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Chapter 371: The Punishment for Lin Laosan's Family

Lin Laosan's pupils shrank when he heard Zhou Guixiang's words. Then, he asked sternly, "Erniu's wife, what do you mean by this?"

She was very good. She meant that Erniu's youth shouldn't be wasted in prison. On the other hand, Lin Laosan was old and didn't have many years to live. He couldn't work as well as Erniu, so he should sacrifice himself.

However, everyone knew that Lin Laosan wouldn't go to prison. He was the head of the family!

Lin Laosan was the reason that the family was still together. If something happened to him, the family would likely suffer all kinds of disputes, and their family would be broken up. Lin Laosan was the backbone of the family. Without him, their family would be completely broken.

In the future, their family would be the target of bullying.

Therefore, Lin Laosan couldn't go to prison.

Therefore, the best candidate was Lin Erniu.

However, would Lin Erniu and his wife accept this? Of course not.

If Lin Erniu were gone, his family would be bullied by their eldest brother and youngest brother's families. For their three daughters, Zhou Guixiang had to save her husband.

Lin Laosan's questioning made Zhou Guixiang's face turn even paler. Her expression and eyes were filled with panic and helplessness. However, for the sake of their future, she had to do something.

Zhou Guixiang raised her head. Her face was pale, but her eyes were filled with determination as she looked at Lin Laosan's sharp eyes. She endured the pressure and gritted her teeth. "Father, Erniu is still young. He can work hard and earn money to support the family. He shouldn't go to jail." In other words, Lin Laosan was old and should go to jail.

Lin Yuelan was enjoying the show from the side.

She knew that Lin Laosan's family was selfish and heartless, so none of them wanted to be sent to prison. Therefore, they would turn on each other instantly.

Lin Daniu pointed his finger at Lin Erniu without any hesitation. Lin Erniu wanted his father and brother to take the fall.

However, how would Lin Laosan, who was the most selfish, be willing to accept this punishment?

At the end of the day, Lin Laosan had to rely on Lin Dazong to bring glory to the family. He had to rely on Lin Daniu's to earn face and glory in the village so that he could trample the villagers under his feet and hold his head high. Therefore, Lin Daniu couldn't be sent to jail. Otherwise, his record would affect Lin Dazong from becoming a scholar.

Therefore, the only person who could be sacrificed was Lin Erniu.

However, Zhou Guixiang was basically saying, 'You're old, so you should go to prison.'

How could Lin Laosan not be angry?

Lin Yuelan gave Jiang Zhennan another look, and then the soybean in Jiang Zhennan's hand was shot at Li Cuihua.

Jiang Zhennan had sealed up Li Cuihua's speech and movement by hitting her acupuncture points. Now, he was undoing them.

All of a sudden, Li Cuihua felt that she could move and speak again.

Immediately, she pounced on Zhou Guixiang and gave her two loud slaps. She scolded loudly, "you jinx. Your parents are always nice to you, but at this critical moment, you want to sacrifice your father-in-law!"

After Zhou Guixiang was hit, both of her cheeks immediately became red and swollen. At this moment, she could not care about filial piety and etiquette. She shouted angrily at her mother-in-law, "But you are going to sacrifice your son. How are you better than me?"

The two bags of bones were already so old. They should rot in prison.

Li Cuihua was furious hearing Zhou Guixiang. She grabbed Zhou Guixiang's head. She smacked her two more times.

She said angrily, "no matter how old your father-in-law is, he's still your father. His words are the law. How dare you oppose him? You're a jinx, you unfilial woman. My Lin family will divorce a cheap woman like you!"

This had become the battlefield for Lin Laosan's family.

Lin Yiwei frowned deeply as he watched and shouted, "Stop!"

As the chief, Lin Yiwei still had his dignity.

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No matter how ruthless and unreasonable Li Cuihua was, no matter how crazy Lin Laosan's family was, they still had to show some respect to their village chief.

After all, their family was living in the Lin family Village.

Li Cuihua's aura immediately weakened. She looked at Zhou Guixiang and said fiercely, "I'll deal with you later!"

Lin Yiwei said to them sternly, "Go and discuss among yourselves who will bear this responsibility. I will take that person away in three days! Stop quarreling here. It's embarrassing." Lin Yiwei changed the topic. "Now that this is over, we'll have to discuss something else. It's about Lin Laosan's family too. This

concerns the morality of the entire village, so we can't let it go." Then, he shouted to the door, "bring the woman in!"

As the villagers made way for them, four women escorted a woman in. This woman was someone everyone was familiar with. She was Lin Siniu's wife, Liu Juhua!

"Let me go. Why are you holding me down!" Liu Juhua kept shouting and scolding, "you yellow-faced women, no wonder your men don't like you. You're old, ugly, and fierce..."

"Shut up!" A chubby woman scolded her sternly, "let me tell you. The more you resist now, the bigger your punishment."

However, Liu Juhua never stopped screaming.

It was not until she was escorted to the entrance of the chief's courtyard that she panicked and wanted to escape. However, she was surrounded by several strong women and could not escape at all.

Once Liu Juhua entered the courtyard, she continued to shout, "where's the justice in this world? I'm kidnapped in broad daylight. Help! Help! Hubby, save me!"

However, what made people speechless was that after Liu Juhua was taken into the courtyard, her voice immediately changed from a stern and shrill banshee to a coy and weak woman. She occasionally winked at some men.

What a shameless and promiscuous woman!

Lin Siniu came over aggressively and questioned the village chief loudly, "Lin Yiwei, why did you capture my wife?"

Lin Yiwei was very dissatisfied with Lin Siniu's attitude. He shouted, "Lin Siniu, where are your manners?"

"You captured my wife for no reason, so why should I be respectful to you?" Lin Siniu roared in anger.

Lin Yuelan had already watched the scene of the three criminals biting each other. She was not that interested in this lecherous woman's punishment. That was because she could already predict the outcome. They wouldn't drown Liu Juhua. They would most likely force Lin Siniu to divorce him.

But this was good too.

It was certain that Lin Erniu would be imprisoned and Lin Siniu would have a divorce.

So what would happen to Zhou Guixiang and Liu Juhua after they had lost their husbands? Lin Yuelan was quite excited. However, she was very busy at the moment, and she didn't feel like staying anymore. She walked to Lin Yiwei and said, "Grandpa Village Chief, I have something else to do, so I'll be leaving first!"

Lin Yiwei nodded. "Okay!"

Lin Yuelan nodded to Lin Mingqing. The crowd parted for her.

After she came out, she looked at the hot sun and let out a deep breath. Then, she smiled and said, “the weather is so good today!”

The big issues on her mind had been resolved. One was to cure Lin Mingqing, and the other was to avenge Lin Mingqing and also to prove her innocence.

However, she also knew that this would solidify her reputation as the jinx. After all, Lin Laosan’s family would be in shambles. People were sent to prison, and people had to get a divorce. These proved that she was indeed a jinx. Even if she had severed her connection with Lin Laosan’s family, she would always be connected to them by blood.

Lin Yuelan wasn’t just guessing this. She was just too familiar with human nature. However, her jinx reputation wouldn’t affect her at all. Those who wanted to believe it would find other reasoning to say that she was the jinx.

Lin Yuelan had always believed in fate. If it was meant to be, then she would accept it.

All she ever wanted was peace.

Lin Yuelan giggled and said, “masked uncle, after today, I’m afraid my jinx reputation will be even more resounding!”

Jiang Zhennan looked at the bright smile on Lin Yuelan’s face and listened to the “bitter” words coming out of her mouth. Jiang Zhennan blurted out, “don’t be afraid, I will protect you always!”

As soon as he finished speaking, the two of them were a little stunned.

Jiang Zhennan was just following the voice in his heart. When he said it, he was only stunned for a moment, and the corners of his mouth immediately curved up.

She really needed protection, didn’t she?

Since she needed protection, why not let him protect her?

He should be the one protecting her. After all, she was his savior, his friend, and his...

Lin Yuelan was even more stunned.

There was nothing in her mind except for one sentence, which kept flashing in her mind. ‘This is the second time he has said something like this. Does he really not have any ulterior motives...’

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Three days later.

The person Lin Yiwei had taken away was Lin Erniu.

No matter how much Zhou Guixiang knelt and begged, it was to no avail. Lin Laosan and his wife pushed Lin Erniu out to take the blame.

In their despair, the couple wanted to escape from the Lin family Village, but as soon as they packed up their bags, they were blocked at the door.

Lin Siniu had divorced his wife.

He didn't want to divorce his wife, but he had to.

If he didn't divorce his wife, then according to the village rules, Liu Juhua would be drowned. In the end, it was Liu Juhua who begged Lin Siniu to divorce her.

However, Liu Juhua was a ruthless person. Before she left Lin Laosan's house, he had secretly stolen all the money that she could find. She did not even leave a single copper coin for Lin Siniu.

Just as Lin Yuelan had expected, her reputation as a jinx had become more prominent!

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In these three days, something happened to Lin Laosan's family that made the villagers laugh at them. The laugh was filled with contempt, disdain, sympathy, pity, and all kinds of emotions.

What had happened?

This also had to do with Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua's extreme favoritism. Lin Yiwei gave them three days to discuss who among them would take responsibility.

At Lin Yiwei's courtyard, Lin Laosan and his wife had chosen to protect Lin Daniu and give up on Lin Erniu. They wanted Lin Erniu to admit to all his responsibilities and enter the prison in place of his father and brother.

However, once they got home, Zhou Guixiang and Lin Erniu immediately started arguing with Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua. However, when the idiot Lin Sanniu tried to keep the peace, Zhou Guixiang and Lin Erniu's eyes lit up, as they immediately had an idea.

After that, Zhou Guixiang stopped quarreling with Lin Laosan and his wife. Instead, she coaxed them to let Lin Sanniu take the blame for them.

Lin Laosan and his wife's eyes lit up when they heard this suggestion.

In any case, apart from working, their third son was stupid and dumb. If it were not for Lin Sanniu's obedience to them, they would not have kept him around.

In comparison, Lin Erniu was much more likable to them because he was smarter and knew how to please the two elders.

If they were not forced to, they would not be willing to sacrifice Erniu. Therefore, it was not a bad idea to have Sanniu replace Erniu to go to prison.

Without discussing it with Lin Sanniu, Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua ordered him directly, "Sanniu, tomorrow you will go to the village chief in Erniu's place and tell him that you are willing to go to prison in our place. Don't worry. we'll take good care of your wife and children."

Lin Sanniu's usually honest and good-natured face froze, and his eyes dimmed. Then, he obediently replied, "okay!"

Then, he turned around and left the Lin family's house, heading straight for the village chief's house.

After Lin Yiwei found out about Lin Laosan's plan, he was so angry that his face turned green. He couldn't understand what Lin Laosan and his wife were thinking. They were all their sons, so how could they be so heartless to Lin Sanniu.

Plus, who would believe the promise that they would take good care of Lin Sanniu's family? Even when Lin Sanniu was around, they worked his family to death. For no reason, Lin Laosan's family would beat Lin Sanniu's family. Lin Laosan's family treated Lin Sanniu's family like animals.

After Lin Sanniu went to prison for them, perhaps at first, they would feel guilty and treat Lin Sanniu's wife and children a little better. However, it would not be long before their family returned to their old ways and exploited Lin Sanniu's family again. They might even go from bad to worse.

Therefore, only Lin Sanniu, a foolish and filial person, would believe those words.

However, anyone with eyes could see that Lin Sanniu never cared about his wife and children. He only cared about his parents' opinions.

Therefore, when Lin Laosan told him to take the blame, he obliged.

"No!" Lin Yiwei immediately rejected Lin Sanniu. He then turned to Lin Sanniu and said angrily, "go and tell Lin Laosan that we're already very kind to them. We're only sending one of them to jail, and that one can only be chosen from the three of them! They cannot push any innocent people to take their place!"

Lin Yiwei was furious at Lin Sanniu. 'Is this Lin Sanniu an idiot? His parents want him to die, so he would die for them. He doesn't even consider his wife and children. What will they do without him?

'Plus, Lan 'Er is such a good girl. Just because of a sentence from his biological father, he wanted to kill her. How can a person be so filial and stupid?'

If Lin Sanniu was not Lan 'Er's father, Lin Yiwei really wanted to send Lin Sanniu to prison to wake him up.

Since the plan did not work, Lin Laosan and his wife had no choice but to push Lin Erniu out.

However, after that, Lin Sanniu's family life became even worse.

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The news of Lin Laosan pushing out his innocent third son to take the place of the three of them to prison spread throughout the entire Lin family Village.

Of course, Lin Yuelan had also heard the rumors.

Lin Yuelan didn't have any reaction. Her host's father was like a stranger to her.

She wouldn't do anything to Lin Sanniu's family. Similarly, Lin Sanniu's family wouldn't be able to gain any advantage from her.

Lin Yuelan no longer cared about what would happen to Lin Laosan's family.

“Liefeng, come. I’ll give you a new color, and we can go out!” At this moment, on the peak of Mount Da Ao, Lin Yuelan was holding something that looked like a brush. She was coaxing Liefeng to change its reddish-brown, shiny fur.

Liefeng looked at Lin Yuelan, who was carrying a small bucket. The bucket was filled with something black, and Liefeng felt like crying. Its fur was very beautiful. Why would it have to change?

The little devil told it that if it didn’t change its color, its master would be in danger. But Liefeng didn’t want to be black.

This was too unsightly.

Liefeng turned its head, not willing to cooperate. If it had to change its color, it wanted it to be a handsome and beautiful color. It liked Little White’s white color. Why must it be black?

Seeing Liefeng’s unwillingness to cooperate, Lin Yuelan immediately put down the small bucket and crossed her hands in front of her chest. She smiled but said with a strong threat, “Oh, Liefeng doesn’t like black. Alright, I have orange, yellow, green, cyan, blue, and purple. You can choose the one you like.”

Liefeng was immediately happy to hear this. It chose the most beautiful color, bright blue!

Because the sky was blue. Running under the blue sky with blue fur would be so handsome and majestic, and would definitely charm all the female horses.

Liefeng stretched out its hoof to reach toward the blue bucket..

“Oh, right. None of these colors is present among your own kind. So if you pick these colors, you will be isolated from your kin. Instead, they will see you as a monster, an alien. Alright, pick your color!”

‘This devil only knows how to bully a horse!’ Liefeng’s eyes were full of resentment. It didn’t dare to refuse. It stomped towards the bucket with the black paint.

Lin Yuelan was very satisfied with Liefeng’s choice. She patted Liefeng’s head. “Good choice!”

‘There wasn’t even a choice!’

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When Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing, and the others saw the horse that appeared behind Lin Yuelan, they were all dumbfounded.

When Lin Yuelan approached, Guo Bing immediately went up and asked in surprise, “Miss Lin, what horse is this?”

It had black and white stripes, but it still looked like a horse. They hadn’t seen anything like this before. Lin Yuelan had turned Liefeng into a zebra, but not fully. Liefeng’s head was white, its body had white and black fur, and its legs were black. It was confusing.

Liefeng’s usual handsome and majestic appearance was completely gone.

This was Lin Yuelan’s prank on Liefeng.

Liefeng denied the paintjob at first. So in order to teach Liefeng a little lesson, she made Liefeng look like this. Even if Liefeng resisted, there was nothing it could do.

Lin Yuelan raised her eyebrows, looked at Guo Bing, and then at Liefeng, whose eyes were wide open and full of resentment.

'Good, Guo Bing. I thought we were brothers. Can't you even recognize me after I change my color? Would a good brother not recognize you just because you changed your clothes?'

Lin Yuelan smiled at Guo Bing and blinked her big clear eyes. She said mysteriously, "take a guess!"

However, before Guo Bing could guess, Jiang Zhennan strode towards the zebra with big steps. He looked a little excited as he shouted, "Liefeng!"

As soon as Liefeng heard its master's call, it was immediately moved to tears, and the little resentment it had for Guo Bing was immediately thrown to the back of its mind.

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Thankfully, its owner could still recognize it at a glance.

Liefeng immediately let go of his hooves and took a few steps forward. It lowered its head, stuck out its tongue, and licked Jiang Zhennan's palm.

'Yes, master, I am Liefeng. I didn't expect you to recognize me even after I've changed into this! I'm so touched!'

Jiang Zhennan looked at Liefeng's appearance and then looked at the aggrieved look in Liefeng's big round eyes, and the corner of his mouth could not help but twitch. 'It had only been a few days, but Liefeng seemed to have gotten a lot stronger, but this fur...'

He had a good idea who was behind this.

When Jiang Zhennan called the black, and white horse Liefeng, Guo Bing, and the other three were so shocked that their jaws almost fell off.

This was Liefeng?

Was this really Liefeng?

Looking at how intimate the horse was with their boss, there was no doubt that it was Liefeng!

But where did Liefeng go these days? How did it end up like this?

In the past, it was so handsome, confident, and majestic. As long as it raised its head, it would be the king of its kind.

But now...

Pfft...

He was quite cute.

“Haha...” A few of them burst out laughing. They pointed at Liefeng and asked, “Brother Liefeng, how did you become like this? Haha...”

After being laughed at loudly by its friends, Liefeng’s resentment rose again. Its big round eyes immediately burst out with a cold and sharp light. ‘Hmph! How dare you laugh at me? I’ll teach you a lesson.’ It turned away from Jiang Zhennan and walked to Guo Bing. Then...

“Liefeng, don’t be like this. Why do you always bully me?” Guo Bing was lying on the ground. He had been knocked down by Liefeng’s hoof. “I’m the one who’s the best to you.” Guo Bing complained.

Liefeng snorted at Guo Bing, who was still lying on the ground. ‘Hmph. But you also laughed the loudest.’

Guo Bing felt so wrong. He just couldn’t control his laughter. Liefeng actually took revenge on him so quickly.

“Haha...”

The crowd looked at the annoyed Liefeng and the “innocent” Guo Bing and burst into laughter.

Liefeng was getting more and more adorable.

Guo Bing got up under the ridicule of his friends, patted his clothes, and then grinned at Liefeng and said, “Liefeng, you’re so cute like this, even cuter than little white!”

As Liefeng raised its hoof, Guo Bing immediately ran away.

Of course, Liefeng would not let him escape. It chased after Guo Bing.

Instantly, waves of laughter could be heard in the small courtyard.

Jiang Zhennan walked toward Lin Yuelan and said, “Miss Yue ‘Er, thank you!”

Of course, he knew the reason why Lin Yuelan had changed Liefeng’s appearance. It was because Liefeng was closely associated with Jiang Zhennan. Liefeng was very unique and could be recognized at a glance.

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, “isn’t Liefeng quite cute like this?”

Jiang Zhennan looked at the group of people who were laughing and playing in the courtyard. The corners of his mouth curled up, and he replied, “yes!”

Before, Liefeng was just like its master, tall and strong, but its personality was also dull and fierce, like a lonely King.

Now, with its color change, Liefeng had become more approachable.

But what Jiang Zhennan did not understand was where did Miss Yue ‘Er bring Liefeng back from?

Liefeng’s muscles were a lot more toned than before. Based on what Miss Yue ‘Er said, Liefeng had followed little white to train in the depths of the mountain. However, they had only encountered Little White several times in the mountain but never Liefeng.

Jiang Zhennan had some doubts but he didn't question Lin Yuelan.

Liefeng's return in such a cute appearance made everyone happy for a while.

However, what made them even happier was what came after.

A group of people surrounded the stone table and looked at the wine jar in the middle. The wine jar had not been opened.

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Looking at the wine jar, everyone swallowed their saliva. Then, they nudged the person next to them and asked curiously and excitedly, "do you think this is really the wine?"

"Yes!" Although the jar of wine had not been opened, Doctor Zhang could smell the fragrance of the wine coming from within.

He also swallowed his saliva and said to Lin Yuelan anxiously, "girl, hurry up and open the seal. I can smell the wine."

Guo Bing also said impatiently, "Miss Lin, quick, let us have a taste. Is this grape wine really as good as the one from the Western regions?"

"Brother Guo, the wine brewed by miss Lin will definitely be better than the wine from the Western Region!" Little twelve said immediately. "Miss Lin, hurry up and open the seal. We want to have a taste!"

Lin Yuelan didn't seem to be in a hurry at all. She slowly placed a small white porcelain cup in front of each of them. Since there were no flutes or wine glasses, she could only use small white porcelain cups.

Then, she gently and slowly tore open the seal. The rest was anxious.

The moment the seal was lifted, the fragrance of the wine immediately filled the entire courtyard.

"It smells so good!"

"It's really fragrant!"

The sounds of praise came one after another. Even little white and Liefeng, who were having fun in the corner, seemed to wrinkle their noses and turn their heads to look over.

If someone were to see these two now, they would definitely exclaim, "so cute." The two little animals looked at each other and stopped playing. They walked over as if they too wanted to try the wine.

Lin Yuelan took the wine jar and poured the first cup for Doctor Zhang to taste.

When the wine was poured out, it surprised them again. The wine was red and looked beautiful.

"This color is much more beautiful than the wine from the Western Region," Guo Bing exclaimed. "And the smell is much more fragrant than the wine from the Western Region." He and Jiang Zhennan had both seen and drunk the wine offered by the Western regions.

Although the Emperor had only rewarded them with a small cup, it was enough to make them reminisce for a long time. Those occasions were rare, so of course, they remembered the smell.

However, those wines were nothing compared to the wine Lin Yuelan brewed.

Under everyone's envious gazes, Doctor Zhang held the small porcelain cup and took a sip. Then, under everyone's curious, eager, and excited gazes, he said, "not bad. The aroma is rich and has a fruity fragrance. It's lingering at the tip of my nose, and the taste is very pure. There's a hint of sourness in the sweet taste. It excites the tongue. Very good!"

It was understandable that the wine had a sweet and fragrant smell, but this wine actually had a hint of sourness.

Real wine had a sour taste, but some people could taste it while others couldn't.

Then, Lin Yuelan poured a small glass for each of them. Everyone couldn't wait to grab the glass. After two gulps, the wine in the glass was gone.

"Eh, why don't I taste any sourness?" Little twelve asked doubtfully.

Guo Bing picked up the small glass and slowly took a sip. Then, he said to the few people who were drinking like cattle, "You have to taste high-end wine slowly. Everyone will have a different taste in the wine. If you swallow the wine like cows, you are not going to taste anything."

The kids immediately looked at Lin Yuelan again. Obviously, they wanted to have another glass.

Lin Yuelan wasn't stingy and poured them another cup each.

The three kids drank slowly.

Guo Bing was right. Good wine had to be sipped slowly to have its taste truly appreciated.

"Yes, it's really not bad. This wine is just as Doctor Zhang said. It's very fragrant, sweet, and pure. It's good!" Little three said with a serious face.

They were soldiers. They were rough people. No matter where they went, they preferred big meat and lots of wine. They hadn't needed to taste something slowly before.

Jiang Zhennan had drunk this kind of wine at several banquets in the palace. Therefore, he knew the proper etiquette.

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Jiang Zhennan could tell that Lin Yuelan's wine was more mellow and flavorful than the wine offered by the palace from the Western regions.

He praised, "Miss Yue 'Er, this wine of yours is more fragrant than any wine I've ever drunk."

Lin Yuelan only smiled and asked, "masked uncle, how much do you think a jar of my wine would be worth if it were to be sold to the capital?"

As soon as Lin Yuelan's words fell, the atmosphere suddenly became quiet.

What did she mean?

Was she going to sell the wine to the capital?

Jiang Zhennan did not say anything. However, Guo Bing was the first to react after his surprise. He asked sternly, "Miss Lin, do you mean that you want to sell this wine to the capital?"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "that's right!"

Everyone looked at Lin Yuelan in surprise and silence.

How could her ambitions be so big?

A little farmer's daughter actually wanted to sell such a rare and precious wine in the capital. The wine was rare even in the capital. She was a peasant woman with no background. It was very likely that she would be crushed before she could even open her business in the capital.

Well, Lin Yuelan was technically no longer a peasant girl without any background. She now had a very powerful backer, and that was the defender-general of the kingdom, Jiang Zhennan.

With the defender general's protection, Lin Yuelan could open her shop in the capital. Plus, with her own ability, she could look after herself.

Lin Yuelan looked at them and said, "as you all know, wine is a symbol of status. Ordinary people can't enjoy it. Only by selling it to the capital can its value be fully displayed. "

The others all nodded.

That was true.

The inferior wine offered by the Western regions was hidden by the nobles in the palace like a precious treasure.

Lin Yuelan was the only person who knew how to brew wine in Long Yan Country. She had control of the market. The wine was very precious. Lin Yuelan continued, "I won't sell this wine at a low price. I'll only sell it on a high-end market." The wine that was brewed with her spring water couldn't be sold cheap anyway. "So, can you guys evaluate the value of this jar of wine?"

Little three, little six, and little twelve could not offer much help.

Guo Bing tasted the wine again and said seriously, "at least 300 taels!"

Little three was shocked when he heard that. 'How can it be that expensive? The jar only weighs five catties, but it can be sold for three hundred taels? The profit margin is really high!'

Lin Yuelan didn't confirm or deny it but just looked at Guo Bing quietly, waiting for him to continue.

Guo Bing said very seriously, "the most expensive wine in the capital now is the peach wine and the 30-year-old Nv Er Hong from the Xiao Yao winery. The peach blossom wine is two hundred taels a jar, and the thirty-year-old Nv Er Hong is two hundred and fifty taels a jar.

“However, in the capital city, Xiao Yao winery is not the only place that knows how to brew peach wine and Nv Er Hong. The wines from Xiao Yao winery are the best, but they are not exclusive.

“However, your wine is exclusive because no one else will be able to replicate it.

“Who would have thought that the ingredients of this wine came from purple crystal fruit? The wine tastes too different from the fruits. If people knew, they would start brewing this themselves.

“Therefore, the price for this wine will naturally be high.

“His Majesty also has a special liking for wine, so he had the Royal winemakers try to brew it. However, without the knowledge of the raw materials and the methods, they cannot figure out the process.

“The nobles in the palace also saw the chance to appease his Majesty. They employed many winemakers to analyze the wine component. Unfortunately, no one succeeded.”

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Therefore, the sudden appearance of wine would definitely cause a sensation. This sensation would result in the scarcity of goods and also determine the high price of this wine.

Lin Yuelan nodded in agreement. Even if the wine could be replicated, her wine would still taste the best.

“Girl, when do you plan to bring this wine into the world?” Doctor Zhang asked.

He liked to drink this kind of wine. In a while, he would definitely take a few jars home.

Lin Yuelan said leisurely, “I’m in no hurry!”

Now that Jiang Zhennan was missing, there must be a storm in the capital. She did not want to cause trouble for herself at this time.

While they were tasting the wine, little white and Liefeng put their arms around Lin Yuelan’s waist and shoulders. It was obvious that they wanted to drink it too.

“Do you want to drink it?” Lin Yuelan was surprised.

The others were shocked.

None of them had ever seen a tiger or a horse drinking wine.

Little white and Liefeng couldn’t speak, but their eyes revealed their desire to drink.

Lin Yuelan immediately asked little twelve to take two large bowls. After all, these two had big heads and big mouths, so they couldn’t use the small cups.

Little Twelve placed the large bowls on the ground.

After that, Lin Yuelan filled up half of the bowls with wine. The others watched with heartache. They wondered if Lin Yuelan really loved the two animals or if she was pranking them for pouring so much wine for them.

Little white and Liefeng sniffed the bowls. They finished the wine in an instant.

“Do you really know how to drink wine?” Lin Yuelan was slightly surprised. “No, you’ve drunk too much. There will be nothing left for us. Plus, what if you go crazy from drunkenness?”

When the others heard Lin Yuelan, they were speechless. The animals drank so much because Lin Yuelan poured that much for them. Plus, would animals go drunk?

They were honestly curious. The result was far less exciting than they thought.

Little white and Liefeng got drunk. But they merely fell asleep on the ground. In fact, they were snoring deafeningly.

The people were speechless.

They had brewed a total of 15 jars of wine.

Lin Yuelan had plans for the wine. She gave Doctor Zhang two jars, and Lin Yuelan would keep six jars for herself. She would give two jars to Lin Yiwei, two jars to Lin Dawei, one jar to the Liu Siblings, one jar to Shopkeeper Lin of Lin Medicine Shop, and one jar to Manager Li at Linyue Pavilion.

Lin Yuelan was very generous. It didn’t matter that the wine was worth a lot.

As there was a limited number of grapes in the back mountain, they could only make so much wine. If they wanted to make more wine, they would have to wait until the next year’s grape season.

Of course, Lin Yuelan also had the plan of buying land to grow her own vineyard.

Lin Yuelan frowned. She had only bought five mu of high-grade land, but there were already so many unfavorable rumors about her. It would be difficult for her to purchase more land.

Did this mean she had to rely on clearing the land?

Lin Yuelan’s eyes swept over the few people who were doing the hard labor in her house.

It was not a bad idea. However, based on their current speed, they could only clear two Mus of land every month. That meant ten Mus in a year. She needed about several hundred Mu of land. The speed was too slow.

Seeing Lin Yuelan frowning, Jiang Zhennan asked, “Miss Yue ‘Er, is there a problem?”

The others stared at Lin yuelan.

Lin Yuelan shared, “I wish to buy land. But based on the current situation, the nearby villagers won’t sell their land to me. Having you guys develop the land is not a long-term solution either.”

The situation was that Lin Yuelan was a jinx. With the incident of the Zhou Family and Lin Laosan’s family, Lin Yuelan’s reputation as the jinx was solidified. Of course, there were people who had been promoting that idea behind the scene.

Chapter 379: Transfer of Estate

Therefore, the villagers who were afraid of being cursed were not willing to sell their land to Lin Yuelan.

Guo Bing could not help but ask, "Miss Lin, how many fields do you plan to buy?"

"Of course, the more, the better!" Lin Yuelan said, "at least one hundred Mu!"

She wanted to be the world's richest landowner and the world's first female tycoon. How could she not have land?

The few of them were surprised again.

Why would she need so much land? Was she planning to farm for the rest of her life?

This was obviously not possible.

Jiang Zhennan listened to her words and said, "I do have a few land estates which were awarded by the Emperor. It's about a thousand mu..."

Before Jiang Zhennan could finish his words, he was interrupted by Lin Yuelan. Her starry eyes sparkled as she asked in disbelief, "How many Mu did you say you have?"

"It's about a thousand mu." Jiang Zhennan repeated.

This time, Lin Yuelan calmly nodded, "Oh!"

The few of them looked at Lin Yuelan with some doubt.

She was obviously very excited just now. Why did she suddenly calm down? This didn't seem like her at all.

"I'm planning to give them all to Miss Yue 'Er!" Jiang Zhennan said very seriously.

Lin Yuelan nodded again, "Oh. What..." She was shocked and asked in disbelief, "What did you just say?" Did he say he was going to give her a thousand Mu of land?

Jiang Zhennan continued patiently, "I plan to transfer all the land estates under my name to miss Yue 'Er. Will Miss Yue 'Er accept it?" The latter part of his sentence was said with some apprehension.

He didn't know if this was the right thing to do, but seeing her so excited about farming, he just wanted to give all the fields under his name to Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan immediately asked in excitement, "Is that true? Are you really going to give me all the land under your name? You're not making fun of me, are you?"

When he heard the last sentence, Jiang Zhennan furrowed his eyebrows. He was very dissatisfied. Jiang Zhennan said, "Miss Yue 'Er, I'm very serious. I didn't lie to you!" He would never lie to her.

Lin Yuelan immediately nodded and said, "okay. Since you want to give it to me, I'll reluctantly accept it." After all, why would she give up this offer?

The others looked at Lin Yuelan's innocent face and couldn't help but twitch their lips.

After a while, Lin Yuelan thought of a problem and asked, "masked uncle, you said that these country estates were bestowed to you by His Majesty. Can you make the decision to transfer them to me

without going through the Majesty? If I was captured for taking possession of the Royal property, I'd haunt you even after I die!"

Jiang Zhennan explained, "No. Since these estates were given to me as a reward, they are my personal property. Therefore, I have the right to do anything I want with them. The Emperor won't care about this. So, Miss Yue 'Er, don't worry."

When he heard Lin Yuelan happily accept his offer, he couldn't help but sigh in relief. He was really afraid that Lin Yuelan wouldn't accept such a gift.

Lin Yuelan was also relieved. She was very happy and confident as she said, "alright, I'll happily accept your estate!" Then, she stretched out her hand and said, "give it to me!"

Jiang Zhennan looked at the stretched-out hand and asked in confusion, "what?"

"The title deed!" Lin Yuelan said matter-of-factly, "Since you said you're going to transfer the land to me. What if you suddenly decide to take the land back after I've planted crops on it?"

Jiang Zhennan's face darkened. He couldn't help but think to himself, 'Do I look like such an unreliable, untrustworthy, and despicable person?'

Jiang Zhennan said seriously, "Miss Yue 'Er, don't worry. I have always kept my word. I will not do something like that."

"It doesn't matter." Lin Yuelan said, "I only believe things I can hold in my hand. So the deed, please."

Guo Bing couldn't stand Lin Yuelan's shamelessness. He spoke on behalf of Jiang Zhennan, "Miss Lin, my boss is definitely a gentleman who keeps his word. Miss Lin, please believe my boss this once!"

However, Lin Yuelan only shrugged, "I will only trust the thing I can hold in my hands!"

Guo Bing sighed. He didn't say anything else. It would save both sides the trouble.

Jiang Zhennan looked at Lin Yuelan helplessly and said, "I'm sorry! I don't have the deeds with me. Back then, I only brought some silver and left the residence without packing anything."

"So, are the deeds still in your general's residence?" Lin Yuelan asked.

Jiang Zhennan readily admitted, "yes!"

The atmosphere suddenly became quiet again. The way they looked at Lin Yuelan immediately became cautious for fear that they would suddenly cause her to explode.

Lin Yuelan looked at their serious expressions and couldn't hold it in any longer. She laughed, "haha, your expressions are so funny!"

A few of them were baffled by Lin Yuelan's sudden laughter. However, when they saw her teasing expression, they immediately understood that she was just joking with them.

"Were you guys shocked by my acting just now?" Lin Yuelan asked curiously. They were not only shocked but also frightened!

Miss Lin was normally not such an aggressive person to her friends. They were wondering why she was being so insistent. So she was just acting to tease them!

Chapter 380: Popularity

If there were anything that was popular in Ning An town recently, the answer would be food and clothing. It was common for people to ask whether they had eaten in terms of greeting.

Now they would ask, "Have you eaten there today?"

The answer would vary. Some would say, "Yes. My family went to line up early in the morning and finally got a spot." Others might say, "I was late today and didn't manage to get in. Damn it. I'll definitely go early tomorrow and line up."

Or, someone would ask, "did you buy it today?"

Some would answer, "No. There were only two sets on sale. I spent all night waiting. When I went over, there was already a crowd. My young miss was so mad since I failed to get her the dress."

"Sigh, my master is still the same. He made me stand guard there every day."

The people answering were mainly the servants and maids of the large families.

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The first floor of Yuelai Inn was full of guests, and the sound of customer's orders could be heard from time to time.

"Waiter, give me a beggar's chicken!"

"Waiter, I'll have a braised pig's trotter!"

"Waiter, one serving of crystal dumplings!"

"I'm sorry, Sir. The last serving of crystal dumplings has been ordered by that customer. Do you want to change your order or come back tomorrow?"

"I'm sorry, Sir. Today's twenty servings of beggar's chicken have all been sold out. Why don't you go to the counter to get a number and come back tomorrow?"

"Red braised pork trotters have all been sold out!" The waiter shouted loudly. Then, he took a plate and hung it on the counter, telling the customers that there was no more of this dish today.

"Manager, why can't your restaurant make a few more?" Some customers were dissatisfied that they didn't get to eat the dishes they wanted. "Every table is limited to ordering one dish. And the number of total dishes is limited. Will you even make any money?"

While stroking his beard, shopkeeper Liu looked a bit embarrassed. However, he couldn't hold back his smile and said, "Sir, it's not that we don't want to sell more, but the chef has limited energy and can only make so many dishes." As he said that, he felt helpless.

The customer was curious. "Could it be that all these dishes were made by the same master?"

"That's right!" Shopkeeper Liu replied.

"Oh, no wonder." The customers nodded in understanding.

However, what made them even more puzzled was, "can't he train more disciples to help out?"

Shopkeeper Liu explained, "It's not that easy. This involves secret recipes passed down through generations."

The guest nodded again. "We understand."

All the old masters had secret ancestral recipes that wouldn't be revealed to outsiders. Therefore, it was understood that they wouldn't take in new disciples.

Therefore, they had to come back tomorrow.

Well, the whole thing was just bullshit. Liu Qi followed Lin Yuelan's advice and sold everything in limited quantities. She said that this would keep the dishes fresh and the customers coming back for more.

Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan stood at the entrance of Yuelai Inn with a few jars of wine in their hands.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the people coming and going in the hall, and he was very surprised.

He knew that Lin Yuelan had a partnership with Yuelai Inn, but he didn't expect that Yuelai Inn's business would be so good.

It was Jiang Zhennan's first time in town. Of course, he didn't know the reason for the booming business here.

Shopkeeper Liu was standing in front of the counter to settle a bill for a customer. When he looked up, he saw Lin Yuelan standing in front of the door. He immediately settled the bill for the customer, then came out to welcome her with a smile. "Miss Lin, you're here." As he spoke, he made a gesture and said, "please come in." He then continued, "Miss Lin, you haven't been here for a long time."

Indeed, during this period of time, Lin Yuelan would send little twelve to deliver the recipe to Liu Qi whenever it was time.

She had given them three recipes. And it had been a long time since she came to the inn in person.

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "I've been busy recently."