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Chapter 251: Planning to Open a Stall

Since she had so many guests, Lin Yuelan had to make more dumplings. Liu Jiaying's eyes immediately lit up, and she exclaimed, "Really? Yuelan, that's great."

Lin Yuelan looked at Liu Jiaying's excited expression and couldn't refuse. She nodded and said, "yes."

Lin Yuelan saw that it was getting late, so she got up and went to prepare.

Liu Jiaying followed behind her, and she asked, "Sister Yuelan, what are dumplings made of? Do we need to make any preparations?"

Lin Yuelan was very patient with Liu Jiaying. She said, "you don't have to prepare anything. You can just follow me. Little twelve, prepare the wild vegetables!" The last sentence was directed to little twelve.

"Alright!" Little twelve immediately responded. He put down the chopsticks and bowed out of the food fight. After all, Miss Lin would make more dumplings. He wouldn't need to fight for the leftovers.

Liu Jiaying watched Lin Yuelan pour out the flour and mix it with water. She asked curiously, "Sister Yuelan, what are you doing?"

"I'm making the dough," Lin Yuelan explained, "To make dumplings, we have to roll out the skin and add the filling."

Liu Jiaying was intrigued. She asked, "Can I try?"

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, "No. Your strength is too small, and the skin will come out uneven."

Liu Jiaying looked a little disappointed, but when she heard Lin Yuelan's next sentence, she immediately rejoiced.

Lin Yuelan said, "but you can learn how to fill the dumplings later."

After Lin Yuelan had finished pouring out the correct of water and flour, she shouted, "Brother Little Three, you'll make the dough!" She added, "Little Guo and Little Six, you'll roll out the skin!"

The work was done quicker, with many people contributing. Then, people were assigned to roll out the dough, make the stuffing, and so on.

"Miss Lin, how much meat do you want to use this time?" Little twelve asked.

"Two catties of fatty meat and one catty of lean meat!"

"Alright!" After he replied, he walked towards the cellar excitedly and came out with three catties of meat. After washing it, he chopped it into pieces and stirred it with the wild vegetables in the basin.

Jiang Zhennan sat there in a daze, while Zhou Wencai was dumbfounded.

He believed that a man should stay away from the kitchen. But now, a group of men was squeezed into this small room to cook.

What surprised him, even more, was that Little Twelve was making the fillings with weeds on the roadside.

'Damn! Can weeds be eaten?'

After Doctor Zhang finished preparing the herbs, he sat at the stone table and sipped his tea. Then, he said to Zhou Wencai with a smile, "young master Zhou, Lan 'Er is an impatient person. Please don't take offense. Oh, right, I'll give you a suggestion. When the meal is served, you better fill up your bowl fast!"

'I don't even know what dumplings are!' Zhou Wencai was confused.

"Wow, Yuelan, these things look like Yunbao. They're so beautiful!" From the moment Lin Yuelan made the first dumpling, Liu Jiaying exclaimed non-stop. Then, she wanted to make a dumpling herself, but it didn't seem to take shape. The dumpling was either exposed or crumpled into a ball. Liu Jiaying grumbled with some annoyance, "why can't I do it?"

However, she was not one to give up so easily. As the failed dumplings piled up, she became more determined.

Zhou Wencai watched from outside as Lin Yuelan's nimble fingers transformed the fillings and skin into white and chubby Yunbao. He was very curious. However, he was still of the belief that a scholar shouldn't step into the kitchen.

Therefore, he hesitated. He was just too curious.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the time. Then, he put down the teacup and walked toward the kitchen. He rolled up his sleeves, bent down, and started the fire.

He first added water into the pot, then closed the lid and skillfully added firewood to the stove.

Zhou Wencai was stunned!

He became more and more suspicious in his heart. 'Is this really that person? That person is of high status and is extremely noble. He wouldn't be bending over in a small kitchen to start a fire.'

This time, they used less time than the day before to finish preparing the dumplings.

In a short while, the first pot of dumplings was ready.

Doctor Zhang unceremoniously picked up his own bowl, filled it, and began to eat.

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The dumplings tasted as delicious as they did yesterday. Zhou Wencai was in a daze. 'Can these be eaten?'

Upon smelling the alluring fragrance, Zhou Wencai swallowed his saliva and yearned to eat it. But why was no one offering him a bowl? Was he supposed to find a bowl for himself or eat with his hands?

Zhou Wencai refused to do either.

He was a young master born with a silver spoon in his mouth. No matter where he went, there would be people who would serve him. But now, he had to serve himself. It was very awkward for him.

However, he couldn't just watch others eat.

Thus, Zhou Wencai cast his gaze around, hoping that someone would notice his predicament.

It was a pity that the dumplings were fresh out of the pot. Who would pay attention to the young master?

Liu Jiaying got to eat because Lin Yuelan scooped her a bowl of dumplings and even gave her a small plate of vinegar. "Ying 'Er, give this a try. The dumpling is better with the vinegar!" Lin Yuelan said.

Liu Jiaying tried one and immediately shouted, "Yuelan, these dumplings are really delicious! I've never had such delicious food in my life!"

These words sounded a little exaggerated. However, Lin Yuelan knew that he was telling the truth.

It was only recently that she found out that the cooking standard in this world was so low that they didn't even know how to cook ordinary fish. They didn't know how to use seasonings other than oil and salt. It was little wonder that every time she cooked something, these people would be surprised.

Lin Yuelan put a few more in her bowl and said with a smile, "if you like them, you should eat more!"

She was rather speechless when she saw the young master, who was clearly hungry but was waiting for someone to serve him. She had no idea what Zhou Wencai was thinking. Even at a moment like this, he was still waiting for people to attend to him.

Seeing that everyone had a bowl of dumplings in their hands and he still had nothing, Zhou Wencai abandoned his reservations. He stood up and headed straight for the kitchen. Then, he found a bowl and chopsticks and clumsily scooped out the dumplings in the pot.

He was not familiar with the utensils, and he finally got himself a bowl. However, the bowl was immediately snatched away by Guo Bing. Guo Bing thanked him with a smile. "Thank you Young Master Zhou for serving us!"

Zhou Wencai was vexed, but he was too polite to say anything. He grabbed another empty bowl and filled it up.

This time, he was more careful. When he saw that someone was coming over, he immediately guarded his bowl and looked at the newcomer with vigilance.

Little Three was confused. "Don't worry. I won't snatch your food." Then, Little Three filled up his empty bowl. After Little Three left, Zhou Wencai sighed in relief. He noticed that there was not many dumpling left in the pot. He sped up and filled his bowl to the brim. He finally understood why Doctor Zhang advised him to fill his bowl first. These people were like bandits when it came to food.

Zhou Wencai couldn't wait to taste the dumplings. The dumplings exploded with juice. It was very fragrant.

Zhou Wencai widened his eyes and stared at the dumplings in the bowl in disbelief. 'How can this be so delicious?' Then, he focused on eating.

“Yuelan, did you come up with the method to cook these dumplings?” When she was 80 percent full, Liu Jiaying asked.

“Yes.” Lin Yuelan responded.

“You’re so smart.” Liu Jiaying praised sincerely, “not only can you beat a tiger, but you can also cook.”

Lin Yuelan smiled but didn’t answer.

Zhou Wencai moved over and asked Lin Yuelan, “Miss Lin, can this be sold at the inn?”

His family didn’t have a restaurant. He was asking on behalf of Liu Qi. Liu Jiaying was simple-minded and would never think of this business opportunity.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, “I plan to sell this myself.”

“What?”

“You’re going to sell dumplings?!”

A few people cried out in disbelief.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, “Of course. I’m not only going to sell dumplings, but I’m also going to sell spicy hot pot, hot pot, and barbecue.”

Other than Zhou Wencai, the others were focused on the unknown food.

Zhou Wencai frowned slightly. He asked in puzzlement, “Miss Lin, haven’t you promised to cooperate with Yuelai Inn and provide Brother Liu with new recipes every month? If you sell this yourself...” Zhou Wencai didn’t finish his sentence, but Lin Yuelan understood him.

Lin Yuelan’s lips curled up, and her voice was clear and loud as she said, “young master Zhou, don’t worry. Since I’m working with Liu Qi, I won’t go against the agreement.”

She explained, “The shop I want to open won’t conflict with Yuelai Inn because I’m planning to start a small eatery.”

“A small eatery?”

Everyone was puzzled. No one knew what a small eatery was.

Lin Yuelan explained, “A small eatery will usually sell snacks. For example, these dumplings are snacks too. They are not to fill one’s stomach. It’s for people to solve their munchies craving.”

The people nodded with half understanding.

Guo Bing swallowed a dumpling with a gulp and asked, “so, miss Lin, do you mean that you’ll make more delicious snacks in the future like those spicy hot pot and so on?”

Instead of asking about the small eatery, he focused on the food. He was really becoming a real foodie.

Zhou Wencai secretly heaved a sigh of relief for his friend.

Fortunately, Lin yuelan didn’t break the contract. Otherwise, Yuelai Inn would have suffered a great loss.

Zhou Wencai immediately said, “Miss Lin, if you ever need my help, feel free to ask. I’ll do my best to get it done for you.”

He was glad to help Lin Yuelan if it meant that he would be able to eat her delicious food every day.

When Jiang Zhennan heard that Lin Yuelan wanted to open a small eatery, his heart immediately warmed up. This meant that he would have more chances to help her in the future.

But then his eyes darkened again. He thought of the mask and the scar on his face.

Wearing a mask would attract too much attention. If he didn’t wear a mask, he was afraid that he would scare the women and children.

Jiang Zhennan hesitated for a moment, then he made up his mind and said, “It’s decided. I’ll ask miss Lin to remove this scar!”

Only by removing the scar could he be by Lin Yuelan’s side to assist her at the small eatery.

He had been told to stay back at home while the other men went to town with Lin Yuelan. Jiang Zhennan was slightly jealous.

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After Lin Sanniu returned to the Lin family empty-handed with his wife and child, he was immediately greeted with a round of scolding from Li Cuihua.

“You useless thing,” Li Cuihua pointed at Lin Sanniu’s nose and scolded, “I should have just strangled you to death when you were born. Why are you so useless? You didn’t even get a single copper back. How are you going to feed the bastards and bitches of your family then?”

Lin Sanniu’s wife and children were so scared that they hid behind him, not even daring to show their heads.

“Why are you hiding?” Li Cuihua was so angry that she picked up a broom from the corner of the door and hit Chen Xiaoqing and the two children. “Useless things. You’ll only be a waste of our Lin family’s food if you’re alive. I’d rather kill you.”

Chen Xiaoqing and the two children knew that Li Cuihua was coming, but they did not dare to dodge it. They let Li Cuihua hit them. They didn’t dare to cry too loudly either.

Lin Sanniu remained unmoved as he watched his wife and child being beaten and scolded by his own mother for no reason. His expression was numb as if everything was normal.

The three other siblings and their wives stood to the side and watched. Instead, they enjoyed this punishment. Their expressions showed that they were blaming Lin Sanniu and his wife for being so stupid that they could not even get money from their daughter.

That bitch, Lin Yuelan, got everything.

Zhou Guixiang looked at Chen Xiaoqing and the rest, who were crying pitifully. She had no sympathy for them at all. She secretly pouted. Then, she turned to Lin Sanniu, who was standing by the side like a wooden block. “Third younger brother, it’s not that I want to criticize you, but look at your daughter.

Other children will give their parents money when they earn some. But your Lan 'Er is the complete opposite. Let's not talk about the 300 taels of silver she got from selling that big tiger. We didn't see the shadow a single silver. She even framed her grandmother and uncle for stealing money, causing them to suffer such a great grievance. Mother and Brother don't blame you for this.

"But now, that girl had sold ginseng for a thousand taels of silver. You were told to get 300 taels of silver as family support, but you couldn't even do that.

"Third brother, this is your fault.

"No matter what, that wretched girl is your daughter. It's only right for a daughter to support her parents. What are you afraid of? How could you return empty-handed?"

Zhou Guixiang was a shit-stirrer in Lin Laosan's family. She would start trouble whenever she had the chance. Her favorite target was Lin Sanniu's family. Even if it were a small matter, she would make it so much bigger than it was necessary. The consequence was that Lin Sanniu's family would have to suffer even more scolding and beatings from Li Cuihua.

It could be said that 60% of the disaster that Lin Sanniu's family had suffered was caused by Zhou Guixiang's instigation.

However, Lin Sanniu was a foolish and filial person. He was very respectful to his brother and sister-in-law. As for Chen Xiaoqing, she only knew how to follow her husband's lead.

The reason why Zhou Guixiang disliked Lin Sanniu's family was that she only had three daughters and no sons. On the other hand, Lin Sanniu had a son and daughter. When she saw Lin Sanniu's status lower in the family, she was very happy.

After all was said and done, this was just jealousy at work.

With the fanning from Zhou Guixiang, Li Cuihua picked up the broom and hit Lin Sanniu's wife and children even harder. She scolded as she hit them, "I'll beat you ingrates to death! The Lin family raised you all for so long, and this is how you repay us!"

Li Cuihua seemed to be venting her hatred for Lin Yuelan on Chen Xiaoqing and her two children.

Lin Dazu's expression was numb as he endured the beating. However, he lowered his eyes to hide his great resentment. But...

'Lin Yuelan, why didn't you give your money to grandma? Instead, you let me suffer her beating. Lin Yuelan, I hate you.'

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After Li Cuihua beat and scolded Chen Xiaoqing and the rest, she immediately turned to Lin Sanniu and scolded, "Useless thing! If you can't get the money, leave the house with your bastard family!"

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Li Cuihua pointed at Chen Xiaoqing and the kids. Lin Sanniu was shocked. He looked at Li Cuihua in disbelief, "Mother, do you want to chase us out of the family?"

When Li Cuihua said this, not only Lin Sanniu but the other three brothers and their wives were also extremely surprised.

Some were happy, and others were not.

The only people who were happy to see this happen were Lin Siniu and his wife, Liu Juhua. Liu Juhua and Lin Daniu's affair was embarrassing. Li Cuihui demanded Lin Siniu divorce his wife. But Lin Siniu threatened to leave the family. However, in Long Yan Kingdom, no child was leaving the family if the parents were still alive.

Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua didn't agree. This was not because they cared about their son but because after the separation, the family's scandal would be spread, and Lin Siniu would have the right to claim a part of their assets. How would they be willing?

Therefore, Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua came to a compromise and no longer mentioned the matter of divorce, and Lin Siniu didn't mention moving out anymore. The matter was left unsettled.

Lin Siniu's hatred towards this family increased.

He hated his parents, but he hated Lin Daniu even more. His own brother had cuckolded him. Because of this, he had his eyes on Lin Laosan's assets.

If Lin Sanniu's family was chased out, then he wouldn't get a single share of the family assets. Li Cuihua would make sure that was the case. Li Cuihua believed that her future scholar grandson would look after her retirement, so she didn't need her useless third son and his family.

On the other hand, Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu and their wives were not happy.

Of course, they didn't think Lin Sanniu would get a single copper coin from the family either. However, if Lin Sanniu's family was chased out, who would do all the work around the house? Who would go up the mountain to chop firewood, boil water, wash clothes, and cook?

They weren't willing to do this kind of tiring work.

When Lin Laosan heard Li Cuihua, his face immediately darkened. He took a few deep puffs of his cigarette, then shouted at Li Cuihua, "nonsense! Could these words be said so casually? We're not dead yet. If you kick Ol Three out of the family, we'll be laughed at by the whole village!"

Then again, the whole village was already laughing at them.

Once Lin Laosan spoke, Li Cuihua fell silent.

Lin Erniu received the hint from his wife, Zhou Guixiang, and immediately went forward to say, "mother, that girl has become stronger now. It's understandable that third brother can't get the money. Moreover, third younger brother also said that even if we go to report that girl for being unfilial, not to mention that we have to bear the five taels of silver for the examination fee, the girl also has a friend at the court. If they play tricks behind the scenes, we will most likely not get anything."

Li Cuihua immediately asked nervously, "Ol Two, what should we do then?" She was nervous that her money was about to fly away. In her mind, even though Lin Yuelan had cut off all ties with the Lin family, she still had to serve her elders. Hence, the girl's money was hers, no matter what.

Lin Erniu looked around, and his eyes settled on Lin Daniu. "Mother, you'll have to ask big brother about this. Big brother has always been resourceful, so he will definitely come up with a wonderful idea."

Why would Lin Erniu push this onto Lin Daniu? He was afraid of Lin Yuelan's revenge.

He knew his own limits and had long recognized that Lin Yuelan was no longer the weak girl they used to scold and beat whenever they wanted. He didn't want to be the one to deal with her directly.

Lin Daniu thought that he was smart, but he was a toy in the hands of his second brother.

Lin Daniu's arrogance was immediately triggered by Lin Erniu's compliments. He looked up and said, "Well, let me think about it."

Therefore, he did not notice Lin Erniu giving Zhou Guixiang a look.

Zhou Guixiang said to Lin Sanniu, "Third brother, when mother said that she wanted to chase you out, she didn't mean it. Please don't take it to heart. Mother was just too angry."

Lin Sanniu was so touched that he burst into tears. He sobbed and said, "sister-in-law, I don't blame mother. It's my fault. I didn't teach Lan 'Er well and caused her to not have any filial piety. Now that she's rich, she doesn't even think about her family. That wretched girl is simply unfilial."

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Zhou Guixiang secretly rolled her eyes and scoffed at Lin Sanniu's words.

'Hmph. What a useless man to let his mother beat and scold his own children. I wouldn't have allowed that.' Of course, she didn't say that out loud.

In any case, everything that Lin Sanniu did was beneficial to the Lin family and them. Only a fool would expose Lin Sanniu's stupidity.

Zhou Guixiang immediately consoled him, "third brother, this isn't your fault. No one expected you to give birth to a jinx. The jinx is born to bring down the Lin Family. Now, she's even capable of doing so. She's picking on our Lin family in every way she can. Mother and brother were scared out of their wits by her."

At this point, she paused and glanced at Li Cuihua from the corner of her eye. She was very satisfied to see Li Cuihua's anger.

She continued, "What mother and brother did was to return to the house which originally belonged to us. But they were caught as thieves. It was too much!" She said with a look of indignation. She was hinting to Lin Daniu that Lin Yuelan's current home actually belonged to the Lin Family.

As expected...

"Oh, I've got it!" When Lin Daniu heard Zhou Guixiang, he immediately had an idea. He slapped his thigh and said excitedly, "Mother, I got it! I got it!"

Everyone looked at Lin Daniu with curiosity. Li Cuihua asked, "eldest son, what idea have you come up with? Tell me. You're making me so anxious."

Lin Daniu said, “mother, have you forgotten? That wretched girl is currently living in our Lin family’s old house. She still has three or two plots of land under our family name. In the past, she was pitiful. She had no one, so we gave her those things because we pitied her.

“However, things are different now. Now that she’s rich, what reason does she have to occupy our things? So...”

When Lin Daniu said this, everyone’s eyes lit up. Li Cuihua quickly asked, “Eldest son, so...”

“So, if that wretched girl continues to occupy our family’s things, then she’ll have to pay us. If she doesn’t, then we’ll take back the ancestral house.

“That’s our ancestral home anyway, and she’s an outsider.” Lin Daniu said it as if he made a lot of sense.

“Yes. That’s right,” Li Cuihua immediately echoed.

Lin Laosan took a deep puff and nodded slightly.

Lin Erniu and Zhou Guixiang looked at each other and nodded their heads without anyone noticing.

After that, Zhou Guixiang gave Lin Erniu a look.

Lin Erniu stood out and said, “father, mother, this is a little inappropriate!”

“How is it inappropriate?” Lin Daniu immediately countered.

Lin Erniu’s expression changed drastically as he hurriedly explained, “big brother, I’m not saying that your idea is inappropriate. But, have you all forgotten? Back then, in order to prevent us from suddenly taking back the ancestral home, Lin Yiwei asked our parents to give her the house and land deeds in front of all the elders and the whole village.” This meant that the house and land had nothing to do with Lin Laosan’s family anymore.

After Lin Erniu’s reminder, Lin Daniu’s slightly excited expression immediately quieted down.

Lin Laosan took a deep puff of his cigarette and frowned. He asked in a deep voice, “eldest son, second son, is there any way to take back the ancestral home and the land?”

He had never liked Lin Yuelan ever since she was born. Ever since the Taoist priest declared that she was a jinx, he hated her even more. Otherwise, he would not have allowed Li Cuihua to cause such a small ruckus and force Lin Sanniu to personally kill his daughter. He was ruthless and heartless.

Lin Daniu furrowed his brows as well. He did not know what to do.

Lin Erniu put on an act and lowered his head slightly. After thinking for a moment, he said, “Father, if we really want to take back the ancestral home, we need the elders to side with us. After all, Lin Yuelan has nothing to do with our family anymore. She’s an outsider, so there’s no reason for her to continue occupying the Lin family’s things.

“So, we’ll give that wretched girl two choices now. Either she’ll pay use five hundred taels to buy those things, or we’ll have the village elders come forward to take these things back for us.”

Lin Sanniu and his wife asked for 300 taels of silver for family support. Now, Lin Erniu was asking for 500 taels of silver for a shabby little thatched house and some low-grade land.

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The Lin family really knew how to demand an exorbitant price.

However, did they think that Lin Yuelan would give them the money they wanted?

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Lin Yuelan had instructed Little Green to keep an eye on Lin Laosan's family ever since Lin Sanniu came.

After Liu Jiayi had eaten the dumplings, she played around for a while before she was pulled back by Zhou Wencai.

After all, Liu Jiaying was a girl. Going out alone with a man might already cause gossip. If she stayed out all night, it would damage her reputation.

Liu Jiaying reluctantly left Lin Yuelan's house. Before she left, she repeatedly reminded her that she must go to the Liu residence to find her when Lin Yuelan was in town.

Lin Yuelan nodded with a smile.

Before he left, Zhou Wencai glanced at Jiang Zhennan with a complicated expression.

The night was quiet and cool!

The group of people outside the courtyard went to bed one after another under the bright moon in the sky.

Lin Yuelan was sleeping in her room. In case of any accidents, she would lock the door every night because she had to enter the space from time to time.

"Master, those people are really too evil." Little Green said angrily as soon as they entered the space. He had jumped down from Lin Yuelan's wrist and went to the river to drink some spirit spring water to replenish his energy.

After that, he found two more green crystals. The moment his tip touched them, the two crystals turned into powder. Little Green's body then became more jade-like than before.

"Now they're actually planning how to take over the house we're living in." Little Green said indignantly. Little green was so angry that its sharp tips were slightly red. "They want to take it back on the ground that it is the Lin family's ancestral property. If you want to continue living here, you have to take out 500 taels of silver to buy it from them."

Lin Yuelan stroked Little Green's sharp bud and raised her eyebrows. "Five hundred taels?" She had only sold the ginseng for 500 taels of silver. Were they really not going to leave her a single copper coin?

At the mention of this, Little Green's two green leaves gathered together as it said, "master, they want 500 taels because they think that you managed to sell the ginseng for 1000 taels. Thus, they want half of your money, thinking that they're being kind."

Lin Yuelan was slightly surprised. How could she not know that her ginseng was actually sold for a thousand taels?

Little Green could see Lin Yuelan's confusion. He explained, "that day when Master was selling ginseng at Lin's medicine shop, Liu Liujiao was there. She overheard the haggling and thought that the ginseng was sold for 800 taels. Then, as the rumor spread, it became that master had sold the ginseng for 1000 taels."

Lin Yuelan had never been curious about the rumors in the village. Seeing that his master was busy, Little Green naturally did not want to disturb her with such a small matter.

However, he didn't expect that those despicable, selfish, and greedy people would continually think of ways to snatch money from his master.

Lin Yuelan frowned slightly and asked, "Little Green, when do they plan to take action?"

To her, everyone in the Lin family Village, including Lin Laosan's family, was a small annoyance. She didn't take them to heart. However, that didn't mean that she would allow them to do as they pleased.

Little Green said, "their plan is for Lin Laosan to bring Lin Daniu and Lin Erniu to invite the village elders, while Li Cuihua will bring Lin Sanniu's family over to cause a ruckus."

Lin Yuelan slightly raised her eyebrows, "village elders?"

Lin Qi was in bed, so the only village elders left were Lin Jiu, Lin Shen, and Lin An. Liu Jiu was Lin Qi's younger brother.

Lin Shen had some ties with Lin Laosan's family. He was the youngest son of Lin Laosan's grandfather, so Lin Laosan had to call him uncle. As a member of the Lin family, he was not willing to give the Lin family's things to an outsider. Moreover, the outsider was a jinx for his family.

Lin An was Lin Yiwei's uncle, and he was the most senior elder in the family.

However, because his cousin was the Lin family Village chief, he didn't care much about what happened in the village. He left everything to Lin Yiwei and never interfered with Lin Yiwei's decisions.

Three years ago, Lin Yiwei had asked him for help because it involved a life. In other words, Lin An was on Lin Yiwei's side.

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Three years ago, Lin An was on Lin Yuelan's side, Lin Jiu was neutral, and Lin Shen was on Lin Laosan's side. The odds were even, but Lin Yiwei managed to force Lin Laosan to hand over the house and land deeds to Lin Yuelan.

She didn't expect that Lin Laosan's family would find a preposterous excuse to get these elders to force her to cough up her money so many years later. It was simply foolish.

Lin Yuelan had never been kind to people who did not care about her. Moreover, those people had also wanted to take her life three years ago, so she would not show them any mercy.

Lin Yuelan said to Little Green, "Tomorrow when Lin Laosan goes to visit the other elders, observe the elders' attitude. We don't need to show any mercy to those old farts who are on Lin Laosan's side. Kill them or incapacitate them directly. Then, we'll spread the rumors that Lin Laosan's family is a jinx. Anyone they visit will either be disabled or dead. For example, Lin Daniu had once looked for Lin Qi, but now he is paralyzed in bed. Lin Laosan will cause tragedy wherever he goes."

Little Green chuckled and said, "master, that's a great idea! They will get a taste of their own medicine. Didn't they say that master was a jinx? Now, we'll have them be the jinx!"

'Master is really too smart. I don't think many people can come up with such a plan.

'I'll make sure my friends do a good job tomorrow and scare those bad guys who target master to death!'

"Master, someone's knocking on the door!" Little Green said with keen senses. He could see that the person was Jiang Zhennan. He said, "it's the masked uncle."

Little Green had a good impression of Jiang Zhennan.

Why? That was because he was cold to everyone except for his master.

Although he was wearing a mask and no one could see his facial expression, Little Green could sense everything. The kindness Jiang Zhennan had for his master couldn't be faked.

Jiang Zhennan didn't know that Little Green could see through people's hearts.

"Master, it's already so late. The masked uncle must have something important to tell you. Let's go out," Little Green said excitedly.

Lin Yuelan touched little green's two green leaves and then flicked her finger at its tender tip.

"Master, why did you hit me?" Little Green complained in dissatisfaction.

Lin Yuelan said sternly, "Little Green, you trust people too easily."

Although Jiang Zhennan's character had been verified, Lin Yuelan had no choice but to be more cautious when it came to Little Green's safety.

Earlier, Jiang Zhennan was lying in the tent, tossing and turning, but he could not fall asleep.

He had to get rid of this scar, then take off his mask to be able to help Miss Yue 'Er openly.

He had been wearing the mask since he was twelve years old. Therefore, after he was twelve years old, no one knew what he looked like except for a few of his loyal subordinates.

Therefore, as long as the mask was removed, he did not have to worry about being recognized at all. On the contrary, it would be easy for people to recognize him if he wore a mask.

Since he had made up his mind, Jiang Zhennan wanted to tell Lin Yuelan his decision immediately.

Therefore, he didn't consider that it was already so late at night.

Lin Yuelan opened the door and pretended to be woken up. She wiped her eyes, indicating that she was very sleepy.

Jiang Zhennan was stunned for a moment. When he finally reacted, the cheeks under his mask had turned red. He was very embarrassed.

He was too wrapped up in his decision and didn't consider that it was late at night and everyone was sleeping.

Jiang Zhennan was a little embarrassed, and his speech immediately became less fluent. He apologized, "Miss Yue 'Er, I've disturbed you. You should go back to sleep." With that, he turned around and was about to go back into the tent.

Lin Yuelan immediately shouted, "Masked uncle, why are you looking for me so late at night?" You're going to tell me sooner or later anyway. Since I'm already up, you can tell me now."

Jiang Zhennan was a little stunned, and then he stammered, "Miss Yue 'Er, I ... I ... I want to remove this scar on my face!"

Lin Yuelan asked with a serious expression, "masked uncle, are you sure?"

Although this scar was the symbol of a hero on the battlefield, no one would look at it that way. They would only criticize it for being ugly and scary. Therefore, it was not a bad idea to remove it.

Jiang Zhennan nodded without hesitation. "Yes, I've decided!"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "alright, I got it. We'll start the treatment tomorrow. I'm very tired now, and I'm going to sleep."

Then, she closed the door and shut Jiang Zhennan outside.

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The next day, Li Cuihua brought Lin Sanniu over to cause a ruckus.

But what Li Cuihua didn't expect was that Lin Yuelan wasn't home.

Lin Yuelan wasn't home, but Doctor Zhang was there with Xiao Tong. They were busy tending to some herbs in the courtyard, and occasionally they would hoe and pull out the weeds.

Doctor Zhang was an outsider. Li Cuihua would not be kind to any outsider. However, Doctor Zhang was a special case. He was a doctor. Usually, when the villagers had a headache or fever, they would ask doctor Zhang to take a look. When the poor families really could not afford the medical expenses, Doctor Zhang would kindly give them free treatment. The villagers were extremely grateful for this.

Therefore, even though Doctor Zhang was an outsider, no one dared to offend him. After all, he was the only doctor in the entire village. If they had a headache or a fever, they would either go to Doctor Zhang or go to the clinic in town. However, the journey to the town clinic was long and the expense would be especially high. For most farmers, their life savings would be gone when they got ill. Therefore, normal farmers wouldn't dare to offend doctors, especially those highly-skilled ones.

Although Lin Laosan's family was selfish and greedy, and Li Cuihua was shrewish and unreasonable, they still had to give Doctor Zhang some face. When they met Doctor Zhang on the road, they had to greet him respectfully.

Even though Doctor Zhang had announced to the public that Lin Yuelan was his grand-disciple, Lin Laosan's family didn't dare to do anything openly to Doctor Zhang. They could only secretly hate Lin Yuelan for being so lucky.

When Li Cuihua saw that it was Doctor Zhang who opened the door, she immediately panicked. She said to Doctor Zhang, embarrassed, "Doctor Zhang, why are you here?"

Doctor Zhang had never had a good impression of Lin Laosan's family, especially the shameless and selfish Li Cuihua. Even if he didn't have a relationship with Lin Yuelan, Doctor Zhang would think the same way.

Now that Lin Yuelan was his grand-disciple, he had to protect the poor girl.

Doctor Zhang's face was expressionless. His sharp eyes swept over Li Cuihua and Lin Sanniu behind her. He coldly said, "what's the matter?"

Doctor Zhang was the medical saint that even the officials and nobles had to curry favor with. Even if he was hiding in secret, he still had the aura of a master doctor.

Usually, Doctor Zhang would restrain his aura, but since these people came with ill intentions to harm his grand-disciple, he would not be polite.

Instantly, Li Cuihua, Lin Sanniu and the rest immediately felt a lot of pressure on their shoulders. They felt it difficult to breathe. Their backs were drenched in cold sweat, and they did not know why it was happening, but they felt fear and terror.

After a while, Li Cuihua's reaction eased, and then she looked at Doctor Zhang with fear and horror.

However, she regained her courage when she thought of her goal that day. To her, money was her life.

Li Cuihua said, "Doctor Zhang, is that damn jinx at home?"

When Doctor Zhang heard Li Cuihua call Lin Yuelan a condemned jinx, his face immediately darkened.

He said sternly, "Li Cuihua, the damn jinx you speak of is currently learning medicine from me. She is my grand-disciple. You're now insulting her in front of me. Are you doing this on purpose?"

Li Cuihua's heart trembled, and she was a little stunned.

Although they had long heard that the jinx was studying medicine under Doctor Zhang, they didn't think much of it. They believed that Doctor Zhang was just doing it out of interest.

Thus, when they were sternly questioned by Doctor Zhang, they were stunned.

Doctor Zhang was an outsider. Even though he was the only doctor around, he couldn't bully the locals.

Li Cuihua immediately said with slight anger, "Doctor Zhang, this is a matter between my Lin family and the damn jinx. This is a matter of the Lin Family Village. Please don't meddle in this." What she meant was that an outsider like him had no right to interfere in the Lin family Village's affairs.

When Doctor Zhang heard this, he raised his head and glanced at the crowd that was watching the show. Many people clearly agreed with Li Cuihua.

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He looked at Li Cuihua and the others with a cold smile, "alright, I won't meddle in the Lin family Village's problem anymore. So, don't come looking for me if you have any health problems." At this point, he paused for a moment, then he changed the topic, "However, Lan 'Er is now under my tutelage, so she is my grand-disciple, and her business is my business. How is this meddling?"

Doctor Zhang's words were direct. 'If you don't want me to meddle in the Lin Family Village's business, I won't. In the future, if you have a headache or a fever, don't come to me. As for Lin Yuelan's matter, since she is my grand-disciple, I am going to meddle no matter what.'

As soon as Doctor Zhang's words left his mouth, the people around him suddenly panicked.

Doctor Zhang's medical skills were brilliant, and his treatment fees were very low. He even treated them for free most of the time.

If Li Cuihua really offended Doctor Zhang and he refused to treat them anymore, what should they do?

In an instant, some people immediately turned on Li Cuihua.

"Lin Laosan's wife, your words are not right. Now, the entire village knows that Yuelan is learning medicine from Doctor Zhang. As the saying goes, a teacher for a day is a father for life. Doctor Zhang is like half a father to her now. So what's wrong with him caring about Yuelan?" Lin Jiu's wife spoke.

"Auntie, if you really want to look for that girl, just wait for her to come back. Why are you accosting Doctor Zhang?" The slightly younger man also said in dissatisfaction.

"Auntie, you said that Doctor Zhang is an outsider, but does that mean that you can offend him as you please? Or is your plan to drive Doctor Zhang out of our village?"

Everyone chimed in one after another, making Li Cuihua's face pale.

However, Li Cuihua was an unreasonable person. She did not have a good relationship with most of the people in the village. Every two or three days, she would quarrel with this person and cause trouble with that person.

Li Cuihua's face turned red with anger. She turned her head angrily and scolded those who had accused her, "what are you saying? When did I say I wanted to kick Doctor Zhang out of the village?" Of course, she was just arguing for argument's sake.

Then, she angrily shouted at Doctor Zhang, "Doctor Zhang, I don't care what relationship you have with that jinx, but I'm here today for a reason. This house," She pointed at the small thatched cottage and said with conviction, "it's the Lin family's ancestral residence. In the past, we pitied the jinx and gave her a place to say. Now that she's capable and rich, she's not filial to her elders and parents. Therefore, as

her elders, we have the right to take back the place she's living in!" She was really thick-skinned. It made it sound like her family had given Lin Yuelan the house and land out of charity and not because Lin Yiwei forced them to.

Now, they were even taking back the house and land.

When Doctor Zhang heard this, his face immediately darkened. He said coldly, "Three years ago, this land and house deeds were given to Lan 'Er. How can you say that this place still belongs to your family? Are you planning to rob her?"

Li Cuihua argued, "So what if we're robbing her? The land and house that were given to her originally belonged to the Lin Family. If not for the village chief's interference, my family would not have given them to this jinx."

If Doctor Zhang didn't argue with Li Cuihua, it would be meaningless.

He looked at the other villagers and said sternly, "Since everyone is here, I need you to be my witness. In the future, I refuse to treat anyone from Lin Laosan's family, whether they have a headache, fever, or any other difficult diseases."

Li Cuihua's face turned ashen at his words.

Who wouldn't get sick in their lives? Plus, some illnesses could cause death if they were not treated timely.

Thus, who wouldn't be afraid of sickness and death?

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Furthermore, Lin Laosan's family still had a Li Hehua with a broken leg. Doctor Zhang had treated her for a small fee, and she had almost fully recovered.

However, she still needed to have follow-ups with Doctor Zhang to prevent side effects. If Doctor Zhang stopped treating them, Li Cuihua might end up with a crippled daughter-in-law. How embarrassing would that be?

In reality, Doctor Zhang's words were directed not only at Li Cuihua but also at the entire village. Those who dared to bully Lin Yuelan might end up on Doctor Zhang's blacklist, like Lin Laosan's family.

In an instant, the surrounding villagers all had different thoughts.

Lin Yuelan was a jinx to her husband. This was a fact that couldn't be ignored. However, it was not verified if Lin Yuelan would jinx her family.

Three years ago, before Lin Yuelan severed ties with Lin Laosan's family, Lin Laosan's family had lived a pretty good life.

Every year, they had some surplus income to support Lin Dazong's education and examinations.

However, after Lin Yuelan was chased out of Lin Laosan's family, their lives got worse. Lin Dazong failed the exams repeatedly. Lin Daniu's wife had a miscarriage two years ago, and it was a son. Lin Siniu had married his wife for two years, but she hadn't gotten pregnant. Many people suspected that she had

slept with too many men in the past and that she had become infertile. There was also news that Lin Daniu had hooked up with a married woman in the town. The husband came to fight him. None of these had anything to do with Lin Yuelan.

The rumors said that Lin Yuelan would curse anyone close to her. However, nothing happened after Lin Mingqing's accident. For example, Lin Dawei, who would help Lin Yuelan from time to time, had not met with any mishaps in the past three years. Moreover, nothing had happened to the wealthy siblings in town. And Doctor Zhang had taken the girl in as his granddisciple, and nothing happened to him too.

This was human nature.

When it came to their own interests, they would be selfish. Only when they were knocked on the head that they would see things from a different perspective. With Doctor Zhang's warning, they started to see things from a different perspective and realized that the rumors about the jinx might not all completely be true.

For the ignorant villagers, the fact that Lin Yuelan was a jinx became an outlet for them to vent their anger. They bullied her because it was convenient. They punched and kicked her and attributed their misfortunes to the jinx.

But now that someone was there to protect the jinx and it would affect their own benefits, the villagers had to reconsider everything.

Someone immediately said, "Doctor Zhang, please calm down. Back then, Lin Laosan had personally handed the title deeds to the girl, so this land had nothing to do with his family anymore. We can all testify to that. Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua can't take this place back so easily."

"That's right, Doctor Zhang. We can all be witnesses."

Li Cuihua was angered by the villagers' words and actions. She immediately roared at them, "This is the Lin family's ancestral property, so why can't we take it back? What nonsense are you talking about?"

"Li Cuihua, we're not talking nonsense. We're just telling the truth."

"That's right. Your whole family is bullying a poor child. How could you?"

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On the other side, Lin Laosan brought Lin Daniu and Lin Erniu to Lin Shen's house.

"Uncle," Lin Laosan said as soon as he entered, "I want you to be my backing to take back our ancestral home."

Lin Shen looked to be in his sixties or seventies. His hair was white, and deep wrinkles covered his entire face. His cloudy eyes stared sharply at Lin Laosan. He took a few deep puffs of smoke and said to Lin Laosan sternly, "it's about time. That's our house and place. Why should we give them to an outsider?!"

"Plus, we have to do everything within our means to eliminate the family jinx!" His eyes flashed with murderous intent.