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The still water runs deep.

Normally, Lin Laosan was a simple and honest man who kept quiet as he worked in the fields and smoked. However, the man's heart was ruthless. He wanted to kill his own granddaughter. But that was not the worst. He ordered his son to kill his daughter. And he watched from the side.

Many people had heard about Lin Laosan's ruthlessness, cruelty, and heartlessness three years ago!

However, it was still a shock to hear Lin Laosan admit it in person.

And it seemed like Lin Mingging's incident was also related to Lin Laosan's family too.

There was another clapping. It was Lin Yuelan again. She chuckled, "Well said. Elder San, we have to remove all tragedies, right?" Lin Yuelan was talking about Lin Laosan's family but the man didn't get it. He raised his head arrogantly and replied, "of course."

As soon as he agreed, Lin Yuelan's expression immediately turned cold and she said sharply, "Perfect. We're all gathered here to do exactly that."

Lin Laosan felt that something was wrong. He shouted angrily, "what do you mean by that?"

"What do we mean?" Lin Yiwei's face darkened and he said coldly, "You still don't want to admit what you did to my Qing 'Er three years ago?"

Lin Mingqing's accident was brought up again. The uneasiness returned. Lin Laosan shouted to hide his guilt, "What does Lin Mingqing's incident three years ago have to do with me?"

"That's right. What does that have to do with us? Why did you bring me here too?" Lin Daniu stood up from the ground. Just like Lin Laosan, he used his loud voice to hide his fear and guilt.

Lin Daniu's face was pale, but he tried his best to keep his composure. However, his clenched fists, the panic in his eyes, and the fear on his face belied his uneasiness and guilt.

Lin Daniu was originally loitering around in the village when suddenly, there was a commotion on the road. He saw the village chief's wife grabbing Lin Changxing's wife. Like the other villagers, he went to watch the show too. He was as busybody as a woman. Furthermore, he wouldn't mind getting close to some of the beautiful women in the village. After all, his favorite hobby was sleeping around.

With that thought in mind, Lin Daniu joined the crowd of women and purposely brushed his body close to them.

However, as soon as he arrived, everyone distanced themselves from him. Everyone in the village knew that Lin Laosan's family was a family of jinx. Furthermore, Lin Daniu was lecherous, shameless, and despicable. He even dared to hook up with his sister-in-law. This kind of scandal had already spread throughout the Lin Family village.

Hence, Lin Daniu was even more hated and disdained by everyone.

Now that Lin Daniu had gotten closer, all the women avoided him like he was the plague.

However, Lin Daniu was thick-skinned. He stuck to the crowd and asked Lin Changmin's wife, "What is happening? Why is Auntie Zhou dragging Changxing's wife?" Auntie Zhou was Lin Yiwei's wife.

Lin Changmin and Lin Changxin were brothers so the two sisters-in-law were quite close. When she saw Lin Daniu, she was quite furious. "Lin Daniu, how can you ask that? If you didn't harm Lin Mingqing, would Auntie Zhou drag my sister-in-law to be a witness?"

Lin Daniu was confused. He asked, "what witness?"

She did not answer him.

However, his sharp mind put everything together. He was shocked and his face turned pale.

His first reaction was that what he had done three years ago had been exposed. He wanted to escape. He needed to escape.

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Then, instead of following the women, he quickly ran home in a panic. He hurriedly packed a few clothes and took some silver from his mother, saying that he was going to see his youngest son. Then, he ran to the village entrance.

However, he never expected that there would be people guarding the village entrance. The moment they saw Lin Daniu, they grabbed him by the collar and dragged him to the village chief's house without a word.

Although Lin Daniu was tall and fat, to Jiang Zhennan, Lin Daniu was nothing to carry.

Lin Daniu, who was carrying a bag, flapped his four limbs in the air, looking like a four-legged tortoise. "Let me go, Nan Zhenjiang, let me go, what are you holding me for ..." Lin Daniu shouted all the way until Jiang Zhennan carried him into the village chief's courtyard and threw him to the ground.

Lin Daniu got up from the ground and shouted.

Melodious laughter rang out from behind Lin Daniu.

Lin Daniu turned around and saw that the person who laughed was Lin Yuelan. Lin Daniu's face darkened, and he scolded Lin Yuelan, "damn jinx, what are you laughing at?"

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Daniu with a mocking expression and asked, "Uncle Daniu, we didn't say anything. We didn't even claim that you had anything to do with Uncle Mingqing's accident. So why would you assume that?"

The courtyard fell silent again. Even the people who were watching the commotion outside suddenly became quiet.

In the midst of the silence, Lin Daniu and Lin Laosan's expressions changed drastically. There was shock, doubt, panic, anxiety, and worry, but most of all, fear and uneasiness.

This series of changes in expression could be seen by anyone with eyes.

"Bastard!" An angry roar rang out, and Lin Mingliang immediately threw a punch at Lin Daniu.

Lin Daniu was knocked to the ground.

Lin Daniu cried in pain as he fell to the ground.

There was another scream from the women at the door.

"What are you doing?" Li Cuihua and Li Hehua, Lin Daniu's wife, shouted from the entrance of the courtyard.

The two of them rushed in and helped Lin Daniu up.

Li Cuihua's heart ached when she saw her eldest son's face turn as pale as snow. She immediately shouted, "The village chief is bullying us. He's using his power to bully us. Everyone, please be the judge. He hit my son in broad daylight. Where's the justice in this world..."

Li Cuihua was unreasonable and a troublemaker.

Lin Mingliang's impulsive nature almost jumped up again. He raised his hand and walked towards Li Cuihua.

Jiang Zhennan immediately grabbed Lin Mingliang's hand and advised him, "Don't be impulsive!"

Lin Mingliang could raise his fist and swing it at Lin Daniu, and no one else could say anything. First, Lin Daniu and Lin Mingliang were of the same generation and were about the same age. Second, Lin Daniu had something to do with Lin Mingqing's accident, so it was understandable that Lin Mingliang hit Lin Daniu in his anger.

However, Lin Mingliang couldn't attack Li Cuihua.

Li Cuihua was Lin Mingliang's senior. Secondly, Li Cuihua was an old woman. If she were injured even just a little, it would cause a lot of commotion.

Lin Mingliang put down his hand angrily. Lin Yiwei secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

However, Lin Yiwei's wife, Zhou Qiuju, could do what Lin Mingliang couldn't.

Li Cuihua was a shrew. Zhou Qiuju just needed to be even more unreasonable than her.

Zhou Qiuju stood up with one hand on her waist and the other pointing at Li Cuihua. She yelled at Li Cuihua in anger, "Li Cuihua, do you still have any shame? You've clearly done something wrong and harmed my Qing 'Er, and you have the face to say that my family is bullying you? I have been married here for more than forty years, and I haven't used my station as the chief's wife to demand anyone to do anything. But today, I shall use that power. Li Cuihua, answer me. Three years ago, was it your family who dug a big hole on the way to town?"

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"Also, three years ago, were you the one who gave my horse a manic drug? Tell me, was it you?"

Whether it was at home or outside, Zhou Qiuju always gave face to her husband, Lin Yiwei. This time, after dragging the witness back home, she also handed everything to her husband to handle even though she was furious, and this involved the truth behind her youngest son's accident.

However, Li Cuihua and Li Hehua had come to her home to cause trouble. The anger that she had been holding back aimed at Li Cuihua.

Li Cuihua and Li Hehua were shocked by Zhou Qiuju's aggression. They had no idea Lin Daniu and Lin Laosan were actually dragged there because of this.

Li Cuihua's eyes were filled with panic and anxiety. However, no matter how stupid she was, she knew that they couldn't admit to this. Otherwise, the punishment waiting for them was very likely to be imprisonment.

Li Cuihua's eyes were spitting fire at Zhou Qiuju. She retorted loudly, "Zhou Qiuju, don't even think about making false accusations! Is there any evidence to prove that we are involved in Lin Mingqing's accident?!"

Li Cuihua believed that since the village chief's family hadn't found anything three years ago, it was unlikely that they would find anything three years later.

Lin Yiwei suddenly shouted sternly, "Lin Laosan, Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, since you are brought here, of course, we have evidence. Lin Laosan, are you still not going to admit the truth?"

Lin Yiwei wanted to give them a chance. As long as Lin Laosan and Lin Daniu admitted that they had something to do with the incident three years ago, he would forgive them and not send them to the authorities.

However, if Lin Laosan and the others insisted that they were innocent...

Lin Yiwei was not a blind person.

When Lin Laosan and the others heard Lin Yiwei say that he had evidence, their hearts thumped, and they had a very bad feeling.

However, they were still hoping for a fluke. They had the same thoughts as Li Cuihua. Since nothing was found three years ago, why would the evidence suddenly pop up now?

He was sure that Lin Yiwei was lying to them. His purpose was to get them to surrender. But he would never do that because of the severe consequences.

Lin Laosan shouted angrily, "Lin Yiwei, I've already said it. Don't make false accusations. Since you say you have evidence, then show me the evidence first. Otherwise, you're threatening me and slandering me!"

Lin Yiwei's face turned livid with anger. He pointed at Lin Laosan and said, "Well done, Lin Laosan. Since you want to choose death, then I'll oblige. Changxing's wife, tell us, what did you see and hear at that time?"

Lin Yiwei turned around and asked Zhou Xiaoliu, who had her head lowered and was silent the whole

Lin Laosan's family heard this ,and they shivered. Zhou Xiaoliu was the new witness.

Lin Daniu was so scared that he almost went limp, but his wife was holding him up. His face was pale, and his eyes were sharp as he stared at Zhou Xiaoliu as if he couldn't believe it.

When Lin Laosan heard this, he panicked, but he quickly calmed himself down.

After that, he looked at Zhou Xiaoliu fiercely and said in a profound tone, "Changxing's wife, a few days ago, my fourth daughter-in-law did talk to Changxing, but is it necessary for you to take revenge on my family like this? Why did you come here and make false testimony for everyone?"

Lin Laosan was indeed the head of the Lin Family. He moved in for the kill. Before Zhou Xiaoliu could say anything, he claimed that Zhou Xiaoliu was doing this purely for revenge. So, what she said was a lie and could not be trusted.

Lin Yiwei frowned and stared at Lin Laosan with a sharp gaze. 'This Lin Laosan is really cunning.'

Lin Yiwei asked with a dignified smile, "Lin Laosan, do you mean that Changxing's wife came to make a fake witness statement to take revenge on you?"

Lin Laosan sneered, "Isn't that obvious? Yesterday, Changxing met my fourth daughter-in-law and said a few words to her, but this woman bears a grudge. So, she decides to bring up the incident from three years ago today. Why else is she doing it now? Why didn't she come out to speak three years ago? If it's not revenge, what is it?"

Zhou Xiaoliu's face turned pale. She shook her head and tried to defend herself, "I didn't."

However, Lin Laosan did not believe her at all. He looked at her with disdain. "Hmph, really? Then tell me, what did you see and hear three years ago? Why didn't you stand up and say anything then?"

These questions were very sharp for Zhou Xiaoliu.

Three years ago, she didn't say anything because she was afraid of revenge. But now, was she not afraid of revenge anymore? Would anyone believe her? How was she supposed to explain this?

Therefore, Zhou Xiaoliu was in a difficult position. She did not know how to answer Lin Laosan.

Zhou Xiaoliu's silence made many people think that Lin Laosan was right. Zhou Xiaoliu's sudden declaration to testify about what happened three years ago was probably to take revenge for what happened yesterday.

Lin Yiwei's expression was dark. Lin Laosan was really a cunning old fox.

It was better if they had more witnesses or other evidence, but they only had one witness, Zhou Xiaoliu, and no other evidence. Lin Laosan had already compromised her by painting her as a vengeful woman

who was only doing this to take revenge on Lin Laosan's family because she was jealous that her husband talked to Lin Laosan's fourth daughter-in-law.

In this way, the credibility of Zhou Xiaoliu's testimony was very low.

Lin Yiwei tightly pinched his wrinkled forehead, not knowing what to do.

Another wave of slapping sounds rang out, and everyone seemed to reflexively look toward Lin Yuelan. Again, she was clapping.

Then, she said, "Not bad. Elder San is indeed the head of the family. He is smart and cunning, instantly turning the unfavorable situation into a very favorable one for himself. But..." Lin Yuelan shifted tact and said, "have you forgotten that Uncle Lin Daniu personally admitted the truth just now?"

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Lin Yuelan sneered and said, "When you were brought here, you immediately shouted that you have nothing to do with Lin Mingqing's accident. None of us has even talked about that yet. So why would you be in such a hurry to defend yourself?

"Secondly, when we were questioning your father, you added that the accident had nothing to do with you too. Now, why would you say that unless you were involved? Why would you use the word too?

"We were only talking about your family in general, but each of you was so busy shirking responsibility. That shows your guilt. If you were really innocent, you wouldn't have spoken up on these two occasions. That was your guilt talking!"

Lin Yuelan reproached, her words sharp!

Lin Daniu and Lin Laosan's faces turned green and white.

They didn't expect that Lin Daniu's nervousness would cause them so much trouble.

When Lin Daniu came back to his senses, he immediately cursed at Lin Yuelan, "you damned girl, you jinx! You're a disaster! You motherfucker! You bring us tragedy all the time! Why didn't I kill you when I had the chance?"

Ever since this wretched girl said that she had visited the King of Hell, she had completely changed.

From a cowardly person who would not retaliate when scolded or hit, she had suddenly turned into someone who would not take anything lying down. They failed to get money from her when they demanded it. When he tried to steal it from her house, she made them spend a night on Mount Da Ao...

Even so, Lin Daniu's attitude towards Lin Yuelan had never changed. In his eyes, she had always been a bitch that he could beat, scold, and order around. He never believed that a bitch could do anything to him.

Lin Daniu's scolding became more intense. "You ungrateful bitch. If the Lin family didn't raise you up, you would be dead by now. Now, you're living under the same roof with so many men. You're young, but you're a lewd woman..."

Before Lin Daniu could finish cursing, his face received a heavy slap.

In an instant, Lin Daniu was knocked to the ground. A slap on his mouth made him spit out blood. In the pool of blood, there were four or five chips of teeth.

The slap was hard.

Even the villagers who were watching the show were shocked. Their focus was on Lin Daniu's assailant, Jiang Zhennan.

Wasn't this man the man who lived under the same roof as Lin Yuelan?

This person's aura was so strong!

After the slap, Jiang Zhennan shot a sharp look at Lin Daniu and warned him fiercely, "since your mouth is so dirty, I'll help you wash it with your own blood!"

Jiang Zhennan's slap stunned Lin Daniu and Li Cuihua's family. Even the crowd of onlookers was stunned for a while.

When Li Cuihua reacted, she immediately screamed, "Murder, murder! Everyone look! This outsider is trying to kill someone from our village. Just look at his fiendish appearance. You can tell he's not a good person. Today, he beat up my son Lin Daniu, and tomorrow, he might beat up all of you. Can we really allow such a dangerous person to stay in the village?"

Ever since Lin Yuelan had removed the centipede scar on Jiang Zhennan's face, he had become far less ferocious than before.

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His eyebrows were sharp and straight, and although his facial features were not perfect, they were just right when put together. He was handsome and tough, but with a hint of fierceness. He had an air of dignity and respect.

It could be said that ever since Jiang Zhennan had regained his looks, he had immediately attracted the innocent hearts of the unmarried women in the Lin family Village. Some of the bolder ones would create coincidences for them to meet, hoping that they would get Jiang Zhennan's favor.

In fact, whether it was Jiang Zhennan's figure or appearance, or his sharp aura, he attracted even the widow's heart.

Jiang Zhennan looked like a man full of strength. Plus, he was only in his twenties. He was perfect for widows who wanted to remarry.

Therefore, once Jiang Zhennan's scar was gone, he turned from a scary masked man to a popular man among women. From time to time, a handkerchief would fall in front of him, and some bolder women would deliberately fall down around him. Then, they would naturally fall into the arms of Jiang Zhennan, who was passing by.

However, Jiang Zhennan was cold and fierce. He didn't care for these acts. He didn't have the slightest bit of tenderness towards women. Therefore, these women got nothing from Jiang Zhennan.

Some took the hint, but others saw this as a challenge. After all, there were not many men who could resist the allure of a seductive woman. Even a married man sometimes fell for such seduction.

Jiang Zhennan had both looks and abilities. Any woman who married him would be happy.

Therefore, when Li Cuihua scolded Jiang Zhennan, some women immediately jumped to his rescue.

"I say, auntie, it was your family's Daniu who was being unreasonable and scolding Yuelan. Young Master Nan can't stand it, and it's reasonable for him to teach Daniu a lesson. After all, everyone knows that young master Nan and Yuelan are friends."

Surprisingly, it was Liu Liujiao who said this.

Liu Liujiao wasn't a widow, but deep down, she was a promiscuous woman. Her husband wasn't dead, and she had a child, so she didn't dare to seduce a man openly.

However, she wouldn't mind flirting with men. Her downfall was that Liu Liujiao had a big mouth. Whenever a man complained to her about his wife, she would immediately spread the word to the whole village. Therefore, not many men dared to talk to her for fear that it would cause a family conflict. So, any man with a family would stay away from Liu Liujiao.

With the enmity between Lin Yuelan and Liu Liujiao, the latter should hate Jiang Zhennan, but Jiang Zhennan's manly charm always managed to make Liu Liujiao's heart beat restlessly.

Therefore, when she heard Li Cuihua scolding Jiang Zhennan, she immediately came out to defend him.

However, what Liu Liujiao didn't notice was that when she was speaking up for Jiang Zhennan, Lin Yuelan looked at her and frowned slightly. Her brows then relaxed, but her eyes were staring at Jiang Zhennan with a subtle look.

When Jiang Zhennan received Lin Yuelan's gaze, he was immediately pleasantly surprised. 'Is Miss Yue 'Er worried about me?'

Clearly, that was not right.

"That's right, Daniu said so many things about Yuelan before so many people. He even called her a motherfucker, but whose fault was that? Daniu is Yuelan's uncle, and even if he's not, an elder shouldn't talk to his junior like this. Therefore, he deserves the slap." This was said by a single woman.

Even though Jiang Zhennan was an outsider, once he married a local, he would stay. He was a catch.

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So, when Li Cuihua suggested that they kick Jiang Zhennan out, they were not willing.

Of course, there were always supporters and detractors.

"No matter how wrong Daniu is, he shouldn't be taught a lesson by an outsider."

"This guy and his gang are clearly not good people. It's dangerous for people like them to stay in the village. If it were up to me, I would say that they shouldn't stay in the Lin family Village."

"Shush, do you want to die? If the jinx hears you, she might take revenge on you."

"What are you people talking about? If they are not good people, then are you? Last time, I saw the youngest man among them help carry the water for Grandma Lin. Have any of you helped Grandma Lin before?"

Grandma Lin was an old woman in the village. Her son and daughter-in-law had died in an accident, leaving only a three-year-old grandson. They were both incapable of doing the heavy work.

"Tsk, what's so great about that?"

"It's not great. But it says a lot about their character."

The more Lin Yuelan listened, the more speechless she got. 'How did we get so far off topic? Aren't we here to deal with Lin Mingqing's incident three years ago? Why are they talking about Jiang Zhennan instead?"

"Enough!" Lin Yiwei shouted angrily.

The entire place fell silent.

Lin Yiwei said sternly, "We'll discuss the issue of whether Young Master Nan and his men should stay in the village or not later. Now, I must first seek justice for my son!"

As he spoke, Lin Yiwei's sharp eyes looked at Lin Laosan. He suppressed his anger and said, "Lin Laosan, three years ago, the carriage had an accident and caused my son to be paralyzed in bed for three years. Your good son, Lin Daniu, has personally admitted to this. What else do you have to say?"

However, Lin Laosan would not give in so easily. He pretended to be calm and argued loudly, "You are clearly trying to force us to take this blame. Dream on!"

"You really are a bunch of rotten apples!" Lin Yiwei was furious and very disappointed with Lin Laosan! "Changxing's wife, tell me what you heard and saw at that time. Tell me everything in detail! I'm sure the people will know whether you're telling the truth or not!"

Zhou Xiaoliu stood up, nodded, and said, "three years ago, I had only been married to Changxing for three to four months. I was unable to get pregnant, and the villagers were talking behind my back. I was very angry. On the afternoon of the 18th of June, I heard another gossip, and I quarreled with

Changxing. In a fit of anger, I went to the back of the village and hid in the haystack beside the big stone bridge to cry.

"I didn't know how long I cried, but I was tired and unknowingly fell asleep behind the haystack. When I woke up, the moon was already high in the sky. I believed it was around 11 pm. When I saw how late it was, I immediately wanted to hurry home.

"At that moment, I heard two men's voices coming from the front of the haystack. I was so scared that I immediately crawled back and covered my mouth, not daring to make any sound. It was at this moment that I heard their voices. 'Er Niu, it's already so late. Why did you sneakily drag me out? What is it that we have to do in the back of the village? I still want to sleep.' Lin Daniu said impatiently.

"Lin Erniu said, 'Brother, Lin Mingqing and Lin Yiwei are busybodies and saved that jinx. Are we going to let them go just like that? As long as that jinx is still alive, our family will always be cursed. Dazong will never pass the exam and be a scholar. Do you want that?'

"Lin Daniu shouted angrily, "Damn you! Dazing will definitely be able to pass the Imperial examinations and become a high-ranking official. No one will be able to stop me from becoming the father of a high-ranking official!'

"Lin Erniu said, 'But hasn't Dazong failed once already? Now everyone is saying that he was cursed by the jinx. We had the chance to kill the jinx, but she was saved by that pair of nosy father and son.'

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"Lin Erniu continued, 'You must know that as long as that girl is still alive, Dazong will be cursed and continue to fail.'

"Lin Daniu said, 'but what can we do now? They've already saved that girl. It's impossible to kill her now.'

"'No, big brother, there's still a possibility!' Lin Erniu replied.

"Lin Daniu was shocked and asked, 'what do you mean?'

"Lin Erniu looked around at the pitch-black surroundings and said mysteriously, 'Didn't Lin Yiwei and his son want to save that girl? As long as something happens to either of them, we can push the blame on that wretched girl and say that she jinxed them. Then, be it Lin Yiwei or Lin Ming Qing, they will definitely hate that girl. By then, we don't even have to do anything, and they will kill that girl.'

"When Lin Daniu heard this, he shook his head in fear. 'No, no, I can't do this! If the authorities investigate this, we'll have to go to jail.' He was a little smart, but he was not impulsive to commit a serious crime like murder.

"However, Lin Erniu continued to persuade him, 'no, big brother. I don't mean we should take their lives. I just want to teach them a little lesson. As long as we do it properly, no one will suspect us.

'For one, we can teach the nosy father and son a lesson. For two, we can use their hands to kill that girl. It's killing two birds with one stone, brother!'

"Hearing this, Lin Daniu fell silent for a moment. Then, he said, 'second brother, how do you plan to do this?'

"Lin Erniu's face lit up with joy. Then, he said, 'big brother, isn't Lin Mingqing going to the Imperial Academy tomorrow? As long as we do something to his horse or the route he'll take, he'll naturally get into an accident.'

"However, Lin Daniu frowned and asked worriedly, 'second brother, will this really not kill anyone?' It would be fine if the person were only injured, but if someone died and someone found any clues, he would have to pay with his life. He did not want to take such a risk.

"Lin Erniu mumbled, 'big brother, don't worry. I'm just teaching Lin Mingqing a lesson. He definitely won't die. Actually, the most important thing is...' Lin Erniu lowered his voice slightly, 'if Lin Mingqing falls from the carriage, breaks a leg, or disfigures his face, then his status as a scholar will also be removed. At that time, in the entire Lin family Village, Dazong will be the only scholar. Big Brother, don't you want that?

'You also know that the teachers have praised Dazong a lot for his talents. He will make us proud. However, there is already a scholar in the village. He'll always be in Dazong's way. Big brother, will you accept that?'

"Of course, Lin Daniu would not. Lin Daniu thought about how his youngest son would become the most successful person in the surrounding villages. He would then face everyone's envious gazes because he was the scholar's father.

"As that image appeared in his mind, Lin Daniu threw all his worries to the back of his mind. He immediately asked excitedly, 'second brother, what shall we do?'

"Lin Erniu said, "We have to drug Lin Yi's horse before dawn. Then, we have to dig a hole on the road to the town. When the horse goes crazy and there's a hole in the road, I believe his carriage will flip over. Then, Lin Mingqing will get in an accident.'

"After that, they assigned their jobs and went their separate ways.

"Not long after they left, I was so scared that I immediately ran home. The next day, I heard that Lin Mingqing had gotten into a car accident. He broke her waist and legs. I was very scared.

"However, after the incident, the village chief did investigate this matter but..."

"The itch, ou ao i is lay (The bitch, Zhou Xiaoliu) is lying!" Lin Daniu was lying on the ground, his face red and swollen like a pig's head. Despite his broken teeth, he was still cursing Zhou Xiaoliu.

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Lin Laosan also angrily scolded Zhou Xiaoliu, "Changxing's wife, in order to take revenge on my fourth daughter-in-law, you fabricated this evidence. How can you be so cruel? Isn't your heart too vicious?" He still wanted to discredit Zhou Xiaoliu.

"Shut up!" Lin Yiwei was very angry and shouted at them. Then, he turned to Zhou Xiaoliu, "Changxing's wife, please continue."

Zhou Xiaoliu looked at Lin Laosan's sinister eyes and was so scared that she quickly turned away. Then, she continued, "I just married over at the time. I was too nervous and scared, and I was worried about revenge. Even when I knew the chief was looking for clues, I kept mum.

"Then the rumors came that Lin Mingqing was injured because they had saved Lin Yuelan. She was a jinx." Zhou Xiaoliu's expression was filled with guilt and regret.

"I originally thought that the chief's family would really do as the brothers said and push the blame on Lin Yuelan. They would kill her. I was really scared and afraid. Even though the girl was a jinx, she was still a human life. If she died because of this, I would feel uneasy.

"So, there were a few times when I loitered in front of the chief's door. There was even one time when I knocked on the door, but because I was too scared and worried, I ran away."

"I remember," Lin Mingliang's wife shouted, "I heard a knock on the door once. I went to open the door and saw you running away. I called you from behind, but you ran faster and faster. Were you talking about that?"

Zhou Xiaoliu nodded. "Yes. I mustered up a lot of courage to knock on the door, but in the end, I still ran away out of fear."

"What happened after that?" Lin Mingliang's wife asked anxiously, "why don't you tell people about this? Don't you know you're harboring criminals?"

When Zhou Xiaoliu heard this, she cried and nodded. "I know, of course, I know. But I was too scared. What could I do? I was new to the village and everyone gossiped about me. What if the culprits took revenge on me? What should I do?"

"So, you've been keeping this a secret all this time?!" Lin Mingliang's wife shouted angrily, "If my father-in-law really did as they hoped and blamed Lan 'Er, then you would be an accomplice to murderers."

Zhou Xiaoliu pursed her lips tightly, lowered her head, and cried in a low voice. Back then, she couldn't even protect herself, so how could she help Lin Yuelan?

The entire courtyard was filled with a depressing and heart-wrenching atmosphere.

People understood Zhou Xiaoliu's difficulty.

"What happened after that?" Lin Yuelan suddenly asked.

"Later on, the chief's family treated it as a real accident and left the investigation hanging. I also treated it as an accident!"

Lin Yuelan asked coldly, "But you know that the person behind the accident is really Lin Daniu and Lin Erniu?"

Zhou Xiaoliu nodded, "yes."

"There was no one else involved?" Lin Yuelan asked again.

Zhou Xiaoliu shook her head again and said, "Yes. Their voices were the ones I could hear."

Lin Yuelan immediately ordered Jiang Zhennan, "Go and bring Lin Erniu here!"

His sharp tone sounded like an order.

Some of the villagers were bewildered. Could it be that these men had sold themselves to Lin Yuelan?

If that were the case, no matter how good Nan Zhenjiang's conditions were, they would not dare to marry him. Because if they did, they would become slaves like him too. Their children would have to serve their master, which was Lin Yuelan. They would have no freedom.

In an instant, the way these people looked at Jiang Zhennan became a little strange.

However, Jiang Zhennan did not have the energy to pay attention to them. He was very obedient to Lin Yuelan's orders. He immediately walked out of the door to find Lin Erniu.

"Wait, young master Nan, I'll go with you." Lin Mingliang shouted from behind.

Lin Yuelan did not ask Zhou Xiaoliu any more questions. Instead, she turned to Lin Laosan and said coldly, "Lin Daniu and Lin Erniu are the culprits. Lin Laosan, why are you here instead of Lin Erniu? Doesn't Lin Erniu know that he has committed a crime? Why did he push you out to take the fall?"

When Lin Laosan heard this, his face became even more gloomy and angry. He shouted sternly, "Damn girl, don't try to sow discord here. Don't think that I will be fooled by you! Hmph..."

In reality, he was extremely angry with his second son. He felt that he had been deceived by Lin Erniu.

However, at this moment, he had to deal with these people first, then he would settle the score with his second son.

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"Zhou Xiaoliu obviously made up lies to frame my family in order to take revenge on my fourth sister-inlaw. Zhou Xiaoliu, you vicious woman. No wonder Changxing doesn't like you and likes my fourth sisterin-law instead." Lin Daniu was furious. Since Lin Laosan pushed all the blame on Zhou Xiaoliu, then he did the same.

However, Lin Daniu exposed the dirty things Lin Changxin had supposedly done. It was not the appropriate thing to do.

Furthermore, he was really not the one to say things like that, considering he had hooked up with his fourth sister-in-law and committed adultery. But now, he was saying the same fourth sister-in-law had committed adultery with Lin Changxing.

Lin Laosan's family had a promiscuous daughter-in-law and the eldest son who couldn't keep his thing in his pants. In fact, his eldest son had an affair with his fourth sister-in-law. That was an open secret. As the fourth brother, Lin Siniu could only endure this humiliation and continue to live as if nothing had happened. As the head of the family, Lin Laosan had allowed this to happen. This family was really outrageous. They were the biggest joke in the Lin family Village.

Long Yan Kingdom's law on women was not too strict. If a husband and wife did not get along well, they could get a divorce, and either party could ask for it. However, in general, the status of women was still relatively low. Wives rarely divorced their husbands, and even if they did, they would still be ostracized by society.

In a way, women in the countryside had a slightly better status in marriage than those rich women.

This was because people in the countryside were relatively poor. A poor man would have a hard time finding a wife. Therefore, after he married, he would treat and love her carefully.

People like Liu Juhua, Liu Liujiao, and Gu Sanniang could go around having affairs and were tolerated by their families because they knew their husbands' families wouldn't dare to divorce them. The villagers also turned a blind eye to this.

However, Lin Daniu had exposed his own family's scandal. This also involved the village's morals and practices.

"Hmph, what a shameless bastard! How can a woman be so lecherous?" Since this matter had been made public, Lin An, as the Lin family Village's elder, would not allow such an immoral behavior to taint the entire Lin family Village. "Go and get Lin Siniu's wife!" A few women immediately went to look for Lin Siniu's wife, Liu Juhua.

However, at this moment, the most important thing was to find out the truth about Lin Mingqing's accident.

Lin An looked at the panicking Lin Daniu and said sternly, "Hmph, Lin Laosan, Lin Daniu, you drugged Lin Mingqing's horse three years ago and dug a hole on the way to town. There is a witness. What do you have to say?"

Lin Laosan's face paled when he heard that. He said loudly, "uncle An, are you sure that I'm involved in this matter just because of this selfish woman's one-sided statement? I'm not convinced!"

"Lin Sandou, your son has admitted it, and there's a witness! How can you still not admit it? Do you really think we can't do anything to you?" Lin An was so furious that he was stomping.

There was no concrete evidence, and Lin Laosan had discredited the sole witness.

Lin Laosan's face darkened as he straightened his neck and said, "I've already said that unless you can produce concrete evidence, you won't get any confession from me."

Another round of clapping rang out, and everyone reflexively looked at the person clapping.

Lin Yuelan's cold voice rang out, "I expect nothing less from Lin Laosan and Lin Daniu. Since that's the case, let's wait for Lin Erniu to arrive. How about that?"

The crowd didn't know what Lin Yuelan was up to. They were all dumbfounded and confused.

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Lin Laosan's heart skipped a beat. He panicked and felt uneasy. He had a faint feeling that this girl had laid a trap.

Lin Laosan jumped up and shouted at Lin Yuelan, "Lin Yuelan, what are you up to?"

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Laosan with a faint smile and said sarcastically, "What do you think a child like me can do?"

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"Let go of me. Why are you grabbing me?"

A moment later, Jiang Zhennan came over with Lin Erniu in his hands. His limbs were flailing around in Jiang Zhennan's hands, and he was shouting non-stop.

Lin Mingliang, who was following behind, was full of admiration for Jiang Zhennan.

Even though Lin Daniu and Lin Erniu weren't tall, they were still men. Their bodies were at least 140 to 130 pounds. However, Jiang Zhennan carried them around with one hand. Furthermore, the heavy object was flapping non-stop. But it posed no problem to Jiang Zhennan. He was really powerful!

Lin Mingliang, who was following behind, exclaimed in admiration!

As soon as Jiang Zhennan arrived at the courtyard, he threw Lin Erniu onto the ground and stood beside Lin Yuelan like a bodyguard to ensure her safety.

Lin Erniu landed with a plop. His mouth was full of sand, and he looked extremely miserable.

Lin Yuelan silently gave Jiang Zhennan a look.

Jiang Zhennan received the look. A few soybeans immediately appeared in his palm under his sleeve. Without a sound, he shot them towards Lin Laosan, Lin Daniu, Li Cuihua, and Lin Daniu's wife, Li Hehua.

Lin Yuelan stood up and glanced at all the villagers from outside to inside the courtyard with her sharp eyes. Then, she said in a cold and sharp voice, "Watch and listen quietly. If anyone makes a noise and disturbs my interrogation, don't blame me for being impolite! After all, my little white hasn't had a playmate for a long time."

This was an obvious warning and a naked threat.

Other than Lin Yuelan, who would dare to be Little White's playmate?

Although they didn't know what Lin Yuelan was going to do, no one dared to go against her. Therefore, they all held their breath, closed their mouths, and pricked up their ears, acting as qualified bystanders.

Lin Erniu got up from the ground in a flustered and exasperated manner. Then, he spat out the mud in his mouth. He wiped his mouth roughly and said to Jiang Zhennan in a hateful tone, "Nan Zhennan, you bastard! How dare you treat me like this? Do you want to be driven out of the Lin Family Village?"

After scolding Jiang Zhennan, Lin Erniu took a closer look at the situation. When he saw where they were, he was a little surprised. However, when he saw that the courtyard was full of people, his heart

jumped in shock. The shock was deeper when he saw Lin Laosan's face, which was dark as a storm, and his big brother's face, which was swollen.

He didn't know what had happened, but he had a bad feeling.

Puzzled, Lin Erniu asked Lin Laosan, "father, what's happening?"

Without waiting for Lin Laosan's reply, Lin Yuelan shot a sharp look at Lin Erniu and scolded him sternly, "Hmph! Lin Erniu, you still have the cheek to ask your father what happened? Your family is really despicable and shameless. The few adults worked together to frame a child like me."

Lin Yuelan's words left the onlookers dumbfounded.

What was this girl doing? What was she talking about?

Lin Laosan never admitted to anything.

Lin Erniu was confused. However, he knew that something bad must have happened. He could never admit to whatever Lin Yuelan said he did.

He turned to Lin Yuelan and said angrily, "wretched girl, don't you slander us. What do you mean by we tried to frame you? Don't you spout nonsense here."

Lin Yuelan sneered, "Am I spouting nonsense? Three years ago, the night before uncle Mingqing rushed back to the Academy, wasn't it you and your elder brother who plotted to harm him? You drugged uncle Mingqing's horse and then dug a big hole on the road. Your purpose was to cause an accident and harm uncle Mingqing and then push all the blame to me for being the jinx, right?" Lin Yuelan's last sentence was a loud and stern reprimand.