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Chapter 211: Too Bad She's A Jinx

The next day, Lin Yuelan brought little twelve to the town early in the morning.

Little twelve was carrying some prey on his back. They hunted these animals from the back mountain over the past few days. Lin Yuelan kept some to raise, but there was still a lot left. Therefore, Lin Yuelan planned to give some to Yuelai Inn for free.

Since they were partners, Lin Yuelan might as well do them this favor. The wild game was not worth much anyway.

Lin Yuelan and little twelve took their own ox-cart to the town.

Back then, when Lin Yuelan bought an ox from town, the Lin family villagers had been filled with envy and jealousy.

'This damn jinx, her life is getting better and better. In such a short time, she has bought an ox.'

Back then, it was more expensive to buy an ox than to buy a person.

For example, it would cost twenty taels of silver to buy a strong servant, but it would cost at least thirty taels of silver to buy a cow, and that was if the cow had some problems or was of a bad breed.

A good cow would cost 40 to 50 taels of silver. Therefore, people in the countryside would never be able to afford one in their entire lives.

Lin Yuelan's original intention of buying the cow was to help with land development. However, Ning An Town was quite far from the Lin family Village. If Lin Yuelan had to walk over every time she needed to go to town, she'd get tired too. Therefore, she decided to use the cow to pull an ox cart.

Lin Yuelan and Little Twelve got on the cart with their stuff and went to town.

As soon as the manager of Yuelai Inn saw Lin Yuelan, he came out to greet her with a smile. "Miss Lin, you're here!"

This manager was no longer the same manager from last time.

After the waiter had humiliated Lin Yuelan last time, Liu Qi did a quick check at the inn. In the end, he found out that the innkeeper had secretly confiscated a lot of money into his own pocket. Naturally, he couldn't stay.

Liu Qi fired the shopkeeper and the waiter without any hesitation.

This new manager was actually the supervisor of the Liu family's other businesses, but Liu Qi had directly transferred him over to Yuelai Inn to be the manager.

The new manager had heard of Lin Yuelan before he was transferred over here. Therefore, he immediately understood what to do.

Then, he looked at the wild animals Little Twelve was carrying.

Lin Yuelan pretended not to notice Manager Liu's gaze and asked indifferently, "Manager Liu, is your young master here?"

The Liu Family had many businesses. Yuelai Inn was only one of them. Liu Qi only came here occasionally.

Manager Liu smiled and said, "Young Master was here, but the eldest miss came and dragged him to go jewelry shopping with her."

Lin Yuelan nodded.

She gestured to little twelve to hand the four wild pheasants and rabbits to manager Liu and said, "Manager Liu, these are the wild game we hunted from the mountain. Please accept them."

Yuelai Inn sometimes offered dishes with wild games, and the price was fair.

Manager Liu immediately gestured to the waiter to take the things from little twelve's hands and put them in the kitchen.

It was only ten in the morning, so there shouldn't be any customers.

However, Lin Yuelan looked around the hall and saw that every table was filled with people. From time to time, she heard someone shouting, "waiter, one braised carp!"

"Okay, Sir, please wait a moment!"

"Waiter, get me a serving of carp soup!"

"I'll have a serving of sweet and sour fish!"

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Almost every table was ordering fish. 'Is fish that delicious? It's not even lunchtime, and everyone is here to eat fish.'

Seeing Lin Yuelan's puzzled look, manager Liu immediately stepped forward and explained, "ever since the townspeople heard about our new fish recipe, they came to try them out. They didn't expect the taste to be so delicious. Many people immediately fell in love." As he spoke, Manager Liu's eyes were fixed on the various kinds of fish on the guests' tables. He said with excitement in his eyes, "As the word spread, Yuelai Inn became even more famous. Even though our fish dishes' price is a little expensive, it is fair for the taste. Many people even have to come back the day after because we only provide 50 servings of fish daily. Therefore, some people come here early in the morning to line up in order to eat fish."

Manager Liu had worked in the business for a long time, but he had not seen something like this before.

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There was a limited amount of food supply provided every day. It aroused the curiosity and appetite of the customers every day. The inn managed to maintain its sales, and its profits increased by several times.

If not for the limited quantity available daily, the customers would have gotten tired of the new recipes already. This was a brand new sales and promotion method.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "hmm, things look good."

Manager Liu smiled and said, "that's right. It's all thanks to Miss Lin's good ideas that Yuelai Inn's business is getting better and better."

Lin Yuelan said with a smile, "Manager Liu, you really have a way with words!"

Manager Liu smiled but did not reply.

After a while, Manager Liu thought of something. Then, he asked in a fawning manner, "Miss Lin, the soy sauce is running out soon. Do you..." Do you know when the next batch will be delivered?

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Actually, that's also why I'm here today." As she spoke, she took out a porcelain bottle from her bag and handed it to Manager Liu. "I think this should be enough."

Manager Liu took it and was about to say something when a commotion suddenly broke out in the hall.

"Ouch, my stomach hurts..." A dark-skinned, thin, and sneaky-looking man suddenly covered his stomach and rolled on the ground. He shouted, "Ouch, it hurts so much. This fish is poisonous. I'm poisoned..."

All the guests in the hall looked at the man rolling on the ground in surprise. Everyone immediately stopped eating.

"Everyone, stop eating! The fish is poisonous..." The man kept shouting loudly, full of anger. "This shop is trying to kill us! They serve us poisonous fish to eat!"

Everyone put down their chopsticks in unison.

Manager Liu walked towards the poisoned man and asked with his head lowered, "Sir, what's wrong?" When he saw the person clearly, Manager Liu's expression changed slightly, but he still maintained his politeness.

"What do you think?" The man replied loudly, "I ate the fish here, and now my stomach is hurting. Your fish must be poisonous! You are really horrible. How can you serve your guests poisonous fish?"

Lin Yuelan also walked forward and stood beside Manager Liu. She pursed her lips into a cold smile and looked at the troublemaker with cold eyes.

Manager Liu said seriously, "Sir, every fish in Yuelai Inn is carefully selected. The carps, crucian carps, grass carps, and bighead carps are common fish species. None of them is poisonous." Even though Lin Yuelan had provided them with fish recipes, she asked Yuelai Inn to only serve carp for now. When the customers got tired of carp, she would provide recipes for other types of fish.

The poisoned man shrieked even more painfully. He was still holding his stomach with one hand as he mumbled, "Ouch, it hurts so much. I don't care about the fish species. The fact is my stomach hurt after I ate the fish here. Your fish is poisonous. How cruel you must be!"

Manager Liu looked at the empty plates on the dining table. The plates were all licked clean. It was more likely that the man was there to cause trouble.

Manager Liu continued to ask, "Then, Sir, what do you want us to do?"

The man immediately replied, "You must compensate me!"

In order not to disturb the other customers, Manager Liu nodded and said, "alright, I'll give you 50 copper coins. Waiter, take fifty copper coins from the counter and give this customer so that he could go and see a doctor." In fact, 10 coppers would have been enough.

"Alright!" The waiter immediately replied. After that, he took out 50 copper coins from the counter and walked in front of that person, saying, "Sir, here you go!"

The man's face darkened, and he roared at Manager Liu, "What is the meaning of this? Your fish dish costs more than 50 copper coins. Hmph, I knew this was a black-hearted shop. Do you think you can dismiss a customer with 50 copper coins after you've poisoned him? Everyone, please help me. Is that reasonable?"

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Some of the customers, who didn't know what was going on, nodded in agreement.

Manager Liu immediately asked in a serious tone, "Then, Sir, how much do you want in compensation?"

The man extended five fingers.

"Five taels of silver?" Manager Liu asked.

"Do you think I'm a beggar? Five hundred teals!" The man demanded an exorbitant price.

The moment he said that, everyone gasped. This man was really brazen. Was his body made of gold? The manager's offer of five teals was already very generous. After all, three taels of silver were enough to feed a large family for half a year.

"After you pay me, Yuelai Inn will have to make a public apology and stop cooking fish. Otherwise, I'll come here every day to make a scene and let everyone in Ning An town know that the fish in Yuelai Inn are poisonous. Let's see if anyone will come here to eat in the future!" The man threatened.

Manager Liu was amused by this shameless customer. Instead of getting angry, he laughed and said, "Sir, it seems that you still don't understand what I said before. All right, I'll say it again. The fish sold by Yuelai Inn are only carps, crucian carps, grass carps, and big-headed carps. Everyone, tell me, are these fish poisonous?" The second half of the sentence was directed at all the guests. "How come we've been serving fish for half a month, and we have no complaints, but suddenly, you came and shouted that you've been poisoned? Then, you demanded five hundred taels of silver as compensation and a public apology from Yuelai Inn. Then, you demand that Yuelai Inn stop serving fish. It sounds like you want Yuelai Inn to close down!"

Manager Liu spoke eloquently, and the guests in the main hall began to whisper to each other. They immediately understood that the man was trying to frame Yuelai Inn!

Soon, someone stood up and said, “Manager, I’ve been eating fish here for more than half a month. Whether it’s carps, carps, grass carps, or bighead carps, they are very delicious. Plus, I’m sure they are not poisonous. See, aren’t I standing here perfectly fine?”

“That’s right. I’ve also been eating fish here for more than ten days. I also feel very fine. The fish tastes good, and they put less stress on the body.”

“I agree.”

The customers in the hall all agreed that the fish made by Yuelai Inn was not poisonous at all.

The man looked around and realized that the situation was getting worse for him. He gritted his teeth and rolled on the ground, continuing to curse, “How can this man be so black-hearted? I was poisoned by his food, and now he’s twisting the truth to slander my name...” He rolled on the ground and screamed in pain.

Manager Liu was speechless when he saw such a scoundrel.

Just as he was about to report this to the authorities, Lin Yuelan suddenly stepped forward. She squatted down and asked the man with a worried face, “uncle, are you in pain?”

“Ouch...” The man shouted, “Yes, Uncle is in a lot of pain!”

Lin Yuelan nodded, then took the man’s hand and made a gesture of checking his pulse. Then, she put his hand down and said seriously, “Yes, uncle, you’re indeed poisoned. The poison is very powerful, and it’s about to erode your internal organs.”

Lin Yuelan’s words shocked everyone in the hall.

Manager Liu was even more confused. He walked to Lin Yuelan’s side and whispered to her, “Miss Lin, it’s obvious that someone deliberately set up this man to frame Yuelai Inn. He’s shouting that he has a stomach ache, but it’s clearly fake. How could he be poisoned?”

Lin Yuelan whispered back, “Manager Liu, don’t worry. Just sit back and watch the show.”

Although Manager Liu was a little suspicious, he knew that Lin Yuelan was very smart. Since she told him to watch the show, that was what he’d do.

When the man heard Lin Yuelan, he immediately panicked. He knew very well that he was not poisoned.

Therefore, when Lin Yuelan diagnosed the poison in his body, he panicked.

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However, when the man thought of the five hundred taels of silver, he immediately echoed in shock, “What? Is the poison that strong?”

The guests who were watching the show were very suspicious.

They had long heard of Lin Yuelan’s name.

In addition to having divine strength, Lin Yuelan was a famous jinx. Her reputation had spread all over the small Ning An town. However, the townspeople had never heard that she knew medical skills.

One of the customers stood up and asked suspiciously, “miss Lin, you’re not just making things up, are you? According to our knowledge, you don’t know medicine.” Then, he pointed at the man and said, “look at this man. He’s holding his stomach and screaming that his stomach hurts. However, his voice is still so powerful and strong. One look, and you can tell that he’s a scoundrel who is pretending to be poisoned to extort money from Yuelai Inn!”

There were many clear-minded people among the guests. They knew that the man just wanted to extort money from Yuelai Inn and ruin the inn’s reputation.

Clearly, the man was a ruffian hired by Yuelai Inn’s competition. Of course, none of the customers pointed that out loud because it was not their business.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, “Actually, I’m studying medicine. Although I don’t know how to treat those difficult diseases, I can still treat some minor illnesses and pain. However, this uncle’s situation is very special. His pulse is very chaotic, as if he will die at any moment. Therefore, I can conclude that he is deeply poisoned. If he is not cured soon, then it’s very likely that he’ll go down for a permanent slumber.” The meaning was clear.

“Impossible!” The man immediately shrieked in panic, “I’m not poisoned, so why would I die?” As soon as he said that, the main hall fell silent!

By then, the man realized he had misspoken.

“Oh, uncle, so you’re not poisoned?!” Lin Yuelan gasped in shock. “I guess I was not accurate with my diagnosis then. Some time ago, I saw a patient with a stomach ache just like you at doctor Lin’s place. Doctor Lin said the patient was poisoned, so I assume uncle has the same illness!” Doctor Lin was the shopkeeper of the Lin family’s medicine store.

After Lin Yuelan said that, the crowd became quiet for a while before bursting into laughter.

“Haha. This is interesting!”

“Haha, this miss Lin is really smart. She manages to lure the man into confessing with just her words.”

“It’s a pity that she is a jinx. She is such a smart and capable girl. Otherwise, it’s a blessing for any man to marry her.”

When the ruffian realized what was going on, he immediately got up from the ground and shouted at Lin Yuelan angrily, “You wretched girl. What have you done? I’ll teach you a lesson for messing with me!” He stretched out his leg to kick Lin Yuelan’s stomach.

When the others saw this, they immediately cried out in alarm and became a little worried.

After all, the ruffian was an adult, and Lin Yuelan was a frail young woman. If she was kicked, even if she didn’t die, she would be heavily injured.

Bang!

Contrary to everyone’s expectations, the person who fell down was the ruffian.

Then, they realized the young woman was blessed with divine power and could knock out a big tiger with one punch. Therefore, she would have no issue handling an adult man.

The ruffian shriveled up, and everyone started to laugh again. They were mocking the ruffian.

Manager Liu walked up to the ruffian and said sternly, "Lai Xiaowu, I don't care if you came up with this plan on your own or if someone directed you to come to make trouble at Yuelai Inn. This is the only time I'm letting you off. If there's a next time, I'll drag you to court!"

As the largest restaurant in Ning An town, Yuelai Inn's business had always been good. Even though the business had declined some time ago due to improper employment, Yuelai Inn still had a lot of customers.

Yuelai Inn had always enjoyed some healthy competition in Ning An Town. However, ever since they started working with Lin Yuelan to develop new dishes, Yuelai Inn's business had been booming day by day. Customers flocked in from other inns and restaurants. This naturally earned the ire of the other owners.

Therefore, they came up with a plan together, which was to ruin the reputation of Yuelai Inn, and then make them stop selling fish. They wanted to suppress Yuelai Inn until it closed down. Of course, to do something like this, they had to deal a fatal blow. Otherwise, what was waiting for them was likely to be revenge.

However, they didn't expect Lai Xiaowu not to take the stomach laxative they had prepared for him. In fact, he was so stupid that he was tricked into revealing the truth.

After being warned by Manager Liu, Lai Xiaowu got up from the ground and said to Lin Yuelan fiercely, "you little brat, just you wait!" Then, he fled from Yuelai Inn in a sorry state.

Manager Liu immediately cupped his fists at Lin Yuelan and said gratefully, "thank you, miss Lin, for your quick-witted rescue!" Even though he knew that Lai Xiaowu was pretending to be poisoned, they would need some time to find evidence to prove that it was not the case. Calling a doctor to examine Lai Xiaowu would have taken half a day already. By then, Lai Xiaowu's constant wailing would have affected business at the inn.

Fortunately, Lai Xiaowu was dumb. Lin Yuelan managed to get him to spill the beans with a few words.

Lin Yuelan waved her hand and said, "Manager Liu, you're too kind. I didn't do anything!" Then, she added, "But Manager Liu, it's best to find out who the mastermind is as soon as possible. Otherwise, this will only happen again." It was obvious that someone had ordered Lai Xiaowu to do this. The purpose was clear.

Manager Liu immediately replied, "you're right, miss Lin!"

Little Twelve praised Lin Yuelan endlessly after they left Yuelai Inn. "miss Lin, you're so smart! You're smarter than our boss!"

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and said to little twelve coldly, "Is your boss very smart? Why would you compare me to him?"

Little twelve immediately covered his mouth and shook his head at Lin Yuelan.

In fact, their boss was really smart. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to lead them to beat the enemies so many times. However, he didn't dare to say these words out loud. What if Miss Lin was unhappy?

Along the way, little twelve kept his mouth shut and followed Lin Yuelan all the way to the Jinyun Ge.

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Lin Yuelan and little twelve came to the door of Jinyun Ge and saw the sign "the shop is closed for renovation" hanging on the door.

The waiter, Xiao Li, and Li Huaisheng were directing the renovation workers. When they saw Lin Yuelan, they immediately went up and called out, "Miss Lin!"

Lin Yuelan nodded and stepped into the shop. She looked around and said, "Uncle Li, what's the progress now?"

Manager Li replied honestly, "It has already reached 60%."

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Not bad!"

He knew that Lin Yuelan must have come there for a reason, so he made a hand gesture and told her, "Miss Lin, please come in." It was inconvenient to discuss matters outside, so they entered the inner room.

In the inner room, Xiao Li went out after serving tea to Lin Yuelan, little twelve, and Manager Li. He still needed to supervise the matters outside.

Lin Yuelan also told little twelve to leave. After all, they were going to talk about business. Although Lin Yuelan wasn't guarded against little twelve and the others, she didn't want Manager Li to be uncomfortable. Little Twelve and the others knew about Lin Yuelan's business ventures, like her cooperation with Jinyun Ge and Yuelai Inn. Lin Yuelan would expand further. She also didn't want them to know too much. Their identities might be a problem because of it.

After little twelve and Xiao Li left, Manager Li immediately reported respectfully, "boss, we've invited three sewing masters and three embroidery ladies. We've also received a new batch of high-quality cloth!"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Uncle Li, you did well!" Lin Yuelan took out a few pieces of white paper from her backpack. She opened them, and they were clothing designs.

She handed them to Manager Li. "Uncle Li, these are the clothes I've designed. There are men's and women's clothes. Get the tailors and embroiderers to make these first."

Manager Li took the drawings from Lin Yuelan and was stunned. He had not seen such a clothing design before. The neckline, the pattern, and the others were all unique and pretty.

Manager Li's hands trembled as he held the designs. He held them carefully and nervously as if he was afraid that they would disappear if he were not careful.

Manager Li's excitement was self-evident. He asked in an intense voice, "Miss Lin, may I ask which master designed these?"

Lin Yuelan looked at manager Li with a faint smile and asked, "Uncle Li, what do you think?"

Manager Li understood everything.

Lin Yuelan was the designer.

Manager Li suddenly felt touched. He could see the return to glory for Jinyun Ge because it now had a very smart, talented, and capable master.

Manager Li felt that selling Jinyun Ge to Lin Yuelan was the right choice.

Manager Li wiped the tears from the corner of his eyes and shouted excitedly, "Good, good, this is great!"

After that, he carefully put away the designs and placed them in a brocade box.

Lin Yuelan suddenly asked, "how are the characters of the three tailors and the three embroiderers?"

When she recruited people, the first consideration was their character, followed by skill!

Manager Li immediately grasped Lin Yuelan's meaning. Lin Yuelan wanted to know if these people would betray Jinyun Ge. After all, the tailors and embroiders would see the designs before the public. If they stole the designs and sold them to someone else, it would be a big problem.

"Boss, don't worry. These three tailors and three embroiderers didn't submit even if they were threatened by Xiangyun Ge. Moreover, they are very tight-lipped."

These six people were single, and without burden, so they couldn't be threatened by Xiangyun Ge.

Lin Yuelan trusted Manager Li, so she didn't plan to meet the three tailors and the three embroiderers.

If these people did a good job, had good character, and were upright, Jinyun Ge would take good care of them.

Lin Yuelan said, "Uncle Li, tell them that as long as they work for Jinyun Ge wholeheartedly, Jinyun Ge will give them a normal salary and arrange for them to enjoy a good retirement after they turn 55 years old. But..."

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Then, Lin Yuelan said sternly, "If they betray Jinyun Ge, I doubt they'll have a peaceful retirement. In fact, they may end up in a more miserable state. I'd advise them not to try it. I don't think they would want to see the result."

Lin Yuelan would always give a stern warning first to deter people with ill intentions. It would be late to give the warning after the fact. Lin Yuelan chose the age of 55 because that was the average lifespan of people in that era. People who lived to 70 were very rare. Therefore, Lin Yuelan wanted to make arrangements for her employees' retirement around 55.

When Manager Li that Lin Yuelan would offer retirement care, he was shocked. This benefit was unheard of!

From what he heard, Lin Yuelan would pay for the employees' pensions after they had retired. Was he right?

However, this benefit was too good that it sounded unreal. Many elders had to come out to work in their twilight years because they had no one to take care of them.

This would solve that problem.

Once Jinyun Ge released this benefit, many people would rush over to work here. However, Manager Li still had some concerns. "Boss, isn't this too heavy a burden?" Could Jinyun Ge afford to handle so many pensioners?

Lin Yuelan said seriously, "Uncle Li, believe me. This won't be a burden!" As for why, Lin Yuelan didn't explain much.

Lin Yuelan borrowed the modern employee management model, which calculated the retirement amount of each employee and the pension system based on their qualifications, age, and contribution points.

The reason why Manager Li was worried was that he was only thinking about the current business situation of Jinyun Ge, and had not anticipated the prospects of Jinyun Ge in the future. Then again, this was not his fault. He was not from the future after all.

Lin Yuelan's goal was to expand the business all over the world and dominate the fashion market.

Lin Yuelan knew that once she had saved Jiang Zhennan and his people, her life in the future wouldn't be peaceful. Therefore, she had to get stronger before the troubles arrived. Then, she would have backing in the future.

"Also, Uncle Li, all the workers of Jinyun Ge must start working at 7:45 am every day until 5:35 pm. They will get two hours to rest in the middle, and they will have two days of break every week. Their salary will be paid like normal." Lin Yuelan said.

Manager Li was a little confused. "Boss, can we sustain this kind of working schedule? I doubt any work will get done." In this era, basically, everyone worked for more than twelve hours a day. They wouldn't even have a break in the middle to eat.

The work schedule set up by Lin Yuelan was unheard of. They only needed to work eight hours a day. Most importantly, they had two days off for every five days they worked. This was simply a dream for the workers. However, it was a nightmare for the bosses.

Lin Yuelan smiled. "This work schedule will provide the best working condition. It's much more efficient than forcing the workers to work more than 12 hours a day. Uncle Li, if you don't believe me, you can try the schedule first. What do you think?"

People of this era might not understand this arrangement, but Lin Yuelan's arrangement was based on a scientific basis.

Manager Li decided to do a test first. Manager Li asked, "Boss, why are you giving them two days of rest every week? If they work only eight hours per day, they should have enough rest already."

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Lin Yuelan said, "A person has limited energy before they go to fatigue. When a person is fatigued, their work is far less efficient. Therefore, it's better for the workers to rest instead of forcing them to work endlessly. One day to relax and one day to adjust their state of mind. Therefore, two days of rest are needed."

After hearing Lin Yuelan's explanation, although manager Li still had some doubts, he believed that his boss had his own reasons.

Manager Li nodded and replied, "Alright, I understand, boss!" Then, he repeated, "The workers of Jinyun Ge will work for eight hours a day. After every five days, they will rest for two days. According to their experience, service, and contribution points, they will be given a pension after they retire!" This was the working system that Lin Yuelan had set. He wanted to confirm it with Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Yes, uncle Li. This is the system we will use. However, the most important criterion is that our employees must have good character. If they have bad character, no matter how capable they are, they must be rejected. Understood?"

"Yes, boss!" Manager Li replied respectfully.

After they finished talking about work, Lin Yuelan asked about manager Li's wife's condition.

"Uncle Li, is Madam feeling better?"

At the mention of his sick wife, manager Li's face was a little sad, and his expression was a little worried and helpless. However, it was much better than the despair Lin Yuelan had seen last time.

He smiled wryly and said, "thank you for your concern, Miss Lin. Doctor Zhang came to take a look last time and prescribed her some medicine. She's feeling better now."

Dementia was difficult to treat even in modern times. In ancient times, medical equipment was so lacking that it was impossible to cure it.

However, Mrs. Li's condition was indeed much better than before. Lin Yuelan had only been learning medicine from Doctor Zhang for a few days, so she wasn't very good at it. Therefore, she didn't plan to treat Madam Li... yet.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "As long as she's getting better. I believe that Madam Li will recover soon!"

"I hope so too!" Manager Li said with sincerity.

He felt that Lin Yuelan was his lucky star, so why was everyone calling her a jinx? They said that those who encountered her would experience disaster. However, after Manager Li met Lin Yuelan, everything was going better. Jinyun Ge was recovering, and his wife's condition was healing too.

Who was the one who was spouting nonsense about his boss being a jinx?

Lin Yuelan didn't know what Manager Li was thinking. She left after she discussed everything with Manager Li.

Little twelve stood outside, curiously looking at the shop that was only 60% renovated. However, even this 60% made him extremely excited.

He had never seen such a bright and new shop model before. The painted white walls, the golden beam roof, and the high and low counters were all very new to him.

He pulled Xiao Li over and asked in a low voice, "Did miss Lin design all these?"

Xiao Li also replied in a low voice, "Yes, these were all personally designed by miss Lin!"

Little twelve nodded, but he muttered in his heart, 'Is miss Lin really a demon? Otherwise, how can she know everything?'

Well, to be fair, Lin Yuelan had knowledge of the modern world, so it was not that she knew everything. The renovation model for Jinyun Ge was based on a modern clothing store in her mind.

In fact, before the apocalypse, she was just a common person. However, compared to the ancient people, she had a thousand years of culture stored in her mind. It made her stand out.

When Lin Yuelan came out, she saw little twelve standing there in a daze. She walked over and patted his arm, asking with a smile, "Brother little twelve, are you thinking about? Is it love? It's normal at your age."

Little twelve blushed and stuttered, "miss ... Miss Lin, don't talk nonsense!"

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Lin Yuelan smiled and said, "Alright, alright, I'll stop. Come. We'll go and buy some daily necessities." After all, there were many people living with her now. Everything was used so quickly.

Lin Yuelan and little twelve left the Jinyun Ge and ran to the medicine shop. Lin Yuelan got 100 taels of silver in advance from Liu Qi. She used half to buy a cow. Then, she used more to buy fields and develop new land. Therefore, Lin Yuelan became a penniless pauper again.

Fortunately, she had picked some medicinal herbs in the mountains, and some medicinal herbs in her space could be harvested already. She would sell them.

They arrived at the Lin family's medicine store.

The attendant saw Lin Yuelan and immediately greeted her, "Miss Lin!"

Lin Yuelan had carried a tiger to sell here before, so naturally, he remembered her.

Lin Yuelan nodded. Then, she raised her head and asked, "I'm here to sell medicinal herbs. Is Manager Lin here?"

The attendant immediately asked curiously, "Miss Lin, what medicinal herbs do you want to sell? Do you mind showing it to me first?"

Lin Yuelan didn't hesitate. She jumped onto the stool, stood on it, and opened her backpack. Then, she took out a paper bag.

After that, she slowly opened the paper package. The attendant's forehead wrinkled.

"Oh, my God!" The attendant was shocked. "Miss Lin, this is ginseng. You actually... actually wrapped it in the paper! You're wasting such a great gift!" As he said that, his expression was one of heartache.

Lin Yuelan's mouth twitched, and she said in surprise, "Brother, is this really ginseng?"

The attendant's mouth was wide open. "Of course. Miss Lin, how could you not recognize ginseng? Don't you often go up the mountain?"

Lin Yuelan said, "That doesn't mean I know everything on the mountain. This is my first time seeing ginseng too."

The attendant was curious. "If you don't know ginseng, how did you get this, and why would you know to come here to sell it?"

Lin Yuelan shrugged, "When I went up the mountain, I saw a blooming grass and thought it was very beautiful, so I wanted to transplant it at home. But when I dug it up, I saw that its root looked like a carrot, and there were many beards. I remembered the adults telling me that's what ginseng looks like.

"But I'm not sure if this is ginseng. I don't dare to show it to others too. So I directly packaged it and came here to confirm it."

Lin Yuelan was also good at lying. Of course, she knew ginseng, and this was one she harvested from her space.

She asked, "Brother, since this is ginseng, can you take a look at how old it is? I heard that the older it is, the more expensive it is, right?"

She was very curious, very naïve, and very innocent!

The waiter coughed and said embarrassedly, "miss, I'm not skilled enough to tell the age of your ginseng. I'll get the shopkeeper."

Lin Yuelan nodded.

After the waiter went in, a customer who seemed to be buying medicine at the side sidled over and said miserably, "Miss, my wife has suffered a huge hemorrhage during labor and is in urgent need of ginseng. Miss, can you be kind and sell me this ginseng?"

Lin Yuelan sized up this man. He looked like a scholar, but the greed in his eyes exposed his lie.

Unfortunately for him, Lin Yuelan felt like having some fun. She nodded and replied, "Uncle, sure. How much are you going to pay for this ginseng?" Lin Yuelan asked.

The scholar's face immediately lit up with joy. However, after a while, he sighed with a worried expression. "Miss, I'm very poor. I probably can't afford this ginseng. Forget it, forget it!" However, internally, he was happy.

He was just testing the waters to see if he could get this ginseng for free or at a low price. Then, he would turn around and sell it at a high price.

He didn't expect Lin Yuelan to be so gullible. He had only said a few words, and she fell for it already. Therefore, he continued his acting.

In his mind, Lin Yuelan would say, "If you really need this ginseng to save your wife's life, then I'll give it to you for free."

But, the scholar had never expected that...

Lin Yuelan replied with sadness, "Okay then. Since you don't have the money, we can forget about it." Lin Yuelan then rolled her eyes in secret. 'Do you think I'm a three-year-old child?'

When the scholar heard Lin Yuelan, he felt like vomiting blood. He didn't expect Lin Yuelan to stray from his script.

"But, miss, I really, really need this ginseng to save my wife's life!" The scholar's words were helpless, and his expression was sorrowful. It was as if his wife would really pass away in the next moment.

Lin Yuelan pursed her lips. However, she still played along. She held her chin with both hands and said sympathetically, "Uncle, I feel so sad for you. Your wife is going to die because you don't have the money to save her. That's so sad!"

When the scholar heard this, he choked!

Lin Yuelan didn't fall for his act. And she even said such cold-blooded words.

However, the scholar still did not give up. He gritted his teeth. He looked at Lin Yuelan and said pitifully, "miss, I only have 500 copper coins. Can you show some mercy and show me this ginseng for that? My wife needs this to save her life."

Lin Yuelan chuckled and thought, "Uncle, you're funny. You said you have no money, but now you suddenly have 500 copper coins? Do you really think I'm that stupid?"

"You'd buy this ginseng for a low price and then sell it for profit. I doubt you even have a wife. If you want to scam people, you better improve your acting skills! I can see the greed in your eyes very clearly."

Lin Yuelan said sarcastically.

This caused the scholar's face to turn red and white.

The trick that he had tried so many times had actually failed. In fact, he was insulted.

The scholar immediately flew into a rage out of humiliation and roared at Lin Yuelan, "Don't you have any sympathy? It's fine if you don't sympathize with me, but how can you humiliate me? You've really gone too far." He had clearly forgotten that he wanted to scam Lin Yuelan first.

Lin Yuelan shrugged. "Well, if you want to know, I'm a jinx who is born without sympathy!"

The scholar was so angry that he wanted to go forward and grab Lin Yuelan.

At this moment, an angry shout came from inside. “Chen Jiu, are you scamming my customers again?”

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The man called Chen Jiu slithered away. Based on Shopkeeper Lin’s reaction, this Chen Jiu was a repeat offender.

When shopkeeper Lin came out and saw Lin Yuelan, he was pleasantly surprised. It meant that he would have new goods.

He spent 380 taels on buying the tiger from Lin Yuelan, but he sold it for more than that. He earned around 100 taels in profit.

Shopkeeper Lin smiled at Lin Yuelan and said, “Miss Lin, you’re here! Are you selling anything today?”

Lin Yuelan looked at shopkeeper Lin’s sinister smile and secretly pouted. She thought internally, ‘What a sly fox. The attendant would have told him that I’ve bought wild ginseng this time.’

Lin Yuelan smiled at the shopkeeper, “Shopkeeper Lin, how much do you think this ginseng can be sold for?” Lin Yuelan pointed at the ginseng wrapped in a piece of paper on the counter.

When Shopkeeper Lin saw that the ginseng was wrapped in a piece of paper, his forehead immediately twitched. His face darkened, and he lectured, “How could you use a piece of paper to wrap around ginseng? What if you break one of the roots?” If the roots were damaged, it would ruin the ginseng’s value.

As he spoke, he carefully opened the paper and held the content with both hands. Shopkeeper Lin was like an appraiser studying a piece of art. Since they valued art so much, they would get angry when they saw a piece damaged.

After he ensured that the ginseng was in good condition, Shopkeeper Lin sighed in relief, and his expression softened.

Lin Yuelan picked her ears and said innocently, “Shopkeeper Lin, why were you so anxious? I didn’t know this was ginseng. Or else, I would have packed it inside a wooden box!”

Shopkeeper Lin glared at Lin Yuelan and said loudly, “do you think that a wooden box is good enough?”

He almost shouted into Lin Yuelan’s ear. He had completely forgotten that Lin Yuelan was barely more than a child.

Lin Yuelan pouted, looking even more innocent and aggrieved. She said, “shopkeeper Lin, stop shouting! I know I was wrong.”

After saying this, she went up and asked in a fawning tone, “Shopkeeper Lin, so how old is this ginseng? How much silver can I get for it?”

Lin Yuelan had interacted with Shopkeeper Lin in the past. She knew that he wouldn’t scam his customers.

Lin Yuelan knew the ginseng’s age, but she had her own purpose for asking these questions.

Shopkeeper Lin started to examine the ginseng. He could determine the ginseng's age from its stem, body, and whiskers.

After a long while, shopkeeper Lin said excitedly, "This is 300-year-old ginseng. It's been a long time since I've seen ginseng over 100 years old. Miss Lin, where did you get this ginseng from?"

'Not bad. At least he didn't lie about the age.' The younger the ginseng, the lower the price. If Shopkeeper Lin wanted to get the ginseng at a lower price, he would lie and say that the ginseng was much younger than it actually was.

But he did not.

He told the truth.

Lin Yuelan tilted her head and said, "I found it on Mount Da Ao." Mount Da Ao was a famous forest mountain in Ning An Town. People didn't dare to go there because it was extremely dangerous. This also meant that Mount Da Ao had many rare treasures. One could make a fortune from them.

Shopkeeper Lin said thoughtfully, "So, it's Mount Da Ao."

It was extremely dangerous for a young woman to enter Mount Da Ao. If one were not careful, one would trip and fall into a bottomless abyss. There were also ferocious beasts that would eat humans.

Shopkeeper Lin shouted angrily, "Are you that money-crazy? You ran up Mount Da Ao alone. Do you not want your life anymore?"

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Shopkeeper Lin had heard of Lin Yuelan's background.

He studied medicine, so he didn't believe in the superstitious stuff.

The people of the Lin family Village spread the news that Lin Yuelan was a jinx, but they all kept their mouths shut about the origin of her abilities, such as her sudden divine power or her ability to bond with animals.

This was because if this matter were to spread, the ones who would be humiliated and angered would be them, not Lin Yuelan. After all, these powers were given to Lin Yuelan after she was sent back by the King of Hell.

So, the main question would become, why did Lin Yuelan die?

This would drag up the issues of the Lin Family Village and how they had treated Lin Yuelan. The villagers would be blamed for killing Lin Yuelan, and thus, the villagers had tacitly hidden everything that had happened after Lin Yuelan's resurrection.

However, Lin Yuelan's divine power was obvious to all. When the Lin family villagers were asked, they could only reply with a dark face, "she was born with it! In fact, she's a jinx because she's stronger than a man!"

It was both contradictory and reasonable.

Of course, Lin Yuelan was happy that the villagers had acted like this. Otherwise, troubles might come her way. She could deal with the troubles easily, but they would be very annoying.

Thus, Shopkeeper Lin knew that Lin Yuelan had divine power, but he didn't know Lin Yuelan could bond with animals. He didn't know that the beasts would not hurt Lin Yuelan.

That was why he had shouted at Lin Yuelan. He was worried about her safety.

Lin Yuelan was a little surprised, but she immediately showed a sincere smile. She waved her hand and said, "Shopkeeper Lin, don't worry. I am very strong. I could knock out a big tiger with one punch. What beasts could possibly hurt me? Plus, I grew up around the mountains, and I know the mountain routes like the back of my hand."

Shopkeeper Lin thought about it and nodded, "Even so, it's better to be careful."

Lin Yuelan could only nod and say, "yes, yes, shopkeeper Lin. I will be very, very careful!"

Then, Lin Yuelan changed the topic and asked with a smile, "by the way, shopkeeper Lin, how much can I get for this ginseng?"

Shopkeeper Lin's face darkened. He laughed and scolded, "you heartless little thing. I was worried about you, but all you care about is money?"

Lin Yuelan quickly explained, "Of course not! I know Shopkeeper Lin is a good man. However, I've run out of money, and I need to sell this ginseng."

Shopkeeper Lin frowned. He asked, "Girl, didn't you get three hundred taels of silver when you sold the tiger to me? Where did the money go? How can you run out of money so soon?" He was worried that she had been scammed.

Lin Yuelan immediately waved her hand and said, "that money isn't enough. All those money is gone after I bought a cow and a few Mus of land."

Shopkeeper Lin didn't know what to say. Three hundred taels were gone like that? The young woman sure knew how to spend.

However, shopkeeper Lin was very curious and asked, "Girl, why do you buy land? Can you work the field all by yourself?"

"I bought the land because I want to be a landlady!" Lin Yuelan replied quickly and matter-of-factly.

In ancient times, there were two types of farmers, workers and land owners. Lin Yuelan's wish was to be a landlady who could lay back all day and collect rent. She would just stay at home to eat and drink.

When shopkeeper Lin heard Lin Yuelan's answer, he was slightly taken aback.

He had never thought that Lin Yuelan would have such a small but grand wish.

It was small because a landlady was still a farmer. They merely had more land than a working farmer.

It was grand because it was every farmer's greatest wish to become a landowner. Then, they wouldn't need to worry about food and money anymore.

