

## Village Girl 111

### Chapter 111: Take Me Home

Lin Yuelan was 32. For her, the 24 years old Jiang Zhennan was like her little brother. So she didn't think what she did was inappropriate. Clearly, she had forgotten that in Ancient China, 12 years old was the age for marriage.

The moment Lin Yuelan's little hand touched his chest, Jiang Zhennan's body suddenly became stiff. He laid there, not daring to move or even breathe.

He was frightened. Lin Yuelan was a young woman. This was highly inappropriate in his mind.

Her soft hands touched his chest...

Jiang Zhennan gritted his teeth and said, "miss, please conduct yourself with dignity!"

'Where is she touching now?'

Lin Yuelan's hand on Jiang Zhennan's waist paused. She didn't understand why Jiang Zhennan would suddenly say something like that.

Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing and the others in confusion, only to see that their faces were all red. Then, they covered their faces with their hands, and their eyes seemed to be looking at a particular spot in embarrassment.

Lin Yuelan followed their gazes and then turned to her own hand. When she saw where her hand was placed, Lin Yuelan's small face suddenly blushed. She quickly removed her hand but not before kicking that part. She involuntarily shouted, "Ah, pervert!"

This time, it was Guo Bing and the others' turn to roll their eyes. Who was the pervert here?

She was the one who started all the touching.

"Oh..." Jiang Zhennan was in so much pain that he let out a groan. No man would be able to withstand such pain.

When Lin Yuelan came to her senses, she immediately looked ashamed and guilty.

She squatted down and asked Jiang Zhennan in a low voice, "masked uncle, are you alright?"

She really didn't do it on purpose. She was just flustered. She wondered if the masked uncle was injured.

Lin Yuelan was confused. She was only checking Jiang Zhennan's body for money. Why would she search at that place? Oh, right! It was because the town hooligan had hidden his banknotes there. She didn't know the hooligan, and he looked ugly, so she didn't feel ashamed, but the masked uncle was her acquaintance. It was embarrassing!

Jiang Zhennan was in pain for a while. He looked at Lin Yuelan's guilty little face and suddenly felt a little dazed.

Why was it that when this child touched his body, he didn't feel repulsed at all? The feeling was very strange.

“Masked uncle,” Lin Yuelan was worried because Jiang Zhennan had not answered her. She was worried that she had really broken that part of his body. Her face was a little anxious, and she kept waving her hand in front of Jiang Zhennan. “Masked uncle, are you okay?”

Jiang Zhennan finally regained his senses. He shook his head and said, “I... I’m fine.”

The more he said this, the more Lin Yuelan felt that something was wrong. She had special power, but she was not a doctor, so she couldn’t diagnose if Jiang Zhennan was injured or not.

She could use Little Green to examine him, but that’d expose Little Green. Lin Yuelan thought about it and said, “Masked uncle, since I accidentally injured that thing of yours, I will definitely take responsibility!”

Ha?

Guo Bing and the others, including Jiang Zhennan, were extremely surprised by Lin Yuelan’s words.

Jiang Zhennan reacted and immediately shook his head. “No, no, miss, I’m really fine.”

He was already twenty-four years old, and he was destined to be an Ultimate Jinx. If she married him, wouldn’t she be harmed by him?

However, Guo Bing rushed to say, “Yes, miss. Believe me. You’ll definitely be happy if you marry our boss.”

Lin Yuelan looked a little confused. When did she promise marriage?

Lin Yuelan said unhappily, “When did I say that I was going to marry the masked uncle?”

Ah?

Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing, and the others were immediately a little confused.

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“But didn’t you just say that you were going to be responsible for our boss?” Little Six was more innocent and straightforward. “Doesn’t that mean that you’d marry our boss and take care of him?”

Lin Yuelan’s face darkened. This was her fault for being so ambiguous.

Lin Yuelan said even more unhappily, “Who told you that?”

Huh? If that weren’t it, then what was it?

“The responsibility I’m talking about is to treat the masked uncle,” Lin Yuelan said.

The men laughed awkwardly, and even Jiang Zhennan’s mouth twitched.

Lin Yuelan looked at the few people and then looked at the sky again. She frowned and thought for a while before saying, “Forget it. I’ll do what I can to save you. I’ll bring you back with me.”

However, this time, it was Jiang Zhennan’s turn to refuse.

“No, miss, we’d better not trouble you!” It was clear that she didn’t want trouble, and they were real trouble. Since they wouldn’t be eaten by wild beasts, they really didn’t want to trouble her.

However, Lin Yuelan was a stubborn one.

She immediately put her hands on her hips and shouted angrily, “I say, masked uncle, what’s wrong with you? Earlier, you asked me to bring you back, but I refused. You negotiated so much with me. But now that I want to bring you back, you reject me. Are you toying with me?” No matter what, Lin Yuelan had made her decision. She stressed, “No matter whether you like it or not, you all are coming with me.”

The men’s mouths twitched again.

The saying goes that a woman’s mood changes like the wind. It was very true for this young woman. She was the one who refused to take them back, but now her attitude changed 100 percent.

Jiang Zhennan asked, “Young lady, is your name Lin Yuelan?”

Guo Bing also looked at Lin Yuelan curiously.

Lin Yuelan said loudly, “Yes. Is there a problem?”

“No problem, no problem!” Other than Jiang Zhennan, the rest of them shook their heads again. They had been calling her miss because they didn’t know her name.

Lin Yuelan nodded, “Since there’s no problem, then come with me!”

Lin Yuelan’s unyielding decision left no room for these men to refuse.

However, what puzzled Jiang Zhennan was why Lin Yuelan suddenly changed her mind.

Jiang Zhennan asked in confusion, “Miss Lin, why did you suddenly change your mind?”

Lin Yuelan chuckled at Jiang Zhennan and said, “masked uncle, didn’t I say that I have to be responsible for you? If I don’t bring you back, how am I going to treat you?”

Honestly, Lin Yuelan made this decision after weighing all the pros and cons. First, she really did want to treat Jiang Zhennan. If he came to her later to complain that he couldn’t have any children, she’d be in a lot of trouble. Second, even though the assassins were dead, their master was not. He might send another group of assassins after Jiang Zhennan. Instead of leaving them in the mountain, Lin Yuelan felt it would be easier for her to keep an eye on them if they were close to her.

During this period, she had to get stronger.

Lin Yuelan’s words left a few of them speechless. The young woman was really flighty with her decisions.

If she did not explain the meaning of “her responsibility” just now, they might have really thought that she was going to marry the boss. Guo Bing and a few others thought with some regret.

If this young woman could marry their boss, it would actually be a good thing. She was the only person who wasn’t afraid of their boss, and she was the only one who didn’t make their boss feel disgusted.

Lin Yuelan patted little White’s head and said, “little white, inform little black and big black to come and pick up the people.”

Little White raised its head and let out a tiger roar.

Guo Bing and the others were getting more and more curious and suspicious.

Since the tiger was Little White, then what was Little Black and Big Black? Could they be black tigers? But were there black tigers in the world?

When they saw Big Black and Little Black, they were stunned. They were two black bears. One of them was slightly smaller, while the other was slightly bigger.

However, they were not smaller than the big white tiger.

Little three swallowed his saliva and stammered, "Miss Lin, this... Are they big and Little black?"

Lin Yuelan didn't deny it and nodded. "That's right. Meet big and Little black."

Then, Lin Yuelan beckoned the bears over and said, "Big Black and Little Black, let me introduce you. These are my friends. They're all injured and can't walk, so I'll have to trouble you."

Big Black and Little Black nodded.

The men couldn't be shocked anymore. The young woman had given them too many surprises.

However, that didn't prepare them for the ride to Lin Yuelan's home.

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In a secret independent courtyard in the capital, a man with a jade-like face was wearing a purple brocade robe and a jade belt with golden threads carved on it. He held a green jade cup between his thumb and ring finger. He stared at the white hibiscus flowers in front of the window with sharp eyes.

The expression on his face seemed to be a little irritable and anxious.

He retracted his gaze from the hibiscus and shouted, "Where are the people?"

As soon as he finished speaking, an old eunuch came in with a horsetail whisk. He bowed to the man and shouted, "Master!"

The man's expression was cold, and he asked anxiously, "Is there still no news?"

The old eunuch shook his head and said, "No! We haven't received any news about Li Wei or Jiang Zhennan's group. It's as if they have suddenly disappeared from the world without a trace!"

The man furrowed his brows and asked coldly, "Did Li Wei not send back any news before this?"

The old eunuch thought for a moment and said, "26 days ago, he sent a messenger pigeon saying that he had already chased Jiang Zhennan to a place called An Ning County."

"An Ning County?" The man was slightly confused. "Which province does it belong to?"

"It's Qingfeng Prefecture in the South!" The old eunuch replied respectfully.

"Qingfeng Prefecture?" The man asked again.

"Yes, master!" The old eunuch once again replied in a serious tone.

“Qingfeng province belongs to the crown prince’s uncle’s family.” The man mumbled to himself, “Could it be that the crown prince has found out and intercepted Li Wei and saved Jiang Zhennan?” If that were the case, there would be trouble!

The Crown Prince and Jiang Zhennan had always been on good terms. If they found out that Jiang Zhennan’s poisoning was related to him, the Crown Prince would definitely use this as an excuse to report to his father. At that time, his image in front of his father, the emperor, would be greatly damaged, which would be very unfavorable to him.

No, he must not let the Crown Prince trace Jiang Zhennan’s poisoning to him.

Therefore, the only thing he could do now was to bide his time and clean up all his traces.

The man said to the old eunuch, “Pass down the order. The situation has changed. All the previous plans are to be put on hold. Also, we have to clean up all the loose ends regarding Jiang Zhennan’s poisoning. Remember, Jiang Zhennan’s sudden departure from the capital has nothing to do with me. Understand?” His tone was stern, yet it also contained a sense of arrogance.

“Yes, Master. This subordinate will give the order!” The old eunuch respectfully bowed.

After the old eunuch left, the man was still staring at the hibiscus flowers outside the window, feeling puzzled.

Did Jiang Zhennan move to Qingfeng Prefecture to look for the divine doctor or because that was the crown prince’s uncle’s family’s territory?

If it was the former, he wasn’t too worried, but if it was the latter, it meant that perhaps Jiang Zhennan had long colluded with the Crown Prince and was just waiting for an opportunity to lure him into the trap.

The man’s expression changed at the thought.

He had almost been fooled. Fortunately, he discovered this in time.

Because of that misunderstanding, Jiang Zhennan and Lin Yuelan had quite a period of peace.

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Since she was going to bring them back to the Lin family Village, it was impossible for these severely injured people to walk there on their own. She couldn’t ask Liefeng or little white to carry them. There were too many of them. Therefore, Lin Yuelan had to rely on Little White’s subordinates, Big and Little Black.

Lin Yuelan would ride on Little White because Little White would not allow anyone else to ride on it.

Jiang Zhennan was riding on Liefeng because other than Jiang Zhennan and Lin Yuelan, Liefeng would never let anyone else ride on his back.

Therefore, the remaining four people were carried by big and little black.

Although the four men were heavy, it was nothing for Big and Little Black. They carried Guo Bing, little three, little six, and little twelve back to the Lin family Village.

Guo Bing and the other three were a little scared at first. After all, the black bear was a very fierce wild beast, and they were afraid that they would be eaten by them if they were not careful.

However, after sitting on the bear's back for a while and listening to their steady footsteps, their uneasy hearts gradually calmed down.

The four of them had been seriously injured and had lost too much blood. The reason why they had not fainted before was that they were too worried about the poison in Jiang Zhennan's body. Plus, they were too curious about Lin Yuelan.

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Therefore, their hearts had been on tenterhooks.

However, now that they were traveling on big and little black's backs, their hearts slowly relaxed. Once that happened, they fainted.

Fortunately, big and little Black's steps were steady. Otherwise, these people would have fallen down.

Jiang Zhennan sat on Liefeng's back and looked at his unconscious subordinates. He sincerely thanked her, "miss Lin, thank you so much!"

Lin Yuelan rode side by side with Jiang Zhennan. Suddenly, she said in a serious tone, "Jiang Zhennan, you must warn your subordinates that once they leave this deep forest, they must forget everything that happened in this forest.

"I was there. Everything that happened there has nothing to do with me, do you understand?"

She could feel that Jiang Zhennan was an upright man. However, some of his people were too young. She was afraid that they would accidentally spill the beans, and then trouble would come to her.

She didn't like trouble, but trouble kept coming back to her.

Jiang Zhennan naturally understood Lin Yuelan's concerns.

If Lin Yuelan was really an immortal or a demon, it would be better. After her secrets were exposed, she could hide and not let anyone find her.

But what if she was just an ordinary person? She had special abilities that allowed her to control plants and animals. Many ambitious people would want her.

What would happen when they got her?

The kinder ones would marry her and use her ability to share half of the world with her.

The horrible ones would imprison her for her ability. They might even use her for experiments. They would try to take away her ability.

This was all because she had decided to save them.

When he thought of this, Jiang Zhennan's hand that was holding the reins tightened. The expression under the mask was filled with shame and determination.

He would never let anyone hurt her.

Jiang Zhennan's hoarse, deep, and magnetic voice replied sonorously, "Miss Lin, don't worry. I guarantee that after we leave this mountain, no one will remember anything. We are just people you met on the mountain!"

Lin Yuelan nodded in satisfaction at Jiang Zhennan's tactfulness.

She said half-jokingly and half-seriously, "Actually, as long as you don't cause me any trouble, I'll treat you as my good friends. Otherwise, since I can save you, I can just as easily kill you!"

Jiang Zhennan's heart trembled. He then promised even more seriously, "Miss Lin, if I or my subordinates have any ill intentions, you can take our heads at any time. We will not complain!"

He would not do such an ungrateful thing, nor would he allow his subordinates to do it. Otherwise, he would deal with them himself before Lin Yuelan even had the chance to do anything.

Lin Yuelan wasn't afraid that her secret would be leaked. As she said, she was afraid of trouble.

All she wanted was a peaceful life. The small troubles were spices of life, but she didn't want anything more than that.

After hearing Jiang Zhennan's promise, Lin Yuelan's expression turned into a smile again. She asked with a smile, "Masked uncle, how old are you? How could you be poisoned so carelessly?"

Jiang Zhennan felt a sharp pain in his chest. Could she stop calling him old?

Was twenty-four really that old?

Jiang Zhennan's expression immediately turned cold when he was asked about the poison, and his whole body was filled with hostility.

He had never thought that the butler who had followed him for more than ten years would betray him. When he was at his lowest, this man was kind enough to give him a steamed bun. Later, when he gained some name, Jiang Zhennan met this man begging on the street. In order to repay the favor of the steamed bun, he hired the man as his main butler. When he was appointed as the general of the state, this butler also became the housekeeper of one of the top two families in the capital.

Therefore, no matter the reason, the butler shouldn't have betrayed Jiang Zhennan.

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As for the source of the heart-eating poison, it could have only come from that person. Even Zhengguo Court wouldn't be powerful enough to get this poison.

Jiang Zhennan said without hiding anything, "I was betrayed by the Butler!"

Lin Yuelan nodded, "Oh!" She believed that Jiang Zhennan was no fool. After this lesson, he would have his own judgment on whether he could trust people or not. Otherwise, he wouldn't be their defender-general of the state. How else could he manage hundreds of thousands of troops?

The conversation stopped there. The two sobered up and walked towards the Lin family Village.

However, when they arrived at the intersection of the mountain behind the Lin family Village, Lin Yuelan looked at the unconscious ones and frowned.

She had made a promise to the Lin family Village chief that other than little white, no other animals would be allowed into the village. So Liefeng and Little White either had to carry all of them, or the four had to wake up, and they had to walk on their own. Clearly, the latter was more plausible.

Because ... Lie Feng and little White would never carry anyone else.

Lin Yuelan jumped down from little White's back and took out a white porcelain bottle from the black backpack she had made herself. She poured out four green pills from the porcelain bottle, sealed the bottle cap, and put it back into her bag. Then, she walked to big black and little black, opened the unconscious men's mouths, and threw the pills in.

After doing this, she clapped her hands and walked back to little white. With a light leap, she jumped back onto little White's back.

Throughout this process, Jiang Zhennan didn't say anything.

Then, the two continued to move forward again. Big black and little black slowly followed behind.

Lin Yuelan asked in confusion, "masked uncle, aren't you going to ask me what I fed them?"

Jiang Zhennan pursed his lips tightly. Then, he opened his mouth under the mask and said, "I believe that miss Lin will never harm them."

Lin Yuelan was stunned. Then, she burst out laughing and asked curiously, "masked uncle, do you really trust me that much? Aren't you afraid that I'll give them poison?"

Jiang Zhennan said very seriously, "If miss Lin really wanted to harm them, you would have done so earlier. Would you need to wait until now? Moreover, with miss Lin's outstanding ability, why would Miss Lin rely on a despicable method like poisoning?"

Lin Yuelan was slightly shocked. She had never thought that Jiang Zhennan would actually trust her so much.

This time, Lin Yuelan smiled sincerely and asked, "Oh, really?"

"Yes!" Jiang Zhennan answered without hesitation.

Lin Yuelan fell silent again as if she was in deep thought.

Jiang Zhennan's hand that was holding the reins tightened slightly. The expression under the mask seemed to be a little startled. Then, he said, "miss Lin ..."

"Masked uncle, we're already so familiar with each other. You don't have to keep calling me Miss Lin. You can just call me Yuelan or Xiao Yue, Xiao Lan." Perhaps Lin Yuelan was touched by Jiang Zhennan's trust, so she became closer to him too.

Jiang Zhennan's heart warmed up, and he blurted out, "I'll call you Yue 'Er!" Yue 'Er sounded closer and more intimate.



Hmm? Lin Yuelan was a little confused. 'Why Yue 'Er? How is that better than Yuelan or Xiao Yue or Xiao Lan? Then again, it's just a term of address. Anything works.'

Lin Yuelan immediately smiled and nodded. "Sure, masked uncle!"

Jiang Zhennan felt that maybe he had misspoken. Just as he was about to take back his words, Lin Yuelan told him that it was fine. She didn't mind him calling her Yue 'Er, so he swallowed his words back.

But...

"Yue 'Er, don't always call me masked uncle or general uncle. Why don't you call me big brother Jiang or big brother Nan?"

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Although he was wearing a silver mask and was indeed a bit older than her, he still felt a little uncomfortable being addressed as the masked uncle. It made him sound at least one generation older than she was.

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Lin Yuelan was instantly amused. She laughed and said, "masked uncle, are you feeling old because I called you that?"

Jiang Zhennan was a little embarrassed. He did not know whether to nod or shake his head. He could only say, "I just don't want you to call me uncle!"

The smile on Lin Yuelan's face faltered. 'Why is this defender-general of the state acting so awkward?' However, she didn't think too much about it.

They had already reached the Lin Family Village's exit that led to the mountain. Standing there, one could see the smoke rising from the village houses.

It was getting dark. Every family wanted to finish cooking and eating before the sky turned dark. They wanted to boil water and take a bath before going to bed.

Lin Yuelan turned to Guo Bing and the others, who were still unconscious.

She jumped off little White's back again and walked to big Black and little Black. She patted Guo Bing's shoulder and said, "Hey, wake up!"

"Hmm. Five minutes longer..." Guo Bing's hand moved as he mumbled. He seemed to be sleeping but not in a daze.

Lin Yuelan's face darkened. These men felt so secure that they were sleeping peacefully.

Lin Yuelan's face froze. She told big Black and little Black loudly, "big Black and little Black, throw them down."

Big Black and little Black were really obedient. They shook their backs, and the four men fell to the ground.

“Ouch!” The men groaned in pain as they fell to the ground. After all, they were injured. Even if Lin Yuelan had given them pills to stop the bleeding, the wounds were still there. Therefore, when they were thrown roughly to the ground, the wounds hurt. The pain woke them up immediately.

The four of them slowly opened their eyes. However, as soon as they opened their eyes, they were met with large, black eyes the size of copper bells. When they saw the owner of the black eyes through their blurry vision, they were immediately shocked. Then, they instantly woke up and jumped up from the ground. They shouted, “Black bears!”

However, after they shouted, they immediately felt that something was wrong. ‘Huh. Why can we stand up now?’

Seeing that they had all woken up, Lin Yuelan patted big Black and little Black’s heads and said in a clear voice, “big Black and little Black, you’ve had a hard journey! In the future, I’ll get Little White to bring you food!” Lin Yuelan was referring to the life essence produced by Little Green.

Big Black and little Black seemed to have understood Lin Yuelan’s words. They raised their hands and waved as if to say goodbye. Then, they turned and headed back to the mountain.

Guo Bing was surprised that he could actually sleep all the way on a bear’s back. He must have felt very comfortable.

The other three young men were also shocked that they had slumbered on the back of such fierce beasts.

“Why can I stand up now?” Little Six looked at his own thigh in surprise. The assassin had cut his thigh. He believed his leg would be broken, and he wouldn’t be able to walk anymore. However, at this moment, the wound still looked gory, but it had stopped bleeding. Moreover, he did not feel any pain when he stood up.

Then, he looked at the wounds of his other companions. They were in the same state as he was. They were no longer bleeding, and their conditions were much better than before.

With Little Six’s gasp of surprise, the others examined their bodies too. When they saw the bleeding that had stopped, they were excited. They had large wounds. It was a miracle that the bleeding had stopped!

Did someone give them a divine pill when they were unconscious? Did God pity them and reward them with this miracle?

However, Lin Yuelan immediately corrected them.

She said sternly, “Don’t get too happy so soon. The pills I gave will only stop your bleeding. You still need a doctor to treat your wounds. Otherwise, the wounds will fester, so you better be careful. Go and find a doctor as soon as possible or the wounds will get inflamed. This is a free warning!”

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Guo Bing and the other three were shocked! The divine medicine was given to them by Lin Yuelan?

Then again, she had the antidote for the heart-eating poison. So it wouldn’t be strange if she had other wonderful medicines.

Guo Bing and the other three immediately replied seriously, "Miss Lin, thank you. We will remember this." Guo Bing then looked around doubtfully and asked curiously, "Miss Lin, where are we?"

Lin Yuelan replied, "the Lin family Village."

"Lin family Village?!" Guo Bing and the other three were shocked. "Are you from the Lin family Village?" They thought she was a demon or an immortal who resided in the deep mountains.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes in disdain. "Where else would I be from? Do you expect me to pop out of a rock?" She was telling them that she was birthed normally and not a monster as they had imagined.

When Guo Bing and the young soldiers entered the village, they were respectful. When they saw the passing villagers, they wanted to greet them, but they were stopped by Jiang Zhennan.

But along the way, whenever a villager saw them, they would run away with fear in their eyes.

This made them extremely puzzled.

Did they really look like bad people?

Then, they looked at each other.

They were in bloodied, tattered shirts, holding large knives and swaggering into the Lin family Village. They did look like bad guys.

However, no matter how they looked, Lin Yuelan was a native of Lin Family Village. If the villagers were really afraid that they were bad guys, shouldn't they be worried about her safety?

In fact, what Guo Bing and the others didn't know was that the villagers didn't escape with fear because of them but because of Lin Yuelan. But they would find that out soon enough.

After walking for about 15 minutes, they seemed to have finally reached their destination.

However, when they, including Jiang Zhennan, saw the scene in front of them, they were all dumbfounded. 'Is this a house for humans? This hut is even smaller than the general residence's toilet!'

Apart from a few beams that were slightly tilted, not even a single wooden board could be seen. It was all made of withered grass.

The roof was covered with withered grass, the walls were surrounded by withered grass, and even the door was made of a few pieces of bamboo with withered grass.

This... This was the most simple and crude house they had ever seen.

Even the poorest people had a wooden door, but that was not the case here.

Was this a joke?

Guo Bing was dumbfounded. He turned around and looked at the calm little face beside him. He asked suspiciously, "Miss Lin, is this... is this really your house?"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Yes, this is my home. What's wrong? Is there a problem?"

There was a problem, a big problem.

They clearly remembered that this child was very rich. The money she had gotten from them alone was at least a few hundred taels.

With that money, she could build a decent house.

Little Six looked at the small hut with disbelief. Then, he looked around at the crowd that had gathered around them. The villagers were staying a distance away, pointing at them. Their expressions were filled with fear, but no one came forward to approach them.

This was a little strange.

Normally, when a child brought a stranger into the village, many villagers would be curious and ask about the identity of the stranger, or they would be concerned about the safety of the child...

But every villager they met along the way ran away like a scared rabbit. Their faces were also filled with panic and uneasiness.

And now, the villagers were pointing at them from a distance, but no one dared to step forward to ask about the situation.

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Little Six touched the back of his head and asked in confusion, "miss Lin, where are your parents?"

Lin Yuelan said indifferently, "I don't have parents." Then, she walked back to her house. After taking two steps, she seemed to remember something. She turned her head and said, "Oh, right, my house is small and can't accommodate a few grown men. So, you can, uh, make a bed on the floor here."

Lin Yuelan pointed to an empty space in front of the house and continued, "It's summer now, so you won't freeze."

When Lin Yuelan said that she had no parents, Jiang Zhennan and the others were all shocked. They didn't expect the young woman to be an orphan.

When Jiang Zhennan heard that Lin Yuelan was a child without parents, he suddenly felt sourness in his heart. He felt very pitiful and distressed for this child.

How did a child without parents survive?

Two months ago, he had seen her sallow face, and she was thin as a match, and the clothes she was wearing were obviously not fitting. She must have gone up the mountain to find food because she had no food at home. It was why she was such a money-grubber.

They hadn't seen her for two months. There were major changes. Her skin had become fairer and healthier, she had grown a lot taller, and she was dressed better. That was probably the result of the money they gave her from the sales of the mushrooms and rabbits. That made her life a little better, and she was more energetic.

Jiang Zhennan had forgotten that he was pitying someone who was not ordinary. She was able to hunt in the mountains and communicate with animals. She could survive without her parents.

Of course, no one realized that Lin Yuelan from two months ago and Lin Yuelan now were two different people. However, people would always find explanations for things.

Guo Bing followed her. His usual cheeky smile was gone. He looked at Lin Yuelan with a sympathetic and pitiful expression and said, "Miss Lin, my condolences!" He didn't expect Lin Yuelan to have such a sad background.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes.

Last time, when Liu Jiayin heard that she had no parents, her reaction was to offer Lin Yuelan condolences too. These men also assumed that her parents were dead.

"But Miss Lin, when did your parents pass away?" Two months ago, she was as thin as a piece of wood, as if a gust of wind could blow her away. It was probably because her parents were not around to look after her. They were already filling in the blanks in their minds as to why Lin Yuelan looked so different now compared to back then.

Lin Yuelan said indifferently, "Who told you that they've passed away?"

"Ah?" Guo Bing and the others were a little puzzled. Based on what she said, didn't it mean that her parents had died?

"So, they didn't pass away?" Little Six was confused, "Then, they are..." It was hard to understand.

"They just don't want me anymore." Lin Yuelan said indifferently. Then again, Lin Yuelan didn't want that pair of useless parents anyway.

Fortunately, the original owner's parents did not care for her at all. Otherwise, Li Cuihua would definitely make use of them and make them come to her house to threaten her.

Ah?

Guo Bing and the other three were surprised, but Jiang Zhennan felt a kindred feeling. He was also someone who had been abandoned by his biological father since he was young.

Jiang Zhennan said, "It's their loss for losing you. Don't be sad."

Lin Yuelan was a little surprised by Jiang Zhennan's words.

In Long Yan Country, filial piety was the norm. Parents could torture their children, but the children couldn't be unfilial. Otherwise, they would be punished by the law. In this country where "filial piety" was the law, a word from one's parents and a child could be whipped and fined.

However, Jiang Zhennan didn't care about this law. He was someone who couldn't give a crap about this law of filial piety.

### **Chapter 119: Trust and Good news!**

Seeing Lin Yuelan's surprised look, Jiang Zhennan said in a somewhat stunned manner, "This country's Law of Filial Piety has too many drawbacks. Many people throw their children away after giving birth to them. When the children grow up, these same parents are thick-skinned enough to ask them to take care of them. They also demand things from their abandoned children.

“This is a common occurrence all over the country. Many shameless parents have forced their children to commit suicide by jumping into the river.

“The most outrageous thing was that six years ago, a high-ranking official of the Imperial court had been pestered by his shameless parents to give his brother and nephew official positions and to hand over his monthly salary to his parents for safekeeping. Otherwise, they would report him to the court for being unfilial. What was even more outrageous was that his parents had used this high-ranking official’s position to accept a large number of bribes.

“The official was reported by his political enemies. The Emperor investigated and found out that his parents had been doing it behind his back. According to the law, he had to bear all the blame. Thus, in his anger and grief, this high-ranking official jumped into the river. Fortunately, he was discovered in time and was saved.

“However, he had to bear ten years of imprisonment, but the Emperor took pity on him and spared him from prison. He even allowed him to continue to hold an official position, but he could only receive 30% of his salary to support his family’s expenses.

“This man was very grateful to the Emperor.

“However, this official’s parents were mad because their money source was gone. Thus, they threatened their son with the law again. They demanded he get more money, or they would bring him to court.

“The official was thus forced to demand bribes from other officials. Three years ago, he was found to have not only embezzled the money of the victims in disaster relief areas but also from the military.

“When this matter was reported, he had already embezzled at least ten million taels of silver in just a short three years. The emperor was so angry that he sentenced the official to decapitation.

“Before the official died, he said famously, ‘to be clean, I am unfilial; to be filial, I have to be dirty!’

“The official wanted to be a good and honest public servant to the Emperor, but he had no choice but to serve his parents. The law forced him to obey his parents unconditionally, or he’d be sent to court.

“Therefore, he only had two choices. He could choose not to be an incorruptible official, but he would be sued by his own parents. If he wanted to be a filial son, he couldn’t be an honest and good official.

“The Emperor was shocked after hearing his words.

“They immediately tracked down the whereabouts of the ten million taels of silver. Later, they found the ten million taels of silver in his family’s basement. The inspector checked the account book and found that not a single tael was missing. They also found another account book in a box.

“The account book had a complete record of the source of the silver. The account book also had a message left for the emperor.

“When the Emperor saw the contents of this account book, he cried bitterly.

“After that, he summoned me into the palace and asked my opinion about the law of filial piety.”

This was the first time in history that Jiang Zhennan had spoken so much.

Lin Yuelan's heart moved when she heard him telling this story. She understood it very well, and her eyes immediately lit up as she said, "Big brother Nan, do you mean that in the future, it is very likely that the unreasonable filial piety laws in the Long Yan Country will be abolished?"

Jiang Zhennan nodded and said, "Yes, His Majesty does have such plans.

"The official was actually an abandoned child. When he was promoted to be an official, his biological parents tracked him down and fed on him like leeches."

Lin Yuelan nodded and praised the official, "This official used his actions and his death to shock and inform the emperor about the unreasonable aspects of the law. To be forced to obey those who do not raise us, that is the sorrow of the whole country!"

Jiang Zhennan nodded and replied, "Yes. The unreasonable power given to parents through this law has caused countless tragedies!"

After receiving such good news, Lin Yuelan's mood immediately brightened.

Previously, she was worried about how to completely cut off all ties with the Lin family. The stupid law was always in the way.

This was good news. Once the law was abolished by the Emperor no matter how rich or wealthy she was in the future, Lin Laosan's family would not dare to threaten her with filial piety law anymore.

The reason why Lin Laosan's family hadn't taken any action yet was that they were temporarily frightened by Lin Yuelan.

After a period of time, they would definitely come back and make a scene again.

Lin Yuelan was happy to hear this good news, but she saw a man walking toward her from the corner of her eye.

### **Chapter 120: Coming to Yuelan's Home**

Lin Yuelan was happy to hear that the law of filial piety might be revised and abolished. Then, she saw the village chief walk over with a serious face.

Lin Yuelan was very respectful towards him. She went up to him and called out, "Grandpa Village Chief!"

Lin Yuelan had expected Lin Yiwei's arrival.

After all, the sky was not yet dark and she had walked into the village with a group of strangers. If not for their fear, some of the villagers might have confronted and scolded her already. After all, the people she brought in were all men.

She was already twelve. Even if she spoke a few words to a man alone, she would be branded as a shameless person.

Lin Yiwei nodded, but his eyes swept over the five people who were dressed in disheveled clothes and had wounds on their bodies.

He asked directly, "Lan 'Er, who are they?"

Lin Yuelan trusted Lin Yiwei's character.

Lin Yuelan told him the truth, "Grandpa village chief, his name is Jiang Zhennan!"

Lin Yiwei nodded and said, "Oh, Jiang Zhennan."

Then, his eyes opened wide like bronze bells, and he looked very surprised. He turned his head and looked at Lin Yuelan in disbelief. He asked again, "Lan 'Er, what did you say his name was? Jiang... Jiang..."

Then, without waiting for Lin Yuelan to reply, he turned around and looked at the tall and strong man in front of him. Although his armor was stained with some black and red blood, it was not difficult to see that it was originally silver in color. He also wore a silver mask on his head, revealing a pair of sharp eyes. Most importantly, the terrifying aura on his body was not something that an ordinary person could possess. His aura was something that was refined on the battlefield.

In his impression, there was only one person in Long Yan Country who fitted this image, and that person was the Country's War God, the protector of the people, Jiang Zhennan.

However, he had just heard this name from Lin Yuelan's lips. He didn't think there would be another person with the same name and aura in the country.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said to Lin Yiwei seriously, "Grandpa Village Chief, it's exactly what you think!"

If Jiang Zhennan was to stay in the Lin family village, she had to have a reason to convince the village chief. Otherwise, it would make the villagers very uneasy, and she didn't want to put the village chief in a difficult position.

After Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan looked at each other for a moment, Lin Yuelan nodded at Jiang Zhennan.

Jiang Zhennan also nodded in response. Then, he walked forward and said, "Hello, Village Chief, I'm Jiang Zhennan!" Jiang Zhennan was referring to him with respect. He noticed how respectful Lin Yuelan was to Lin Yiwei, so he followed suit.

Jiang Zhennan stepped forward and introduced himself again in order to confirm his identity to Lin Yiwei.

Lin Yiwei was a little dazed. The tall man who stood before him stunned him. Who would have thought that the country's war god would appear in their small village in such a sorry state?

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Yiwei's expression and suddenly felt that this old man was a little cute.

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After a while, Lin Yiwei reacted. He looked a little panicked and nervous. He quickly replied, "H-Hello!"

Although the village chief had met a few important in his life, the most important person he had met was only the county Magistrate.

Now, the defender-general of the state was standing in front of him. How could he not be nervous and helpless?



Jiang Zhennan did not look down on Lin Yiwei. He said with the same respect, "Do you mind stepping aside for a private talk?"

Lin Yiwei nodded in a panic. "Sure ... Sure!" It wasn't that he was a coward, but the other party's aura was just too strong. Also, he was looking at the War God with his own eyes. Both his heart and expression were filled with excitement.

After that, Jiang Zhennan and Lin Yiwei went to talk alone. While they were talking, Lin Yuelan saw Lin Yiwei nod with a serious expression, and his expression was filled with anger and other emotions.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and returned to her hut.

After a while, she brought out a tea table from the house and placed it in the courtyard.

Guo Bing, who was looking around curiously, saw this. He immediately came forward and said with a smile, "Miss Lin, why didn't you call us? You're a young woman. You should leave the heavy lifting to us."