

Village Girl 191

Chapter 191: Rumors and Slanders

Lin Yuelan also smiled and said, "Grandpa Village Chief, considering my reputation, I have to plan for my future, don't you think so?"

What Lin Yuelan meant was that she had the reputation of a jinx. She wouldn't marry in the future, and she wouldn't have any family or friends. Therefore, she needed to live for herself.

Jiang Zhennan, who was standing at the side, suddenly felt a sharp pain in his heart when he heard Lin Yuelan. It was as if he had been pricked by a needle.

'Does Yue 'Er really plan to spend the rest of her life alone?'

Jiang Zhennan thought about his own life again. He was an Ultimate Jinx, and he was also destined to be alone for the rest of his life. If they were brought together, would that mean that they wouldn't be alone anymore?

However, Jiang Zhennan immediately dismissed the idea.

'How can I have such thoughts? Even if Miss Yue 'Er might be a jinx to her husband, she is a good person. She'll find a good man who doesn't mind her identity. Perhaps God will pity them, considering how kind Miss Yue 'Er is. However, it's different for me. I've killed so many people. I'm destined to be the Ultimate Jinx, and that can't be changed! Therefore I mustn't think like that!'

However, Jiang Zhennan did not know that this thought was like a seed that had fallen into his mind. As long as there was an opportunity, it would take root and sprout until it grew into a towering tree. At that time, no matter what happened, it wouldn't fall. It would stay firmly in that place, absorbing nutrients and sunlight. Then, it would grow bigger.

Jiang Zhennan secretly shook his head to throw his thoughts back. Then, he listened carefully to the conversation between Lin Yuelan and Lin Yiwei.

Lin Yiwei shook his head at Lin Yuelan's words and said, "Lan 'Er, that's nonsense. You'll definitely get married and have children." Of course, that was only a word of comfort. It was hard for people of their era not to be superstitious.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and didn't comment. Then, she said, "Grandpa Village Chief, I'm planning to buy some land first."

Lin Yiwei was so shocked that his mouth was wide open. Lin Yuelan had brought him too many surprises. Would people gain great wisdom after coming back from death?

Lin Yuelan had divine power, had the ability to get close to animals, knew how to hunt, cook, and now she wanted to farm.

This series of events should not have been experienced by a child, but fate played a trick on her, making her life a nightmarish one. Suddenly, she was no longer hunted by nightmares, but she became a nightmare for the villagers. Was this a blessing or a curse for the Lin family Village?

However, he knew that Lin Yuelan wasn't a bad person. She was a rational and reasonable child. If people didn't provoke her, she wouldn't harm them. Moreover, Lin Yuelan always respected him before and after her rebirth. Now that she had become so capable, it was probably a blessing for the Lin family Village.

However, he was still a little worried. There were those in the village who would do anything to harm Lin Yuelan. When they crossed the line...

Lin Yiwei sighed in his heart.

He knew that Lin Yuelan didn't take massive revenge on the village because she gave him face. He understood that Lin Yuelan didn't want to put him in a difficult position.

Lin Yiwei was secretly happy because Lin Yuelan was really an honest person. Therefore, he was genuinely happy that life was improving for Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yiwei asked, "What kind of land do you want to buy?"

"Five mu of high-grade fields, three mu of medium-grade fields, and two mu of low-grade fields." Lin Yuelan said.

Different types of soil could be used to grow different things.

The superior grade fields with sufficient water with fertile soil could be used to plant rice.

Medium-grade fields won't have much water, but the soil quality was still good. Corn, wheat, and sorghum could be planted.

The low-grade fields were just some sandy lands. They lacked water, and the soil was soft. However, certain crops like peanuts, watermelons, and sweet potatoes loved this kind of land.

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Lin Yiwei said in surprise again, "Lan 'Er, you need at least 15 taels of silver to buy all those land. Do you have that amount of money?" Then, he thought for a moment and felt that something was wrong. What was he saying? Lin Yuelan just had a windfall from selling the tiger, so of course, she didn't need to worry about money.

Lin Yiwei nodded and said, "Okay, do you want the field to be from our village or from another village?"

Lin Yuelan said, "I need a place with plenty of sunlight. Grandpa Village Chief, you probably need to look outside the village. Please help me book it." The Lin family Village was surrounded by mountains, and as a result, many of the fields were devoid of sunlight.

Sunlight was important for farming. Therefore, Lin Yuelan needed a field drowning in sunlight.

Lin Yiwei nodded and said, "Alright, I'll help you ask around. However, Lan 'Er, you talk about developing new land and buying existing fields. Do you plan to hire or contract helpers?" Lin Yuelan couldn't work in so many fields on her own.

Lin Yuelan said, "I'm planning to have long-term contracts with four or five people and hire some short-term workers." Lin Yuelan didn't hide anything.

"Where do you plan to hire short-term and long-term workers from?" Lin Yiwei asked seriously. He knew that most of the people in the Lin family Village had offended and bullied Lin Yuelan, so it was very likely that she didn't want to hire any of them.

However, this would be a good labor opportunity for the villagers. As the chief, no matter what, he still hoped that Lin Yuelan would consider hiring the people from the Lin family Village first. After all, working both long-term and short-term on the farm would help improve many families' living standards.

Lin Yuelan was not dumb, so she understood what Lin Yiwei meant.

To be honest, she didn't want to put Lin Yiwei to be in a difficult position. Since this was just a small matter, she decided to compromise.

Lin Yuelan thought for a moment and said, "Grandpa Village Chief, I'll give priority to the Lin Family Village when I'm hiring. But, I'll be blunt, I'll only hire honest and kind villagers. As for those with ulterior motives, I'll firmly refuse."

"Of course, of course!" Lin Yiwei agreed with her. "Some of the villagers had bullied you in the past, but others hadn't really done anything." It meant that these people didn't add insult to injury. They were just observers.

Of course, that didn't mean that they were not guilty. They were simply not as guilty as those who directly mistreated Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan continued, "Grandpa Village Chief, I'll leave the matter of hiring helpers to you. But, Grandpa, with the reputation I have, will the villagers be willing to work for me?"

Of course, they would. Why would they go against money? Even though they knew Lin Yuelan was a jinx, they would still work for money.

Lin Yiwei said, "Lan 'Er, don't worry. Those who want to come can come, and for those who don't want to come, we won't force them either. So, you don't have to worry about this. Leave it all to Grandpa."

"Thank you, Grandpa Village Chief!" Lin Yuelan said. This was her plan all along. She hated doing these troublesome things. Lin Yiwei was the person who knew better than anyone else who was hardworking and who was not in the village.

The two mudballs kept radiating this fragrance. He wanted to open them to eat the things inside. However, he would wait for his grandson and wife.

Lin Yiwei said, "Sure. Lan 'Er, you can develop the land first. In two days, I'll invite the bailiffs to measure the land and make a registration. Then, the developed land is yours. Tomorrow, I'll go around to ask about existing fields for sale."

“Thank you, Grandpa Village Chief!” Lin Yuelan quickly thanked him.

When Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan returned home, they saw people fighting over beggar’s chicken. There were many broken bones on the ground.

“Doctor Zhang, you may be sixty years old, but you have such a big appetite.” Guo Bing took a chicken leg and said, “A chicken weighs three to four kilograms, and you’ve already eaten half a chicken.”

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There were chicken bones all over the floor in front of Doctor Zhang. He was gnawing on a chicken wing as he replied, “I can’t help it. This beggar’s chicken is too delicious.”

Lin Yuelan raised her eyebrows, walked over, and immediately snatched a full chicken confiscated by Guo Bing. She tore it open and gave half to Jiang Zhennan. She said, “masked uncle, this half is for you!”

After that, she immediately began to eat in big mouthfuls, without the restraint of a girl at all.

Seeing Lin Yuelan, everyone stopped eating and looked at her in surprise.

‘Is that... a man? She eats like a man.’

Lin Yuelan looked at their dumbfounded expressions and raised her eyebrows. “Why did you stop eating? If you don’t want to eat, then give the food to me, and I’ll feed them to little white and the others.”

Hearing Lin Yuelan’s words, the few of them quickly protected their food, afraid that Lin Yuelan would snatch them away.

After eating, Guo Bing wiped his mouth and said with a flattering smile, “Miss Lin, this beggar’s chicken is really delicious. Can you make more tomorrow?”

Lin Yuelan gave Guo Bing a fake smile and said, “hehe, do you want more?” She swept her eyes across the others.

They nodded in unison.

“That’s fine. Other than Grandmaster, all of you need to head to the southwest of Mount Da Ao to clear some new land for me first.”

“Claim some new land?!” They were shocked.

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Lin Yuelan, that damn jinx, had the men she brought back to help her develop new fields. This caused the Lin Family Village to go into an uproar.

Because of this, many rumors started to spread around the Lin family Village.

The first rumor was Lin Yuelan had used some kind of demonic art to make the men she had brought into the village work as slaves. Now, they were developing the land at the foot of Mount Da Ao. Mount Da Ao was a dangerous place. If they were not careful, the commotion would attract ferocious beasts.

Lin Yuelan didn't treat these men as humans. She forced them to work without considering their safety. She was too vicious.

Another rumor was based on what some people had seen. They said that Lin Yuelan, the jinx, had a special relationship with these five men. Some villagers saw them holding hands and putting their arms around each other's shoulders. Some even saw Lin Yuelan kissing them.

"Where is the public decency?" Lin Qi was so angry that his face turned ashen. "This is really immoral!"

'Hmph, wretched girl, I've got you this time. I'll teach you a lesson you'll never forget.'

"Grandpa Qi, see what this girl has done. What should we do now?" Lin Daniu asked respectfully. However, Lin Daniu's eyes were filled with intense hatred.

Ever since they had been caught red-handed stealing from Lin Yuelan's house, they had lost a lot of face. However, that wretched girl also forced them to spend a night on Mount Da Ao.

Lin Daniu was still shaking when he thought back to that night. Most importantly, he had been impotent ever since that day.

Lin Daniu swore that he would definitely take revenge for this.

Lin Qi slammed the floor with his walking stick so hard that the entire room reverberated with the sound.

Lin Qi's face darkened. His expression was stern and imposing. "The Lin Family Village will never forgive this promiscuous woman who has committed such immoral acts!"

"Yes, of course, we can't let that wretched girl off." Lin Daniu echoed, "Grandpa Qi, what can we do to stop that wretched girl? You have to know that she..."

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"Master, that old man and Lin Daniu are plotting to harm you." Little Green was still wrapped around Lin Yuelan's wrist in the form of a jade bracelet. His tender yellow bud bent, and his two green leaves flapped. However, the color of his leaves had turned black, showing that he was angry. "They're so bad!"

The soldiers had not been in the village that long but rumors had already spread all over the village.

Little Green had a temper too. When he heard about these people's plots, he was furious. When Little Green was angry, it showed through nature. The wind howled, and the branches rustled. It was like the sky was angry.

Lin Yuelan carried a small basket on her back and stood on the largest tree branch on the summit of Mount Da Ao. Her sharp eyes looked in the direction of the Lin family Village. The wind blew her hair and clothes, causing them to flutter.

She had finished reading all the medical books given by Doctor Zhang a few days ago. Doctor Zhang was shocked. Then, he gave her his next test, which was to go up the mountain to pick 136 kinds of medicinal herbs. After all, to be a good doctor, Lin Yuelan had to know these herbs like the back of her

hand. If this were anyone else, Doctor Zhang would be worried. After all, there were ferocious beasts on the mountain, and it was very dangerous. However, this was not a problem for Lin Yuelan.

Ever since Lin Yuelan had obtained divine power and the ability to communicate with animals, she came to Mount Da Ao daily and she would return without any issue.

Therefore, Doctor Zhang was not worried. In fact, he even said that Lin Yuelan was not allowed to come home until she had picked 136 types of herbs.

Lin Yuelan was quite speechless when she heard this. Her grandmaster was really at ease. Did it not cross her mind that she might still run into danger?

What if she suddenly lost affinity with the wild beasts, or what if she slipped and fell down the mountain?

Her grandmaster really had a lot of faith in her. Of course, the possibilities mentioned above would never happen. Therefore, three days ago, she carried a small basket on her back and went up the mountain.

On the first day, she found 66 herbs, according to the description in the book. On the second day, she only found 36 herbs. Today was the third day, and so far, she had only found 12 herbs.

In other words, she had only found 114 types of herbs in three days. She was still short of 22.

22 might look like a small number, but she had already searched the entire mountain and couldn't find any new herb. She was planning to move to another mountain.

However, at that moment, Little Green's friends sent the news of the latest update at Lin Family Village. It caused Lin Yuelan's face to go cold. 'These people will never sit idle. I've given them a chance, but since they won't take it, then they can't blame me.'

Lin Yuelan gently stroked Little Green's two green leaves and comforted him, "Little Green, those people are not worth our time and anger."

Little Green closed his two green leaves and then opened them again. His sharp bud nodded in Lin Yuelan's direction and said in his tender voice, "Yes, Master. You're right. We shouldn't stoop to their level." Little Green was a bit naive. Since his master told him not to get angry, then he won't. In short, everything his master said was correct.

Lin Yuelan stood on a tree branch. Her pink lips arched with sarcasm and playfulness.

This was her third day away from Lin Family Village, and people already wanted to harm her. These people really spared no effort to come up with evil plans and plots.

These people, including Lin Qi and Lin Daniu, thought that they had gotten her weakness and that she would submit to them. That was really funny.

The rumors were completely made up. Plus, even if they were real, what could they do to her?

Did they really think they could punish her or even drown her for her supposed immorality?

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However, just because she didn't return to the village, it didn't mean that she couldn't teach the self-righteous Lin Qi and the despicable Lin Daniu a lesson. She had given Lin Daniu a deep lesson last time, but he still didn't know how to repent. He really turned a deaf ear to her words.

Lin Yuelan turned to Little Green and said, "Little Green, tonight, get your friends to entertain the highly respected Lin Qi and Lin Daniu."

"Yes, don't worry, master. My little companions and I will definitely treat them well. " Little Green's two green leaves stood up and bowed as if answering Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan's cold face warmed up. "Thank you, Little Green!" She said.

Whether it was in the bloody apocalypse or this new dynasty where she didn't know anyone, Little Green had always been by her side.

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At the southwest of Mount Da Ao, Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing, and the rest were using a saw and a chopper to cut down the trees. Then, they would dig out their roots and finally plow the land with hoes and shovels. There were plenty of things to do.

To turn the place into a farming field, they would have to dig irrigation channels, raise the soil, and so on. It was not easy to develop wildlands, and it took a lot of time and effort.

Many farmers could not afford to spend so much time, so they would choose to rent the land from landlords.

Under the scorching sun, five bare-chested men were working hard, sweating like rain.

After working for half a day, the five of them took a break under the shade of the tree.

Guo Bing took a few sips of water and nibbled on the hard bun with some salted vegetables. After swallowing a few mouthfuls, he sighed and said, "When will Miss Lin come down the mountain? We've been eating hard buns for three days already. I think I'll throw up if I have to continue eating them."

Three days ago, Lin Yuelan followed Doctor Zhang's request to go up the mountain to pick herbs. She had prepared some food for them in advance, as well as dry food for a few days. Then, she put them in the ice box in the cellar. They could take the food out and heat them if they wanted to eat.

Lin Yuelan had prepared enough to last them for five days. However, Lin Yuelan's cooking was too delicious. They couldn't help themselves. They finished everything on day one, so they had been surviving on hard buns ever since.

They only had hard buns and salted vegetables now. They also had to portion the salted vegetables. They couldn't finish it all at once like before. Otherwise, they'd have to survive on hard buns and water in the future.

They had been pampered by Lin Yuelan and her delicious food. They couldn't imagine eating more of these bland hard buns.

Jiang Zhennan ate his bun silently, his chopsticks slowly picking up some pickled vegetables and putting them into his mouth. However, his sharp eyes were fixed on the entrance of Mount Da Ao.

'She is picking herbs on the mountain alone. I wonder if she'll run into any danger. At the end of the day, she is still very young.' Thinking of this, Jiang Zhennan's brows furrowed slightly under the mask. 'It has already been three days. What if she is in danger?' Jiang Zhennan started to fidget.

He put down his chopsticks and buns, picked up the big knife beside him, and stood up. He planned to walk up the mountain.

"Hey, boss, where are you going?" Guo Bing held a hard bun in his hand and immediately shouted. When he saw the direction Jiang Zhennan was walking towards, he immediately stopped him. "Boss, are you going into the mountains to look for miss Lin? Did you forget that she has forbidden us to do that?"

Jiang Zhennan stopped in his tracks, his sharp eyes once again looking at the entrance into the mountain. After a moment, he started walking again.

Guo Bing looked at Jiang Zhennan's stubborn face and immediately felt a headache coming on. However, he quickly remembered what Lin Yuelan had told them before they left and quickly said, "Boss, didn't miss Lin say that if anything happened, she would get Little White to come to inform us? Since we haven't seen Little White around here, Miss Lin is fine. Boss, you don't need to worry."

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"This is preposterous! How can they say things without evidence?" Guo Bing immediately shouted angrily, then looked at Jiang Zhennan and asked very seriously, "boss, miss Lin is not at home. What should we do now?"

Little Twelve interrupted and added, "Boss, they're preparing to drug miss Lin. And they even planned to use miss Lin's parents as a threat to force miss Lin to submit!"

What?

The others were shocked!

How detestable!

How despicable!

Jiang Zhennan immediately said darkly, "Since these people intend to drug and threaten Miss Yue 'Er with her parents, it means that they have a fear of Miss Yue 'Er. However, with Miss Yue 'Er's unyielding personality, she would probably not submit even if they threatened her with her parents.

"However, I'm afraid that the villagers will use other ways to make Miss Yue 'Er submit. Therefore, we find out all of their plans before Miss Yue 'Er comes back from the mountain."

"Yes!" The others agreed.

"But, boss, we also need to inform miss Lin as soon as possible so that she can be prepared!" Guo Bing said.

"Well, I'll go up the mountain to find her. You guys go back to the village and ask around!" Jiang Zhennan's voice was filled with suppressed anger. 'Miss Yue 'Er is a good person, but these people gang up to bully her. How despicable.'

"Oh, that's right, Guo Bing. When you arrive at the village, go and probe the village chief. See if he's involved in this matter. If he has tacitly agreed to this, there's no need to be polite to him." However, Jiang Zhennan believed that Lin Yiwei wouldn't be so muddleheaded. He hoped that Lin Yiwei didn't know about this. However, it was better to be safe than sorry.

"Alright, I got it, boss!" Guo Bing replied seriously. If the village chief was involved in this, then his position and his family in the capital would be heavily ruined. Even though Jiang Zhennan couldn't return to the capital now, it was only a matter of time before they did. They had more than enough power to punish a small village chief. However, they hoped that Lin Yiwei was innocent.

They split up.

Jiang Zhennan and the rest worried too much. They didn't need to do anything because things were already progressing along nicely.

When Lin Qi found out that Lin Yuelan had left the Lin family Village for three days, he thought that she had heard the news and had gone hiding in the mountains. However, the jinx couldn't hide forever. He believed that Lin Yuelan would return to the Lin family Village sooner or later.

Therefore, he was not in a hurry. He could wait slowly.

He would definitely take revenge on that wretched girl.

He was proud of the punishment he came up with. The wretched girl was only twelve, but she would have to live with the word 'lewd' carved on her face for the rest of her life. It would make her life worse than death. Lin Qi could see Lin Yuelan kneeling in front of him, crying and begging. His mood was good, and he walked to his bedroom to rest.

He placed his walking stick by the side of the bed and lay down.

The moment he lay down, he immediately felt that something was wrong.

There seemed to be something moving underneath his bed. It was moving up and down on his waist.

He immediately got up and pulled open the sleeping mat.

However, the bedboard was very flat, and there was nothing on it.

Lin Qi was puzzled. "Am I getting too old that I'm imagining things?"

Then, he put down the mat and continued to lie down.

However, as soon as he lay down, that feeling came again. It seemed to be more intense as if someone wanted to lift him up from the middle of his waist.

Lin Qi got out of bed again and pulled open the sleeping mat, but he still did not see anything.

Lin Qi thought for a moment, then immediately shouted outside his bedroom. "Duan 'Er, come in for a moment!"

A young man in his twenties with a sallow face walked in. "Grandpa, did you call me?" Lin Duan asked in a daze.

"Mm," Lin Qi replied. Then, with the support of his walking stick, he pointed at the empty bed board with his other hand and said, "come, lift the bed board."

Lin Duan obediently lifted the bedboard, but when Lin Qi leaned over to take a look, he saw that there was nothing else other than a few jars he had kept down there.

However, he could clearly feel that something was pushing against his waist earlier.

Lin Qi asked Lin Duan to put the bed board back before saying to him, "Duan 'Er, go up the bed and lie down for a while." He wanted to confirm if there was something inside.

Lin Duan was slightly surprised to hear that his grandfather wanted him to lie on the bed. After all, his grandfather never allowed them to get close to his bed, let alone lie on it.

However, Lin Duan knew his grandfather well. He should keep his mouth shut and just follow his instructions, or he would be beaten.

Lin Duan obediently lay on the bed. Yes, it was quite comfortable.

After a while, he heard his grandfather's question. "Duan 'Er, do you feel something wriggling underneath you?"

Lin Duan closed his eyes and felt it for a moment before he answered honestly, "No, Grandpa! I feel especially comfortable."

The entire Lin family was very protective of Lin Qi. The main reason was that with him around, no one in the village could bully their family. In fact, the whole Lin Family Village tried their best to please Lin Qi's family. After all, Lin Qi was a highly respected elder in the Lin family Village.

Lin Qi furrowed his brows. Once again, he began to doubt himself. 'Did I imagine all that?'

He immediately got Lin Duan to stand up, then had Lin Duan stand at the side while he lay down.

However, as soon as he lay down, that feeling came back again. The force around his waist was even a little sharp this time.

He immediately got up and looked at the bed with a frightened expression as if he had seen a ghost.

Lin Duan immediately asked, "grandfather, what's wrong? Are you feeling uncomfortable?"

Lin Qi trembled as he pointed at his bed. "Duan 'Er, there's something inside. There's something here. It's trying to crawl into my waist."

Lin Duan furrowed his brows and went forward to check. He lifted the bed again, but there was still nothing. He said, "Grandpa, there's nothing here. Did you imagine it?"

"No. I definitely didn't imagine it!" Lin Qi said in a panic. "I lay down three times, and every time, I felt something underneath the bed. I'm not mistaken. No. I won't sleep here anymore. Duan 'Er, help me to your bed. I will rest there."

Lin Duan could only follow his grandfather's wishes and help him to get to his own bed.

Later, when his wife pushed open the door and wanted to wake her grandfather up, she saw the scene inside and immediately screamed.

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"Who the hell stole my money?" Early in the morning, there was a sharp scream from Lin Laosan's house.

Li Cuihua sat in the middle of the courtyard. Her one hand was furiously slapping the ground, while the other was wailing in extreme anger. Her legs were flailing, and her face was distorted.

She was really angry. The money that she had hidden so well had disappeared without a trace when she woke up.

Every morning when she woke up, she would check the silvers and count them. She did the same that morning, but she realized the twenty taels of silver she had saved up were all gone.

Hearing Li Cuihua's roar, the whole family ran out in a hurry with anxious expressions. After all, the silver didn't just belong to Li Cuihua, but to their entire family.

Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, Lin Sanniu, Lin Siniu, as well as their wives and children, all swarmed forward.

"Mother, what did you just say? Was our money stolen?" Lin Daniu hurriedly asked, but there was an unfathomable joy in his eyes.

"Mother, did the money really get stolen?" Lin Siniu's wife, Liu Juhua, anxiously asked. This wasn't just Li Cuihua's money but also their family's money. Of course, they didn't want the money to be stolen.

"Mother, are you sure you have checked everywhere?" Liu Juhua didn't believe the money had been stolen. She privately thought that Li Cuihua had actually spent it on that brat, Lin Dazong.

She and Lin Siniu worked their asses off all year long. In the end, they didn't even see the silver, but now it was suddenly stolen? She definitely wouldn't let it go.

However, Liu Juhua was also a very smart person. She didn't shout or scream. She started to ask her mother-in-law to confirm the theft first.

Li Cuihua's attitude towards her son was okay, but she was horrible to her daughters-in-law. Other than her eldest daughter-in-law, Li Hehua, who came from Li Cuihua's maiden family's village, Li Cuihua would scold and beat up her other three daughters-in-law at the slightest provocation.

Li Cuihua was very angry with her fourth daughter-in-law.

Why?

It was mainly because this daughter-in-law liked to talk back to her. She dressed up gorgeously all day as if she wanted to seduce men. Li Cuihua was so angry that she pointed at her nose and scolded her every day. Liu Juhua didn't take the insults easily. She retorted to Li Cuihua, saying that she was the only woman who would marry Lin Siniu. If push came to shove, she would ask for a divorce. Lin Siniu finally got a wife, so how could he agree to a divorce? After the divorce, he wouldn't get another wife.

As a result, he often turned a blind eye to the quarrels between Li Cuihua and Liu Juhua. Sometimes, he even defended his wife, causing Li Cuihua to scold him, saying that he had raised an ungrateful wolf, that his conscience had been eaten by a dog, and so on.

When Li Cuihua heard Liu Juhua, she raised her head and roared at her, "Bitch, did you steal the money? Yes, you must have taken it. I saw you wearing new clothes yesterday. Tell me, did you take the money?" Li Cuihua immediately stood up from the ground and pointed at Liu Juhua, questioning angrily.

When Liu Juhua heard this, her face turned green and red in anger.

Of course, Liu Juhua would not admit to the theft. She shouted back at Li Cuihua, "Which one of your eyes saw me take the money? What's wrong with me wearing a new set of clothes? Can't I wear new clothes? I've been married to your Lin family for two years. When have I ever had a good life? You call me a thief when I wear new clothes. Li Cuihua, do you think I'm so easily bullied? You're calling me a thief, but you're the real thief. You've taken all of our money and given it all for your precious grandson to use!" Liu Juhua didn't even call Li Cuihua her mother anymore. When it came to money, no one would give in to the other.

"Impudent!" Lin Laosan smacked his cigarette, his face dark. He shouted at Liu Juhua, "Fourth daughter-in-law, where are your manners? How can you call your mother-in-law by her name? O! Four, drag your wife away and teach her a good lesson. Let her know that there is an order of seniority between the elders and the young. No matter how dissatisfied she is with your mother, your mother is still her mother-in-law. If she were in another family, your wife would have to kneel in the ancestral hall for three days and three nights and be divorced!"

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Lin Laosan lectured both Lin Siniu and Liu Juhua. Liu Juhua dared to go head to head with Li Cuihua, but Lin Laosan was the head of the family. He was usually quiet, but he had some authority, so she was a little afraid of him and didn't dare to talk back. After being yelled at by her father-in-law, Liu Juhua became quiet.

Lin Siniu came forward to pull his wife back. He turned to Lin Laosan and said, "Yes, father. I will teach my wife a good lesson." However, his back had already been pinched black by Liu Juhua.

Lin Laosan nodded. He was quite satisfied with his fourth son's words.

Then, his face turned cold when he remembered Li Cuihua yelling that all the money was gone. "How many did we lose?" He asked Li Cuihua sternly.

Usually, the family's income was kept by Li Cuihua. In the past few years, because Lin Dazong had attended a private school, their expenses had been a little high. However, the Lin family was large. Coupled with the fact that they had been scrimping, they still had some spare money every year. They should have saved about twenty taels so far.

When Li Cuihua saw Lin Laosan's expression, she immediately became timid. She whispered, "I... I lost everything!" She had hidden her money in several places, but everything was gone.

Lin Laosan's face turned cold, and he shouted, "what did you say? Say that again!"

How was it possible to lose all of them?

There were more than twenty taels.

Lin Erniu's wife, Zhou Guixiang, immediately exclaimed, "how is that possible?"

If they lost all their money, they would have to live on air.

Besides, that money was their family's share. They had worked day and night to earn that money. Now that the money was lost, how could they let it go?

Li Cuihua was a little scared when she saw Lin Laosan's gloomy face, but on second thought, she didn't lose the money on purpose. Why should she be scared?

Li Cuihua immediately said angrily, "Lin Laosan, why are you angry at me? I didn't lose the money on purpose. I'm also very angry that the money was lost, and my heart aches. Why are you angry at me?"

"So, is all the money gone?" Lin Laosan's face darkened as he asked sternly.

"Yes!" Li Cuihua argued in anger, "how would I know that we'd be targeted by a thief?"

As an old couple who had been married for decades, Lin Laosan knew how Li Cuihua stored her money. Li Cuihua would put her money in several places. However, all the money had been stolen. This meant that the thief was very familiar with where she put her money.

Therefore, there were two possibilities.

First, the thief had his eyes on the Lin Family's money for a long time already, so he knew exactly where Li Cuihua had hidden her money.

The second was there was a thief inside the house! People inside the house would know about Li Cuihua's habit.

After analyzing the situation, Lin Laosan's eyes immediately became sharp. He looked at his sons and daughters-in-law in the entire courtyard, trying to find some flaws in their expressions.

Then, he noticed that his eldest son's and his fourth daughter-in-law's eyes flickered guiltily for a moment. Lin Laosan's heart sank.

Lin Laosan shouted at his sons and daughters-in-law in the courtyard, "Whoever took the money, you better admit it now. Otherwise, I won't hesitate to punish you!"

The people in the courtyard looked at each other.

"Father, what do you mean?" Lin Erniu asked. "Are you saying that the money was taken by one of us?"

'Damn it. If I had known this, I would have taken the money for myself first.'

Lin Danu's wife, Li Hehua, also came forward and asked anxiously, "father, is what you're saying true? Was this money really stolen by one of the family members?" However, when she asked this question, her eyes were directed at Lin Sanniu's family, who had been silent like a block of wood.

It was obvious that she was suspicious of Lin Sanniu's family.

Then, Li Hehua turned to Lin Sanniu and asked sternly, "third brother, I saw some egg residue on Lin Dazu's mouth yesterday. Tell me, did you guys steal money to buy good food without telling us?"

Since Lin Sanniu's family was the family's punching bag, Li Hehua pointed her finger at Lin Sanniu without any hesitation.

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Regardless of whether Lin Sanniu stole the money or not, he had to pay for it. Who told him to be a spineless man?

If the money was stolen by a thief in the house, it would be fine. Whoever stole the money would be exposed sooner or later. But if it was stolen by an outsider, the money would be gone. Therefore, someone had to make up for this loss, right?

Lin Sanniu's family was the best candidate to suffer this fate.

Lin Sanniu was dumbstruck by Li Hehua's question. Before he could react, Li Cuihua had already rushed up to him, beating and scolding him, "You ungrateful and unscrupulous thing. I provide you with food and a place to stay, and you steal from me? I'll beat you to death. I really regret not strangling you to death when you were born."

Lin Sanniu's face was red and swollen after being slapped by his mother. His body was also punched by Li Cuihua. However, Lin Sanniu seemed to be used to this kind of treatment. His eyes were calm and numb, and his expression was equally blank.

When Li Cuihua was done, she immediately asked again, "You ungrateful wretch, where did you hide the money? take it out for me."

Lin Sanniu finally reacted. He replied in a daze, "Mother, I... I didn't take it!" He lacked confidence.

"If you didn't take it, who did?" Li Cuihua was forcing Lin Sanniu to admit it, "Didn't eldest daughter-in-law say that she saw egg leftovers at the corner of your bastard's mouth? If you didn't take the money, where would your bastard get the egg?"

"No, mother, it was the village chief who gave Zu 'Er some food yesterday. Mother, I really didn't steal money." Lin Sanniu explained in a daze.

Li Cuihua said disdainfully, "When has Lin Yiwei, that old coot, ever been kind to us? Plus, why would you take his donation? Are you a beggar? Do I not feed you at home?" Li Cuihua scolded Lin Sanniu and Lin Sanniu's eldest son, Lin Dazu.

When Lin Dazu was scolded by his grandmother, he immediately hid behind his father. His eyes revealed an expression of fear and terror, and his face was also filled with panic.

Li Cuihua was furious when she saw him like this. She immediately went up to grab him and scolded him loudly, "you little brat, how dare you ignore your grandmother? It seems that if I don't teach you a good lesson, you won't understand respect!"

Then, she smacked Lin Dazu's ass viciously. Lin Dazu immediately burst into tears.

"How dare you cry? I'll beat you to death today, you little bastard!"

"Wuwu..."

"How dare you cry some more..."

"Enough!" Lin Laosan finally opened his mouth and shouted, "San 'Er didn't steal the money!" He was certain that his third son's family would not have the guts to steal it.

Li Cuihua finally felt better after she vented her anger on Lin Sanniu and Lin Dazu. She shouted loudly, “if they didn’t steal it, who did?”

Lin Laosan’s face darkened. He suppressed his anger and shouted, “We’ll find out with evidence. Therefore, the culprit better admits it now, or else I won’t be polite even if I’m your father!” This money was for Lin Dazong’s education so it was very important.

No one stood out in admitting to the theft.

Lin Laosan’s eyes were sharp as he said sternly, “Fine. Since no one has admitted to it, then we’ll search the rooms one by one!”

He was very sure that it was definitely not stolen by an outside thief because it was impossible for a thief to know the places where Li Cuihua put her money.

No one dared to make a sound after hearing Lin Laosan’s words.

However, Liu Juhua’s eyes were filled with panic.

Lin Laosan looked at Lin Sanniu and said, “San ‘Er, we’ll start with your house!”

“Yes, father!” Lin Sanniu replied respectfully.

No one was allowed to leave until the thief was found. Li Cuihua brought the eldest and second daughter-in-law to carry out the search.

The house that Lin Sanniu’s family lived in did not even have any decent clothes, let alone money.

Li Hehua and Zhou Guixiang pursed their lips, looking down at Lin Sanniu and his family.

‘Hmph. This family is destined to be born to be our slaves.’

After that, they moved to Lin Siniu’s house.