ol One, are you dead? Can't you see that your mother is being bullied? Quickly come over and help. Pull this woman away!"

When Lin Daniu saw the two women fighting, he was stunned. He only came to his senses when his mother shouted at him.

No matter how weak Lin Daniu was, he was still a man. He was much stronger than Liu Liujiao. Lin Daniu easily rescued Li Cuihua from Liu Liujiao.

The moment Li Cuihua was freed, she was angry. She said, "Ol One, let's teach this old woman a lesson first!" Lin Daniu agreed.

However, Liu Liujiao wasn't someone who would sit still and not counter.

Just as Li Cuihua was about to make another move, she immediately scratched Li Cuihua's face and grabbed her hair again. The pain made Li Cuihua howl.

Lin Daniu also went forward to grab Liu Liujiao's hair.

Suddenly, a clang came from inside the hut.

The group that was fighting was stunned at first, but they immediately reacted.

Then, they quickly let go of each other and quickly ran into the hut.

# Chapter 77 - Red-Handed

Did Lin Yuelan not know about the waves of people visiting her home?

Of course not.

When the people looked at her with jealousy as she descended from the horse carriage yesterday, Lin Yuelan already knew what was on their minds. After all, she had survived years in the apocalypse. These people wanted to steal from her.

However, these villagers would never have thought that her silver would not be hidden in any corner of her house. She carried the silver with her. She stored the silver in her magical space. She left out a small portion of the new stuff she bought around the hut and kept most of them inside her space.

The small portion was bait.

Otherwise, she would have to deal with thieves every time she bought something new. Rather than dealing with them in the future, Lin Yuelan wanted to solve everything all at once.

Lin Yuelan sat on a branch of a big tree on the mountain top. Her tender little face was calm, but her big eyes carried a sharp gaze as she looked in the direction of her home.

Lin Yuelan touched Little Green, who was sitting in front of her chest. The two green leaves were swaying. She asked, “Little Green, what’s the situation now?”

She didn’t have clairvoyance, so she could only find out what had happened in the hut through Little Green’s communication with other plants.

Little Green’s sharp buds curved, and then he said in a crisp voice, “Master, Li Cuihua and Liu Liujiao started fighting each other, while Gu Sanniang took the opportunity to sneak into our house and rummage through it.

“When she was inside the hut, Gu Sanniang accidentally broke one of our earthen jars, startling Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, and Liu Liujiao. They stopped quarreling and immediately went into the house and started rummaging through the cabinets.”

A sneer appeared on Lin Yuelan’s tender face as she said, “Do these people really think I am so easy to bully? Little Green, call Little White. Let’s go home!”

Little Green’s sharp bud bent, and he immediately replied, “Alright!” He slipped down from Lin Yuelan’s body and slithered away.

Lin Yuelan did not move. She stood up on the tree branch. She was expressionless, and her eyes looked far ahead. Her gaze was sharp.

Although it was safer here than in the apocalypse, the people annoyed her a lot. However, she knew that she couldn’t deal with the darkness inside people’s hearts in a day.

All she could do now was to intimidate and warn!

Not long after, Lin Yuelan heard a deafening tiger roar.

The corners of Lin Yuelan’s mouth curled up, and there was a happy smile on her face.

The tall, fierce, and awe-inspiring Little White carried Little Green as it walked to the big tree where Lin Yuelan was standing.

When it arrived at the location that Little Green had mentioned, Little White stood still and looked at the top of the tree with its big white head.

When it saw the small black shadow, its big round eyes suddenly lit up. Then, it roared at the top of the tree as if it was greeting the people on the tree.

Little Green jumped down from Little White’s back and then sneaked back to Lin Yuelan’s side.



Lin Yuelan gently stroked Little Green's two green leaves, then looked at Little White, who had an innocent look in its eyes. She smiled.

Then, she climbed down the tree with Little Green. When they were almost at the bottom of the tree, she jumped onto Little White's back.

Little White steadily caught Lin Yuelan. Lin Yuelan grabbed the white fur on Little White's neck. Then, she gently patted it and laughed happily. She praised loudly, "Little white, good job!"

Little Green slid down from Lin Yuelan's shoulder and jumped onto her wrist. Then, it circled a few times and turned into something like a jade bracelet.

Lin Yuelan stroked Little Green's exposed sprouts with one hand. Then, she patted Little White's back and said, "Let's go, Little White!"

The girl and the tiger thus swaggered into the village from the mountain.

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The clank startled the three people fighting. It was the sound of jars breaking. It woke the trio up.

The three were fighting while Gu Sanniang had already sneaked into the hut to look for the silver.

How could she be so despicable? The three cursed!

The three immediately stopped fighting. They quickly slipped into the house. Why? Of course, they were going to look for silver.

Three women and a man rummaged through the entire house. They even checked the black ashes on the stove.

"This is strange." Lin Daniu frowned and muttered to himself, "Where did that wretched girl hide the money?" He used his hand to push away the weathered hay that formed the way.

The small hut, which was already not stable, became even more dilapidated. They poked holes here and there in the walls.

Lin Daniu thought that Lin Yuelan would hide the money in the wall. It was why he was basically tearing down the house. For some people, they would chip out a brick and then hide valuables behind it. The brick would be replaced, and one would be none the wiser.

Lin Yuelan's hut was not made of brick, but she still could hide the money in the wall, right?

The moment Li Cuihua entered the house, she saw the clean bed with a new quilt with orchids on it. A hint of anger immediately appeared on her face as she cursed, "That bitch actually used our money to buy such a good quilt. What a jinx and wastrel!"

Her hands did not stop moving. She walked to the side of the bed, picked up the quilt, and shook it a few times. However, silver didn't fall out of the quilt as she expected.

She then tore the quilt with all her strength. However, other than cotton and cotton thread, there was nothing else hidden in the quilt. Not even a copper coin could be seen, let alone the silver.

Li Cuihua threw these things aside and began to rummage around on the bed but found nothing.

Li Cuihua was unwilling to give up, so she jumped off the bed and slipped under the bed to search.

Gu Sanniang came in first. She searched Lin Yuelan's room based on how she'd hidden her own money.

As soon as she saw the bottles and jars, she began to dig through them. She even poured out the seasonings from the jars Lin Yuelan had just bought.

Liu Liujiao entered the kitchen directly.

Every corner of the kitchen had been wiped clean. There wasn't a trace of any silver.

The sky was getting brighter. They didn't even find a single copper coin, let alone silver or banknotes.

The four of them were very unwilling to give up. However, they couldn't continue searching.

Because, in a moment, there would be a passing crowd.

Suddenly, the four of them had a tacit understanding.

When they saw the brand new items in Lin Yuelan's hut, they immediately split up to snatch them.

Then, they grabbed their spoils and prepared to go home.

However, when they stepped out of the door and saw the figure standing at the door, the four of them immediately turned pale with fright.

# Chapter 78 - Red-Handed

Lin Yuelan sat on Little White's back and stood at the door of her house.

She was expressionless, and her sharp eyes were staring at the door.

When Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Liu Liujiao, and Gu Sanniang failed to find the money and walked out of the door with Lin Yuelan's newly purchased items, they saw Lin Yuelan sitting majestically on the back of a big tiger.

The four of them were so frightened that the things in their hands fell to the ground with a clang. The fear in their eyes was exposed.

They were not afraid of Lin Yuelan but Little White that she was sitting on.

The day before yesterday, they had also seen a big tiger at Lin Yuelan's place, but that tiger was already dead. Of course, they weren't afraid. They were shocked at first, but after knowing the tiger was dead, they slowly calmed down.

However, now a big, tall, and fierce tiger stood before them. Moreover, this big tiger looked even bigger than the dead tiger they had seen before.

The four of them were so scared that their faces were pale, and their hands and feet were weak. They held onto each other. While they were fighting earlier, now they became each other's support.

"Is that a real tiger?" Gu Sanniang opened her eyes wide in fear and asked with a trembling and frightened voice

"Is... is it?" Liu Liujiao usually had a big mouth. She spoke as if she was not afraid of anything. However, at this moment, she looked at the Big White Tiger in fear and asked nervously.

As for Lin Daniu and Li Cuihua, they were so scared that they did not even have the strength to speak. Especially Lin Daniu, who was so scared that he

sat on the ground. There was even some suspicious liquid under his body.

What was that liquid?

The answer was clear.

Lin Yuelan immediately rolled her eyes and looked at Lin Daniu with disdain.

The man was even weaker than the three women. He was so scared that he peed himself.

Lin Yuelan jumped down from Little White's back and patted it. As if understanding Lin Yuelan, Little White raised his head and roared at the sky.

In an instant, the entire Lin family village shook as if the sky was shaking.

The four people were even more scared and sprawled on the ground.

Lin Yuelan slowly walked forward. Looking at the pale faces of the four people, a cold smile appeared on her tender face. Then, the cold smile turned into a light smile.

She looked at the four of them with a smile and asked with a puzzled look, "Elder Li, Auntie Liu, Auntie Gu, uncle Lin, what are the four of you doing lying in front of my house?"

Then, she looked at the things scattered around them, such as the new quilt that had been torn apart, the porcelain bowl, the earthen jar, and so on.

Lin Yuelan immediately stopped smiling, and her expression became stern. She pointed at these things with her little finger and asked with a serious expression, "What's going on? Why are the things I bought yesterday in your hands?"

Then, with a stern expression, she asked again, "You're at my house, and these things are scattered around you. Did you come to steal from me when I was not home?"

The four of them were scared out of their wits by the appearance of the Big Tiger. The imposing manner of Lin Yuelan startled them too.

They did try to steal from Lin Yuelan, but they didn't expect the jinx to come back so soon. Plus, she would come back with a tiger!

The four couldn't answer Lin Yuelan's interrogation.

It wasn't that they didn't want to defend themselves, but that they hadn't regained their senses and didn't have the strength to defend themselves.

Little White's roar had attracted the whole village. Lin Yuelan was doing this on purpose.

Why?

It was very simple. It was to make an example out of the thieves!

How to make an example if the crowd was not there?

She didn't even want to find trouble with Lin Laosan's family so soon, but Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu wouldn't leave her be. If she did not teach them a deep lesson, they would still think that they could still bully, scold, beat and rob Lin Yuelan as before.

As for Liu Liujiao...

If she didn't spread the jinx rumor three years ago, Lin Laosan's family wouldn't think about killing Lin Yuelan. Liu Liujiao was the main reason all the tragedies befell Lin Yuelan.

Originally, Lin Yuelan planned to deal with Liu Liujiao later, but the woman volunteered to be taught a lesson.

As for Gu Sanniang, because of her daughter Ying Zi, Lin Yuelan didn't have a good impression of her at all. A child reflected a lot on their parents.

At such a young age, Lin Ying Zi was already a horrible person. She was smart but had a jealous mind. Her mother, Gu Sanniang, couldn't be much

better. This was a woman who cheated on her dead husband with other married men in the village. She was not a good person.

Lin Yuelan saw that the four of them were weak and pale, but she had no sympathy in her heart.

Lin Yuelan shouted again, “Are you really here to steal from me?”

Then, without waiting for their response, she walked straight into her own house. She didn’t even need to open the door because the thieves didn’t even close the door. They only remembered to grab their things. It was like the things in Lin Yuelan’s house belonged to them.

As soon as Lin Yuelan walked into her own small hut, she saw the mess on the ground, and there was faint anger on her face.

Although she left some things at home as bait, when she saw the mess in the house, Lin Yuelan couldn’t hide her anger.

The ground was filled with the remains of the broken bowls and jars, as well as torn old clothes and quilts.

The walls were poked with holes of all sizes. She bought a new set of teacups. They were not of perfect quality, but they were valuable enough. There were six cups in one set, but four were missing, and two were shattered on the ground.

The new quilt she bought was gone. The bedsheets were shredded. All the new bowls, new chopsticks, and new cans were either gone or shattered.

Lin Yuelan checked the kitchen.

The oil and salt had been stolen. The seasonings dirtied the ground. The new pot was gone. The stove had been pried open, and the floor was covered in mud and dust.

Lin Yuelan walked to the door and shouted at the culprits angrily, “You all really tried your best to ensure that I wouldn’t be able to survive!”

# Chapter 79 - Grandpa Lin Qi

Little White's roar was deafening, and everyone in the village heard it.

Even cats and dogs were filled with panic after hearing this roar.

For a moment, there was meowing and barking everywhere. The village was bustling with panic.

“Grandpa Qi, you also heard the roar of a tiger, didn't you?” A young man asked a white-haired old man.

Grandpa Qi nodded anxiously, “The tiger roar shook the mountains. Even if I couldn't hear it, I could feel it. But what is the tiger doing out of the mountain?”

The question was meant for the young man and himself.

“Right, has anyone gone to call Lin Dawei?” Grandpa Qi asked.

Every time a ferocious beast came down the mountain, the only hunter in the village, Lin Dawei and his family would be called.

“Grandpa Qi, someone has already gone to call him,” the young man replied.

Grandpa Lin Qi was one of the more prestigious elders of the Lin Family Village. He was from Lin Laosan's previous generation. Even Lin Laosan had to call him Uncle Qi.

He was now in his seventies. In ancient times, he was considered a saint already. He was one of the few aged elders in the village. He was very well-respected.

Normally, he rarely showed up. He only appeared when there was something important in the village. Even the village chief had to respect his opinion.



Three years ago, when Lin Laosan had the ritual, Lin Qi didn't show up because he didn't think it was a big deal. He couldn't care less if Lin Yuelan died or not.

If he had stood up for Lin Yuelan back then, perhaps Lin Yuelan's life wouldn't have been so miserable.

That day, the tiger's roar had drawn out this old man.

Grandpa Lin Qi said anxiously, "We haven't had a tiger in the village for decades already. Why is this happening now?"

The young man supported Grandpa Lin Qi and frowned slightly. After thinking for a moment, he said, "Grandpa Qi, it's very likely that the tiger is down the mountain to take revenge for the tiger that the jinx, Lin Yuelan, killed two days ago."

Lin Qi stopped for a moment. He asked in puzzlement, "Lin Yuelan? Who is Lin Yuelan?"

Lin Qi usually stayed at home and never stepped out of his house unless something big happened in the village.

Therefore, it seemed normal that Lin Qi did not know about Lin Yuelan.

The young man paused. He didn't expect Grandpa Qi to not know about Lin Yuelan. The young man said, "Grandpa Qi, do you remember three years ago when Lin Laosan tried to sever the relationship with his fourth granddaughter?"

Lin Qi leaned on his walking stick. His aged face wrinkled slightly, like a wrinkled chrysanthemum. His aged and turbid eyes looked ahead with shrewdness.

He asked with slight doubt, "Lin Laosan?"

The young man nodded, "Three years ago, the fourth granddaughter of the third Lin family was declared by the Taoist priest to be a jinx. Lin Laosan's family wanted to kill the girl, but the village chief's family stopped them. The

girl was saved. But the youngest son of the village chief's family, Lin Mingqing, got into an accident soon after that. He was paralyzed and had his title as an elementary scholar revoked. Everyone said that it was because he had helped the jinx."

Lin Qi knew about this.

After all, it was not easy for a village to cultivate an elementary scholar. However, the title was revoked because of an accident. Something so major couldn't be hidden from him.

Lin Qi frowned slightly and said sharply, "So, that girl killed a tiger, and the tiger's friend came down the mountain to take revenge?"

The young man didn't dare to make a rash judgment and could only reply, "It looks like that. Besides, the tiger's roar seems to come from the jinx's place."

Lin Qi nodded. "Okay. Let's go look."

However, the young man stopped him, "Grandpa Qi, you should stay. If the big tiger came to take revenge, it would be fierce. If you're injured, it'll be very serious. You'd better leave it to us, young people."

Lin Qi's hand knocked his walking stick to the ground. He said firmly, "A tiger in the village concerns the safety of the entire Lin family village. How can I sit back and do nothing? Let's go. I must go."

Lin Qi was stubborn. The young man had no choice but to oblige.

They passed many villagers carrying shovels, hoes, poles, and the like. They all headed to Lin Yuelan's hut. They looked anxious. When some saw Lin Qi, they would stop to greet him, while the others rushed ahead.

The village chief, Lin Yiwei held a hoe and led a group of young men too. When he saw the young man holding Lin Qi, his face darkened, and he questioned sternly, "Lin Qingshan, are you crazy? This is so dangerous. Hurry up and bring Uncle Qi home."

Lin Qingshan looked at Lin Yiwei and said helplessly, “Uncle, I want Grandpa Qi to go back home too. But Grandpa Qi insists on going.”

Lin Yiwei glared at Lin Qingshan and immediately went up to Lin Qi and said, “Uncle Qi, it’s too dangerous for you to go. You’d better go back. What if you’re hurt?”

Lin Qi said sternly, “Lin Yiwei, are you implying that your uncle is old and useless? Is that why you want to send me away?”

Lin Yiwei immediately said, “Uncle Qi, when did I say that? Based on the tiger’s roar, the tiger is very fierce. What if you’re hurt? You’re our village’s treasure, Uncle Qi!”

However, Lin Qi was very stubborn. “Don’t try to persuade me. I need to go over. Let me see how that tiger will hurt me.” He was being childish.

Lin Yiwei sighed and ordered the young men around him. “Stay next to Grandpa Qi and protect him. Don’t let the tiger harm him, okay?”

The few young men hurriedly replied, “Yes, village chief!”

Lin Yiwei then left in a hurry. He was worried that if he didn’t arrive with the reinforcement soon, the tiger might really hurt the villagers.

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Early in the morning, Lin Dawei was packing his luggage and preparing to go up the mountain to hunt.

He was going hunting for three days, so he prepared some dry rations, took the bow and arrows and other hunter tools, and prepared to set off.

However, when the earth-shattering roar of a tiger reached his ears, his heart shook. ‘Has a tiger descended the mountain? The roar came from Lan ‘Er’s place. Is the tiger going to her place?’

Lin Dawei didn’t dawdle. He grabbed his bow and arrow and left.

When everyone gathered at Lin Yuelan's hut, they were stunned!

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When all the young and strong men in the village rushed to the place where Lin Yuelan's hut was, they were stunned.

It was true that a big tiger was there, and it was also true that it was tall and fierce.

But what else was also true?

The white tiger, which was as tall as an adult's waist, stood obediently in front of Lin Yuelan's house.

Its round and big eyes looked at the crowd with confusion. With its white fur, it looked as cute as it could be.

However, no matter how cute it was, it was still a big tiger.

Therefore, everyone stared at the big tiger with vigilance. At the same time, their faces revealed a sense of panic and unease. They hesitated if they should rush forward to combat the tiger.

The cowardly men among the crowd were so scared that they hid behind others.

Lin Dawei was the first to arrive. Then again, even if he weren't the first, the other villagers would wait for him before they dared to do anything. This was because he was the village hunter. Thankfully, Lin Dawei's home wasn't that far from Lin Yuelan's hut. He arrived soon after Little White roared. But when he arrived, he was confused. The big tiger didn't look like he was there to seek revenge. Instead, it stood in front of Lin Yuelan's hut, wagging its tail happily.

Moreover, there was not the slightest trace of panic on Lin Yuelan's face. On the contrary, the people on the ground were so scared that their faces were pale. Lin Daniu's pants were even wet.

Lin Dawei slowly understood what was happening. Why were the four sprawled in front of the girl's house with everyday stuff scattered around them? Were they there to steal from Lan 'Er?

Suppressing the doubts in his heart, Lin Dawei stood at a distance away from the big tiger. With a worried and anxious expression, he shouted, "Lan 'Er, are you alright?"

At this moment, Lin Yuelan was angrily questioning the four. When she heard Lin Dawei, she walked away from the four. However, she didn't walk toward Lin Dawei. Instead, what she did made everyone hold their breath. They stared at Lin Yuelan's movements with their eyes wide open. There was some fear and worry on their faces.

Lin Dawei was the most worried. He shouted in shock, "Lan 'Er, be careful. Don't go near it!"

However, to everyone's surprise, Lin Yuelan didn't seem to hear Lin Dawei and walked straight toward the Great White Tiger.

Then, she stood still.

Everyone was once again shocked by Lin Yuelan's actions, their eyes filling with disbelief.

Lin Yuelan raised her hand and patted the Big Tiger's head.

Her voice was very tender as she said, "Little White, go and stand over there. You're too close to the crowd. They'll misunderstand you as a dangerous threat."

Lin Yuelan was pointing at the spot where Li Cuihua and the other three were lying.

This time, all four of them had pools of water under their butts.

Lin Daniu was always the overachiever. He rolled his eyes and fainted from the fright.

When the three women saw the tiger walking their way, they were so frightened that their faces were as pale as paper. Their eyes were filled with terror, and their expressions were even more fearful.

The three women were all of a certain age. They would be scared when they faced a ferocious dog, much less a big tiger that could eat them in a single munch.

Little White swayed and stood majestically in front of the four people. Then, like a dedicated guard on sentry duty, it stood there with a serious expression.

The people looked at this with their eyes and mouths wide open.

Lin Yuelan's eyes were sharp as she scanned the crowd.

She was waiting.

She was waiting for the appearance of the key character.

That person didn't show up three years ago, but she believed he would show up this time.

She needed him to prevent the villagers from bothering her again. Therefore, she had Little White howl to lure him out. She knew she might not have his cooperation, so she had done some digging with Little Green and her host's help.

This small hut of hers could not withstand much destruction. Although the hut was dilapidated, it was her home. So, she had to protect it.

Lin Yuelan slowly walked into the crowd. She asked, "Uncles, what are you doing with these weapons?"

Of course, she knew that they were drawn there by Little White's roar. They assumed that a big tiger had come down the mountain to eat people.

The crowd snapped to attention. They were there with the tools to fight the tiger.

However, the tiger was standing before them. None of them wanted to be the first to challenge it.

Lin Dawei put the bow and arrow back in his leather bag. He clenched his fist with one hand. He coughed twice and grinned. He asked curiously, “Lan ‘Er, did the roar come from this tiger?” He pointed at the Big White Tiger and asked.

Lin Yuelan nodded. “Yes.” Then, she explained, “Before dawn, I went up the mountain. However, halfway there, I remembered I had left something at home. It’d take too much time to travel on foot. So, I had Little White carry me back home. It would save me a lot of time.

“But,” Lin Yuelan’s expression changed. Her young and immature little face was filled with anger and grievance. She pointed at the few people who were slumped on the ground and said, “They... are such bullies!”

When the crowd heard Lin Yuelan refer to the tiger as Little White, the corners of their mouths twitched.

This tall and mighty big white tiger should be called Big White. Little White didn’t seem to match its appearance and aura.

However, when the villagers heard Lin Yuelan actually rode the tiger down the mountain, they were shocked again. They looked horrified.

The jinx rode the big white tiger down the mountain?! The day before yesterday, the jinx had killed a big tiger. Yesterday, she went to town to sell it and today, she rode a big tiger down the mountain?!

Everything was too unbelievable!

Lin Dawei was surprised by what Lin Yuelan said too. However, when Lin Yuelan pointed at Lin Daniu, Li Cuihui, and the other two with such



indignation and anger, he frowned. He had a feeling that something had happened.

Lin Dawei asked seriously, “Lan ‘Er, what exactly did they do?”

Lin Yuelan pointed at the four of them. Her face was red with anger. She said indignantly, “Uncle Dawei, I... don’t know what to say. Why don’t you go inside my house and take a look for yourself?!”

Lin Dawei frowned slightly. Then, he walked into Lin Yuelan’s house to take a look. The big tiger was guarding the door. Although he was afraid, he tried to ignore the beast.

When Lin Dawei came out of the hut, the anger on his face was obvious.

One had to wonder what Lin Dawei had seen inside Lin Yuelan’s hut that made him so angry. After all, he was not someone who was famed for having an irritable temper.

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When Lin Yiwei arrived at Lin Yuelan's house, he saw the villagers standing still around her house. It was very strange.

'The tiger's roar came from this place. So logically speaking, there should be a tense fighting scene with the tiger, right?

'So, why is everyone standing around, doing nothing? Is the tiger not here? Or has it killed already? If it has killed already, the villagers would be slicing it up already.'

With a lot of questions, Lin Yiwei walked into the crowd.

The villagers were curious about what Lin Dawei had seen in Lin Yuelan's hut that anger was clear on his bearded face.

Just then, someone shouted, "The village chief is here!"

Then, Lin Yiwei walked through the crowd and moved to the front. He looked around in confusion.

When his eyes landed on the big white tiger standing majestically in front of the cottage, his pupils suddenly contracted violently, and his face was filled with anxiety and fear.

'What is going on?

'This big tiger is clearly standing there, but why hasn't the villagers made any move?'

Noting the panic on his face, Lin Yuelan walked over to Lin Yiwei and said innocently, "Grandpa village chief, don't be afraid. Little white won't hurt anyone!"

Lin Yiwei had been the village chief for more than 20 years, and he had seen many things. In the past few decades, he had seen wild beasts coming down the mountains. The beasts were defeated by the villagers. There were deaths and injuries, but they were always compensated.

However, Lin Yiwei was shocked when he heard Lin Yuelan. ‘What did the girl say? Did she just call the tiger Little White?’

Although Lin Yiwei did not know how Lin Yuelan managed to tame the tiger, he couldn’t allow such a ferocious animal to stay in the village. That was his duty as the village chief.

Lin Yiwei looked at Lin Yuelan sternly and shouted, “Lan ‘Er, this is a big tiger. No matter how harmless it appears now, it is still an animal that could bite at any time! So, now, we either drive it back to the mountain or beat it to death!”

Little White appeared to understand what the man meant. Instantly, its furry head turned around, and its eyes emitted a fierce light. Then, it let out an angry roar at Lin Yiwei as if saying, ‘try and see if you can kill me!’

Lin Yiwei, as well as all the villagers, were all startled by this roar. Lin Yiwei could sense the tiger’s anger at him.

Lin Yuelan walked to little white and patted its head. She comforted it with a sweet voice, “Little White, don’t worry. I will never let anyone hurt you!”

Little White turned back to a cute pet and yawned harmlessly. After that, Lin Yuelan walked to Lin Yiwei again. Her little face was serious as she said sharply, “Grandpa village chief, animals hurt people because sometimes humans are their only food source. However, most of the time, they are merely protecting themselves! Regardless of the reason, that is how nature works.

“I can’t give promises about the other animals, but I can swear on my life that Little White will not harm anyone for no reason!”

Lin Yuelan didn't blame Lin Yiwei. After all, he was only doing his responsibility as the chief of the Lin Family Village. He had to consider the villagers' safety. Plus, Lin Yiwei was Lin Yuelan's host's benefactor. She would treat him well.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan didn't want to make things difficult for Lin Yiwei. Besides, it was not her plan for Little White to stay in the village anyway. It was safer for it to stay in the mountains.

Lin Yuelan also swore to save Lin Mingqing. However, the timing wasn't ripe yet. In another month or two, she would be able to treat him. Of course, she couldn't tell Lin Yiwei about that just yet.

When Lin Yiwei heard Lin Yuelan, he said seriously, "Lan 'Er, it's not that Uncle Chief doesn't want to believe you, but this tiger is ferocious. As the chief, I cannot put the safety of the entire village in danger based on your words alone."

Lin Yuelan nodded to show her understanding. Then, she asked, "Grandpa Village Chief, have you heard of animals gaining intelligence?"

Lin Yiwei was also surprised to hear this question. He replied, "Of course." Some animals were very intelligent, such as some dogs and cats. Many of them knew how to look after their homes, and they seemed to be more sensible than some people. However, that was limited to domestic animals.

Lin Yiwei had heard about feral animals gaining intelligence, but he had not seen that with his own eyes before.

Lin Yuelan nodded and beckoned little white over. "Little White, come here!"

Little white heard Lin Yuelan's call and walked forward with its powerful steps.

It walked to Lin Yuelan's side and stretched out its head. It first rubbed Lin Yuelan's waist, then stuck out its Scarlet tongue and licked Lin Yuelan's palm. It was like a kitty trying to get its master's attention.

Everyone's mouths twitched, and the fear subsided slightly.

Lin Yuelan smiled and patted Little White's white and fluffy head. She pointed at Lin Yiwei and said, "come, little white. This is Grandpa Village Chief. Say hello to Grandpa Village Chief!"

Everyone was really too surprised!

No one had imagined that the tiger would be so obedient to Lin Yuelan.

However, some sinister light flashed in people's eyes bBecause this was the perfect chance for them to prove that Lin Yuelan was indeed a demon.

Although the White Tiger looked pretty and cute, it couldn't change the fact that it was a tiger.

Lin Yiwei's heart trembled as he watched the big white tiger approach. He looked a little frightened, but he tried his best to calm himself down.

When he saw the big white tiger poking its head towards him, he immediately took a few steps back reflexively. His eyes were filled with anxiety and fear.

"Lin Yuelan, are you trying to kill Uncle Village Chief?" Ying Zi suddenly appeared again, her face full of anger and indignation.

Lin Yuelan glanced at the self-righteous Ying Zi and snapped at her, "Shush!"

Ying Zi was so angry that she started trembling. How dare the jinx shush her in front of the whole village?

Just as she was about to speak again, Lin Yuelan interrupted her, "If you say one more word, I'll give you a chance to have an intimate contact with Little White."

Ying Zi was a timid person. How could she want to be in close contact with a man-eating tiger?

Therefore, Ying Zi shut her mouth. She only glared at Lin Yuelan with anger and hatred in her eyes, but she didn't dare to say anything!

In order to prevent little white from being hunted down by the Lin family Village, it had to gain the village chief's approval.

Lin Yuelan told Lin Yiwei, "Grandpa Village Chief, don't be afraid. Little white just wants to say hello to you. If you're really worried, you can have Uncle Dawei stand beside you. If anything happens, Uncle Dawei can also rush in to help."

Lin Yiwei thought for a while and shook his head. "There's no need. Lan 'Er, I believe you. I don't think you'll ever harm me."

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With everyone watching in surprise, the big white tiger greeted Lin Yiwei in its own special way.

Little White walked to Lin Yiwei, raised its fluffy head, and rubbed it against Lin Yiwei's palm. This was how it made friends with people.

In actuality, Little White was extremely reluctant to greet this fierce and ugly man. However, Lin Yuelan promised it a green life force as a reward. So it obliged.

Although Lin Yiwei believed that Lin Yuelan would not harm him, he still could not get over the nervousness and fear in his heart.

But, he had been through a lot. Lin Yiwei once again calmed himself down and calmly accepted the big white tiger's greeting.

When the white tiger's fur touched his palm, his heart trembled again as if he couldn't believe it.

Did he just come into close contact with a big white tiger?

This big white tiger's fur was very long and warm. Lin Yiwei subconsciously let down his guard and raised his hand to touch the big white tiger's fur. The fur was very nice.

As Lin Yiwei continued to touch it, Little White felt a little dissatisfied. It had already condescended to greet this mortal, but it didn't mean that it was willing for the mortal to play with its fur. It only allowed him to touch it because of Lin Yuelan. Little White raised its head and looked at Lin Yuelan with a wronged expression. Lin Yuelan felt quite guilty.

She walked over and looked at Lin Yiwei, who had gotten carried away by the softness of Little White's fur. She smiled and asked, "Grandpa Village Chief, Little White is very intelligent and won't hurt people, right?"

Lin Yiwei's hand that was touching little White's white fur paused, and his gentle expression immediately disappeared. He said with a serious expression again, "Lan 'Er, even if that's the case, it doesn't mean that it won't hurt the villagers in the future. What if its bestial nature erupts, and it hurts someone? What should we do then?"

Lin Yuelan pouted and said with a serious expression, "Grandpa Village Chief, I can guarantee that Little White won't hurt anyone. However, don't you think that some humans are more bestial than Little White?"

The change was swift.

Lin Yuelan understood Lin Yiwei's difficulty. He was concerned about the safety of the village. Little White would not be allowed to stay in the village no matter how intelligent it was. In that case, Lin Yuelan wanted to cut to the chase. She led Little White down the mountains to intimidate people after all. After that, Little White could return to the mountains.

Lin Yiwei's eyes turned sharp, and he asked sternly, "Lan 'Er, what do you mean?"

Lin Yuelan's tender little face showed a touch of sarcasm, and she sneered, "Grandpa Village Chief, instead of asking me, why don't you ask them?" Lin Yuelan pointed at the few people who were lying limply in front of the door.

Only then did Lin Yiwei notice the people lying there. They looked frightened.

Then, he looked around with his sharp eyes and saw the broken pots and bowls around them. They looked brand new. There was even a torn-up brand new cotton quilt and stretches of cloth.

Lin Yiwei's face darkened.



Did he need an explanation?

It was obvious that these people tried to steal from Lan 'Er's hut and were caught red-handed.

Lin Yiwei immediately shouted at the three women who had not fainted, "Li Cuihua, Liu Liujiao, Gu Sanniang, why are you here? And did you guys take these things out from Lan Er's house?"

The reason why he used the word "take" instead of "steal" was that he had to consider the reputation of the entire village.

At that moment, Lin Dawei stepped forward and said to Lin Yiwei angrily, "Uncle Village Chief, why don't you go into Lan Er's house and take a look. Are they only taking the things?"

Lin Yiwei was a fair and just village chief. Otherwise, he and his youngest son would not have tried so hard to save Lin Yuelan three years ago.

Lin Yiwei frowned when he heard Lin Dawei.

Lin Yiwei strode to Lin Yuelan's house. When he saw the scene in the house, he finally understood why the usually nonchalant Lin Dawei was so angry.

Lin Yiwei was furious. He pointed at Li Cuihua and the others and asked, "Li Cuihua, Liu Liujiao, Gu Sanniang, did you turn the girl's house upside down while you were trying to steal from her?"

When the three women saw more villagers appear, they slowly regained their composure. Gradually, they seemed to have gained some confidence and were no longer afraid. However, they still had no strength.

Gu Sanniang was the first to regain her senses. She now understood that the big white tiger in front of her would not dare to hurt them.

Hence, when she faced Lin Yiwei's question, her face turned from pale to livid and from shock to anger.

She didn't answer Lin Yiwei but instead glared at Lin Yuelan angrily and said in a weak and loud voice, "Village Chief, you have to give me justice. Lin Yuelan, that damned jinx, actually sent a fierce tiger to scare us. Daniu has fainted from shock. Village chief, you have to properly punish the jinx. Also, that big tiger will eat people. You have to order the villagers to beat it to death!" Gu Sanniang jumped to accuse Lin Yuelan first.

When Lin Yiwei heard Gu Sanniang, his face was dark. He reprimanded her sternly, "Gu Sanniang, we'll talk about the tiger scare later. Let me ask you, why were you in the girl's house? Why did you mess up her house? And did you steal the stuff on the floor out of her house?"

Gu Sanniang was speechless. She really couldn't explain why she was there. Was she going to admit that she had been there before dawn for her plan to steal from Lin Yuelan? Failing to find any silver, she grabbed the stuff from the house and left? However, she bumped into the white tiger at the door and was paralyzed with fear?

Of course, she could not say that. It would solidify her reputation as a thief. In the future, even if she was not dragged to court, the villagers would look down on her.

She didn't want to be treated like that.

Gu Sanniang shrunk her neck and answered the village chief's question with a little fear, "I ... I ... I didn't steal anything. I borrowed them. That's right. I borrowed them from the jinx."

Lin Yiwei was so angry that he could not control his anger. How thick was this person's skin to be able to say such words?

Just as Lin Yiwei was about to explode, an old and dignified voice suddenly came. "Aren't we supposed to be fighting a tiger? What are we doing standing around here?"

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When she saw the person who had arrived, Lin Yuelan's eyes flashed, and the corners of her mouth lifted in a somewhat happy manner.

The key character had arrived.

She thought that he'd be too afraid of death to come, but it was good that he came.

"Grandpa Qi!" The younger generation greeted him.

"Uncle Qi!" These were the people from the village chief's generation.

"Great-grandpa Qi!" These were the people from Lin Yuelan's generation.

All of them greeted him with respect. Lin Qi was escorted to the center of the crowd.

"Uncle Qi!" Lin Yiwei immediately stepped forward and took him over from Lin Qingshan.

Lin Qi's aged yet shrewd eyes swept across the surroundings with a sharp glint.

When he saw a huge, ferocious-looking white tiger standing in front of the hut, his eyes shrank.

He slammed his walking stick on the ground and raised his hand. With a look of disbelief, he pointed at The White Tiger and asked, "Xiao Wei, what ... What is going on?"

The villagers were supposed to be there to fight the tiger, but the tiger was just standing there quietly. The villagers were quite reserved, with some fear

on their faces.

Lin Yiwei glanced at the calm Lin Yuelan and replied in a respectful tone, “Uncle Qi, the tiger is actually quite intelligent. It is Lan ‘Er’s friend.” As he spoke, he pointed at the white tiger and then at Lin Yuelan.

Lin Qi was old but he wasn’t stupid. However, he was made incredulous by Lin Yiwei’s words. At his age, he had heard of animals gaining intelligence, but he had not seen that happen with a feral beast before.

But now, he was being told that the big tiger had gained some sentience and was a good friend to a human child. He felt it was too unbelievable. Lin Qi was internally shocked, and he didn’t show it on his face.

Just like Lin Yiwei, he was first surprised, then he asked sternly, “Is this girl the one who was cast off by Xiao San three years ago?” Xiao San was Lin Laosan. Lin Qi was one generation higher than Lin Laosan. Therefore, he called Lin Laosan Xiao San. Lin Qi didn’t quite know about the blood sever ritual, but on the way there, Lin Qingshan had filled him in. Therefore, he was quite suspicious of Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yiwei nodded and replied, “Yes, Uncle Qi!”

Lin Qi immediately beckoned Lin Yuelan over.”Child, come here.”

Lin Yuelan immediately stepped forward with a child-like expression. She called out obediently, “Great-grandfather Qi!”

The actual Lin Yuelan hadn’t really interacted with Lin Qi before. She had only heard that Lin Qi was a respected village elder. She had also heard a rumor about him.

Lin Yuelan wondered if Lin Qi would be as fair as Lin Yiwei. It was why she acted like a child. She would decide how to proceed depending on the situation.

She needed him there to make a promise so that some people would stop having malicious thoughts and try to take her things all day long.

Lin Qi nodded and said with an affable expression, “Are you Lan ‘Er, Xiao San’s fourth granddaughter?”

“Yes, great-grandfather Qi!” Lin Yuelan nodded and then shook her head. She said, “But I’m no longer Lin Laosan’s granddaughter. They have cut off all ties with me. That’s what Elder Lin and Elder Li told everyone.” She didn’t want to do with Lin Laosan’s family ever again.

Lin Qi’s face darkened. “Nonsense!” He snapped. No one knew if he was referring to Lin Yuelan or Lin Laosan’s family. He didn’t elaborate. Instead, he questioned Lin Yuelan sternly, “Lan ‘Er, even if this tiger is your friend, can you guarantee that it won’t hurt any of the villagers in the Lin Family family?”

“I can guarantee that!” The expression on Lin Yuelan’s small face was serious. She said, “I can guarantee it with my life. If Little White, the tiger, hurts someone, I will compensate them. I will compensate them with my life. Or you can kick me out of the Lin family village, and Little White will be at your disposal.

“With Uncle Dawei in the village, Little White won’t be able to escape. I was born and raised here, and I have nowhere else to go. Therefore, if something happens, it’s very easy to punish Little White and me. Great-grandfather Qi, don’t you agree?”

Lin Yuelan’s small face looked serious. However, it didn’t change the fact that she was still a child.

Lin Qi held the tip of his walking stick with both hands, his sharp eyes sizing up Lin Yuelan. ‘Who does the girl think she is to give this kind of baseless guarantee? Her guarantee means nothing. If the tiger did hurt someone, having the girl’s life won’t resolve anything.’

Had Lin Yuelan not considered that? Of course, she had. But so what? Her goal was to use Little White to intimidate all the villagers who wanted to steal from her.

Therefore, before Lin Qi could react, Lin Yuelan continued and said sharply, “but on the other hand, if someone tries to harm me or steal from me and they get injured or bitten by Little White, I can only say that they’ve brought it upon themselves. I will not apologize or compensate in that case!”

Lin Qi’s expression froze when he heard this. He shouted, “Little girl, how highly do you think of yourself? The villagers of Lin Family Village are famed for their kind hearts. Why would they bully a child like you?”

Lin Yuelan stood there and stared at Master Lin with a sharp expression. Then, she said in a loud and clear voice, “Great-grandfather Qi, I don’t see too highly of myself. But I’m just giving myself an out. Whether people have bullied me or not, I will answer with facts!”

With that, she pointed at Li Cuihua and the other three.

Lin Qi looked at the people slumped on the ground. He asked in confusion, “girl, what do you mean?”

At that moment, Lin Dawei walked up and said respectfully, “Grandfather Qi, I’ll help you into Lan ‘Er’s room to take a look. You’ll understand it then.”

Lin Dawei and Lin Yiwei helped Lin Qi to walk into Lin Yuelan’s hut. Then, an old and angry voice came out of the hut. “Preposterous!”

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The crowd was even more curious when they heard Lin Qi's angry voice come from Lin Yuelan's hut. What was inside the hut that everyone who entered the room came out cursing and swearing?

Lin Qi exited the house with Lin Dawei and Lin Yiwei's help. His walking stick knocked heavily on the ground.

His face was livid, and he angrily questioned the three people sitting by the door, "You three are preposterous! What a disgrace!" Lin Qi was really disappointed.

Then, Lin Qi walked toward Lin Yuelan. He looked a little embarrassed as he said, "Girl, although this matter is their fault, we all come from the same village. How about you find it in your heart to forgive them? After all, they've learned their lesson from being scared by your tiger, haven't they? They didn't do much other than mess up your house, right?"

Lin Yuelan then was sure that Lin Qi was not going to be on her side. Perhaps, he was not even angry. He scolded the three women so that he could use that as leverage when negotiating with Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan surmised that Lin Qi was someone who loved face. He was trying to protect the Lin family Village's reputation. After all, there were suddenly not one but four new thieves in the village. Plus, they didn't steal from a normal house. But instead, they had stolen from a girl who had been chased out of her family. If word of this got out, Lin Family Village would lose face.

Lin Yuelan couldn't accept Lin Qi's arrangement. Even Lin Dawei and Lin Yiwei didn't agree with it.

Lin Qi was clearly trying to sweep the matter under the rug. These people were thieves and bullies. If they were forgiven so easily, the villagers would use this excuse to continue bullying Lin Yuelan. They knew that they wouldn't be punished severely anyway.

Based on the rumor she heard, Lin Yuelan had expected this reaction from Lin Qi. But would she go along with his arrangement? If she did, her life would be hard in the future.

Lin Yuelan stared at Lin Qi with determination and defiance in her eyes. She said sharply, "Great-grandfather Qi, if these people only came to my house and made a mess of it, I'd let it go. However, great-grandfather Qi, the thirty taels of silver, and a hundred silver bank note that I had in the house are also gone. Everything that I bought yesterday is now lying around them. They have done far more than just riffling through my house."

Lin Yuelan was not going to submit so easily. The villagers came to a boil once they heard Lin Yuelan.

Thirty taels of silver and a banknote for a hundred taels of silver. This was a sum that they wouldn't be able to earn even if they worked their entire lives in the fields. But now, they had been stolen by Li Cuihua and her gang.

In an instant, many villagers looked at them with envy.

Some of them were envious of Lin Yuelan's wealth, but some were also envious of Li Cuihua and her group, who had the foresight to come early to steal from Lin Yuelan. Thankfully, they were caught, or else they would have enjoyed a good life with those silver. Therefore, those who envied Li Cuihua started to feel better.

They even felt lucky that they had decided to steal from Lin Yuelan later because if not, they'd be the ones lying on the ground now. This was not something that they could recover from.

These people started to have greedy thoughts again. The jinx had said the tiger for 400 taels of silver. Li Cuihua and her group had only gotten away with 150 taels, so it meant that the rest of the silver was still inside the hut.



Therefore, they had to find an opportunity to sneak into her hut. Perhaps, they could find the remaining silver.

It was not just one or two people who had such an idea. There were many people. Everyone was greedy. Even though they knew it was wrong, they couldn't reject the easy money.

These were the quality of the people in Lin Family Village. They didn't want others to get better things than they did. If someone did well, they would curse them in their hearts. When someone failed, they would comfort them on the surface, but they'd mock them behind their back.

Even though Lin Yuelan had only transmigrated for three days, she had a good grasp of the villagers' thoughts. Therefore, she wouldn't go along with Lin Qi's arrangement for her to suffer this loss silently. She would not compromise!

Lin Qi's face turned ashen. He glared at Lin Yuelan with anger. He thought the girl would cower under him, but she was not so easily bent.

She knew that he wanted to protect the village's name, but she had purposely opposed him in public. Lin Qi asked sternly, "little girl, do you know what you're saying?"

Lin Yuelan replied firmly, "Great-grandfather Qi, I know what I'm saying. These people are trying to deprive me of the tools I need to survive, so it's impossible for me to let them go.

"Besides, if I forgive them, doesn't this mean that I would be expected to forgive everyone who steals from me?"

"If everything that I gain from me risking my life can be taken away whenever people feel like it, how am I supposed to live? Great-grandfather Qi, don't you agree with me?"

Lin Qi was old and stubborn. He knew that stealing was wrong, but the village couldn't have thieves to tarnish the Lin family Village's reputation.

Even though the thieves had been caught red-handed and everyone knew about it, he still wanted to cover it up. He assumed that everything would be over once he berated the culprits.

However, the girl refused to cooperate.

Just as Lin Qi was about to berate Lin Yuelan, Lin Yiwei stepped forward and said to him, “Uncle Qi, I know you’re trying to protect the Lin family Village’s reputation by covering up this matter.

“But you saw the situation inside the girl’s house. Look at what these people have done to her home. Can she still live there? Plus, they have not only taken away the new things Lan ‘Er has bought but also her 130 taels of silver. We can’t just let this go.

“If Lan ‘Er decides to bring this to court, the lightest punishment the four will receive is two years in prison, and the heaviest will be decapitation!

“Then, the reputation of our village will really be ruined!”

Lin Qi glared at him and shouted, “She wouldn’t dare to bring this to court!”

Lin Yuelan sneered sarcastically and said sharply, “Why wouldn’t I dare? These people don’t give me the chance to live anyway, so why should I give them the chance to survive?”

The crowd became silent!

# Chapter 85 - Handling And Deterrence

No one dared to test Lin Yuelan. She was sent back by the King of Hell himself.

After returning, Lin Yuelan was not only bestowed with divine power and wisdom but also courage and fearlessness!

Her divine strength could knock out a tiger with a single punch, and her intelligence could subdue the king of beasts. With her courage, she had no fear when facing the highly respected Lin Qi!

Lin Yuelan's destiny was to jinx her husband. Before her mission was completed, even the King of Hell would not accept her.

She had no one to rely on and was all alone. What was there for her to be afraid of? She wouldn't even die!

As she said earlier, if the tiger injured someone, she would pay with her life. Since she could give up her life on a guarantee, would she submit for the sake of others' reputations?

All the villagers supported Lin Qi. After all, if Lin Yuelan submitted this time, they could openly steal from Lin Yuelan in the future. Lin Qi would always have their backs anyway.

However, the village chief's words and Lin Yuelan's firm attitude immediately dispelled these thoughts.

Would the villagers risk going to the court to steal from the girl? Of course not! The punishment could be decapitation! What was the point of money if they were dead?

Lin Qi was fuming when he heard Lin Yiwei and Lin Yuelan. However, he didn't know where to vent it.

Before he could say anything, Lin Yiwei continued, "Furthermore, Uncle Qi, if you forgive them this time, what about next time and the next next time? Do you expect Lan 'Er to allow these people to steal from her every time?"

"Uncle Qi, to be honest, you're not protecting the Lin family Village's reputation, but you're covering the criminals. In that case, the people will only be more brazen with their thievery. Will they stop with Lan 'Er? No, human greed is bottomless. Then, they will steal from the other villagers. Will you still cover for them then?"

"Lin Yiwei, remember that you're the chief of the Lin family Village. Your duty and responsibility are to protect Lin Family Village, including its reputation and benefits!" Lin Qi said sternly, his anger soaring to the heavens.

All these years, he had always been the village's highly respected elder. His words and decisions were followed by the village like an imperial edict.

However, at this moment, these two people were openly trying to go against him. How could he not be angry?

He knew that Lin Yiwei was right, but Lin Qi would not allow anyone to question or challenge him.

Lin Yiwei immediately straightened his back and said seriously, "Uncle Qi, I've made myself very clear. These people have stolen too much silver. We can't just let this slide. To tell you the truth, even if Lan 'Er is forced to submit, I will not allow this for the sake of the village!"

Lin Yiwei's attitude became firm.

It wasn't that he was biased towards Lin Yuelan, but the fact was that he couldn't pretend that this matter didn't happen. These people didn't steal one or two copper coins but more than a hundred taels of silver. This was money people couldn't even earn in their lifetime. And Lin Qi was asking the victim not to complain about it? That was impossible.

Furthermore, Lan 'Er had suffered for so many years. She was pitied by the King of Hell, who gave her some abilities to survive. Who would have thought that once she got some money, half of it would be stolen instantly? If the village chief didn't punish the thieves, the other half of Lan 'Er's earnings would be gone too.

Once thievery became common, they wouldn't just target Lan 'Er. After all, it was easy to steal from others than to earn through hard work. Then Lin Family Village would become a thief's village.

As the village chief, he couldn't allow such a terrible thing to happen.

Therefore, this was Lin Yiwei's first time opposing Lin Qi since he became the village chief.

Lin Qi was a stubborn old man. He only cared about his benefits and reputation. He thought that this thing would blow over if he covered up the truth. However, he had no idea that his action would only cultivate more thieves. The thieves knew that Lin Qi wouldn't punish them even if they were caught.

Lin Qi was so angry at Lin Yiwei's rebuttal that he was speechless.

He glared at Lin Yiwei and then glared at Lin Yuelan with a terrible expression. He turned all the blame on the girl.

He suddenly pointed at the big white tiger and said angrily, "Girl, what about the beast? Have you forgotten that it has frightened these four villagers? Don't you have to compensate for their mental trauma?"

Lin Yuelan was impressed. She had no idea that the old man would know about mental trauma. She grinned.

Seeing the grin on her face, Lin Qi's face turned even darker, and his expression became twisted and ferocious.

"What are you laughing at, girl?" he asked sternly.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, “nothing.” She stopped smiling and shook her head seriously.

Lin Qi was really angry. He lifted his walking stick and wanted to swipe it at Lin Yuelan to teach her a lesson.

However, before the walking stick could hit Lin Yuelan, there was a roar of a tiger.

This time, the roar was angry and loud.

Lin Qi’s old face turned pale, and he fell to the ground in shock. Lin Yiwei and Lin Dawei didn’t have time to help him up.

Everyone, including Lin Yuelan, was shocked. She didn’t know Little White was so protective of her. When it saw Lin Qi trying to hit her, it immediately roared to give the old man a warning.

Lin Yuelan sighed internally. ‘Sometimes, humans are worse than animals.’

Lin Yuelan gently patted little white and said, “Little White, I’m fine. Go and guard those four. Don’t let them escape, understand?”

To everyone’s surprise, the white tiger nodded!

The tiger really had gained sentience!

When Lin Qi was pulled up from the ground, he was still a little weak.

Although he had lived for a long time, he was still very afraid of death.

Lin Qi was angry from embarrassment. He grabbed his walking stick and said in extreme anger, “Lin Yuelan, this threatening beast has to be murdered for our safety!”

As soon as he finished speaking, someone in the group suddenly said, “She’s a demon! She’s a demon that can control animals!”

# Chapter 86 - Beijing

In an extremely secretive courtyard in the capital, in front of the window of one of the rooms, there was a tall and elegant man. He was wearing a purple robe, and the inside of the robe revealed the gilded hibiscus edges. There was a jade belt around his waist, and it complemented the jade hairpin in his hair.

His face was fair and clean, his facial features were regular, and his eyebrows were like peaks that reached his temples. He looked like a handsome man, but his eyes were lowered, and his expression was unclear.

One of his hands was propped up in front of the window, and the other was playing with an exquisite dark green jade cup.

“Master, Jiang Zhenan and the rest have returned to the capital!” A man in black with a black mask and a sharp sword in his hand cupped his hands and reported to the man with respect and fear.

The man’s originally lowered eyes slowly lifted up, but there was a cold glint in his eyes. He slapped the man in black and said coldly, “Trash!”

The man immediately knelt down on one knee and said, “master, sorry!”

The man’s face was cold, and his eyes were sharp as he stared at the subordinate in black. He said coldly, “We’ve sacrificed 108 men, and you still allowed him to return to the capital? It looks like you’re not suited to be the leader of Broken Souls anymore!”

Broken Souls would only have a new leader once the old ones died in battle. The man’s meaning was clear. The man in black could die already.

The man in black knelt and kowtowed to the man. With a pleading and firm tone, he said, “master, please spare this subordinate’s life and allow this subordinate to atone for his sins!”

The man's eyes were no longer fixed on the man in black but on the beautiful hibiscus flowers in the courtyard. He took a sip from the jade cup and said in a light but serious tone, "Stop him from entering the palace to meet the Emperor! Otherwise..."

The man immediately replied, "Yes, master! Thank you, master for sparing this subordinate's life! I will never let Jiang Zhenman enter the palace to see the Emperor!"

The man's delicate and fair face was facing the window. He seemed to turn a deaf ear to his subordinate's words.

However, only the man in black knew how ruthless his master was.

After the man in black left, the man stared at the beautiful white hibiscus flower with a cold and murderous look on his face. He said coldly, "Jiang Zhenman, I will not allow you to ruin my great plan!"

The expensive green jade cup in his hand fell to the ground with a clang, scattering all over the place.

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In the hall of the Marquis's mansion, there was a woman in a gorgeous red tight-fitting robe. Her hair was combed into a bun, and a green hairpin with a Phoenix fixed it in place.

Her face was a little chubby, and she looked like a woman with some good fortune, but her slender and narrow eyes revealed her sharp and mean nature.

At this moment, she took the teacup from the maidservant's hand and said with a dignified aura, "You may all leave!"

The servants and maidservants in the hall immediately bowed and said, "Yes, Madam!"

After the crowd left, the woman handed the tea to the middle-aged man sitting at the head of the table.



The middle-aged man was actually in his forties, but because he took good care of himself, his face was fair and clean, making him look like he was in his early thirties. He looked like a gentle and elegant man.

The middle-aged man took the tea and said, “Madam, if you have something to say, just say it. Is it necessary to disperse the servants?”

The woman looked worried, but the evil in her eyes was deeply buried.

The man asked, “Madam, what’s the matter that made you so worried?”

The woman looked at the man and sighed.”Master, I heard that Nan ‘Er has returned, right?”

When the man heard that, his gentle demeanor turned into a furious one. He slammed the teacup on the table and said loudly, “Hmph, that unfilial son still has the face to come back?! Hasn’t he harmed our Zhengguo Court enough?”

The man was really the ultimate jinx!

When he was born, he cursed his own mother, causing her to die of dystocia and hemorrhage.

After he was born, he began to curse Zhengguo Court, causing the court to decline day by day.

After he became the Defender-general of the state, he didn’t help the Marquis Court and cut off all relations with Zhengguo Court. He even asked the Emperor to suppress Zhengguo court.

The man was really infuriated.

In the past few years, Jiang Zhennan had been guarding the border. Therefore, there was no one other than the servants and butler in the general’s residence. The Marquis Court very naturally took over the general’s residence. They squander everything that Jiang Zhennan had earned with his military achievements and merits.

But now, Jiang Zhennan had suddenly returned.

However, Jiang Zhennan had returned to the capital in secret, and he didn't bring his main troop with him.

Therefore, other than those who paid special attention to the general's residence, the ordinary people didn't know about the return of the war god general.

Jiang Yunfeng, Jiang Zhennan's father, was extremely angry at Jiang Zhennan's sudden return.

Wen Yujing, Jiang Zhennan's stepmother, saw her husband's angry expression and gently advised, "Old Master, such is Nan 'Er's fate. You can't blame him for it, right? But," Then, she continued with a worried expression, "Now Wen 'Er and Ye 'Er are still living at the general residence. Will Nan 'Er drive them out?"

The Jiang General's Residence had power and money. Ye 'Er and Wen 'Er lived there as Masters. They had good food and drinks and a large number of servants to command. Their days were very comfortable and happy.

However, once Jiang Zhennan returned, that would be over. Jiang Zhennan wouldn't allow Wen Yujing's children to continue to occupy his home.

When Jiang Yunfeng heard that, he said sternly, "He wouldn't dare! They're his younger brother and sister, so it's only natural for them to live in the general's residence. If he dares to drive them out, I'll complain to the Majesty. How can such a stingy person be our Defender-general of the state?"

If Jiang Zhennan heard this, he would sneer.

Why was he appointed as the defender-general of the state?

It was because of his battle merits over the past ten years.

At that moment, a pair of young man and woman barged in.

The man was about twenty-four or twenty-five years old, with a greasy face and a fan in his hand. He had a refined appearance, but the dark yellow color

of his eyes showed that he had overindulged in sex.

The woman looked to be only 13 or 14 years old. She had a typical oval face, and her eyes were red and swollen from crying. She wore a pink dress and had a few precious green jade hairpins on her head.

The girl covered her mouth and ran in. As soon as she saw Wen Yujing, she immediately hugged her and cried loudly.

Wen Yujing's heart ached. "Wen 'Er, what's wrong?" she asked.

Jiang Yuye, who was following behind, said angrily, "that fiend chased my sister and me out! He even threw our stuff out!" Then, he turned to Jiang Yunfeng and said angrily, "father, how can I face my friends in the future if I'm chased out by him like this?"

When Jiang Yunfeng heard this, his face immediately became angry. "How dare that unfilial son do this?" He then consoled his son and daughter and said, "Ye 'Er, Wenwen, I'll seek justice for you. Go back and continue to stay in the general's residence. I'd like to see what this unfilial son can do to us."

Wen Yujing and her two children looked at each other and smiled.

So what if that man was the defender-general of the state? Before them, he was still a lowly slave that they could bully!

# Chapter 87 - True Deterrence

“She’s a demon! She’s a demon that can control animals!” It was unknown who was the first to shout this.

All of a sudden, the noisy atmosphere became unusually quiet. Other than the chirping of insects around them, there was only the sound of Little White’s heavy breathing.

The atmosphere was strange!

Everyone had different expressions on their faces. Most of them looked at Lin Yuelan with fear and revulsion.

After all, a demon who could control animals was extremely terrifying. If they offended Lin Yuelan, she could order the animals to attack or kill them. Then... The consequences were unbearable.

Lin Yuelan said that she had died once and was sent back by the King of Hell. She had also been bestowed with divine power. The villagers were already suspicious and afraid then. However, they didn’t say much back then.

It was because Lin Yuelan had said, “The King of Hell gave me divine power so that I won’t be bullied again. If anyone dares to bully me, they will be killed by my divine power. The King of Hell will be happy to take their souls.”

No one dared to bully her for quite a period of time. Lin Yuelan, with the divine power, had already struck fear into the villagers’ hearts. But now, she had the power to command the big white tiger. This made the villagers even more frightened and uneasy.

The fear and unease they had started to boil. When someone in the crowd shouted that Lin Yuelan was a demon, the pent-up frustration of the villagers burst.

Some believed that Lin Yuelan had been favored by the King of Hell, and she was only given the power to protect herself. However, the number of such people was very small.

The silence was a little stiff, but after a short while, it suddenly became noisy again.

Someone immediately shouted in fear, "Chase the demon out! Chase the demon out of the Lin family Village!"

"Burn that demon to death, burn her to death!"

The voices rose one after another. This was déjà vu. Lin Yuelan was called a demon three days ago, and they also wanted to burn her to death. But the voices were louder this time.

Lin Yiwei's face darkened when he heard that. He shouted sternly, "Shut up! All of you, be quiet!"

However, the crowd's fear and excitement were too great. Even though Lin Yiwei's voice was loud, it was drowned out by the angry, panicked, and intense shouts.

Lin Yuelan stood in front of the crowd with a calm expression, her eyes taking in the ignorant and terrified crowd. Her expression was indifferent as if she was not the demon in everyone's mouth.

Honestly, Lin Yuelan had considered leaving Lin Family Village and going to other villages to be a farmer and a small landlord. She wanted to buy land and start a business.

However, things would change that much. As long as she had some land, she would definitely attract the envy of others. The fact that she was the jinx of Lin Family Village would surface eventually. Then, she would be driven away. After all, she might not encounter a fair village chief like Lin Yiwei again.

In this era, the village chiefs had a lot of power. In general, the sale of land and real estate in the countryside had to go through the village chiefs. If the village chief were unwilling to help, you wouldn't get anything done, no matter how rich you were.

Plus, the village chief had a lot of power over a person's genealogy. For example, a person from the countryside could make a name for himself. However, his ancestry book was still in the hands of his village chief. If the village chief removed his name from the ancestry book, the person would become rootless. This was a punishable crime in Long Yan Country. The government wouldn't hire him. It didn't matter if he had enormous talents... unless, of course, he started his own ancestry line, which was impossible for an ordinary person to do.

Although Lin Yuelan had been removed from Lin Laosan's family book, she was still a part of Lin Family Village's ancestry book.

Compared to going to another village, where she had no family background, it was better to stay in the Lin family Village. At the very least, this was a familiar environment with familiar people. Not to mention there were also the kind village chief and Lin Dawei.

Therefore, she had to resolve the problem at hand. Her divine strength and little White's appearance had frightened some people who had a guilty conscience.

Lin Qi was also furious when the shouts went up. His anger was directed at Lin Yuelan.

He was so frightened by Little White that he fell to the ground, which damaged his prestige. He must be angry from embarrassment. He immediately supported the crowd.

He looked at Lin Yiwei and shouted, "Lin Yiwei, such a monster should be chased out of the Lin family Village before she brings disaster to the entire village!"

Lin Yiwei never thought that Lin Qi would be so unreasonable.

He frowned slightly. “Uncle Qi, you’re too biased. Without evidence, how can you be sure that Lan ‘Er is a demon!”

Lin Qi was furious when Lin Yiwei rebutted him again for the jinx. He roared in anger, “Who are you calling biased? This jinx can command fierce beasts to harm people at her age. What normal human can do that? If that is not proof that she is a demon, then what is?”

Lin Yiwei was in a difficult position.

He was the village chief. Lin Yuelan was called a demon again. The villagers used Little White as an example of her witchery this time. Even if he wanted to help Lin Yuelan, he was a little powerless. After all, it wasn’t just one or two people who called her a demon.

While Lin Yiwei was in a dilemma, Lin Yuelan patted the quiet little white. Then, little white raised its head and let out an earth-shaking roar.

Immediately after that, the roars of other animals could be heard from the other side of the mountain. It was as if they were responding to Little White. There were the roars of wolves and other tigers.

Suddenly, the crowd quieted down again. Then, many people immediately turned pale with fright, and some timid people fell to the ground. Their expressions were more frightened and ferocious than before, and they looked at Lin Yuelan with fear and dread.

They had never heard so many ferocious beasts ‘roars at once in their entire lives.

Lin Yuelan did not say anything. She just walked to the side of Lin Qi, who also looked a little frightened, and whispered to him, “Lin Qi, I saw your first wife in the King of Hell’s Palace. Guess what she said to me?”

Without waiting for Lin Qi’s reaction, she glared at the crowd and said in a stern voice, “Do you hear the roars coming from the mountain? To tell you the truth, Little White is the King of All Beasts. Its single roar can mobilize the whole mountain.

“If I am really a demon, do you know what I would have done?”

The people in the village stared at Lin Yuelan with fear and doubt.

Lin Yuelan continued, “I’ll kill you all and then let little white send his friends down the mountain to tear you into pieces and eat your bones. I won’t stand here quietly being slandered and insulted. Don’t you agree?”



# Chapter 88 - A Satisfactory Result

As soon as Lin Yuelan said that, everyone's face was filled with shock, regardless of whether they were frightened or not.

Lin Yuelan continued, "I've said it before. I've been to the King of Hell's Palace and was sent back by the King of Hell.

"Since I've died once, I'm not afraid of dying a second time. In any case, the King of Hell will never take me in before I complete my destiny.

"I don't mind dying but do you?"

Lin Yuelan's every word was sharp! Her meaning was simple. If the villagers still wanted to burn her to death, she didn't mind going on a massacre.

The crowd went silent.

Lin Yuelan paused for a moment, her sharp eyes scanning everyone's expressions before she continued, "I have returned to the human world with the will of the King of Hell. The King of Hell couldn't bear to see me being bullied at such a young age, so he gave me divine power, wisdom, and the ability to bond with animals. Is it my fault that the King of Hell gave me these abilities?"

"All of you call me a demon. But I ask. Have I ever harmed, killed, or even eaten people? I don't think so!"

"You said I'd bring tragedy to the whole village. What a joke!"

"I was the one who has been constantly bullied by you. Every day, you scolded me, beat me up, and bully me. Back then, I thought it was my fault because I was the Jinx.

“However, I was enlightened by the King of Hell. I thought that after I showed people how to make money, I could enrich the village with me. Then I’d prove I’ll only jinx my husband and not anyone else.

“However, before I can do any of that, you’ve already decided that I’m a demon. This is funny!”

Lin Yuelan’s words were sharp, helpless, arrogant, crazy, and bloodthirsty.

In any case, she had no one to rely on in this world, so what was there for her to be afraid of?

If the villagers really wanted to burn her to death, she’d kill all of them.

If everyone in this world thought she was a demon, she’d cleanse the world. She’d rather live a lonely life than repeat a life in the apocalypse where she had to be cautious all the time.

In the apocalypse, the Awakened were everywhere. Even with Little Green, she couldn’t kill all of them. But things were different here. She was the only Awakened here. She had the source of all life, Little Green. Little Green could control nature and communicate with all animals and plants. If she wanted, the world would be crushed with a thought. However, she didn’t want that. She just wanted a peaceful life. But if these people didn’t want to give her that, she didn’t mind creating a peaceful life for herself.

After all, her kindness and sympathy had long disappeared in the five years of fighting and the betrayal of that scumbag couple.

Lin Yuelan’s words reminded everyone. How could they forget that Lin Yuelan was sent back from the King of Hell’s palace? If she was really a demon, why would the King of Hell send her back?

But why was this wretched girl so lucky?

She was not only revived but also given divine power and wisdom. Now, she could even command animals.

Could her jinx destiny be a special one? Before she fulfilled her destiny, she'd be given more powers to protect herself?

The villagers widened their eyes and once again stared at the child in front of them in disbelief. She was only half the height of an adult. Her small face was serious and had a sharp expression. She was not joking.

Everyone's heart skipped a beat!

This child was too terrifying!

She wanted to tear the entire Lin family Village apart just because they wanted to burn her to death.

This was not the result they wanted.

It would be easier to explain if she was really a demon. However, the villagers couldn't tell if this Lin Yuelan was still Lin Yuelan or not. In any case, they now realized that no matter who this girl was, she couldn't be dealt with by a village mob asking her to be burned.

That was because she could command the ferocious animals to attack them and even tear them apart.

But Lin Yuelan wouldn't do that unprovoked. Indeed, Lin Yuelan hadn't really done anything to harm the village.

Some of the villagers' eyes brightened after they had figured it out, and their pale faces turned red.

Lin Yuelan looked at their changing expressions, and the corners of her mouth curved into a satisfied arc. Suddenly, she laughed lightly and said, "Of course, as long as you allow me to stay in this village, I can guarantee that no wild beasts will come down the mountains to attack the villagers anymore. What do you think?"

To be fair, she wasn't asking for their opinion. She merely wanted to make them feel they had gotten something in return.

Therefore, the villagers had to agree to it no matter what.

Therefore, the eyes of those who were afraid immediately lit up, and they nodded their heads vigorously.

After a while, the entire Lin family Village nodded in agreement, allowing Lin Yuelan to continue staying.

Of course, Lin Yuelan had done all the warnings she wanted to do. Although her tone was light, one could still hear the sternness and strong warning in her tone.

She continued, “Of course, if someone tries to harm me and is killed by Little White, then you can’t blame me.” She turned around, and her eyes swept the four thieves on the ground. Then, she turned to look at the Lin family Village’s most respected elder, whose wrinkled face was ashen.

“Don’t you agree with me, Great-grandfather Qi?” The small and tender voice was melodious and clear. It was so moving.

However, to Lin Qi, this sounded like the devil. What Lin Yuelan whispered in his ears made him tremble in fear. There was an incident in which his first wife had gone missing many years ago. It was deemed that she had died in the mountains. However, he knew the truth. Lin Qi had personally killed her. He still had her bones buried underneath his house... which was how Little Green knew about it.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan was reminding him of the truth behind his wife’s death.

If he continued to be stubborn, then his reputation would be ruined, and his integrity would be lost!

He also understood Lin Yuelan’s meaning. What she wanted was nothing more than for him to personally punish these people.

However, he knew it was unsafe for the girl to have such a big weakness of his. For now, he could only go along with this girl’s wishes.

Lin Qi immediately nodded in agreement, “That’s right. The Lin family Village is a simple, honest, kind, and united village. We will never abide by thievery. These people have to be severely punished!”

Then, he stared sharply at the four people sitting in front of Lin Yuelan’s house and said in a serious and dignified manner, “Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao, the four of them have come to steal. The evidence is conclusive, and the amount of money they stole is huge. They must be severely punished. This matter should have been reported to the court.

“However, considering the impact it will have on the Lin family Village, I don’t think it’s a good idea to send them there. Instead, Lan ‘Er, I’ll leave you to decide their fate. Is that okay?”

# Chapter 89 - Punishment

Many people, including the village chief and Lin Dawei, were surprised by Lin Qi's decision. However, on second thought, the jinx had basically forced them to allow her to stay in Lin Family Village. Plus, she had whispered something to his ears.

Lin Qi had to compromise as a highly respected elder of the village. Therefore, when he said that he would punish these four people who had trespassed on Lin Yuelan's house to steal things, it was not so shocking.

However, the shocking thing was he handed them over to Lin Yuelan to decide the punishment. That was unlike Lin Qi. Normally, Lin Qi would handle the punishments so that he'd be able to display his dignity and reputation. However, unexpectedly, Lin Qi allowed Lin Yuelan to decide the punishment this time.

The villagers were confused.

Although they didn't agree with her, they had nothing to say because that was what Lin Qi said.

This was the result Lin Yuelan wanted. She had revealed more of her abilities for the villagers to confirm she was a demon even more. But so what? No matter if she was a demon or not, those people couldn't do anything to her, right?

Even if they were afraid, terrified, and wanted to kill her if given a chance, what could they really do in their situation?

With power, the entire world was her mobile surveillance camera. As long as she wanted to, she could know everyone's every move.

Therefore, she would never be surprised by an enemy ambush, and she would never forgive them.

She just wanted to live a carefree life of farming. She didn't want to live a life where she had to be careful of her life every day.

Since Lin Qi had given her the right to deal with the four, she would oblige. She chuckled and said, "Since Great-grandfather Qi trusts me, I will definitely not let you down. I will make these four people learn their lesson so that they will not dare to make the same mistake again!"

Lin Qi thought the girl would be polite and hand the power of the punishment back to him, but she accepted it just like that. Although he was annoyed, he did not dare to say anything.

Before Lin Yuelan decided on the punishment, she paused for a moment as if to think. Then she added, "Great-grandfather Qi doesn't want to bring this to the court, and I agree. If this gets out and we have criminals in the village, we'll be looked down on by the other villages. It would make Lin Family Village into a thief village."

Many people glared at Lin Yuelan as if they were going to eat her alive. Lin Qi's turbid eyes burst out with a sharp light as if he wanted to cut Lin Yuelan into a thousand pieces.

Only a few of them twitched their lips and thought, 'Girl, is it really a good idea for you to disrespect Grandfather Qi like this?'

Plus, how could the girl speak so righteously now? Who was the one who threatened the whole village earlier? The jinx had changed into a different person after she was sent back from hell.

Lin Yuelan continued to speak, "I'm born in the Lin Family Village, and I will continue to live in the Lin Family Village, so I will not let this place turn into a village of thieves." Then, Lin Yuelan's expression changed to become more serious and severe. "But it doesn't mean that these few thieves will go unpunished. Since we won't send them to the court, we can still punish them within the village.

"Since I'm the victim and great-grandfather Qi has given me the right to deal with these people, I will come up with the perfect punishment to not

disappoint Great-grandfather Qi. Uncles and Aunties, don't you agree?"

Lin Yuelan's speech made so many people's lips twitch. She had painted a lot of rainbows and butterflies, but it didn't change the fact that they were doing this because they were threatened by her.

Lin Qi's face darkened as he asked, "little girl, after saying so much, what kind of punishment do you plan to give them?"

Lin Yuelan looked at the four people with a smile. In the eyes of the thieves and some people, that smile was scary.

With an ambiguous smile, Lin Yuelan said, "Actually, my punishment is very simple. If they return my belongings and compensate for the things they have damaged, they only need to stay on the mountain for one night."

When the villagers heard her, everyone's faces changed drastically. Wasn't the punishment too harsh?

This wasn't just a light punishment. It was clearly a death sentence.

For ordinary people, staying on the mountain for one night was basically a death sentence.

Lin Yiwei frowned slightly to express his dissatisfaction when he heard the punishment. He said sternly, "Lan 'Er, isn't this punishment too harsh? Spending one night up the mountain is no different from asking them to die there. Not only will their family members be unhappy, but the entire village will also be unhappy." After all, how many villagers would be willing to let a child decide the death of their neighbors so easily?

Lin Qi snorted angrily, "Girl, and you said you wanted to get along with the villagers. You don't even treat the villagers' lives as something important. Also, among these people, aren't there your former grandmother and uncle too? Aren't you being too heartless?" Lin Yuelan had Lin Qi's weakness, but it didn't mean that he couldn't undermine her.



However, for Lin Yuelan, she would only respect the village chief and Lin Yiwei. She treated the rest as farts.

Lin Yuelan shook her head at Lin Yiwei and said, “Grandpa village chief, I wasn’t done yet. What I want them to do is to stay on the mountain for one night but I will ensure their safety. Why? Because I will stay on the mountain with them!” She had more personal lessons she wanted to teach her former uncle and grandmother.

Lin Yiwei had to think about it after he heard that. ‘With the tiger at Lan ‘Er’s side, Lan ‘Er and these people will not be in danger. These people also really need to be taught a lesson. They are too embarrassing. How could they even think about stealing from a child?’

Lin Yiwei nodded to show that he had no objections, but he was still a little worried, “Lan ‘Er, will it be too dangerous for you to stay on the mountain?”

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, “Grandpa Village Chief, don’t worry. Little white will protect me. I’ll be fine.”

For some of the villagers, they were certain that Lin Yuelan was a demon. How else would she be safe in the mountain for a night?

“No, I’m not staying on the mountain! Village chief, Uncle Qi, I didn’t steal her money. I only took some new crockery. I don’t want to stay on the mountain!” When Gu Sanniang heard their punishment, her face immediately turned pale. Going up the mountain even during the day meant losing their lives, much less staying overnight. How could Lin Yuelan be so vicious to want them to die?

Liu Liujiao also came to her senses and shook her head with a pale face. “Village chief, I didn’t steal any money. I only stole those small bottles. I really didn’t steal any money. The jinx’s one hundred taels were definitely stolen by them.” She pointed at Li Cuihua and her son, shouting in anger and fear.

Lin Daniu fainted, but Li Cuihua did not.

She immediately reacted. With a pale face, she shouted in anger and shock, “Who said I’d stolen the jinx’s money? I couldn’t even find a single copper coin. And you wretched girl, you actually want to kill us? Let me tell you. You’re simply dreaming!”

# Chapter 90 - Liefeng Requesting Help

Li Cuihua, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao would never admit that they had stolen Lin Yuelan's hundred taels of silver.

But evidence spoke louder than words!

Then, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Lin Yuelan searched their bodies and found a lot of silver.

Lin Daniu had the one hundred taels of silver on him. Li Cuihua had fifteen taels of silver, Gu Sanniang had more than ten taels of silver, and Liu Liujiao had stolen the least, but it was still no less than seven taels of silver.

The evidence was irrefutable, and these people could not quibble.

Lin Yuelan put the silver taels and banknotes that she had recovered in her pocket and said indignantly, "Elder Li, Auntie Gu, and Auntie Liu, I sold the tiger for some money, but I risked my life to capture that tiger. Look at my small, dilapidated house. I originally planned to use the money to repair or build a new one. Also, look at the things in my house. They are all broken tiles and jars. I don't have any food at all. In short, I need money.

"However, I barely had the chance to use the money, and you came to my house and took them away. Do you plan to leave me out here to die? I just want to live a normal life. Is that so wrong?"

She looked like she was about to cry.

'I just want to live a normal life. Is that so wrong?' That was a simple request. Many couldn't help but pity Lin Yuelan. Technically, Lin Yuelan didn't even do anything wrong.

Before she was declared a jinx, she had an okay life. She had a family. Lin Laosan's family was considered preposterous. Lin Yuelan didn't jinx them. However, once the Taoist priest said that Lin Yuelan was a jinx, Lin Laosan's family pushed the blame for all the tragedies they had onto the girl.

Some of the villagers really looked down on Lin Laosan's family, especially Li Cuihua, the woman who insisted on her granddaughter's death. Now, they looked down on her and despised her even more.

“Li Cuihua, there's irrefutable evidence that you stole the girl's silver, but you're still scolding her early. Li Cuihua, you really have no shame.”

“Li Cuihua, we saw with our eyes how a banknote for 100 taels of silver came out of Lin Daniu's clothes, and you said you didn't steal a single copper coin from the girl?”

“And Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao, you're really shameless. You stole so much silver, but you said you didn't. Then, you claimed that someone framed you. Who would be able to place the silver on you without you knowing?”

Lin Daniu's eyes slowly opened as the scolding got louder. He was called back to his senses with the talks of silver and money.

Therefore, the moment he opened his eyes, he shouted loudly, “Silver, banknotes, my money!” Then, he shielded his chest with his arms. After that, he turned pale with fright and said, “Where's my banknote? Where is it?”

Well... Speak of the evidence...

Gu Sanniang and Liu Liujiao's faces were ashen, but they still shook their heads helplessly and explained, “No, I didn't steal the money. I don't know why the money would come to me.”

Unfortunately, no one believed them.

When Li Cuihua saw Lin Daniu's reactions, she was instantly enraged. “Oh One, how dare you steal that banknote for one hundred taels and hide it from me? Do you even have me in your eyes?”

Lin Daniu's face was filled with confusion! Banknotes? Did he have banknotes on him?

However, before he could think further, he heard Lin Yuelan's voice.

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Qi and said sternly, "Great-grandfather Qi, since you have no objection to this punishment, please announce it for all!" She was pushing him

Lin Qi met Lin Yuelan's big and sharp eyes. His face turned green, then red. He was angry but helpless.

Lin Qi looked at the crowd and said sternly, "Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao have come to Lin Yuelan's house to steal. There is irrefutable evidence. I hereby announce that, in addition to compensating for all the losses, these four people must stay on the village mountain for a night as a warning!

"This is a warning for the other villagers too. Do not follow their example, or the punishment will be the same!"

Lin Daniu, who had just woken up, was so shocked that he was speechless!

If he had to stay on the mountain for a night, what was different from throwing him to the beasts?

Lin Daniu started to make a big fuss!

However, with Lin Qi's statement, Lin Yiwei's agreement, and Lin Yuelan's threat, no matter how much Lin Daniu and the other three argued, they were locked up in the Lin family's ancestral hall by the villagers. At night, they would be sent to the mountain by Little White and Lin Yuelan.

With the example set, the villagers no longer dared to think about stealing Lin Yuelan's money.

Even if she had more money in the future, they would not dare to have such thoughts... unless they favored money over their lives!

The mountain, named Mount Da Ao, was a place that the villagers were scared of. They didn't even dare to set foot there during the day, much less spend the night there. They were afraid of being eaten by the ferocious beasts.

Even though Lin Yuelan promised their safety now, the various noises in the mountain would still scare them out of their wits. Not to mention, according to the legends, there were also fierce ghosts in that mountain.

Lin Yuelan didn't care if there were ghosts on the mountain. She only cared that she had achieved her goal.

She had exposed more of her abilities but she could just pull up the King of Hell as an excuse.

It was Little Green who placed the silver and banknote on the four when they fainted. It was how Lin Yuelan managed to produce the evidence.

Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao spent a night at Mt. Da Ao. Although they returned safely, they looked like they had lost half their lives.

Because of the shock, all four of them fell sick.

The cost of seeing a doctor, getting medicine, and so on had swept away their years of savings. They definitely lost more than they aimed to get!

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Lin Yuelan carried a small basket on her back and went to Mount Da Ao to pick herbs again.

On the way, whenever the villagers saw Lin Yuelan, they would hurriedly hide in fear.

Lin Yuelan smacked her tongue. Did they really take her for a demon?

It had been more than two months since that incident.

For the past two months, Lin Yuelan's life had finally returned to normal. Her body had been strengthened by nutrition and effective training. She had grown a little taller, and her skin was no longer sallow. Instead, she now had a healthy complexion.

In the past, when the villagers saw Lin Yuelan, they would avoid her with disgust and disdain.

But now, when they saw Lin Yuelan, they were filled with fear and terror, so they hid even further away.

However, this was just what Lin Yuelan wanted.

Lin Yuelan was bending down to look for herbs when she heard the sound of hooves.

Lin Yuelan's expression immediately became serious and sharp.

"Who is it? Come out!" Lin Yuelan shouted sharply and cautiously.

However, when she saw the horse slowly walking out of the forest, Lin Yuelan's pupils shrank, and she shouted in surprise, "Liefeng!"

The reddish-brown fur and handsome figure could belong to no one else but Liefeng!

She ran to Liefeng and touched its fur. She asked curiously, "Liefeng, why are you here? where's your master?"

When Liefeng saw Lin Yuelan, it first licked her palm with its tongue, and then its mouth made a few whimpers. Its big round eyes seemed to be pleading.

Lin Yuelan didn't understand what Liefeng was trying to say, but she could see the eagerness and pleading in its eyes. She guessed that something must have happened.

Lin Yuelan immediately asked, "Little Green!"

Little Green immediately translated, “Master, Liefeng says that its master is being hunted down and is poisoned. He wants you to save its master!”

Lin Yuelan fell silent.

She was considering if she should save the masked general.

Once she made a move, it was very likely that she would be sucked into the whirlpool of fighting, which was the complete opposite of the peaceful life she wanted!



# Chapter 91 - A Second Shocking Meeting!

On a tree-lined road in the deep forest, the surrounding branches creaked with the wind. Dark green leaves fell to the ground, adding a thick layer of the green quilt to the dark soil. In the gap between the leaves and the branches, the sunlight filtered through, creating a serene atmosphere.

However, in this quiet place, a massacre was happening!

A group of men in black surrounded four tall men who were covered in wounds, black mud, and red blood. The four men were in a protective position, protecting a man wearing a mask in the middle.

Jiang Zhennan half-knelt on the ground, the long knife in his hand was stained with blood that had turned black, but it could not hide its sharpness.

He held the handle of the knife with one hand and used it to support his entire weight. He used the other hand to wipe the blood from the corner of his mouth under the mask.

His sharp eyes under the mask shot straight at the men in black. Then, he looked at the subordinates who were protecting him and said in a stern and stern tone, “Guo Bing, little three, little six, little twelve, don’t worry about me. Fight your way out and save yourselves. Don’t die here with me!”

It was all his fault. He was so careless that he fell into a trap. The poison had reached his heart. He couldn’t hold on for long.

However, his brothers still had a chance to live. As long as they gave up on him, they could kill their way out.

“No, boss!” Guo Bing’s expression was serious, without a trace of his usual cheeky smile. He said seriously, “You are the War God of Long Yan Country. We can all die, but you can’t.”

That person and the people from Zhengguo Court were too vicious. For their own selfishness, they actually colluded to poison their boss.

By the time they discovered it, the poison was already on the verge of acting up. The doctors in the capital were helpless, and only the divine Doctor Wu Yazi might have a chance of saving Jiang Zhennan.

In order to find the legendary doctor, they departed from the general's residence overnight. They didn't expect to be assassinated the moment they left the capital.

It was obvious that those people had already predicted that they would leave the capital to find Wu Yazi, so they'd set up an ambush along the way, waiting for them to leave the city and then start hunting them down.

From twenty-five of them, there were only five of them left, including their boss.

However, at this moment, the poison in the general's body had taken effect. The four of them were not enough to deal with the more than 20 men in black. However, they still didn't want to give up.

Regardless, Jiang Zhennan wasn't going to let his men sacrifice themselves for him.

Jiang Zhennan's heart was filled with sorrow.

Jiang Zhennan did not die on the battlefield as a general should, but he was going to die due to the conspiracy from within the Imperial Palace.

He was very indignant and unwilling. The anger in his heart made him want to kill his way back to the capital and kill those selfish, despicable, and shameless people who did not care about the safety of the country and the interests of the people. However, at this moment, he could do nothing about it.

The poison had reached his heart, and he didn't have long to live. However, his brothers were still so young. Therefore, no matter what, he had to protect

his brothers.

He had already let down the 20 brothers who had sacrificed their lives for him.

Jiang Zhennan propped himself up with a knife. Then, with a stern look in his sharp eyes, he ordered, “Guo Bing, take little three, little six, and little twelve with you and rush out. Don’t worry about me. This is an order!”

The bloodied faces of Guo Bing and the other three suddenly changed, and they said in shock, “General! We swear to die with you!”

Jiang Zhennan said sternly, “This is my last order to you as your general. Are you going to disobey my order? As soldiers, you should be very clear that it is your duty to follow orders! So, I order you to abandon me and retreat!”

Upon hearing Jiang Zhennan’s words, one of the men in black, who was standing at the back of the group, said sarcastically, “Haha, Jiang Zhennan, you’re about to die, but you still want to put on the airs to save the lives of your subordinates. This is the funniest thing I’ve ever seen!”

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Then, his tone changed into arrogance and coldness. He said loudly, “Hmph, Jiang Zhennan, I’m telling you, you and your brothers are not returning to Beijing alive!”

“You can only blame yourself for being too meddlesome and blocking my master’s path. Now, not only have you paid with your life, but you’ll also have to pay with the lives of all your brothers and subordinates!” His tone turned into a mocking and intense sarcasm. “Jiang Zhennan, I believe the heart-eating poison in your body has already acted up! Otherwise, you wouldn’t be thinking of ordering your brothers to abandon you.”

“Haha, who would have thought that the decisive, selfless, and ruthless War God general would have a woman’s charity? He actually trusted the people sent over by Zhengguo Court and drank the soup they had poisoned.”

“Jiang Zhennan, it’s not just my master who wants you dead. You were born to be a jinx, so your father and stepmother want you to die. Your siblings are jealous of you because you are the defender-general of the state. Jiang Zhennan, your life is a failure, don’t you think?”

Once the leader was done, the other men in black cackled.

Jiang Zhennan was severely poisoned, and the poison had attacked his heart. His face under the mask turned from red to yellow to purple and then white. The palm of his hand that was holding the hilt of the knife was sweating and trembling constantly. The heart-wrenching pain almost made him lose the strength to speak. However, Jiang Zhennan was ultimately the War God of Long Yan Country. His perseverance and endurance were not comparable to ordinary people.

Even in the face of the enemy’s arrogant mockery and sarcasm, he didn’t back down.

He supported himself with the hilt of the knife and stood up straight. The purplish lips under the mask retorted in a mocking tone. “Even if I’m seen as a stumbling block by your master, and even if the people from the Zhengguo Court hate me, I’ve made my way from a small soldier to the defender-general of the state. I am known and even worshiped by the people. I have a clean and upright life!

“On the other hand,” his sharp eyes glanced at the Men in Black and said disdainfully, “even under the hot sun, you can only wear black clothes and black masks. You can never show your true appearance and can only live in darkness forever. You are the most pitiful people in the world!”

Jiang Zhennan used the last of his strength to speak. Blood immediately gushed out of his chest, but he tried his best to suppress it.

The expression of the men in the black changed. The leader shouted angrily, “Jiang Zhennan, you’re still gloating even when you’re about to die. Since you like to be a general that much, I’ll send you to hell to be a ghost general!

“Brothers, go! Once we bring Jiang Zhennan’s head back to our master, we will get ten thousand taels of gold!”

The men swarmed forward.

Jiang Zhennan’s group of five was already exhausted after being hunted all the way. Jiang Zhennan was poisoned. Jiang Zhennan’s men wanted to save their general, but not while saving themselves. They couldn’t do both. It was why Jiang Zhennan had ordered them to abandon him.

Jiang Zhennan gave his orders again. Guo Bing and the others were in tears. They were determined to break out of the siege so that one day, they’d avenge their general.

However, their enemies had the advantage in numbers, while they were poisoned or heavily injured. Very quickly, they were surrounded.

Their hope of escape dwindled. The four either lay or knelt on the ground.

Little three and little twelve were lying on the ground, bleeding from their abdomens. Their legs were twisted. One of their hands was holding a knife, while the other was grabbing the soil on the ground. Tears were flowing from the corners of their eyes. They were unwilling to die like this!

A man doesn't shed tears easily unless it is because of something truly heart-breaking.

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However, they didn't think that they wouldn't die on the battlefield to protect their country but would die because of the conspiracy within the government they swore to protect. Of course, they were unwilling to die just like that. But they could only pray to reincarnate as their general's subordinates in their next lives.

Guo Bing and Little Six were kneeling on the ground with their hands on the hilts of their swords. Blood was flowing out of the corners of their mouths. There were wounds on their chests and backs. They no longer had the strength to resist.

But it was not ideal to die in such a desolate mountain forest. After they died, they would become food for the wild animals in the deep mountains. If they died like this, their general would never be avenged, and no one would know the truth. Their killers would live to enjoy the peace and wealth brought by their general. They felt indignant, but what could they do? They were about to die.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the tragic appearance of his four subordinates, and his sharp eyes instantly burst with a sense of hatred.

He suddenly grabbed the hilt of the knife and raised it. The sharp blade glowed with a cold light. Even under the high temperature of the hot sun, the people around could feel the bone-chilling cold.

The sharp blade seemed to sense its owner's intense hatred. The blade buzzed with the call for blood.

When the men in black saw this, their pupils under the black masks contracted violently. They had no idea that Jiang Zhennan would still be able to lift his 108-catties broadsword and fight them. Did he not get poisoned?

The leader of the men quickly shouted, “Brothers, don’t worry. Jiang Zhennan is of no threat to us. We just need to take his head. When we return to the capital, we will be able to obtain ten thousand taels of gold!”

With that, more than a dozen men in black immediately stepped forward with their knives, eager to be the first to take Jiang Zhennan’s head.

Guo Bing and the other three had tears in their eyes as they looked at their boss, who was using the last of his life force to fight for them to escape.

Jiang Zhennan raised his knife and slashed at the men in black. The heart-eating poison sealed up his internal Qi. Jiang Zhennan had to rely on brute force. However, the poison had also invaded his internal organs and limbs. At this moment, his vision was blurred, and all he could hear was a deafening roar. His hands were already numb, and his legs were like heavy lead.

However, he charged on pure instinct. There was no sense or reason. He just needed to kill.

For a moment, the men in black were held back. They couldn’t get close to him, much less take his head.

Jiang Zhennan suddenly shouted at Guo Bing and the others, “Hurry up and leave!”

With red eyes and tears, Guo Bing and the other three struggled to get up and fight again. They couldn’t just leave the general alone, even if it meant disobeying their general!

They were brothers who had gone through life and death together on the battlefield. They couldn’t be like cowards and abandon their general. They needed to be alive to avenge their general, but when they thought about how they’d only live with their general sacrificing his life, they couldn’t bring themselves to escape. Therefore, even if they were to die, they would die with their general.



They believed that the truth would be revealed one day, and someone would avenge the general.

A new round of killing was carried out on this quiet battlefield.

It was an intense, bloody, and painful battle with a great disparity in strength!

The men in black didn't expect such a hard resistance from the five dying men. The five appeared to suddenly burst with power. This shocked them deeply.

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However, what could they do?

The five of them were either disabled or injured. There were more than twenty enemies. Even if they just piled on, the five would eventually be overwhelmed.

The leader of the black men sneered, “Since they’re still so feisty, let’s play with them a little. I want to see how long they can last!”

Even if Jiang Zhennan couldn’t use his Qi, he could still hold the men back. However, he was running low on energy. He would eventually succumb to the poison.

Therefore, the men in black were merely teasing them with small skirmishes. Eventually, the blade in Jiang Zhennan’s hand fell to the ground, and then his whole body fell back.

“General!” Guo Bing and the others immediately cried out in shock, their eyes almost popping out of their sockets. Jiang Zhennan’s accident flustered Guo Bing and the others. Instantly, a few more holes appeared in their bodies.

Guo Bing and the men didn’t care. All of them crawled to Jiang Zhennan’s side.

The leader made a hand gesture, and the group of men in black stopped their attack. The assassins stopped to watch the show. They focused on Jiang Zhennan, the War God who was worshipped by all men, women, and children of the Long Yan Kingdom, lying on the ground, unable to move. His left and right hands were riddled with thousands of holes, and the bleeding did not stop. The men in black felt a sense of pleasure.

The leader walked forward without any hesitation. Guo Bing and the other three immediately became alert. However, it was useless. The man kicked

them aside one by one. Then, he raised his foot and aimed it at Jiang Zhennan's chest. With extreme pleasure, he said to Jiang Zhennan fiercely, "Jiang Zhennan, weren't you trying to kill us earlier? Why are you lying on the ground now like a dead person? No, wait. You are supposed to be a dead person." He stomped heavily.

In an instant, black blood flowed out from the corner of Jiang Zhennan's mouth under the mask.

Guo Bing, little three, little six, and little twelve's eyes were filled with tears. They were emotional, and their expressions were pained.

The man was extremely angry and shouted at Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan, aren't you War God who has won every battle? Aren't you highly skilled in martial arts and have deep inner strength? Didn't you kill nearly 200 of our brothers the moment you left the capital?"

"Why are you lying on the ground like a weakling now?"

Little six touched his injured thigh with one hand. His eyes were bloodshot as he roared at the leader, "the general is not a weakling. You are the real weakling, the real despicable villains!"

If it weren't for the fact that the general was poisoned by them, even if there were another 200 assassins, the general would have easily taken care of them, let alone these 20 or so. To think the general would be insulted by these people!

A man in black stepped on Little Six's injured leg.

Little Six cried out in agony.

The leader was very satisfied with his follower's cruelty. He snorted coldly, "Jiang Zhennan is a weakling, and that is a fact!" The leader kept calling Jiang Zhennan a weakling as if he was trying to make up for his own weakness. He couldn't win Jiang Zhennan in a fair match, so he had to take advantage of this situation.

Jiang Zhennan spat out black blood. He said coldly, “Kill me. I have done nothing wrong. I can face the heavens and earth without shame.

“I can only blame myself for being too trusting.

“However, have you heard of the saying, ‘when the cunning rabbits die, so will the hunting hounds’? You already know that man’s secret. Do you think he’ll let you live? In your dreams!”

The men in black’s hearts trembled after hearing that. After all, Jiang Zhennan’s words made a lot of sense.

His meaning was simple...

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Only the dead wouldn't speak and spill secrets!

They were loyal to their master, but not if their master wanted them dead. For a moment, some of them wavered, and some even had thoughts of rebelling.

When the leader saw this, he shouted angrily at Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan, don't you try to sow discord here! If master really wanted to silence us, he wouldn't have rewarded us with ten thousand taels of gold. That's contradictory!" Then, he turned around and shouted angrily at those people, "Don't be incited by him. He just wants to make a chink in our minds. Don't fall for his trick!"

After he finished shouting at his subordinates, he then said angrily to Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan, you're really asking for it. I was planning to keep your corpse intact at first, but you lost your chance. After all, we only need your head. As for your body, I'm sure it'll feed plenty of wildlife."

After that, he raised the big knife and aimed it at Jiang Zhennan's neck.

Jiang Zhennan had lost all energy he had. His entire body was numb. He was bleeding all over his body, and he couldn't do anything. He knew that he was about to die. However, he was calm.

Many people say that one would reflect on one's life before dying. Jiang Zhennan was cursed as the ultimate jinx from the moment he was born. This seemed fitting for his life.

His memories fluttered around his mind like scattering flowers. Then, he thought of Liefeng. He missed and worried about his partner the most. If Liefeng had only taken him, he would have escaped safely. However, Jiang Zhennan couldn't leave behind his brothers, the people who always had his back. So he had Liefeng leave first. He wondered if Liefeng was safe. He hoped that it wasn't captured.

Liefeng was a very clever horse. Everyone in the capital knew that. Many people wanted to get their hands on Liefeng. Jiang Zhennan was worried that Liefeng would be found by that person. Then, Liefeng would be subdued or killed. The chance of the latter being higher.

His blurry eyes were staring at the gaps between the leaves. Through the gaps, the intense sunlight shone on the ground in a cylindrical shape.

He suddenly thought of the young woman he had met once. They were not very far from where they met. It was just the mountain next to this one.

Jiang Zhennan laughed bitterly in his heart. He didn't think that the young woman would be featured in his mind before he died.

The young woman was the only person who was not afraid of him. She'd call him masked uncle, be angry and even smile at him. In his short life, she was the only person who treated him as a normal person and communicated with him as a friend. That was the first time he had experienced the joy and pleasure of having friends.

But now, he was about to die.

He would never have the chance to see that smart and adorable young woman again.

The sharp tip of the knife touched Jiang Zhennan's throat. Jiang Zhennan also closed his eyes, waiting for his head to be separated from his body.

At this moment, a series of tapping sounds entered everyone's ears. Everyone there knew martial arts. They could tell from the sound that it came from the hooves of a horse.

The leader immediately stopped what he was doing. He frowned. 'Is there someone else in this wild forest with us?'

The sound came closer to where they were.

Even if they killed Jiang Zhennan and his men now, they couldn't immediately destroy the corpses to get rid of the evidence within the short

time frame. The men's military gear would reveal their identity.

Therefore, they would have to kill this person who was wandering over with the house. That was the only way!

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After the leader made this decision, he immediately pulled the knife from Jiang Zhenan's neck. Then, he took a few steps forward and turned around. The sharp eyes under the mask looked in the direction of the sound of horse hooves.

The man hoped for all their sake that the person would just pass by.

However, Jiang Zhenan and his men were very familiar with the sound. Their pupils shook. 'Why is Liefeng back?'

The sound of galloping came closer, and soon, the horse appeared. However, the horse didn't come alone. A young woman who looked around nine sat on the horse's back. She was wearing a light green dress. She had fair skin, big eyes, delicate eyebrows, a small nose, and pink lips, and her bangs were parted to the left. Her hair was held in place by a silver pin, and her long hair fell on her shoulders.

She looked innocent, simple, refreshing, cute, and sweet.

The leader thought the newcomer was a martial arts master and was considering how to kill them, but it was just an innocent girl.

Jiang Zhenan's vision was about to turn dark when he heard the footsteps of his old friend, Liefeng. Then, a blurry shadow seemed to appear in the darkness. It was Liefeng's shadow, but straddling Liefeng was a petite figure. He was shocked. He had so many questions, but he didn't have the strength to move his lips anymore. No matter how anxious he was, he could do nothing.

When Guo Bing and the others saw the person sitting on Liefeng, their pupils suddenly contracted violently, and their pale faces showed a surprised expression, feeling particularly incredulous.

They found the young woman to be very familiar, but they couldn't be sure.



The person they met two months ago was just a child. Her skin was sallow and her frame was weak. But this young woman looked like she was around nine. Could a person have grown so much in the span of two months? Could a person have such immense growth in height?

The malnourished child with stick-like limbs couldn't be compared to the young woman with rosy cheeks. But the young woman had the same facial features as the child.

Another piece of evidence was Liefeng.

Liefeng didn't resist the young woman at all. It even let her ride on its back. Therefore, could they really be the same person? This confused Guo Bing and the rest.

Regardless, all they had was a worry for this young woman who suddenly barged in.

Little six was half-lying on the ground with a knife in his hand. His abdomen was bleeding, and his face was pale. When he saw Lin Yuelan, his eyes were filled with surprise. He raised his hand with great effort and pointed at her. He looked at Guo Bing and said suspiciously, "First lieutenant, this young woman, she..."

Guo Bing immediately shook his head at Little Six.

Little Six grasped the meaning. They couldn't reveal their past connection with the person, or the assassins wouldn't let her go.

Lin Yuelan rode Liefeng and leisurely went through a small path in the deep mountains and wild forests. Her eyes looked here and there as if she was very interested in the surrounding scenery.

Suddenly, when she saw a group of men in black surrounding a few people who were lying on the ground, her eyes were dazed. She looked stunned and slightly surprised.

However, the surprise only lasted for a moment. Then, she became calm and waved her hand at the men in black. She said innocently, “Hey, brothers in black, I’m just passing by. Please pretend that you don’t see me.”

Then, she patted Liefeng’s back and said, “Feng ‘Er, why did you bring me into the mountains? What if we meet some robbers? I’m just a child, so how can I beat them? I’ll be killed so that they’d be cleaned of all the witnesses!”

She said these with a very relaxed and insouciant tone.

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Not only Guo Bing and the rest but also the men in black were momentarily stunned by Lin Yuelan's monologue.

However, before they could react, the child turned around and said to the men in black, "Brothers in black, Feng 'Er has led the wrong way. I've already taught him a lesson. We'll be leaving now!" As she spoke, Lin Yuelan patted Liefeng's back. Liefeng was very sensible. He really turned around as if he was ready to leave with Lin Yuelan.

This action simply surprised Guo Bing and the other three.

'What is going on? Did Liefeng really bring her here by mistake? But Liefeng is the general's mount and a good companion. With Liefeng's intelligence, it wouldn't give a lack of response when it sees the general lying on the ground, dying by the seconds. But if it did, how could it be so calm?

'Could Liefeng have abandoned the general and acknowledged her as the young woman as its new master?'

The four glared at Liefeng and the young woman with faint anger. However, they were on the verge of death. What could they do anyway?

The men in black saw the young woman leave with the house. Finally, they reacted. Of course, they couldn't allow that. No matter if the young woman had barged into this scene unintentionally or intentionally, she had to stay to accompany the general and his people. She had to die!

The leader immediately shouted, "Stop!"

Lin Yuelan patted Liefeng's shoulder, and the latter stood still. Then, Lin Yuelan turned and said with an innocent expression, "Big Brother, I told you that I didn't mean to interrupt you on purpose. I thought to lead Feng 'Er out to play. Who would have thought that it'd lead me to this mountain forest?"

“But don’t worry. I really have not seen anything. Nothing at all!”

Well, she was just making this worse. Lin Yuelan saw the expression of the leader, and she raised one hand to make a vow. She said in a serious tone, “Big Brother, I can swear on it if you like. If I repeat anything I see here to anyone else, the rest of my current family will die a horrible death.”

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes internally. After all, she was a single orphan with no family. The oath was just empty talk. She might have a family in the future, so she swore using her ‘current’ family.

The men in black were surprised by this turn of events. They almost let her go. The girl was too cunning!

The leader held his knife and shouted at Lin Yuelan again, “I don’t care if you come here on purpose or not, and I don’t care if you’ve seen anything. You must leave your life here!”

“Besides, you keep saying that it was this horse that brought you here. Do you think I’m blind? The horse you’re riding is called Liefeng. Everyone in the capital knows that it’s Jiang Zhennan’s mount!”

“So, you will have to die!”

Lin Yuelan was immediately frightened by his words. She patted for Lie Feng to turn around. With a frightened expression and nervous eyes, she looked at Liefeng and then at the leader. She gasped in disbelief, “Big Brother, what did you say? Does this horse belong to Jiang Zhennan, the famous War God of the Long Yan Kingdom and the defender-general of the state?”

“But that’s impossible. Liefeng is my horse!”

The leader’s pupils shrank when he heard that Lin Yuelan was able to identify and name Jiang Zhennan.

Then, his sharp eyes shot toward the girl on the horse. He looked at her round face, soft white skin with a tinge of red. Although her facial features were not

fully developed, her big eyes, white teeth, and pink lips showed that she would definitely be great beauty in the future.

Of course, she wouldn't have that chance anymore.

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However, they wouldn't mind using her for a pleasant enjoyment.

As assassins, they couldn't use prostitutes lest they leak the secrets of their masters. Most of the time, they would kidnap a young woman on the road. After they were satisfied, they would kill them or lock them up as sex slaves.

However, they usually had a lot of tasks and didn't have time for sexual release. To kill Jiang Zhennan, the assassins hadn't had a chance even to stop to catch a breath, much less have sex with a woman.

Now, a woman had landed before them. So, it would be a waste not to use her even though she looked only nine. However, the leader heard that young girls were more feisty, and it was fun to ruin their innocence.

At the thought of this, the leader's blood suddenly started to boil. A warm feeling suddenly rose in his chest. The desire in his eyes burned like fire.

He looked at Lin Yuelan with an undisguised lecherous look.

His big tongue under the black mask licked the corner of his lips. Then, with an excited look, he said with a sinister smile, "Miss, it doesn't matter whether the horse you're riding on is Liefeng or not. Since you've barged in here, you'll have to leave your life behind!"

Then, the sharp eyes under the mask deliberately scanned Lin Yuelan. The leader said salaciously, "However, if you stay and have some fun with my brothers, I might consider letting you live. How about it?"

What was more important than life? Many people would surrender their dignity to live. These assassins were used to people doing anything to beg them for mercies, and they got their high from that.

However, they didn't expect...

“You’ve really angered me this time!” The voice was like ice, chilling to the bone.

Hearing Lin Yuelan, the men in black, led by the leader, immediately laughed.

“Little Miss, so what if we’ve angered you?” He said disdainfully.

He said to his brothers. “Actually, now that the girl’s face is all tensed up, she looks very cute. You know what. I’m sure her cries will be very melodious when we are poking into her!”

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A lot more obscenities were said.

Lin Yuelan’s face was cold, and her eyes were sharp. She looked at these people and listened to them. She sat on the horse’s back and didn’t move.

In her eyes, these people were already dead.

The leader also laughed loudly, “little sister, big brother advises you to be more obedient, or else ...”

However, before he could finish his sentence, a wild gust of wind gathered in the forest. The branches moved. The branches grew and twisted madly like they had gained a life of their own. In an instant, the space was enclosed within a branch cage.

As suddenly as the cage was formed, the branches slithered back into place, and everything was normal again.

This strange and unbelievable scene made everyone’s eyes widen, showing an expression of shock and even horror.

‘Have the trees come alive?’ That was the only explanation they had. This was something they had never encountered before. Thus, they were afraid of it. The lusty thoughts left their mind. All they wanted to do was to leave this creepy forest as soon as possible. But before that...

The leader angrily said to Lin Yuelan, “Little girl, prepare to die. There’s no reason for me to spare you!” The knife left his hand and flew at Lin Yuelan at lightning speed.

Guo Bing and Little Six, who had not fainted yet, opened their bloody mouths and looked at the scene in horror. They had to close their eyes because they didn’t have the heart to watch this. The young woman was going to die because of them!

When Guo Bing closed his eyes, he shouted with all his might, “Liefeng, take the young lady and run!”

At that moment, Jiang Zhennan suddenly gained a surge of energy. Perhaps he was worried about Liefeng... or the person sitting on Liefeng. His right hand picked up the big knife. He lunged toward Lin Yuelan’s direction by instinct.



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The two blades clashed violently. Yellow and red sparks bloomed like fireworks. There was even the smell of smoke. Soon, a saber was halved, and they fell to the ground.

Everything happened in the blink of an eye.

When the leader finally reacted, he saw his weapon lying on the ground in two pieces.

The leader turned his head in anger and shouted at Jiang Zhennan, “Jiang Zhennan!”

When the leader’s saber was about to reach Lin Yuelan, Jiang Zhennan intercepted it with lightning speed.

The leader failed to kill Lin Yuelan. On top of that, his weapon, Jin Chan Dao, was destroyed by Jiang Zhennan’s blade. Jin Chan Dao was ranked eighth on Jiang Hu.

However, Jiang Zhennan only wielded a normal broadsword. According to legends, Jiang Zhenhan had used that 108-catties sword ever since the first day he stepped onto the battlefield. The leader’s Jin Chan Dao was destroyed by an ordinary blade. If the word got out, he would be laughed at, and he would lose face as the leader of Broken Soul.

This leader was not only an assassin of a certain Prince in the imperial city, but he was also the leader of an assassin organization. What service did he provide his master? Simple. It was to assassinate the prince’s dissenters in Jiang Hu!

Of course, neither the Imperial court nor Jiang Hu was aware of this relationship.

The leader, who was embarrassed and angry, immediately grabbed a big knife from one of his subordinates and quickly walked to Jiang Zhennan. Then, he swung it at Jiang Zhennan's neck.

Guo Bing and the others could only look on helplessly.

“General!”

“Boss!”

Jiang Zhennan looked up at the cloudless blue sky with a sorrowful, angry, and helpless expression.

What had he done wrong? Why were the heavens so unfair? Was it because he was the ultimate jinx? Even in death, he couldn't have an intact corpse!

“Did you get my permission to kill him?”

A clear, loud, sharp, and cold girl's voice suddenly rang in everyone's ears.

Suddenly, a small light green figure whooshed through the air. A burst of green light appeared before Jiang Zhennan. Then, the green figure flitted back onto the horse. This shocking twist stunned everyone.

When the leader came back to his senses, his hands were already empty.

He looked at his hands and asked in shock, “Where's the saber?” He looked around and was blinded by silver light. He looked up and was shocked. The young woman was toying with the saber he was just holding.

The young woman turned the knife around as if she was very curious about it. However, after a while, she lost interest in the knife and said in a calm voice, “And I thought this is some special knife. But it's just a normal butcher's knife.”

The owner of the saber became furious and vomited a large amount of blood. He was so angry.

Lin Yuelan was confused. All she said was that the knife was unremarkable. Did the man have to react so violently? Were these assassins that weak?

The leader was terrified. He couldn't explain how the saber was taken from his grasp and appeared in Lin Yuelan's hands.

Then, the cold voice continued, "Regardless, today I shall make this butcher's knife to make you pay for the things that you've just said earlier!"

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Then, everyone, including Guo Bing and the others, saw a flash of silver light. The six men in black who said those obscene things about Lin Yuelan fell to the ground.

Guo Bing and the others widened their eyes and looked at Lin Yuelan with even more disbelief and shock.

At this moment, they all had the same thought in their hearts, ‘Damn! No wonder Liefeng brought her here. She’s a hidden martial art expert!’

The other men in black were also shocked, but they were trembling in a completely different way!

Their companions had fallen before they could tell what the young woman had done. As members of Broken Soul, how could they not hear of this expert on Jiang Hu? Plus, she looked just around ten!

This young woman terrified them!

After the leader recovered from his shock, he immediately reacted. He snatched a nearby weapon and shouted at Lin Yuelan in shock, fear, and anger, “Girl, you’re going to die!” Then, he turned to the others, “All of you, attack! Avenge our dead brothers!”

The men no longer cared about Jiang Zhennan and his people. They were burning with anger, indignation, and fear. They had to first eliminate Lin Yuelan before they could deal with Jiang Zhennan.

Lin Yuelan saw the anger on the men’s faces. She stood up on Liefeng’s back. She held a vine that was as thick as an adult’s finger in her hand. Her cold and proud demeanor radiated the aura of an empress.

A gust of wind blew, and her black hair and clothes fluttered. Suddenly, she flew up from the horse’s back, and a vine jumped from her hand.

The green vine ruthlessly slithered around the men in black.

“Ah!” One of them instantly had a large hole in his chest.

“Ah!” Another was beheaded.

Then, one painful scream after another sounded in the deep mountains. Then, there was a series of thuds as the dead weight fell to the ground.

The twenty men in black, with the exception of their leader, were all lying on the ground, dead.

Lin Yuelan put away the vine and then walked to Guo Bing and the others. Lin Yuelan looked at their injuries and frowned. But she quickly relaxed her frown. She kicked Guo Bing, who was still dumbfounded, and asked, “Hey, are you still alive?”

Lin Yuelan’s kick landed on Guo Bing’s wound, and the pain doubled in an instant. He gritted his teeth in pain, but it also brought him back to his senses. Then, he gritted his teeth and said, “Thank you for your concern, miss. I am not dead yet.”

Their pursuers had mostly died. They just needed to rest, and they could recuperate.

Guo Bing then thought of something. He looked at Lin Yuelan. He asked with uncertainty, “Miss, have we met before?”

Lin Yuelan didn’t nod or shake her head. She said bluntly, “two hundred and eighty thousand taels!”

“What?”

Guo Bing and the other three didn’t understand what was going on. What did this sudden 280,000 taels mean?

Lin Yuelan pointed at the fallen men with her little finger and said, “10000 taels for each death!” One kill cost ten thousand taels, and there were 28 men on the ground, so the total cost was two hundred and eighty thousand taels.

The corners of Guo Bing and the other three's mouths twitched. This was definitely the girl they had met back then. She was still a bandit like before.

However, every time they met Lin Yuelan, she would give them a huge surprise.

None of them expected her to be so powerful. Her aura was no weaker than any of them.

The leader looked at the corpses of his companions in shock.

In the end, he looked at the child standing in front of Guo Bing and the others with a terrified expression. The situation was clear. He was not her match.

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