

Village Girl 33

Chapter 33: Lin Yuelan, the Bandit

Once Lin Yuelan said that, Guo Bing, who was happily eating, was dumbfounded.

He looked at the Little Umbrella that was not even the size of his toe. How could they cost one tael of silver each? She was plainly robbing them!

Guo Bing looked at the remaining two mushrooms. He wanted to return them to the girl, but when he thought of their delicious taste, he couldn't bear to part with them.

Guo Bing only had two hobbies, one was perusing erotic pictures, and two was eating. He wouldn't forgo any delicious food.

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Furthermore, he had tasted something that he hadn't tasted before. How could he give it up because they cost money?

Guo Bing immediately went forward and said in a fawning manner, "Miss, I mean, Madam, can you give us a lower price? One tael of silver for one mushroom, isn't that a little too expensive? You must know that our salary is only three taels of silver a month." Three mushrooms would be one month of their salary. It was not worth it, no matter how he thought about it.

Lin Yuelan turned her head and asked Guo Bing with a fake smile, "Do you want me to charge you cheaply?"

Guo Bing nodded in a daze.

Then, he heard Lin Yuelan say very decisively, "If you think it's too expensive, then don't eat it! I'm not holding a knife and forcing you to buy or eat my food!"

After saying that, she turned around and focused on eating her delicious food. In her heart, she thought to herself, 'You're unlucky because I need money now. If I don't rip you off, I won't be able to sleep easy at night! I refuse to believe you can resist the temptation of such delicacies!'

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After she was done eating a skewer, Lin Yuelan went to grab the other skewer. However, the skewer was already in the hands of another person.

Lin Yuelan stared at the masked general who had snatched her mushrooms. She found it unbelievable.

Being stared at by Lin Yuelan's clear eyes, Jiang Zhennan's cheeks were rather hot under the masks.

He took out two gold ingots from his sleeve pocket and said in a deep and magnetic voice, "Miss, give me 206 Little Umbrel... roasted mushrooms!"

Why 206?

That was because Lin Yuelan had said that there was a discount.

Guo Bing ate 36 mushrooms, and he was charged 35 taels of silver, and two gold ingots were equivalent to 200 taels of silver.

206 mushrooms for 200 gold ingots should be a fair trade, right?

Lin Yuelan was so charmed by the man's voice that she nodded in a daze. "Okay." Then, she quickly snapped out of it and said seriously, "Since you're buying so much from me, I'll give you a 50 percent discount. 2 mushrooms for 1 tael of silver, so I'll only charge you one gold ingot for 206 mushrooms."

One gold ingot was one hundred taels of silver.

Three taels of silver could allow a villager to live comfortably for a whole year. This showed much money traded hands here.

The man's willingness to pay made Lin Yuelan feel embarrassed. But that didn't mean that she was going to reject him.

She thought of her small thatched hut with the broken bowls and jars. She would need money to build a new house and buy daily necessities.

Lin Yuelan thought about it and realized she really needed more money.

Lin Yuelan looked at the two gold ingots and said, "Since you're my first customers, I'll sell you 412 mushrooms for two gold ingots and cook them with the best seasonings I personally made."

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"No matter what kind of food it is, these seasonings will make them incomparably delicious," Lin Yuelan said and looked at the roasted rabbit. "I'll give you a taste using the rabbit meat!"

Then, she expertly grabbed the roasted rabbit from the fire. With the soldiers looking on in shock, Lin Yuelan shook the content of the bottles and jars on the rabbit meat.

Those with sharp noses immediately smelled that the taste of the rabbit meat had changed. It became even more delicious.

After she was done, Lin Yuelan pulled out a rabbit leg and gave it to Jiang Zhennan. She said, "Here, try it. You'll definitely think that the two gold ingots you spent are worth it!"

Jiang Zhennan looked at the small hand that handed her the rabbit meat and then at her bright and fearless eyes. The expression behind his mask shifted.

At the same time, he was confused. Was the girl not afraid of him?

He had killed thousands on the battlefield. His body reeked of blood and he emitted a natural murderous aura.

Children in their parent's arms would cry when they saw him. In fact, even adult males would cower in his presence. Because he was God General of the Longyan Kingdom!

He was also known as the Ultimate Jinx!

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He was destined to harm his father, mother, and wife. He would destroy everyone around him!

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This was why even though he was 24, the age where most men had gotten married and had children, he was still single. Not only that, most women would avoid him like the plague. They didn't dare to show up around him because they were afraid that he'd force them to marry him!

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After all, he was the God General!

However, these people had no idea that he had long decided to grow old alone. He had no intention of getting married at all.

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Therefore, those women did not need to worry at all.

However, at this moment, this girl was the only woman who looked at him without fear in his life. She looked at him with a very magnanimous and normal gaze.

No, wait. She was just a girl and not a woman.

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Since the masked man didn't take the rabbit leg from her, Lin Yuelan was a little annoyed. She said, "Erm, masked general, do you want this rabbit leg or not? If not, I'll eat it myself. After all, the rabbit legs are the most delicious parts."

This time, Jiang Zhennan's subordinates immediately looked at Lin Yuelan in shock as if they had seen a ghost. They were trying to tell if she was pretending to be calm from her eyes or expression.

Jiang Zhennan was also jolted back to his senses by Lin Yuelan. He said in a low and slow voice, "Yes, yes, I like rabbit leg meat the most!"

Lin Yuelan happily gave the rabbit leg meat to Jiang Zhennan. When she turned around, she saw more than ten men staring at her in shock.

She asked in confusion, "What's wrong?"

They shook their heads and waved their hands. "Nothing, nothing."

"Speaking of which, Miss, we also want to eat this mushroom, but we can't afford it. Can you give us a lower price?"

"No!" She refused immediately. "There is no haggling!"

"Miss, the mushrooms are so small but they're so expensive. How are you different from a bandit?"

“Have you heard that the rarer the things, the more expensive they are?”

“But you sold them to boss for half a tael each and you even gave him free seasoning!”

“If you can produce two gold ingots, I’ll also charge you for half a tael each and give you free seasoning!”

Everyone fell silent!

The general held the skewers of mushrooms in one hand and a rabbit leg in the other. He was happily munching on them!

Chapter 35: Talks of Money

In the end, although not everyone was willing to fork out so much silver just to eat a small mushroom, they couldn’t stand the temptation of the fragrance. They gritted their teeth and took out a tael of silver. They bought one mushroom to taste.

Then, the small mushroom slithered down their throat. They didn’t even have the chance to taste it properly.

Then, they turned to look at their boss, who was eating, with eager eyes.

He had paid two gold ingots for 412 mushrooms. There were 12 people in their troop, so each of them could get at least 30 mushrooms.

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Although their boss had spent a lot, at least he had a free rabbit leg and some seasonings that they hadn’t seen before. The seasonings could be used in future barbecues.

As for Guo Bing, although he did not lack money, he didn’t have money growing on trees. A mushroom cost one tael of silver. He had already eaten 35 taels of silver just now. Just thinking about it made his heart ache.

He touched the two ingots of gold ingots in his pocket and looked at the rabbit leg that their leader was eating so loudly. He turned to Lin Yuelan with a cheeky smile, “Miss, please give me a taste of this rabbit meat. I want to see the difference between it and the roasted rabbit meat that we usually eat.”

To be honest, he just wanted to take advantage of the free sample. Then, he could use his money to buy more mushrooms.

His plan was good, but Lin Yuelan didn’t fall for it

Lin Yuelan reached out a hand toward him and put her palm in front of Guo Bing.

Guo Bing was a little confused. “What are you doing?”

“Pay up!” Lin Yuelan said matter-of-factly.

“Pay up?!” Guo Bing was so surprised that he almost jumped up. “Miss, I just wanted a taste. Do you want to charge me for that?”

Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing with a disdainful look and said indifferently, "As I said, the rarer the food, the more precious it is. Do you think I'd let you taste such precious food for free?"

"If you want to taste it, then pay up. Once you do, I'll give you a taste." Lin Yuelan stressed.

Guo Bing was struck. It was one thing for a young girl to be so smart but was it necessary for her to talk about money always?

Didn't vendors normally give free samples?

Guo Bing felt like he should lecture this child. How could a child so young be so money-minded?

Guo Bing pretended to cough a few times. Then, he cleared his throat.

Guo Bing said to Lin Yuelan, "Hey, Miss, can we not have everything revolve around me. Talks of money hurt a relationship, don't you agree?"

Lin Yuelan ate the rabbit head. For her, this was the best part.

She nodded and seemed to agree with him. "Well, you're not wrong."

Guo Bing was delighted. He reached out his hand excitedly, wanting to take the other rabbit leg that had already been seasoned. After all, his goal was to taste the rabbit for free.

Lin Yuelan's small hand slapped Guo Bing's outstretched devil claw away. She continued to munch on the rabbit. Then, she mumbled, "Talks of looney curd a relationship, but what kind of relationship do we have?"

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Guo Bing didn't get what Lin Yuelan was saying, so he asked her to clarify. "Miss, do you mind repeating what you said? I didn't get what you said."

"Uncle, talks of money hurt a relationship, but what kind of relationship do we have?" Then, Lin Yuelan continued to munch on the rabbit. There was also another person who was munching noisily on the rabbit's leg.

Guo Bing's face darkened. He looked at Jiang Zhennan with a frown. 'Boss is so unkind. I'm trying my best to get a taste, but Boss is eating so noisily.'

After Lin Yuelan finished the rabbit head, her hands were full of grease.

She took out a handkerchief from her bag and wiped her mouth. Then, she finally remembered what Guo Bing said. She glanced at Guo Bing, who was looking at the masked man who was eating with relish, and said, "Hey, uncle. Back to the matter at hand, what kind of relationship do we have?"

At this moment, Guo Bing finally reacted and immediately shouted, "Uncle? Miss, how can you call me Uncle? Do I look that old? I'm only 20 years old! I'm a handsome big brother with a fair face." Then, Guo Bing took out a small compact mirror. It looked like a round copper mirror used by rich young ladies. He looked left and right. His reflection still looked like a handsome young man. He was definitely not old enough to be called an uncle!

His heart was fragile, and it could break with a touch.

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Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing, who seemed to have suffered a huge blow. The corner of her mouth twitched. 'Why would a grown man carry around a mirror used by a woman in his sleeve?' No matter how she looked at it, it didn't seem normal.

The other soldiers had been watching the show from the side. Their first lieutenant was trying to trick people with his words again. However, this time, a young girl seemed to have stumped him.

Seeing Lin Yuelan's puzzled expression, Little Six whispered to Lin Yuelan, "Miss, our first lieutenant loves beauty as much as a woman. He has to look at himself in the mirror at least three times a day."

"Little Six, are you itching for a fight? How dare you say that I act like a woman?" Guo Bing immediately exploded in anger.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and waved her hand, "Uncle, don't you know that there's a saying called there's a generation gap every three years? I'm only eight years old now, and you're already twenty years old. The difference of twelve years is already four generation gaps, okay? Why shouldn't I call you an uncle? Or do you prefer Young Uncle?"

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The others, including the general, blinked their eyes. They watched on with interest. What was the difference between uncle and Young Uncle. They were both uncles!

Plus, what was the meaning of a generation gap? Soldiers like them didn't understand it.

"Miss, what is a generation gap?" A deep and magnetic voice came into Lin Yuelan's ears from the left.

Chapter 36: Generation Gap

Jiang Zhennan was really curious. What was a generation gap? Was it a gap on the road called Generation?

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Jiang Zhennan didn't think that was right.

Lin Yuelan's big and round eyes focused on Jiang Zhennan. Then, she rolled her eyes. It was very cute and instantly made Jiang Zhennan's heart tremble. His fingers that were holding the skewer couldn't help but move.

He had not experienced this feeling before.

However, he could not help but smile bitterly in his heart.

He had been a terrifying figure in the hearts of all women and children since he was young. Therefore, he felt a little strange when he met a child who was not afraid of him.

Lin Yuelan did not know what Jiang Zhennan was thinking.

She explained in a relaxed manner, "How can you not know about the generation gap? Generation gap refers to the difference in views between two generations. For example, there is a huge psychological distance and psychological barrier in terms of thinking methods, values, life attitudes, hobbies, and other aspects of different generations. Do you get it now?"

The dumbfounded soldiers, "..."

The dumbfounded Uncle Guo Bing, "..."

The masked general, whose expression could not be seen, "..."

That was a long explanation, but they still didn't understand anything!

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Jiang Zhennan had never heard such a strange yet reasonable observation of human nature. It made him incredibly curious. He asked Lin Yuelan like a curious baby.

"Miss, what is the method of thinking?"

She was eating the rabbit and didn't answer!

"Miss, what is the concept of values?"

She hadn't done eating, so she didn't answer.

"Miss, why is it three years a generation gap but not four years or five years?"

The subordinates stared at their leader with wide eyes again. He was actually asking the girl so many things.

Lin Yuelan ate more than a dozen strings of mushrooms, half a rabbit, and a rabbit's head. She was finally full.

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She took out a handkerchief to wipe her mouth again. Then, she rolled her eyes at Jiang Zhennan again and chuckled, "Masked Uncle, if you really want to know the answers, why don't you refer to Generations for Dummies?"

She was too lazy to answer so many questions. She was not familiar with him, so was there a need to answer him?

Of course, there was not!

Then, she stood up, patted her butt, looked at the other half of the rabbit meat, then glanced at the drooling eyes of the crowd around her and said, "The starting price for my half of the rabbit meat is half a tael of silver. The highest bidder will get it. The bidding starts now!"

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"..." The crowd had no time to react to the sudden bidding war.

Jiang Zhennan was caught in the thought of Generations of Dummies. Why hadn't he heard of that piece of literature before?

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Lin Yuelan noted the crowd's lack of reaction, and she raised her small eyebrows and grinned. "Since none of you want it, I'll keep it and take it home and..." eat it for dinner.

Guo Bing immediately snapped back to attention. He immediately rushed over and snatched the half rabbit. Then he quickly handed Lin Yuelan half a tael of silver, picked up the rabbit meat, and put it into his mouth. Then he said while chewing, "Miss, they won't afford such an expensive thing anyway. I'll buy it for half a tael of silver."

'Damn, this roasted rabbit is so delicious! The seasoning is amazing!

'It's really too delicious!

'No wonder Boss was enjoying himself so much!'

When the others came to their senses, Guo Bing had already slathered the whole rabbit with his saliva. Why? He was afraid that his prize would be snatched away. So, he had to mark it first. He'd see if the others dared to eat the rabbit after it was covered in his saliva.

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'Hmph, these people have to train for another ten years before they can fight with me.'

'Damn! First Lieutenant Guo is really too shameless! But does he think he can monopolize the food with this underhanded tactic? Such wishful thinking!' The others looked at each other and rubbed their hands greedily.

Lin Yuelan noticed the group was about to get into a food war. She picked up her cloth bag, carried it on her back, and prepared to leave.

Jiang Zhennan immediately called out, "Miss, where are you going?"

If she left just like that, would he be able to see her again in the future?

The girl had an easy and free personality. She did not seem like a wild child who had lived in the mountains and forests for a long time.

Would they be able to meet after she left? Probably not.

With that thought, Jiang Zhennan couldn't help but call out to Lin Yuelan, wanting to ask her name and where she lived.

However, Lin Yuelan thought that he had stopped her because he was afraid that she would run away with the money.

Lin Yuelan pointed to the side of the fire. It was very clean except for the grass. She explained, "Don't worry. I won't run away with your gold ingots. You've ordered a lot of mushrooms, so I'm going to go

harvest them. There are more than 400 mushrooms. Your subordinates will want more too. I will have to go and start mushroom-picking.”

Hearing that the girl wasn't leaving him, Jiang Zhennan secretly let out a sigh of relief. However, when he heard how Lin Yuelan had misunderstood him, he quickly explained, “Miss... that wasn't what I thought. I just wanted to go mushroom-hunting with you. Miss, do you mind?”

He had never felt so tongue-tied before. It sounded like he wanted to go with her to keep an eye on her to stop her from escaping.

Of course, that was not what he meant. He just wanted to spend more time with her.

Lin Yuelan didn't think so much. If the masked man wanted to go with her, she didn't mind.

On the contrary, she was happy to have someone to help her carry her bag or something. Although she had the space, there were many people around, and she couldn't just open it at will.

Lin Yuelan nodded, raised her small face, and smiled happily. “Of course, uncle! Here...”

Lin Yuelan stretched out a hand, holding out the bag that was hanging on her back earlier.

Jiang Zhennan was a little confused. “Huh?”

“Carry the bag for me, please!” Lin Yuelan said matter-of-factly.

When the subordinates saw their leader following behind the girl, carrying the bag, their eyes widened in surprise, and they didn't move at all.

Oh My God!

What is happening?!

Chapter 37: First Intimate Contact

On a large pine tree, a eight-year-old looking girl with a ponytail was sitting on a tall branch. Her legs dangled and swayed in boredom.

She was holding a thick branch in one hand and a vine that was as thick as an adult's finger in the other. The vine twirled a few times and had two green leaves.

Her eyes were round, big, and bright. She looked at the busy man under the tree and ordered, “There's a big one there. There's another one under the tallest fern. That's a poisonous one that can't be eaten. How many times do you need me to tell you? The colorful or dark and purple mushrooms are poisonous. Don't pick them. Throw that one away...”

Ever since Jiang Zhennan entered the battlefield at the age of ten, he had to employ a vicious and cruel way of living to survive on the battlefield. When he was pushed out as a shield by his comrade, he did not hesitate to haul his comrade back out. His life was no less important than that of his comrades, so why should he be a meatshield for others?

The soldiers mocked him for not having much strength and that he'd save them some time for committing suicide at the base so that they wouldn't have to waste time finding and collecting his corpse.

He was so angry that he knocked down all the soldiers present. He even mercilessly beat up the person who mocked him the most.

From then on, no one dared to mock him anymore.

From the age of ten to eighteen, he slowly climbed up to the position of a general with his own strength and strategic talent.

Eighteen years old was still a very young age. Therefore, when he became a general at 18 with great achievements, many people under him were unconvinced.

The way they showed their dissatisfaction was by disobeying Jiang Zhennan's orders.

Jiang Zhennan immediately captured the deputy general and had him beheaded for the crime of violating the general's orders. The beheading was shown before the whole army. The head was hung at the entrance of the barracks for three days and three nights.

This happened in the summer when the weather was hot. There were many mosquitoes. The head was infested by maggots. When the soldiers walked past it, their scalps went numb.

Jiang Zhennan was cruel and vicious, and it scared every soldier. After all, the man beheaded a vice general who was only one rank lower than him. What about the normal soldiers?

Just like that, Jiang Zhennan established his prestige among the hundreds of thousands of soldiers.

As for those officers who still had rebellious thoughts, their bodies trembled with lingering fear.

On the surface, they served Jiang Zhennan. In his back, they kept making moves. Jiang Zhennan knew about it, but as long as they didn't affect the battle plan, he would pretend not to notice.

Ever since Jiang Zhennan became the general, he had won every battle. Eventually, he gained the name of God General.

At that moment, the legendary God General was bending over, holding a cloth bag and rummaging through the ferns. He was picking the mushrooms one by one. But the mushrooms were so difficult to find.

The edible mushrooms had the same color as the soil. His eyesight was good, but the mushrooms still hid very well from him. He had to climb up and low to look for them.

However, Jiang Zhennan appeared to be exceptionally patient. Wherever Lin Yuelan pointed, he would go there and look for the mushrooms. He quite enjoyed this.

Of course, he did not realize that he was happy.

"Hey, Uncle, how many mushrooms have you picked up already?" Lin Yuelan asked as she sat on a branch.

Jiang Zhennan's hand that was picking up the mushrooms paused. He was too happy picking up the mushrooms that he lost count. The God General looked at the girl in the tree like a child who had done wrong.

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'Am I the child here, or is he?'

After a moment, Lin Yuelan waved her hand and said, "Forget it. I forgot to count the mushrooms too."

The eyes under the mask looked at her at a loss.

Lin Yuelan was slightly stunned. Then, the corner of her mouth could not help but twitch.

"I'll give you the extra mushroom for free. Consider it payment for helping me with the mushroom-picking."

Then, she jumped down from the three-meter-tall tree branch. Jiang Zhennan, who was below, saw this and shivered. He immediately threw the things in his hands away and reached out his hands to catch Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan was completely stunned.

She was in Jiang Zhennan's arms. She looked at the man in the mask with confusion. 'I was just jumping down from the tree. Why was this man so nervous?'

She had fought for five years in the post-apocalyptic world. This height was nothing to her. He didn't need to be so nervous.

Lin Yuelan looked at Jiang Zhennan with confusion and asked, "Uncle, what are you doing?"

Jiang Zhennan had been labeled as the Ultimate Jinx since he was young. His family loathed him and viewed him as an ominous person. Outsiders were even more fearful and fearful of him. After he joined the army, he was even known for his ruthlessness and viciousness.

He had gone from an ordinary soldier to a general step by step. Most people respected and feared him, but no one was able to get close to him. It was not until very late in his career that he met his current troops. Guo Bing and the rest could joke with him.

In short, Jiang Zhennan had been alone since he was young. He had never been close to anyone.

Since he was disfigured and became God General, he became a demon in people's minds and a tool to stop children from crying.

He had never carried a warm and soft woman in his arms before. This was the first time he had that experience.

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When Lin Yuelan fell into his embrace, his heart began to pound.

Chapter 38: Uncle, Don't Throw Me!

“Uncle, uncle,” Lin Yuelan was in Jiang Zhennan’s arms. Her eyes were filled with confusion. She waved one hand in front of Jiang Zhennan and called out, “Masked uncle, Uncle General, shouldn’t you put me down?”

Jiang Zhennan was called back to his senses, but when he came back to his senses, he did something surprising.

“Ouch!” Lin Yuelan, who was thrown to the ground, cursed angrily.

That’s right. She was thrown to the ground!

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When Jiang Zhennan realized he was carrying a female in his arms, he immediately threw Lin Yuelan to the ground in panic.

When Lin Yuelan got up from the ground, she pointed at Jiang Zhennan and cursed angrily, “Masked uncle, what’s wrong with you?!” She asked him to put her down, not throw her down.

She was so unprepared that she rolled to the ground.

Jiang Zhennan looked at her angry little face, and the expression behind the mask looked even more helpless and nervous. He opened his mouth, wanting to explain.

He didn’t mean to throw her down. He had never had such close contact with a female before. He was afraid that once he hugged her, he would never let her go again. However, he was a jinx, and anyone who was close to him would be killed by him. That was why... he was so panicked that he accidentally threw Lin Yuelan away.

However, Jiang Zhennan didn’t know how to explain that to this child.

Even Jiang Zhennan didn’t expect he’d become so attached to the warmth of this girl. If he continued to be around her, he might get addicted to her!

But he couldn’t be so selfish and put her in harm’s way!

Lin Yuelan did not know what was going on in Jiang Zhennan’s mind at all.

She only knew that she was very angry now.

Everything was fine if she had jumped down from the tree. Why did he have to catch her? And after he did, he could have lowered her to the ground gently. That would have been fine. But, after the man caught her, he dumped her on the ground. If not for her agility, she would have fallen down the slope.

Lin Yuelan said angrily to Jiang Zhennan, “Uncle, you’re a general in silver armor. You’re tall and fierce. Why would you go around bullying a girl who is not even as tall as your waist?”

Jiang Zhennan was ashamed. He felt sorry too.

He really wanted to slap himself a few times. How could he rudely throw her to the ground? Anyone in her shoes would be furious.

Jiang Zhennan opened his mouth and lowered his head slightly like a child who had done something wrong. He looked at her and said in a low and sincere voice, "I'm sorry. I didn't do it on purpose!"

Lin Yuelan was charmed by his voice again.

When she heard Jiang Zhennan's apology, her voice immediately quieted down.

She raised her small head and placed her hands on her hips. She said in a tender and clear voice, "Fine, then explain to me why you threw me to the ground all of a sudden. If it wasn't for my agile limbs, I might have rolled down the mountain by now. Do you know how serious the consequences are?"

When Jiang Zhennan dropped her, he panicked, and he didn't consider the consequences. Now that Lin Yuelan had brought them up, he felt a lingering fear!

It was just like what she said. If she didn't save the fall, she might have rolled down the slope. The slope was covered in sharp stones. If she didn't die, she'd be crippled.

The image of Lin Yuelan covered in blood and glaring at him appeared in his mind. Suddenly, his heart winced with pain. He couldn't describe this feeling, but he was certain that he didn't want any more harm to come to this girl.

However, faced with the girl's small face and beautiful eyes, he didn't know what to say. In the end, he uttered, "I'm sorry. I'll not throw you again next time!"

Lin Yuelan exploded again when she heard that. "Do you think there's a next time?!"

Jiang Zhennan shut his mouth and didn't speak anymore. The more he explained, the worse it got!

At the end of the day, Lin Yuelan wasn't a child who had an IQ of an eight years old. Since Jiang Zhennan had already apologized, she wouldn't keep hounding her. She was just a bit angry.

She picked up the bag from the ground and threw it at Jiang Zhennan. She said angrily, "Take it! If you throw this away again, you won't have anything to eat. And I'll take your gold and leave."

Jiang Zhennan took the bag of mushrooms. His thick lips showed through the underside of the mask, and he smiled. "Okay."

Just as Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were about to go back, Lin Yuelan's relaxed expression suddenly changed. Her bright eyes immediately became sharp and alert. Her expression was also serious and fierce.

Jiang Zhennan was slightly puzzled by the change in her aura. But then, he soon understood why!

He became alert and sharp. His eyes under the mask were filled with bloodthirst as he looked around.

However, the surrounding environment seemed to be very normal. The surroundings were lush and calm. Occasionally, a slight breeze would blow by, causing the green leaves on the branches to sway gently. The ferns rustled as if something was coming!

A mighty roar came from the forest in the distance, causing the entire mountain range to shake.

Jiang Zhennan said in surprise, "This is..."

Lin Yuelan said, "This is the roar of the tiger, the king of Beasts."

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In reality, the thing that surprised Jiang Zhennan was the girl's alertness and sensitivity.

He could feel that there was no internal Qi from the girl. However, she managed to sense the tiger's approach faster than he could. Why was that?

Was it hunting instinct from being in the forest for a long time?

But based on the child's vocabulary, she didn't seem like someone who was raised in the wilds.

Therefore, Jiang Zhennan became more and more curious about Lin Yuelan's background.

He noted the excitement on the child's face. He thought the girl planned to fight the big tiger but in the end...

Chapter 39: Masked Uncle, How Old Are You?

And then...

"Uncle, let's run quickly!"

After Lin Yuelan shouted at Jiang Zhennan, she pulled Jiang Zhennan and left in a hurry.

Although Lin Yuelan was small and her steps weren't large, Jiang Zhennan still had to jog to keep up with her running speed.

So, the image was like this.

Lin Yuelan held onto Jiang Zhennan's hand and ran forward. Jiang Zhennan was dragged along as he jogged to keep up with Lin Yuelan as he held onto the cloth bag.

When they returned to the firepit...

Those who ate rabbit meat, mushrooms, and even grass saw Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. Their mouths fell wide open. Their eyes were open, and their expressions were filled with shock and astonishment. Time seemed to have stopped and frozen them in place.

Lin Yuelan frowned slightly. She looked at the crowd that had frozen in place and a great steed that had appeared when she was gone. Then, she looked at Jiang Zhennan with a puzzled expression. She saw that his chin was curling upwards. Even though she couldn't see his face, Lin Yuelan could guess that he was smiling.

Lin Yuelan looked at Jiang Zhennan in puzzlement and asked, "What's wrong with them? Could it be that their acupuncture points have been sealed, and they can't move?" But why would someone seal the points of a horse? If it was true, that person was a real expert!

Jiang Zhennan glanced at Lin Yuelan's small hand that held his big hand. Then, he looked at the girl who was completely unguarded against him. The corners of Jiang Zhennan's mouth curled up slightly. He was happy as he felt the warmth that traveled through their palms.

He lowered his voice and said to Lin Yuelan in a deep and magnetic voice, "It's nothing! They are just too shocked. There wasn't anyone who pressed their acupoints or anything like that."

They were too shocked because their general actually put his guard down enough for someone to hold his hand.

At the age of 24, other than the wet nurse, who died when he was three years old, he had never touched anyone physically. This was the second time.

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Actually, it was the third time. The second time was when he caught Lin Yuelan in his embrace!

Both times felt amazing.

It was like a volcano erupting with hot lava, burning his heart and making his entire world abnormally hot.

He felt that he was no longer alone!

At least in his life, there was someone who would smile at him, throw a tantrum at him, and call him uncle.

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At least there was someone who had once held his hand and ran through the mountains and forests with him. At least he had once experienced the burning sensation of company.

1

Lin Yuelan nodded slightly. Since their acupuncture points weren't pressed, then it meant that this crowd had seen something shocking.

However, other than the roar of the tiger, they didn't encounter anything too surprising.

Lin Yuelan held Jiang Zhennan's hand and walked to Guo Bing, who was holding the mushroom skewer in his hand. Then, she poked and scratched him a few times.

1

Guo Bing appeared to have been frozen. He didn't move at all.

Guo Bing held the mushroom in one hand and another skewer in another. He was enjoying himself, but at this time, his eyes and mouth were wide open.

The others were in the same state as Guo Bing. However, they were holding rabbit meat. Their mouths were all wide open, and the food had fallen to the ground.

2

But their expressions were the same as Guo Bing's. Their eyes were wide as they looked forward.

Lin Yuelan frowned slightly. Then she turned back to look at Jiang Zhennan, but she didn't ask any more questions.

She walked toward the brownish-red steed that looked awe-inspiring.

This steed looked like it was eating grass. The grass appeared to be freshly cut. It was very fresh and tender.

The steed's mouth was wide open as it ate the grass. It glanced at its master, Jiang Zhennan, through its big black eyes with some confusion.

Lin Yuelan instantly had a good impression of the steed. The steed appeared to have great intelligence and could understand the human connection.

Lin Yuelan subconsciously let go of Jiang Zhennan's hand and gently walked to the front of the horse. She wanted to touch its shiny coat.

"It's called Liefeng, my good companion." Jiang Zhennan followed Lin Yuelan step by step. Since Lin Yuelan liked his house that much, he introduced her to Liefeng.

1

"He was saved from the slaughterhouse when I was ten years old. I named him Liefeng. From then on, we lived together until now!"

Lin Yuelan asked doubtfully, "Masked uncle, how old are you this year?"

The corner of Jiang Zhennan's mouth twitched.

'Do I really look that old? Why does this girl like to go around asking people about their age? Do I give off the impression that I'm very old? Do I appear too aged in her mind?'

2

If Lin Yuelan could hear his thoughts, she would laugh. She couldn't even see his face, so how would she know if he appeared too old or not?

Although Jiang Zhennan had his doubts, he answered Lin Yuelan honestly. "I'm 24 years old!"

"24 years old." Lin Yuelan nodded. "That's indeed very old!"

However, Lin Xinlan was even older. She was a 32 years old woman before the transmigration. Her mental age was older than Jiang Zhennan.

When Lin Yuelan called him old, Jiang Zhennan felt as if an arrow had been shot through his chest. He could not help but feel aggrieved. He wondered, 'Will she still see me as a friend and call me uncle if she sees me as someone so much older than her?'

However, he did not feel aggrieved for long. Under the mask, his pupils suddenly contracted violently. His entire person was tense and nervous.

Chapter 40: Interaction with Liefeng

When Jiang Zhennan saw Lin Yuelan's movements, his pupils under the mask suddenly contracted violently.

This was because he saw Yuelan reaching out to touch Liefeng's fur.

Liefeng would not allow anyone but its owner to touch it. If someone tried, Liefeng would kick them hard. It had a very strong personality.

Even more impossible was for Liefeng to allow someone to ride on his back.

Just when Jiang Zhennan thought that Liefeng would lose his temper, another unexpected thing happened.

Liefeng not only did not lose its temper at the child but also stretched its head over for Lin Yuelan to touch in a flattering manner. It rubbed its head against her palm. Then, it picked up the grass and placed it in Lin Yuelan's hand. Liefeng wanted to share its favorite grass with Lin Yuelan.

2

Lin Yuelan immediately giggled happily and said, "Liefeng, I don't eat grass!"

Her voice was clear and sweet, like an oriole singing. Her voice spread through the mountains. They drifted in the ears of humans, animals, and even the king of beasts!

Guo Bing and the others were jolted back to their senses by this clear and melodious laughter.

When they saw the interaction between Lin Yuelan and Liefeng, their already dry eyes widened once again. The food fell once again as their mouths opened again.

2

Jiang Zhennan was really shocked that Liefeng didn't reject the girl. On the contrary, it tried to befriend her.

Jiang Zhennan was intrigued. How did the girl manage so many miracles?

This time, Guo Bing and the others came back to their senses quicker.

Guo Bing immediately ate the mushrooms just in case he saw something else that would surprise him and make him drop the good food to the ground again.

2

Then, he took two steps and ran to Lin Yuelan. He asked curiously, "Miss, how did you get Liefeng to like you that much?"

Lin Yuelan continued to stroke Liefeng's fur happily and said with a smile, "Liefeng, you're so obedient. Come, lie down. Let me scratch your fur on the side!"

Then, under Guo Bing's shocked expression, Liefeng obediently lay down. To make things more convenient for Lin Yuelan, Liefeng moved closer to Lin Yuelan's feet and rubbed its head against Lin Yuelan's palm again. It seemed to be telling her, 'Touch me all you want!'

The more Lin Yuelan looked at Liefeng, the more she liked it. The bright red fur, the handsome appearance, and the awe-inspiring presence really struck her heart.

If she didn't know that Liefeng and the uncle had been together for more than ten years and that they wouldn't leave each other, she really wanted to ask him to give her Liefeng.

Guo Bing and the others, including Jiang Zhennan, looked at Liefeng, who was normally so proud and arrogant, acting like a child around Lin Yuelan. The corners of their mouths couldn't help but twitch.

They didn't know what kind of magic this child had to make Liefeng submit to her.

The child didn't answer his question just now, but Guo Bing didn't give up. He moved closer to Lin Yuelan again and asked with a flattering smile, "Miss, how did you get Liefeng to like you that much?"

Lin Yuelan was playing with Liefeng's fur when she heard Guo Bing. She raised her head and said casually, "Oh, it's you. I thought you guys have been petrified."

1

Guo Bing's heart was full of frustration. He was simply too shocked to see Lin Yuelan come back holding their leader's hand. Plus, were there statues as handsome as he was?

Guo Bing could only put on a smile and said to Lin Yuelan embarrassedly, "Miss, please answer my question, Okay?"

Lin Yuelan touched Liefeng's soft ears and tilted her head to look at the extremely curious Guo Bing. Then, she said casually again, "Oh, you mean that one?"

Guo Bing nodded vigorously and replied, "Yes, it's that one." In fact, he didn't know which one they were talking about. However, his intuition told him to keep on nodding.

Lin Yuelan continued to play with Liefeng's ears. She rested her chin on her hand. She looked at the steed. She asked in relief, "Does Liefeng reject you guys and hate for you to be near it?"

Guo Bing quickly nodded his head.

Lin Yuelan said with a puzzled look, "That's strange. Why can't I feel any rejection from Liefeng? Moreover, I can feel that Liefeng especially likes me."

Lin Yuelan knew the real reason. It was because of her special power and Little Green. The wood element was the source of all life, and Little Green was the king.

Therefore, as long as she wanted, she could earn the favor of any plants, animals, or certain people easily. Furthermore, she really did like Liefeng.

When she touched Liefeng with her hand, she used her power to sense the internal injuries within the steed. Then, she used her source of life to heal the injuries. How could that not win over Liefeng?

Of course, the rest didn't know about this.

When Liefeng's internal injuries were mostly healed, Lin Yuelan stood up and clapped her hands. She said to Jiang Zhennan excitedly, "Uncle mask, Liefeng is really cute. Can I ride it?" As she said that, she suddenly thought of something and asked with a puzzled face, "Oh, right. Uncle Mask, I saw that you were very nervous just now. Did something happen?"

Jiang Zhennan's mouth twitched again. Wasn't the girl's reaction a bit too slow?

Regardless, he shook his head. "It's nothing. When you wanted to touch Liefeng, I was afraid that it might harm you, so..." he was a little nervous.

Lin Yuelan nodded in understanding. "Oh, I see. Uncle, I'll take Liefeng for a ride. You guys can continue to roast the mushrooms. In a while, I'll bring back a few wild rabbits for you."

Without waiting for Jiang Zhennan's reply, she immediately jumped on Liefeng's back and rode away.

When Lin Yuelan left, Guo Bing and the others rubbed their hands and asked with a cheeky smile, "Boss, did something happen just now that we don't know about? Why did the two of you come back holding hands?"