

Village Girl 201

Chapter 201: Scandal

They did manage to find three taels of silver in Lin Siniu's house. The money was wrapped up in Liu Juhua's underwear.

Liu Juhua snatched it over and shouted, "This is what my maiden family gave me before I married over here. Don't you dare take it away! If you want to take my money, you can just ask Lin Siniu to divorce me. It's not like I want to stay anyway!" Li Cuihua used divorce to threaten Lin Yuelan's mother and Liu Juhua used the same reason to threaten Li Cuihua. This was because she knew that the Lin family would never dare to divorce her.

Other than the several taels of silver, they also found a pair of men's shoes at the bottom of the box. Liu Juhua insisted that these were new shoes that she had made for Lin Siniu.

However, anyone with eyes could tell that it was not Lin Siniu's as the size was not right.

Lin Siniu was short, and his feet were smaller than the average man's, but these shoes were huge.

However, Liu Juhua's defense was that she had made a mistake when making the shoes. It was also why she had placed them under the bed instead of giving them to her husband.

Everyone suspected that Liu Juhua had an extra-marital affair, but a pair of men's shoes couldn't prove anything. Therefore, they let it be. As long as they didn't catch Liu Juhua in bed with another man, they would turn a blind eye.

Some money was also found in Lin Erniu's house. It was two or three taels as well.

"So, all of you have been keeping from me, haven't you?" Li Cuihua was furious. Her children handed her the money obediently every day but her daughters-in-law had been docking the money behind her back.

"Mother, how could you say that?" Zhou Guixiang was displeased. "I brought this money from my mother's house. I couldn't bear to use it, so I kept it."

Since her fourth sister-in-law could use that as her excuse, then why couldn't she?

Usually, every copper coin that their family earned had to be handed over to Li Cuihua. This meant that they had no money to buy anything new. In fact, they had been wearing the same set of clothes for decades already. If it wasn't for Zhou Guixiang's shrewdness, she wouldn't have been able to save even two copper coins, let alone two taels of silver.

Li Cuihua said angrily, "You are so shameless. You've been married here for 16 to 17 years already. Even if your maiden family gave you some money, you would have used it up already. You must have docked this money behind my back, right?"

Zhou Guixiang refused to admit anything. She insisted the money came from her maiden family.

In the end, Li Cuihua did not confiscate Zhou Guixiang's two taels of silver due to Lin Laosan's orders. However, the relationship between the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law became even more hostile.

Lin Laosan frowned. He had searched his three sons' houses, but he didn't find the money. Only his eldest son's house was left.

If the money was still not found, then who had stolen the money?

In fact, Lin Laosan was wishing that the money had been stolen by one of his sons. This way, at least, the money could be recovered. If it was stolen by outsiders, then it would be impossible to get it back.

Lin Laosan got his wish because silver was found in Lin Daniu's house. More than that, the silver was wrapped up in the same innerwear found in Liu Juhua's house. To make matters worse, there was a silver hairpin in the innerwear. It was obvious that the hairpin was a present for the owner of the innerwear.

"Lin Daniu, you're so shameless. How could you have an affair with your sister-in-law?" Li Hehua broke down in an instant. She started to roar and lunge at Lin Daniu. At the same time, she threw a punch at Lin Daniu's body.

Li Hehua was so angry that she seemed to have lost her mind, and her sharp nails instantly scratched Lin Daniu's face.

Fresh blood began to flow out of the wound on Lin Daniu's face.

After scratching Lin Daniu, Li Hehua directed her anger at another person, Liu Juhua.

"You bitch, how can you be so shameless? You have an affair with your own brother-in-law!" Li Hehua tried to scratch Liu Juhua's face.

When the evidence was found at Lin Daniu's place, Liu Juhua's plan was to deny everything. So what if the innerwear used to wrap up the silver was the same as hers? That piece of clothing could be bought everything.

However, before she could even say anything, Li Hehua attacked her.

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Once a woman's face was scratched, it was equivalent to disfigurement.

Of course, Liu Juhua wouldn't let that happen. Therefore, she immediately fought back.

As Li Hehua pounced over, Liu Juhua immediately hid behind Lin Siniu. She poked her head out and said, "So, what if I slept with him? I'm young and beautiful, and any man would be willing to sleep with me. Daniu said that you're old and ugly and that he felt disgusted just by looking at you, so he came to me. Did you see my new clothes? Daniu bought them for me."

Liu Juhua was the only one who could say that she had an affair so righteously.

When Li Hehua heard Liu Juhua's provocation, she instantly broke down and rushed over to Liu Juhua, roaring, "Liu Juhua, you bitch, I'm going to kill you!"

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Two major events happened in the Lin family village in the past two days.

These two major events completely overshadowed the previous rumors about Lin Yuelan.

One of the major incidents was when the respected Lin Qi encountered a ghost. He was so frightened by the ghost that he fell to the ground and broke his spine, so he could only lie in bed for the rest of his life.

According to the rumors, the ghost was his first wife, coming back to seek revenge.

Why?

Everyone thought that Lin Qi and his first wife had a good relationship. However, perhaps the heavens envied them. Lin Qi's wife was infected with an incurable disease and soon passed away.

After his wife's death, Lin Qi once tried to follow her to the underworld. However, for some reason, Lin Qi managed to move on from the grief.

But what made people's jaws drop was that he announced that he would marry widow Zhou from the village.

However, no one said anything because one was a widow, and the other was a widower. It was a happy ending... or so people thought.

However, on the day Lin Qi fell from the bed, someone heard the frightening conversation in the room and found out that Lin Qi had killed his first wife with his own hands. After she was killed, Lin Qi announced to the public that his wife had died from an illness. But he actually murdered his wife because he wanted to marry Widow Zhou.

As for why Lin Qi's spine was broken...

That had to be explained from when Lin Qi switched to sleep in Lin Duan and his wife's bed. Lin Qi thought that the strange feeling would disappear after he changed the bed.

However, once he lay down, the feeling only became more obvious. There was something arched at his waist and it felt like a sharp knife penetrating his lumbar spine. He was so scared that he wanted to get up quickly.

However, this time, he could not get up, no matter how hard he tried. Then, he saw a vine as thick as a finger emerge from under his waist and slowly roll around his body. He wanted to scream, but the vine wrapped around a pillow and stuffed it into his mouth. Lin Qi struggled soundlessly.

But what made him even more frightened was that a person slowly appeared in front of his eyes. This was his first wife, whom he was very familiar with.

"Lin Debiao, you killed me with your own hands. I'm back to take revenge." Then, her face became twisted and ferocious, and in a moment, her whole body turned into a bloody mess. It was extremely frightening.

Then, as Lin Qi was about to faint, he heard another old voice. It was his own voice!

He said and roared in a righteous manner, "I didn't want to kill you. You're the one who didn't know your place. I wanted to marry a second wife, but you won't let me. In that case, I'll have to eliminate the first wife to marry Widow Zhou!"

"So, is Lin Qi actually a killer?" Under the shade of a tree in the Lin family Village, a group of men and women gathered together and discussed animatedly.

"Yes, that's what I heard." The truth was that Lin Qi had killed his first wife to marry Widow Zhou.

"But how is that related to his broken waist?" Someone asked doubtfully.

The man shook his head. "Grandma Lin must have come back for revenge. She snapped his spine."

In fact, no one knew that Lin Qi's lumbar spine had been broken by a vine as thick as a thumb. Since Lin Qi became incapacitated, his family started complaining about him. They said that he had become a burden.

The second scandal was about Lin Laosan's family. Lin Laosan's family lost some silver, and it turned out to be an inside job.

It was Lin Daniu who had stolen the silver that Li Cihua had hidden.

The most laughable thing was that he had wrapped the stolen silver inside his sister-in-law's innerwear. There was even a silver hairpin in the innerwear that Lin Daniu had planned to give to his fourth sister-in-law.

The affair was exposed. Lin Daniu and Liu Juhua were having an affair.

Lin Daniu's wife, Li Hehua, was so angry that she went insane. She started beating and scolding the two of them.

In the end, Li Hehua and Liu Juhua's faces were all scratched up. In Li Hehua's anger, she crippled Lin Daniu's manhood with a kick. Even the highly skilled Doctor Zhang shook his head when he saw this. There was no way to save him.

Such an outcome made Lin Laosan's family even more chaotic.

Both parties didn't have time to scheme against Lin Yuelan anymore.

At Mount Da Qi, the mountain next to Mount Da Ao, Lin Yuelan hugged a large vine and said happily, "Little Green, you're the best!" Little Green had really taught Lin Daniu and Lin Qi the best lesson this time.

No one would have expected that Lin Yuelan was behind everything. First, Little Green stole the silver from Li Cuihua, and then he placed them inside Liu Juhua's innerwear. Then, he placed the innerwear inside Lin Daniu's room. After that, he found the silver hairpin Lin Daniu had given Liu Juhua and stashed it beside the money. Then everything went as planned.

Lin Yuelan wanted the family to turn on each, but she didn't expect Li Hehua actually to cripple her husband's manhood.

It was a good show.

Lin Yuelan's mood was much better now that this matter had been resolved.

She only had three or four types of herbs left to find. But they were extremely hard to find.

If she was lucky, she might find all of them on Mount Da Qi. Otherwise, she might need to move to the next mountain.

Lin Yuelan chatted freely with Little Green, but then suddenly their expressions became serious. Little Green quickly transformed and jumped onto Lin Yuelan's wrist, turning back into a green bracelet.

Lin Yuelan's sharp eyes stared in a certain direction, and she shouted sternly, "who is it? come out!"

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After Lin Yuelan's stern shout, Jiang Zhennan walked out from behind the tree.

Lin Yuelan's face was cold and fierce, and her tender voice had a strong aura. She appeared next to Jiang Zhennan like an illusion and then grabbed his neck with one hand. She could snap it easily. She stared at Jiang Zhennan with sharp eyes and asked sternly, "why are you here?"

With Little Green's existence at stake, she would not allow any danger or threat to come to pass. Previously, when she took down the assassins, she had Little Green command the trees to grow wildly and create a birdcage. However, Little Green wasn't exposed to them.

But this time, she was certain that Jiang Zhennan had definitely seen the interaction between her and Little Green.

She had been too careless.

She thought that no one would be wandering around the deep mountain. Besides, if someone got close, she and Little Green would have noticed it. However, Jiang Zhennan had appeared at Mount Da Qi without any sign. He even discovered her secret of Little Green. Little Green's existence must not be discovered by anyone.

Jiang Zhennan had originally gone to look for Lin Yuelan at Mount Da Ao. However, he couldn't find her anywhere. Then, he ran into Little White, who brought him to Mount Da Qi. When he had just arrived at Mount Da Qi, he found Lin Yuelan conversing with a thick green vine. The vine was very familiar. It had a sharp bud and two green leaves.

He had seen Lin Yuelan talking to the vine before, so he wasn't too shocked or surprised.

However, he didn't expect that as soon as he stood still, Lin Yuelan's body would exude a sharp aura, and she literally threatened his life. Her voice was as cold as ice.

Jiang Zhennan was stunned, but he did not show any dissatisfaction or counterattack.

Jiang Zhennan's deep and magnetic voice replied to Lin Yuelan, "I'm here to find you." He directly stated the reason for his appearance.

However, Lin Yuelan did not let him go. She continued to hold onto Jiang Zhennan's neck and asked sternly, "how did you find me?" If they were at Mount Da Ao, it would be understandable, but they were at a completely different mountain. She had to suspect that he was stalking her. No matter what, she had to find out.

Jiang Zhennan replied, "Little White brought me here."

Then, little white walked over to Lin Yuelan's side and rubbed against her body. Then, it turned around and looked at Jiang Zhennan together.

This confirmed that Jiang Zhennan was not lying.

However, Lin yuelan still didn't relax her grip. She asked again, "what did you just see?"

Jiang Zhennan replied, "I saw a vine that can change its appearance." Jiang Zhennan did not hide anything from Lin Yuelan, because he knew that honesty was the best policy at this moment.

Lin Yuelan's sharp eyes stared at Jiang Zhennan fiercely. She asked coldly, "aren't you afraid that I will kill you?" Her cold voice was like the winds of winter. The frost in her eyes proved that she was not joking. She tightened her grip on Jiang Zhennan's neck.

Jiang Zhennan took off his mask and faced Lin yuelan with his disfigured face. He did not have any fear. His eyes were very serious as he stared at Lin Yuelan's cold and serious face. He replied, "I'm afraid!"

Lin Yuelan was a little surprised by this answer.

She knew that Jiang Zhennan was a cold and iron-blooded soldier and a decisive defender-general of the state. He was not one to lie because he was threatened.

"Why?" Lin Yuelan asked.

Jiang Zhennan said very seriously, "Because I don't want to die! Because I know that I am not Miss Yue 'Er's opponent. If Miss Yue 'Er wants to kill me, I won't have any chance to live! But even so, I want to come clean. I don't want to lie to Miss Yue 'Er simply out of cowardice!"

Lin Yuelan was surprised when she heard that.

"And to be honest with Miss Yue 'Er, this is not the first time I saw the vine. When we first met, I had already seen the vine's transformation and heard you converse with it!"

Jiang Zhennan's words struck Lin Yuelan like lightning!

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Lin Yuelan didn't expect that her secret had already been exposed the first time she met Jiang Zhennan.

Lin Yuelan's expression instantly became colder and fiercer. Her eyes shot at Jiang Zhennan as if warning him that he could disappear from the world in the next second!

Jiang Zhennan stared at Lin Yuelan with a serious and calm face. There was no fear on his scarred face. His sharp eyes were sincere and loyal. It was as if he were not the person whose life was threatened.

The shadows of a man and a woman, one big and one small, one tall and one low, were surrounded by lush green leaves. Under the quiet shade of the trees, there was a slight breeze blowing. The scene was quite harmonious.

After an unknown amount of time, Lin Yuelan's eyes were no longer as cold. She let go of Jiang Zhennan.

However, Jiang Zhennan's expression remained the same. He was still as sincere as before.

Lin Yuelan smiled at Jiang Zhennan and said, "masked uncle, I'll let you off this time since you're so honest. However," Her tone changed, "If I find out you have any ill intentions, I will not hesitate to kill you. I'll reap your life just like how I dealt with those assassins. You should know that I'm capable of doing that!"

This was a severe warning!

Was Jiang Zhennan nervous?

In fact, he was very nervous.

However, he wasn't nervous about being killed. He was nervous because Lin Yuelan didn't believe him!

He knew that he had stumbled across Lin Yuelan's big secret. As mentioned earlier, only the dead would not reveal any secrets!

Jiang Zhennan said very seriously, "Miss Yue 'Er, I, Jiang Zhennan, swear on my life. If you want my life, you can take it anytime! After all, my life was saved by Miss Yue 'Er. I'll only be returning it to you! I have no complaints!"

They didn't know each other for more than a year, but Lin Yuelan did get to understand Jiang Zhennan's character after spending some time together.

He was a cold, loyal, trustworthy man who loved his subordinates and valued relationships. Lin Yuelan didn't think he would sell her out. Therefore, if she killed him, it would feel like claiming the life of an innocent. She wouldn't be able to live with that. However, if he showed any signs of betrayal in the future, she would dispatch him quickly.

Subconsciously, Lin Yuelan also didn't want to kill Jiang Zhennan. If this were someone else other than Jiang Zhennan who discovered her secret, they would have died already!

When Lin Yuelan saw Jiang Zhennan, she thought of the bits and pieces of their interactions in the past few days. Jiang Zhennan's protectiveness of her, Jiang Zhennan's concern for her, and Jiang Zhennan's gentleness towards her. Because of all these, she could not kill him.

She decided to trust Jiang Zhennan this time!

If Jiang Zhennan really betrayed her one day for the sake of power and fame, then she would destroy everything he had. She would make sure he falls from the highest peak to the deepest hell.

This was her special treatment for Jiang Zhennan.

Then again, it was strange that only Jiang Zhennan was able to discover Lin Yuelan's secret. The others would have been discovered instantly. Perhaps fate had a hand to play in this!

Jiang Zhennan had no idea how much thought went through Lin Yuelan's mind, but if she really did kill him, he would have no complaints. He wouldn't have struggled.

But if Lin Yuelan chose to let him go, he would be grateful too. After all, there was no safer way to keep a secret than to kill everyone who knew about it.

In the end, Lin Yuelan really did let him go.

Jiang Zhennan said in a serious tone, "Miss Yue 'Er, I'm very grateful for your mercy. I, Jiang Zhennan, will never forget your great kindness. If Miss Yue 'Er needs anything from me, even if it's my life, I'll hand it over to you!"

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Lin Yuelan also nodded seriously and said in an imposing manner, "I hope you can keep your word!"

"I, Jiang Zhennan, will always keep my promise!" Jiang Zhennan replied in a serious manner without any hesitation.

After staring at Jiang Zhennan's serious face for a while, Lin Yuelan suddenly burst out laughing.

She then waved her hand and said, "Okay, okay, masked uncle, I believe you."

Jiang Zhennan's serious and cold face immediately softened.

"Thank you, Miss Yue 'Er!" He thanked her sincerely.

Lin Yuelan smiled and shook her head. She immediately thought of something and asked, "masked uncle, is there something you need from me? You should be developing the wildlands, right?" At this point, Lin Yuelan looked at Jiang Zhennan suspiciously, "masked uncle, you're not trying to slack off, are you? I say, masked uncle, you can't do this. Developing wildlands is not easy. If you slack off, when will we get this done?"

At this moment, Lin Yuelan no longer had the solemn, cold, and imposing manner she had just moments ago. She seemed to have become a completely different person.

Looking at Lin Yuelan returning to her usual cute self, Jiang Zhennan's lips curled up, showing his relaxation and joy.

He said, "Miss Yue 'Er, don't worry. The ten mu of land will be ready soon!" Other than the five strong men, Lin Yuelan had used 30 taels of silver to buy some farming equipment and cattle. With the labor and tools, it wouldn't take that long to develop the land.

"It's just that, when you were not in the village, there were rumors that were very unfavorable to you," Jiang Zhennan said truthfully. "So, I came to warn you about it." Jiang Zhennan had heard about the story of Lin Yuelan's return from the death from Gou Bing. Jiang Zhennan felt sad and distressed for the child who had suffered so much.

When he heard that Lin Yuelan had been beaten to death, he was so angry that he wanted to kill these culprits and avenge Lin Yuelan.

What did Lin Yuelan do wrong? The villagers shoved the blame onto Lin Yuelan with just words from an unknown Taoist priest. They didn't care about the evidence or the harm they had inflicted on the young woman.

They were just venting all their dissatisfaction on a child because their lives were not going well!

It was really too infuriating! This was too much!

Fortunately, heaven was fair! Lin Yuelan died and then returned with the ability to protect herself. Lin Yuelan would be able to defend herself from the monsters.

Lin Yuelan raised her eyebrows and asked, "masked uncle, how long have you been up here?"

Jiang Zhennan did not know what Lin Yuelan meant, but he still answered truthfully, "it has been a day."

The mountain road was not easy to walk on. If one were not careful, they could fall into a pit or under a cliff. Other than watching where one's feet landed, one had to pay attention to the ferocious beasts that called the forest home. The thick branches and dense leaves also made the visibility in the forest very low.

He had spent half a day searching for Lin Yuelan in the vicinity of Mt. Dao Ao, but he couldn't find her.

Fortunately, he found little white in a dry cave. He asked little white to lead him to Lin Yuelan. If little white could carry him, it would definitely save him a lot of trouble. But the problem was that little white wouldn't carry anyone but Lin Yuelan.

Therefore, Jiang Zhennan only followed behind Little White.

Even though Mount Da Ao and Mount Da Qi were adjacent to each other, the journey to cross from one mountain to another was not easy. An ordinary person couldn't complete this journey in one day.

Thankfully, Jiang Zhennan had Little White lead the way. He had taken fewer detours, but it still took him around half a day. In other words, it had been a day and a night since he went up the mountain to look for Lin Yuelan. By the time he found Lin Yuelan, it was already the day after.

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Therefore, Jiang Zhennan didn't know what happened in the Lin Family Village.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Oh, so you've been searching for me for a day." Then, she asked, "By the way, masked uncle, what rumors are there about me in the village?"

Jiang Zhennan couldn't bring himself to repeat the rumors. They were the subjects of the rumors too. Jiang Zhennan frowned slightly and said, "There are some rumors in the village that say that you have an ambiguous relationship with us. Therefore, Lin Qi is going to punish you for violating public morals!"

Lin Yuelan was well aware of these rumors. She was also aware of Lin Daniu and Lin Qi plotting to punish her. Unfortunately, they were unable to do that anymore because they had their own rumors to deal with.

One of them became paralyzed and the other had a marriage to save. Lin Yuelan easily dealt with those two.

Lin Yuelan looked at Jiang Zhennan with a half-smile and said, “masked uncle, you’ve been in the mountain for a day and a night, so I’m afraid you don’t know that Lin Daniu was caught for having an affair with his fourth sister-in-law. As for Lin Qi, he has broken his spine and now needs people to serve his every need. Do you think they still have the energy to punish me?”

Jiang Zhennan was dumbfounded by Lin Yuelan’s words.

He didn’t know about this at all.

However, Lin Yuelan had never left the mountain before, so how did she know?

Seeing the confusion in Jiang Zhennan’s eyes, Lin Yuelan touched the jade bracelet on her left hand with her right hand, and then called out clearly, “Little Green!”

The jade bracelet immediately turned into a green vine as thick as a finger. It had a tender yellow bud and two green leaves the size of a baby’s palm. Then, under Jiang Zhennan’s dumbfounded gaze, it slowly became thicker and bigger, and suddenly became a vine as thick as three adult fingers.

Although Jiang Zhennan had seen little green twice, he had only seen it from afar. He had not seen its true form.

Now, he saw with his own eyes Little Green climb down from her hand. Then, it rapidly grew bigger and bigger.

‘Is this Little Green?’ Jiang Zhennan stared at Little Green in shock.

Lin Yuelan patted one of Xiao Lu’s leaves and said, “Little Green, come and say hello to the masked uncle!” Since she had decided to trust Jiang Zhennan, she might as well expose everything.

Little Green’s tender yellow bud curved, and with the voice of a three to a four-year-old child, he said, “Hello, masked uncle! I’m little green!”

Jiang Zhennan came back to senses and his mouth twitched when he heard how Lin Yuelan had addressed him. It seemed like he would always be a masked uncle to Lin Yuelan.

Jiang Zhennan quickly greeted Little Green. “Hello, Little Green. I’m... I’m a friend of your master!”

Little Green nodded and said in a tender voice, “yes, I know you’re a friend of my master! I also know that you’re the defender-general of this country, the victorious general of the people!” Then, he asked, “masked uncle, will you take Little Green away for research?”

Jiang Zhennan was stunned and did not react in time. He asked, “What research?”

“Research on how to seize the energy from Little Green!” Little Green said innocently.

Jiang Zhennan furrowed his brows slightly. He seemed to understand what Little Green meant. Little Green was worried that someone would capture him and then absorb his energy to use as their own. Jiang Zhennan didn’t know why Little Green would ask this question, but his heart wrenched.

Jiang Zhennan said in a serious tone, "Little Green, don't worry. No one will capture you to study you. So, don't be afraid. I'll protect you well! I will also protect your master well!" Jiang Zhennan swore to grow stronger to live up to his promise. Even if Miss Yue 'Er's secret was exposed in the future, at least he could protect them.

Lin Yuelan's mind stirred.

At this moment, Lin Yuelan would be lying if she said she wasn't touched by Jiang Zhennan's words.

It had been two lifetimes and five years since the end of the world. She had always been the one protecting others, and no one had ever said that they would protect her.

This was the first time someone had told her that they would protect her!

Even though she didn't need the protection, her heart was filled with a sweet feeling when she heard Jiang Zhennan's promise.

Little Green's tender shoot immediately became pink, showing its excitement. He said excitedly, "masked uncle, will you really protect my master? Will you protect me?"

Jiang Zhennan replied seriously, "yes, it's true!"

"Oh, that's great!" Little Green suddenly jumped up from the ground and flew into the air. It spun a few times and then quickly became smaller. It became a vine as thick as a finger and flew to Lin Yuelan's shoulder. "Master, did you hear? The masked uncle said that he would protect master and Little Green."

For Little Green, his master was always first and he'd come second.

After Little Green circled around Lin Yuelan's shoulder a few times, it quickly flew to Jiang Zhennan's shoulder. Its sharp sprout rubbed against his face and said excitedly, "masked uncle, you're such a good person!"

Lin Yuelan's mouth twitched. Little Green was bought just like that.

'I'll have to educate Little Green in the future. Not all people who speak good words are good people. There are many wolves in sheep's clothing.'

Jiang Zhennan was in close contact with Little Green. He was so nervous that his entire body tensed up, and he did not move at all. He was afraid that he would accidentally shake Little Green off.

Seeing this, Lin Yuelan immediately laughed again and said, "masked uncle, what are you afraid of? Don't worry. Little green isn't that weak. It won't break that easily."

She turned to Little Green, "Little Green, hurry up and come down. You made the masked uncle so scared that he doesn't dare to move."

Little green came down with a squeak.

Then, he stood in front of Jiang Zhennan and said with a little grievance, "masked uncle, is Little Green that scary? But master says that Little Green is cute."

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Jiang Zhennan's lips curled into a smile when he heard Little Green's slightly aggrieved voice. He said, "Of course, Little Green is very cute."

As he spoke, he stretched out his hand in an attempt to caress Little Green.

Little Green stood in front of him without moving, allowing Jiang Zhennan to touch him.

Lin Yuelan seemed to be standing at the side in a relaxed manner, but her eyes were filled with deep wariness and vigilance.

Jiang Zhennan's hand touched Little Green.

Jiang Zhennan had initially thought that he would touch something cold, but the vine was quite warm. The vine's skin was smooth like a baby's skin too. If he hadn't known that Little Green was a magical being, Jiang Zhennan would be so shocked and frightened by this exchange.

Jiang Zhennan's fingertips gently touched the green leaf on the left. Xiao Lu shook the green leaf, stretched it out, and placed it on Jiang Zhennan's palm. "Hello, masked uncle!"

Jiang Zhennan didn't know what Little Green was doing. Little Green was offering him a handshake!

Jiang Zhennan also replied, "Hello, Little Green!"

Then, Little Green quickly pulled out the green leaf from Jiang Zhennan's palm, then jumped up, and flew back to Lin Yuelan's wrist, rolling into a jade bracelet.

Jiang Zhennan was stunned. He had no idea why Little Green reacted like this.

Lin Yuelan gently stroked little green and said with a smile, "Masked uncle, Little Green is shy!"

Jiang Zhennan was stunned for a moment, and then the expression on his face softened.

Lin Yuelan said, "masked uncle, the rumors in the village can't hurt me. Those people who want to punish me have problems to deal with now. As for the rest of them, they will only hide in fear when they see me." Lin Yuelan told Jiang Zhennan directly.

Even though Jiang Zhennan didn't know what had happened in Lin Family Village, he knew that Lin Yuelan wasn't someone who would lie.

Jiang Zhennan nodded and said, "If that's the case, then I'm relieved." Then, he looked at the basket on the ground and asked, "Miss Yue 'Er, you're still short of a few herbs. Do you need help?" They all knew that Doctor Zhang had asked lady Yue 'er to gather 136 types of medicinal herbs.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, "not much, only four. Grandmaster said that I had to pick myself. I can't ask for help from others. Masked uncle, if you want to help, you can help me pick some mushrooms and hunt some prey. I'll bring them to town to sell tomorrow."

Jiang Zhennan's face stiffened slightly. Finding mushrooms felt a bit below someone of his stature. However, when he saw Lin Yuelan's half-smiling expression, Jiang Zhennan could only brace himself and

say, "alright!" It wouldn't be the first time he was mushroom-picking anymore. In the past, who would have thought the great general would be bending over in a mountain to look for mushrooms?

The two of them were in the mountains. Lin Yuelan was looking for herbs. Little white was beside Jiang Zhennan, looking for mushrooms. Occasionally, when they encountered pheasants, rabbits, and so on, they would catch them.

After half a day, Lin Yuelan held a purple flower bud with three long green leaves in her hand and said with a happy smile, "I've finally found all of them!" This was the last herb she needed. "Little Green, let's go home!" She grabbed the basket and whistled. She happily walked down the shady path with the basket on her back.

After walking for half an hour, they encountered a tall man in a black robe and an awe-inspiring big white tiger rummaging through the ground. The sunlight filtered through the leaves, making them glow in the forest.

In his hand, Jiang Zhennan was carrying four or five pheasants and five or six hares tied up with rattan. In his other hand, he was carrying a black cloth bag, which was undoubtedly filled with mushrooms.

When Lin Yuelan arrived in front of him, Jiang Zhennan immediately took the basket from Lin Yuelan and carried it on his back.

Lin Yuelan suddenly didn't need to carry anything.

Little white walked in front of Lin Yuelan and knelt down on one knee. Lin Yuelan sat on it, and little white slowly got up.

Leading the way was a young girl riding on a white tiger. Behind her, a tall masked man was carrying a small basket on his back. He carried wild animals in one hand and a cloth bag in the other. He followed the big white tiger at a steady pace.

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On their way back to the village, when the villagers saw the majestic white tiger and the seemingly innocent girl on the back of the tiger, they immediately hid to the side and waited for them to pass before they dared to come out and take a look at the distant figures.

"The jinx is so shameless at such a young age. She didn't come home for a few days, and once she came back, she had a man following her. Who would believe that there's nothing going on between them?" Lin Chong's wife or Er Gou Zi's mother looked at Lin Yuelan with contempt. She was still furious that Lin Yuelan had scared her son two months ago.

"Didn't they say that the jinx is destined to curse everyone near her? The jinx is very close to those men, so why are they all fine?" Da Mao Er's mother asked suspiciously.

"That is not true. Didn't you see those men when they first entered our village? Their clothes were torn, and their bodies were covered in blood. Their faces were pale, and they were limping. That must be the curse of the jinx!" Their imagination was really rich.

"Hmm, you're right." Someone chimed in. After a while, he thought of something and said, "When the jinx was not around, didn't Master Lin Qi say that we're going to punish the jinx for being morally

unscrupulous? But Master Lin Qi is now incapacitated. So what are we going to do about the punishment now?" As soon as that was said, the others fell silent.

With regard to Lin Yuelan, the villagers were still fearful of her. Other than her jinx identity, she had terrifying divine strength and other powers. They were afraid that Lin Yuelan would suddenly pummel them to death because they had said something wrong. What would they do then?

In short, what they were afraid of was that their lives could be snuffed out by Lin Yuelan at any moment.

Therefore, they wanted to get rid of this threat.

However, this hope was very bleak, so they needed to use another method to make Lin Yuelan submit. Since she was living in the Lin Family Village, then she had to serve the Lin Family Village. Therefore, the adults had been finding a reason to punish Lin Yuelan. They wanted to break her mind so that she'd succumb to their demands.

The ambiguous relationship between Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan was the perfect excuse. Alas, it had all gone up in smokes.

Lin Qi, the village elder, was already powerless. The other powerful village figure was the village chief, but Lin Yiwei clearly didn't mind Lin Yuelan.

As for the others, they didn't dare to meddle in Lin Yuelan's business. They were afraid of Lin Yuelan's revenge. That was a simple truth.

Lin Chong's wife shouted, "This damn jinx has an ambiguous relationship with so many men. She has done such an immoral thing in the village. She must give us an explanation, right? Are we all going to watch as the jinx destroys the entire village?"

"Lin Chong's wife." A woman older than Lin Chong's wife said, "Then, tell me, how do you intend to get the explanation from the jinx? Are you going to go to the jinx and tell her to stop doing those immoral things? Do you have the guts?"

Lin Chong's wife immediately fell silent. Lin Yuelan was more terrifying than a demon. She did not dare to approach her.

"Is there really no way to deal with that wretched girl?" Da Mao Er's mother asked in a low voice.

Everyone was silent!

"Why don't we find a Taoist priest?" Da Mao Er's mother suggested in a soft voice.

"Why would we do that?" The older woman, Liu Dongmei, or Lin Laoliu's wife, asked doubtfully.

"Let's see if we can take back that girl's divine power." Da Mao Er's mother said weakly.

Da Mao Er's mother was thin and weak and spoke in a soft and gentle voice, but her heart was vicious. Why would Da Mao Er's mother want to target Lin Yuelan?

It was mainly because she had a guilty conscience and was very afraid.

This was because her Da Mao Er was part of the group that had kicked Lin Yuelan to death.

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Thus, she was afraid that one day, when Lin Yuelan wanted to take revenge on them, her Mao Er would be targeted.

Instead of waiting in fear every day, it was better to think of a way and deal with the threat first.

In her opinion, Lin Yuelan, who had been resurrected from the dead, was a demon. Therefore, a priest was needed to exorcise her. That was why she gave this suggestion.

As soon as she finished speaking, the others fell silent.

Liu Dongmei pointed out sharply, "Hmph, that girl's divine power and abilities were bestowed by the King of Hell. Do you think that a priest can take away those things so easily?"

Mao Er's mother continued, "But are those really gifts from the King of Hell?"

"Liu Sanxiu, what do you mean by that?" Lin Chong's wife immediately asked, "Hasn't the jinx proven that she has come back from the King of Hell's palace?"

Liu Sanxiu said fearfully, "I ... I heard that there's a kind of demon who specializes in catching people's souls and even controlling them. So, I think the jinx is..."

"So, you're saying she's this kind of demon. She has captured Da Mao's father's spirit and controlled him?"

Liu Sanxie didn't reply.

The others also seemed to have fallen into deep thought.

Did Lin Yuelan know about this?

Of course, she knew. Every grass and rock was her ears and eyes, so how could she not know?

Lin Yuelan, who was sitting on the tiger's back, gently stroked Little Green. The corners of her mouth curled up in a mocking arc as she sneered, "Liu Sanxiu? Fine. I'll see what kind of Taoist priest you'd find to exorcise me!"

It was almost dark when Lin Yuelan got home.

Guo Bing and the others had already returned home. From afar, they saw a young woman riding on an awe-inspiring big white tiger, and their worries from the past few days were immediately dispelled.

He raised his hand and waved at them. "Little White, I haven't seen you for a few days. Why have you gained weight again?"

Guo Bing seemed to have gotten into a friendly competition with Little White.

Every time little white saw Guo Bing, it would cast a look of disdain at him. Guo Bing felt defeated at first, but then after he regained his morale, he started to retort with his own verbal jabs. For example, he'd say that Little White's fur was not white enough, it was not tall and strong enough, and so on.

When little white heard this, it picked up its pace.

It came to Guo Bing and roared at him, giving him a disdainful look. Then, it sent Lin Yuelan home.

When Jiang Zhennan passed by Guo Bing, he also gave Guo Bing a look of disdain. 'Isn't it embarrassing for a man to argue with a tiger?'

Guo Bing touched the bridge of his nose and then chuckled, "Boss, you look so cute carrying that small basket on your back. Haha..."

Jiang Zhennan turned a deaf ear to Guo Bing's mockery.

In the yard, he first put down the cloth bag, then put the pheasants and rabbits in the chicken shed and the rabbit nest. It was obvious that he did this every day. Finally, he put down the small basket.

Guo Bing walked in and saw Lin Yuelan standing next to the chicken shed. She seemed to be thinking about catching a chicken. He immediately went up and asked carefully, "Miss Lin, what are you cooking tonight?"

Lin Yuelan glanced at him and said indifferently, "Chicken Mushroom stew!"

"Chicken Mushroom stew?" Guo Bing already wanted to drool when he heard the name of the dish. Back then, they had spent one tael of silver on buying a mushroom. But now, they could eat Chicken Mushroom stew. Just thinking about the delicious taste made them drool.

Guo Bing stepped forward to flatter her. "Miss Lin, did you know? During the few days when you weren't home, we had terrible meals. We only had hard buns with plain water and salted vegetables. It's a good thing that you're back now, Miss Lin. We miss you so much."

These were Guo Bing's true feelings. As soldiers, they were used to tasteless food. They often needed to rely on dry food on the battlefield. However, after eating Lin Yuelan's dishes, they finally understood the meaning of good cooking.

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As they tasted her cooking, the other food became so tasteless.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes at Guo Bing as if she despised him.

Guo Bing felt so sad. Why would everyone roll their eyes at him?

Doctor Zhang was invited by little twelve. Before he entered the courtyard, he could smell the fragrance from far away. The fragrance immediately aroused his appetite, and his footsteps became faster. One could not tell that this was a staggering old man in his sixties.

As soon as he entered the courtyard, he shouted, "girl, what delicious food are you making this time? The smell is so delicious!"

During this period, Doctor Zhang had also been to Lin Yuelan's place often... to freeload. But then again, Lin Yuelan was his grand disciple, so it didn't feel that wrong.

Guo Bing immediately went forward to support Doctor Zhang and said, "Doctor Zhang, miss Lin said she's going to make Chicken Mushroom stew." Wild chicken and wild mushrooms were such a delicious combo.

While Guo Bing and the others had been educated by Lin Yuelan, the others from this era didn't know what mushrooms were.

Doctor Zhang was a little puzzled. "Mushrooms? What's a mushroom?"

Guo Bing immediately patted the back of his head and said, "I forgot that Dr. Zhang doesn't know about mushrooms." Then, he said excitedly, "Doctor Zhang, let me tell you. These mushrooms are actually little umbrellas. You have no idea how delicious they are!"

When Doctor Zhang heard the word 'little umbrella', he frowned and said sternly, "nonsense! These things are poisonous. No matter how delicious it is, can it be eaten?" With that, he immediately stood up and rushed to the kitchen.

Guo Bing quickly grabbed hold of the angry Doctor Zhang and immediately comforted him, "Doctor Zhang, you didn't let us finish. Some of the little umbrellas are poisonous, but not all of them are. Two months ago, the boss and I had eaten them. Look at us. We're still standing here."

Doctor Zhang immediately asked suspiciously, "Little Guo, are you telling me the truth?"

Guo Bing immediately nodded. "Of course, it's true. Back then, we spent one tael of silver on buying one little umbrella from Miss Lin." When he mentioned this, his face scrunched with pain.

Doctor Zhang calmed down. He immediately became interested and asked, "little Guo, did you really spend one tael of silver just to buy a little umbrella?" When he said this, Doctor Zhang looked at Guo Bing with disdain, as if he was looking at a fool. 'No matter how delicious these little umbrellas are, they shouldn't cost one tael of silver each. They must have been scammed by Lan 'Er.'

Feeling disdain from Doctor Zhang, Guo Bing almost wailed. Yet another person looked down on him. Why did everyone treat him like this?

Guo Bing wanted to roll his eyes back at them, but he didn't dare.

One was his superior, one controlled his food, and the other was Miss Lin's grandmaster. Furthermore, even if Doctor Zhang wasn't Lin Yuelan's grandmaster, he was a respected elder. Guo Bing couldn't offend any of them. So, he could only direct his disdain at Little White, but Little White always ignored him.

Guo Bing suddenly felt a little wronged.

However, Guo Bing still told Doctor Zhang about the first time he met Lin Yuelan and how he spent a high price on buying the little umbrellas from her.

After Doctor Zhang heard this, he stroked his beard and nodded. He said with a smile, "haha, Lan 'Er is so clever. It's only natural that you'd be fooled! Hahaha ..."

Guo Bing felt like his chest was hit by tens of thousands of arrows! He made up his mind and said, 'next time, I will never tell others about this again!'

Jiang Zhennan was helping Lin Yuelan to start a fire in the kitchen.

Jiang Zhennan's eyes brightened up as he smelled the fragrance that was getting stronger. He held back his saliva and commented, "Miss Yue 'Er, this smell is really good!"

They had eaten the mushroom skewers before, and the taste was absolutely amazing.

He didn't expect that the mushroom and pheasant could be cooked together.

Lin Yuelan said with a smile, "It'll taste even more delicious!"

The people who were sitting in the courtyard all looked in the direction of the kitchen with their heads raised, drooling.

A moment later, Jiang Zhennan came out with a large pot of Chicken Mushroom stew. When the people saw the stew, they drooled even more.

Little twelve had already prepared the bowls and chopsticks. As soon as the crowd saw the dishes being served, they grabbed their chopsticks and began to fight for food.

Jiang Zhennan didn't back down, and Doctor Zhang didn't hold back either.

"Delicious! It's so delicious!" Other than delicious, they didn't know what else to say.

"Wow... What is this?" Guo Bing picked up a red thing and put it into his mouth.

However, the moment he chewed it, it immediately burned, and his face turned red! "Help! So hot!"

At the same time, little three also picked one up and put it in his mouth. He immediately shouted, "Miss Lin, what is this? It's so spicy!"

Lin Yuelan raised her eyebrows and said, "That's chili!"

"Chili?!" Guo Bing and little Three immediately exclaimed, "What's a chili?"

There were chilies in this era, but they were not called chilies. They were called green stripes and red stripes. However, the green stripes and red stripes were the non-spicy varieties. The really spicy chilies wouldn't be eaten by people so they wouldn't appear in the market. But they did grow in the wilds.

Moreover, the people here used chilies not as seasonings but more as actual vegetables. Therefore, there were not many who could stand spicy foods. Lin Yuelan shrugged, "Chilies are red stripes."

"How is this a red stripe?" Guo Bing cursed. "This is too spicy! Plus, isn't a red stripe supposed to be long and wide? This thing is short and thin! It doesn't look like a red stripe at all."

Lin Yuelan didn't answer.

However, everyone at the table already knew that the red thing was inedible.

The dinner ended happily.

After Lin Yuelan wiped her mouth, she said, "little twelve, come to town with me tomorrow!"

When she returned, she would take Doctor Zhang's examination.