

## Village Girl 41

### Chapter 41: By Chance

When Lin Yuelan came back with Liefeng with six hares and four pheasants, Guo Bing and the others were shocked again.

They surrounded Lin Yuelan and looked up and down, but they couldn't figure out how this child, who was not even as tall as their waists, could hunt so many wild animals.

Moreover, she had only been out for less than an hour.

In just an hour, she had hunted six hares and four pheasants. Wasn't this a little too exaggerated? For the soldiers, it would take longer for them to hunt this many animals in the mountains.

Lin Yuelan looked at the big guys surrounding her, looking at her with glowing eyes. She asked in puzzlement, "Statue uncles, why are you looking at me like that?"

"Statue... statue uncles?!"

Guo Bing and his subordinates were shocked by this new title.

Lin Yuelan nodded her head as if it was normal. "I don't know your names, and all of you have the penchant for standing there stupidly like stone statues. Don't you think the name statue uncles suit you perfectly?"

Guo Bing felt that ever since he met this child, his power of speech was fully taken away. The child would constantly injure his heart with her sharp words.

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Guo Bing coughed twice and said, "Miss, I'm Guo Bing. You can call me big brother Guo from now on. May I ask your name, Miss?"

Lin Yuelan threw the wild rabbits and pheasants to the soldiers and said, "Clean them up! Oh, by the way, if you want to eat them, the prices are the same. One tael of silver each."

Then, Lin Yuelan looked at Guo Bing. Her young and sallow face showed a different maturity. She said calmly, "We only met by chance. After this, we will be on different sides of the world. Why would you need to know my name?"

She only came out to meet them because she wanted to scam them of their money. However, she did not want to get to know them at all.

Among them, there was a general and a first lieutenant. But she just wanted to be a farming villager. She didn't want to get close to them because of their high status. Therefore, it was better for them to stay strangers in the future.

Guo Bing immediately fell silent.

Indeed, their acquaintance was just an accident.

They were soldiers, and she was from this mountain.

They would be in the military camp for a long time, but she could be anywhere. They couldn't pretend that they were not soldiers, generals, and first lieutenants. So, why would they need to know the identity of this child?

However, when Jiang Zhennan heard Lin Yuelan, his eyes could not help but darken, and his heart felt a little sour. He had never felt this kind of feeling before.

Although he had not interacted with this child for long, she was the first person who was not afraid of him. She would even talk to him, smile at him, yell at him, and throw a tantrum at him. This made him feel a sense of joy he had never felt in his twenty years of loneliness.

It was the joy of having friends to talk to.

However, his life was destined to be lonely.

He might never see this new friend ever again. But this was a good thing. He was the Ultimate Jinx. He didn't want to harm her.

Jiang Zhennan's gaze dimmed for a moment, and he suddenly became a cold and stern general.

Compared to Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing was still a little unwilling. It was rare to meet such an interesting child. Even if they would not meet again in the future, at the very least, he wanted to know the child's name so that he'd always have something to remember her by.

Guo Bing was silent for a moment, and then he immediately said with a cheeky smile, "Miss, you're still so young. Why would you talk about such heavy subjects?"

"Besides, so what if we met by chance? This chance meeting proves that we have the fate. Since fate has brought us together, fate can do that again, right?"

Lin Yuelan raised her head and stared at Guo Bing with her big eyes. Then, she pulled up her face and gave Guo Bing a few fake laughs, "Haha. Yes, fate has compelled you to steal from me. If I hadn't appeared, would you have eaten my mushroom and rabbit without paying?"

Guo Bing immediately apologized, "Miss, the mushrooms were too fragrant, and it was a fragrance that we'd never smelled before. We were too excited that we couldn't control ourselves.

"However, we did pay in the end. You also charged us a lot for them. You've already taken half of my year's salary. Miss, don't be so calculative anymore!"

Lin Yuelan raised her eyes slightly and said unhappily, "If you think it's too expensive, then don't eat it! Oh, you shouldn't eat the hare and pheasant either. After all, you think it's too expensive anyway."

Guo Bing was really wronged.

He only complained a little, but the child was being so petty.

There was a saying that said women and children were the hardest to raise. They were the most calculative people. This child was both a woman and a child. No wonder she was so petty.

However, this was related to food. Guo Bing had to fight for his welfare no matter what. Although the rabbit and pheasant meat was still one tael of silver a piece, it was still cheaper than that mushroom, which went for one tael of silver a piece.

But then again...

The boss had gone with the girl to pick the mushrooms. He would be able to identify which were poisonous and which were not in the future. The boss could teach them how to differentiate between the two in the future.

With the future of delicious free mushrooms in his mind, Guo Bing decided to buy an entire pheasant. After eating his fill, he would no longer think about the delicious taste of the mushrooms.

The people who went to clean the hares and pheasants returned.

Guo Bing saw this and immediately snatched one pheasant from one of his subordinates. The subordinate was so angry that he wanted to fight Guo Bing. He had spent a lot of effort to clean up this pheasant because he wanted to use half a tael to buy half of it. However, he did not expect his first lieutenant to be so shameless.

Time passed with the men digging into the food. After they had eaten and drunk their fill, they would set off again!

#### **Chapter 42: Healing the Great White Tiger**

Jiang Zhennan and Guo Bing led more than a dozen subordinates and continued down the mountain.

Halfway down the mountain, Jiang Zhennan suddenly ordered, "Guo Bing, take them and continue forward. When you reach the exit of the mountain, wait for me."

After saying that, without waiting for Guo Bing's response, he turned around and walked back up the original route.

Guo Bing stood at the back and asked curiously, "Hey, boss, it's almost dark. Where are you going?"

Jiang Zhennan ignored him and continued walking forward.

Guo Bing seemed to have gotten used to Jiang Zhennan's attitude. He could only let out a sigh. Then, he led the small troop and continued their march. He carried a black cloth bag on his back.

The black cloth bag was given to them by Lin Yuelan. It was used to store mushrooms and seasonings.

Because Jiang Zhennan, the general, had picked up a lot of mushrooms, Lin Yuelan asked them to pay an ingot of silver to buy all of these mushrooms. Then, she also gave them some special seasonings.

Guo Bing was a foodie. When Lin Yuelan took out these seasonings, he was the first to snatch them.

Even though they had only interacted with Lin Yuelan for a short period of time, they didn't think they'd ever forget about this special child!

When they said goodbye to the child, the child said, "If we are fated to meet again, we will no longer be strangers but friends. At that time, I will be happy to tell you what my name is and where my home is!"

Honestly, the soldiers also looked forward to meeting her again.

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Lin Yuelan looked at the dozen or so people who had disappeared, and her eyes suddenly became sharp.

She patted Little Green which had turned into a vine, and said, "Let's go, Little Green. We will meet that Big Tiger!"

She wanted to have a big fight with that big tiger, but the masked general was with her, so she could not make a move.

That was why she chose to escape.

Now that those people had left, she could have a big fight.

Little Green quickly turned into a black snake and slithered on the ground, followed by the excited and eager Lin Yuelan.

Soon, they heard the roars of two tigers, and it sounded fierce and violent as if they were engaged in a fierce battle.

Lin Yuelan ran forward in high spirits. As she ran, she asked Little Green, "Little Green, are there two tigers? Are they injured from fighting each other? We can benefit and take down two of them at once! This is going to be big!"

A tiger skin could be sold for a high price. In addition, the tiger meat, bones, and so on would sell great on the market too. With the two tigers captured, she'd be rich!

Little Green was a little confused. His master wanted to fight the two tigers for money.

But what exactly was money?

Was it a good thing?

Actually, it was not Little Green's fault for not knowing what money was. He had appeared during the apocalypse. At the end of the war, the economy had reverted to the simple barter system. Money became a piece of waste paper.

Therefore, Little Green had never understood the true meaning of money.

However, in this era, Lin Yuelan kept talking about money. Little Green didn't know what money was, but he understood one thing very well. Since his owner wanted money, then it had to be a good thing!

### **Chapter 43: Healing the Great White Tiger**

Lin Yuelan stopped at the edge of the fight. She told Little Green to go ahead. Little Green complained in a crisp voice, "Master, you said that you'd fight the tigers with me."

Lin Yuelan waved her hand indifferently and said, "Little Green, I'm still so weak. How can I fight against those fierce tigers?"

Little Green turned his sprouts around and told Lin Yuelan with a little anger, "Master, you can't give up so easily!"

Lin Yuelan rubbed her nose and immediately went up to him and said in a fawning manner, "Little Green, look at me. I've just arrived here, and this body of new mine is very weak. Even if I've recovered half of my power, I still don't have much strength left.

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"Little Green, do you really want me to fight with big tigers? What if I get hurt? The one who'd hurt the most is you, right? Don't you think so, Little Green?"

She coaxed Little Green. Even if Little Green was sentient, he wasn't exceptionally intelligent.

After being coaxed by Lin Yuelan, he was persuaded, but he also thought something wasn't right.

Lin Yuelan continued, "Besides, little green, I've been fighting in the apocalypse for five years. This is a peaceful place. Can't you let me rest for a while?"

Little Green lowered his green sprouts as if he was thinking. Then, he raised his green sprouts again and nodded, "Alright, Master can rest for a while! But Master, you can't be lazy again! You must recover your superpower as soon as possible and open the space. Then, master won't have to go hungry anymore!"

During the five years of the apocalypse, Lin Xinlan had given her food portion to those scumbags. She didn't dare to take the food from the space because she was afraid of exposing Little Green and herself. Therefore, she often starved herself.

Little Green was both angry and distressed. Therefore, Little Green was always worried about his master.

Now that they had transmigrated, Little Green wanted his master to get stronger and activate the special ability space so that she could better protect herself. He didn't want her to live like how she did in the apocalypse anymore.

Lin Yuelan and Little Green soon arrived at the battle scene. They saw two tigers lying on the ground, obviously injured. There were two male tigers.

One was a yellow-white male tiger, while the other was a pure-white male tiger.

As the saying goes, a mountain can not accommodate two tigers unless it is a male and a female!

The current situation was very clear. The two male tigers were fighting for territory, and it was a life and death duel!

The moment Lin Yuelan stepped onto the field, the white tiger that was originally leaning its head on the ground immediately became alert. It did not care about its own injuries and stood up with great difficulty, assuming a defensive posture!

The other yellow-white tiger did not move at all. Obviously, it was either dead or unconscious. Based on Little Green's assessment, the tiger was dead.

Lin Yuelan's eyes glowed when she saw the white tiger which was taller than her.

Then, she raised her head and said to the large white tiger, "Don't be nervous. I have no ill intentions!"

This white tiger was tall and mighty. It would be great if she could use it as a mount.

Lin Yuelan activated her animal affinity presence. Then, she slowly walked toward the injured white tiger and said, "I don't have any bad intentions. I just want to treat your injuries!"

Lin Yuelan did not know that the moment she walked into the tiger battlefield, the pupils of a figure behind her immediately shrank. The hand that held a long knife couldn't help but tighten!

#### **Chapter 44: Secret**

Guo Bing and the others had been waiting for their leader at the intersection at the foot of the mountain.

It was not until the sky was almost dark and they could not see the road that they saw their leader return.

They were curious, what was their leader doing back in the mountain? But one thing was certain. It must have something to do with that child.

However, it was so late. The leader didn't return with the child. Was she really a child who lived in the mountain? If she wasn't, wouldn't her parents be worried about her staying up the mountains so late at night?

Although Guo Bing and the others were curious, they couldn't get anything out of that child at all. She deflected all of their questions. She was really strange and eccentric.

They really hoped that they would meet again!

Jiang Zhennan was wearing a silver mask, silver armor, and a long knife at his waist. He strode down the mountain steadily.

Guo Bing was confused and a little gossipy. He came over and asked with a teasing tone, "Boss, haven't we already said goodbye to the kid? Did you go back to have a private goodbye with her?"

Under the mask, Jiang Zhennan's sharp eyes glanced at Guo Bing. Then, he walked to Liefeng and patted his horse's back. Then, he said in a low voice, "Let's go!" He ignored Guo Bing.

Jiang Zhennan didn't go back to the mountain because he wanted to have a private goodbye but because he was worried.

When he was picking mushrooms with her, they had heard a tiger's roar. At the time, he noticed that she was excited. There was not a trace of fear on her face. He assumed the child would drag him to go look for the tiger, but she grabbed his hand and ran away! This was very unexpected to him!

After they said goodbye to her, she also had no intention of going down the mountain with them.

The more Jiang Zhennan thought about it, the more he felt that something was wrong. Therefore, he asked Guo Bing and the others to go down the mountain first. He was worried. He went back to find the child and find out what was going on.

When he rushed back to the campsite site, the child was gone. He wondered if the child had gone to find the tiger on her own. Therefore, he followed the direction of the tiger's roar.

As he got closer, he actually heard the girl talking to someone called Little Green. Based on Little Green's voice, he should be someone very young. This made Jiang Zhennan even more confused. When they were with the girl, there was no other person with her, definitely not a three or four years old.

Was there an even younger child hiding in the tree that Lin Yuelan jumped down from?

Jiang Zhennan was confused and worried. Two children running in the mountains at night? That spelled danger.

He quickened his steps. He used his internal Qi, so his steps made no sound.

Little Green and Lin Yuelan didn't notice they were being tailed.

When Jiang Zhennan finally caught up with the child, he was confused again. He only saw Lin Yuelan.

Then, he was shocked!

He saw a vine that slithered away like a snake!

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The vine was very familiar. It was the vine the girl had been holding in her hand ever since they met. It had two green leaves and a sprout.

#### **Chapter 45: Secret**

To make things even more confusing, Jiang Zhennan heard the girl address the vine as Little Green. So the voice he heard earlier came from not a person but a vine?

Jiang Zhennan felt his brain go blank.

Was that a vine that had become a spirit? Was the child a demon or something like that?

Demons were usually hidden in the mountains.

Jiang Zhennan suppressed his shock and touched his chest to calm himself down from what he had just seen, heard, and understood.

However, he decided that regardless of whether this child was a human or a demon, he would protect her. Some humans were more terrifying than demons.

This child was a person with a clear mind and a kind heart. Even if she was a demon, she was still a good demon.

Jiang Zhennan quietly followed behind them and soon found the place where the tigers were fighting.

There were two tigers there. A yellow-white tiger was lying on the ground. A great pool of blood was rapidly expanding underneath it. The tiger was either dead or fainted from its injuries.

The other tiger, which was completely white, noticed someone was coming. Even though its abdomen was bleeding profusely, it stood up. Its bristled, and its eyes were sharp. It was on guard.

Jiang Zhennan was hiding behind a big tree. As he watched Lin Yuelan slowly approach the big white tiger, his heart immediately became nervous. His entire body was in a tense state. The veins on the hand that was holding the hilt of the knife were popping up.

He wanted to rush out immediately and protect her, preventing her from approaching the dangerous big white tiger.

However, another shocking scene happened before his eyes.

Lin Yuelan slowly approached the big white tiger and said to the big white tiger, "I don't mean any harm. I just want to heal you!"

Then, the big white tiger, which had been on guard, suddenly became gentle. It was not as fierce as before, as if it and Lin Yuelan were good friends in the first place.

The great white tiger wagged its tail and then nodded at Lin Yuelan as if it had accepted Lin Yuelan's offer.

It had lost its guard around this human because the human had a very pleasant scent.

Lin Yuelan saw how relaxed the white tiger became, and she said with a smile. "After I treat your injuries, will you become my mount in the future?"

The Great White Tiger was obviously unwilling.

It was the king of all beasts. How could it be enslaved to a human? It would be very detrimental to his prestige!

Lin Yuelan seemed to know what the tiger was thinking. Her expression suddenly turned serious, and she said very seriously, "You won't be my slave. You'll be my good companion!"

What was a companion? Little Xiao translated it to the tiger.

The Big White Tiger was suspicious for a moment, but in the end, it still nodded. It trusted Little Green, so it trusted this human.

When she saw the Big White Tiger nod, Lin Yuelan immediately jumped up excitedly. She directly touched the thick white fur and said with a smile, "Little White, in the future, we will definitely be good companions!"

That was how the Big White Tiger became Little White!

Jiang Zhennan, who was listening from the shadows, almost squeaked out. In the end, he held it in.

However, at least he was certain that the child would be safe in the mountains. After all, she had the king of beasts by her side.



Therefore, he went down the mountain to meet up with his troops.

#### **Chapter 46: Shock the Villagers**

The news of Lin Yuelan, the jinx, had brought a big tiger down the mountain blew up the small village!

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The fact Lin Yuelan went up the mountain alone that afternoon was publicized by Li Cuihua angrily.

Li Cuihua was pushed into the gutter by Lin Yuelan, the person she hated the most. Her clothes and hair were stained with the dirty water and mud from the gutter. The smell of her body made her want to throw up, so she had no choice but to stop her work and go home to change her clothes.

Li Cuihua was very angry. She swore all the way home. Her every word was vicious. She wished that she had strangled Lin Yuelan to death when she was born.

“Hey, sister, what happened to your clothes?” Li Guafu, who met Li Cuihua on the way, asked in surprise, “Did you fall into the stinking ditch by the mountain slope?”

She wanted to get closer, but as soon as she walked closer to Li Cuihua, the stench assaulted her nostrils!

Li Guafu quickly covered her nose and took a few steps away from Li Cuihua.

Li Guafu and Li Cuihua both came from the neighboring Li family village. Li Cuihua was a few years older than Li Guofu.

Both of them were famous for their shrewdness in the Li family village. They would scold the villagers whenever they disagreed with them. Therefore, the people of the Li family village were not willing to marry such a shrewd woman. In the end, they had to be married off to the neighboring Lin Family. Li Cuihua married Lin Laosan, while Li Guafu married Lin Jiu, Ying Zi’s grandfather.

Both of these women had explosive tempers, so they should blow up when they were together. However, they were very compatible. Perhaps they could smell the illness in the other.

When Li Cuihua heard Li Guafu, she spat on the ground. Her face was dark as she scolded loudly, “It’s that black-hearted, rotten-hearted, damned girl. I was kind enough to stop her from going up the mountain, afraid that she would encounter danger in the mountain. But, guess what! She scolded me for being a busybody and even pushed me into that smelly ditch!”

Li Guafu curled her lips and thought to herself with a little disdain, ‘As if you’d be so kind-hearted to be worried about the safety of that jinx. On that day, the sun would have risen from the west. You must have stopped the girl and scolded her again. She probably lost her temper and pushed you away.’

However, Li Guafu’s face was filled with shock as she spoke, “Sister, that damned girl is too insensible! She has to know that you only have the best intentions for her when you stop her from going up the mountain! But sister, calm down. Whether that girl dies or not is none of your business. In any case, you have nothing to do with her anymore.” Then, Li Guafu gasped with surprise. “Oh, right. Sister, did you just say that the jinx went up the mountain alone?”

The Lin Family village was close to the mountain. The mountain had deep forests. It was the home to all kinds of fierce beasts. The villagers normally didn't even dare to go near the mountain to pick wild vegetables and herbs and fruits. They had to be extremely careful should they decide to go. If the fierce beasts smelled them, their lives would be in danger.

In the past, some people in the village wanted to go to that mountain to pick some herbs to sell. However, most of them were unable to return. Those who did return had missing limbs and bloody wounds.

Therefore, that large mountain became a taboo existence for the Lin family villagers. Even the Lin family village's only hunter, Lin Dawei's family, had to make sufficient preparations to enter that mountain.

However, the jinx entered the mountain forest alone? Was she seeking death?

Li Cuihua nodded. "It's best if that rotten jinx dies in the mountain. Have those big beasts devour her until her bones are gone. Then, I'll feel much better!" When she remembered how she was pushed into the smelly ditch by the jinx, she was unable to control her anger. Therefore, she prayed for the girl to die in the mountain. This was what she deserved for disrespecting her grandmother!

Li Guafu felt a chill run down her spine, and her hair stood on end. Just how poisonous and hateful was Li Cuihua? She actually wanted her own granddaughter to be eaten by the wild beasts until not one bone of hers was left. This outcome was most tragic for a human being!

Li Guafu covered her nose as she laughed embarrassedly, "Sister, it's that girl's fault for not taking your advice. You'll be so happy if she dies. So why are you so angry?"

Li Cuihua's face turned black as she said, "I'm angry that the jinx actually came to annoy me before she died. She dared to push me into a ditch! She really is a bitch who deserves to die!"

The two of them talked as they walked. When they were about to reach the village, the flow of people also increased. Many people would ask how Li Cuihua got so dirty. Li Cuihua would tell others that she had tried to stop the jinx from getting up the mountain out of kindness, but she was pushed into the ditch.

Soon, everyone in the village knew that the jinx had gone up the mountain to seek death!

As the sky grew darker, there was still no sign of the girl. Most of the villagers believed that she had been eaten by a fierce beast on the mountain.

In ancient times, people would have dinner around dusk when there was still sunlight. After eating, they would rest for a while and then go to bed for rest. This way, they could save a lot of money on fuel.

Just as the people of the Lin family village turned off the lights and were about to go to bed, a series of dog barks suddenly rang out in the village, each more intense than the last!

The people of the village thought that something had happened, so they immediately put on their clothes and hurried to the source of the intense barking.

However, as they followed the trail, they became confused. The barking appeared to come from Lin Yuelan's little hut.

Lin Yuelan carried the dead yellow-white tiger and went straight home. She planned to go to town the next day to sell it.

She took the tiger out of her space and carried it home when she was close to the village. She wanted the villagers to see where she got her money just in case people had questions.

However, she did not expect that the dogs in the village would bark so violently they smelled the tiger's scent.

Lin Yuelan carried the tiger home a little helplessly.

When she was almost at her hut, a group of people had already gathered there.

When the villagers saw Lin Yuelan and what she was carrying, their mouths were wide open in shock, and their eyes were wide open!

### **Chapter 47: A House Call**

The villagers were really shocked! The child was carrying a big tiger weighing 500 to 600 catties!

Could a normal child do that? No! But that was not the point. Where did the big tiger come from?

They heard that the jinx went up the mountain that afternoon. Did she kill the tiger?

And then, this child who was so puny, carried a big tiger that weighed 500-600 catties down the mountain?

This was too shocking!

Many villagers cried out in surprise when they saw Lin Yuelan carrying the big tiger. Immediately, the news spread throughout the entire village.

Lin Laosan's family was about to go to bed and rest.

Li Cuihua, in particular, was certain that the jinx had died on the mountain because she had not returned even though it was already so dark.

Therefore, she was in a particularly good mood. When she cooked at night, she added a little more oil to the dishes. The whole family enjoyed a good dinner.

However, just as she was about to lie down, she heard waves of barking dogs outside, as if they had seen something dangerous.

"Old Man, Old Man, get up. Listen to what's going on outside. There are so many dogs barking?" Li Cuihua shook Lin Laosan, who was about to fall asleep next to her.

Lin Laosan rolled over in frustration and muttered, "They must have sensed some dangerous beasts coming from the mountain. Anyway, it's none of my business! Don't disturb me!" After saying that, he fell asleep.

Dangerous beasts coming to the village! Li Cuihua was shocked. Indeed, this had happened several times in the past.

Whenever a dangerous beast approached the village, the dogs would start barking loudly. Then, the whole village would grab their hoes and poles to beat the beasts to death. Of course, Lin Dawei and Lin San, Lin Dawei's father, would always lead the assault.

Li Cuihua thought for a moment. She put on a coat in the dark and walked to her big courtyard. She saw that her sons and daughters-in-law had all woken up. In the courtyard, she saw people rushing past her place, holding hoes and spades through the crack in the wall.

Lin Sanniu grabbed a hoe in the courtyard and decided to follow the crowd. He was stopped by Li Cuihua.

"Oh! Three, where are you going?"

Lin Sanniu answered with a little confusion, "Mother, all the villagers are swarming to someplace with hoes and poles. Aren't we going to follow them?"

Li Cuihua said angrily, "What do you mean? Do you think you have extra lives to sacrifice to the angry beasts? Just let those stupid people go and die for us."

Li Cuihua's voice was not soft. Everyone who hurried past could hear her.

Therefore, some people frowned in dissatisfaction at Li Cuihua's words.

Coincidentally, there was someone who was not on good terms with Lin Laosan's family in the crowd. She was Liu Dongmei, the daughter-in-law of Lin Laosan's biological younger brother, Lin Laoliu. She was furious. She stood outside and pointed at the gate of the Lin family's courtyard, "Third sister-in-law, what do you mean by that? Do you mean your family's lives are more precious than the rest of us?"

"When wild beasts appear near the village, it is the village custom that all of us have to work together to kill them or chase them away. This is to protect the whole village. How come third sister-in-law's family is now hiding at home like little cowards?"

#### **Chapter 48: House Visit**

"That's right. Lin Laosan's family keeps saying that their house will cultivate the next master scholar, but look at them now. They are a group of cowards!" A group of women who were friends with Liu Dongmei started cursing angrily.

Then again, how could they not be angry?

The entire village was helping to look for the wild beast. Li Cuihua's family, which had four sons, four daughters-in-law, and four grandsons, were all hiding at home.

However, when the beast was killed and the game was about to be distributed, Li Cuihua would be there to demand a portion. Her skin was really thick.

When Li Cuihua heard them, she immediately became embarrassed. However, she also fired back, "It's not like I'm asking you to go find the wild beast. If you want, you can hide at home too. If our family wants to do that, it's none of your business!"

The few women were so furious that they didn't know what to say.

What kind of twisted logic was this?

The wild beasts had come to the village. If everyone decided to hide at home, wouldn't the beast just go around eating everyone?

Li Cuihua's family could hide at home because the rest of the village had gone to defend the village. It was why they could hide at home in peace.

If there was justice, the wild beasts would find their way to Lin Laosan's home first.

Liu Dongmei was embarrassed for her third sister-in-law. She had to turn away from her friends. How could Li Cuihua even say these things?

Suddenly, a child ran over. He shouted loudly, "Lin Yuelan, that jinx, has killed a big tiger. She dragged the tiger down from the mountain..."

When the passersby heard this, they immediately stopped him in surprise and asked, "Da Mao 'Er, what did you say? Who killed a big tiger?"

"It's Lin Yuelan, the jinx!" Da Mao 'Er was about to reach his youth. He was one year older than Er Guo Zi, but he was tall and thin. He was one of the kids who kicked Lin Yuelan to death.

As soon as Da Mao 'Er said that, there was a clatter. This was the sound of Lin Laosan's courtyard door opening.

Then, Li Cuihua ran out excitedly and asked, "Da Mao 'Er, is what you said true? That Damn Jinx beat up a big tiger and hauled it down the mountain?"

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Da Mao 'Er nodded. "Of course, it's true. The cat is this big." Da Mao 'Er used his arms to indicate the size, "According to my dad, the tiger is estimated to weigh 500 to 600 catties."

When Li Cuihua heard this, she left and said excitedly, "Oh One, go and wake up your father. Tell him that our family is going to fight that big tiger!"

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Lin Daniu was a cunning and shrewd person in the Lin family.

When he heard his mother's words, he immediately understood what she meant. "Okay, mother!"

The few women, who had not left, sneered.

One of the women, who was the same age as Li Cuihua, spoke in a disdainful manner, "Cuihua, who are you kidding? Da Mao 'Er has already said that the tiger is dead. I'm sure that's why you have your eyes set on it. You're going to fight a girl and not a tiger, aren't you?"

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Li Cuihua raised her head and gave that woman a disdainful look. She snorted coldly and said, "Hmph. Why should I fight that bitch? I'm her grandmother. Everything she has, including the big tiger, belongs to me!"

## Chapter 49: How Shameless

The women had not seen such a shameless family. Just moments ago, Li Cuihua was scolding Lin Yuelan and praying that she'd be devoured by the wild beasts in the mountain. However, when they heard that the Jinx had carried back a big tiger, they said that the big tiger belonged to them because they had raised Lin Yuelan for nine years.

The women were amused by their shamelessness!

This big tiger was worth at least 300 taels of silver according to the price of the goods in the town.

This amount of money was a huge amount for the villagers. Even those with great harvests wouldn't earn that much in a year!

For the villagers, three taels of silver were enough to feed their entire family for half a year. How many years could 300 taels of silver feed a family?

It was no wonder that Lin Laosan and his family wanted to get their hands on this big tiger.

Technically speaking, Lin Laosan and his family, including his four sons and four daughters-in-law, had quite a lot of land. In addition, they also had jobs in town. Their monthly income was at least one tael of silver.

Li Cuihua was very stingy, so the family only spent three hundred wen every month. The remaining money was saved. With this, she could save at least seven taels of silver in a year. In ten years, she would have at least 70 taels of silver.

In the village, a man would not spend less than three taels of silver when he married a wife. This included the fees for the betrothal gifts, banquet, and other expenses.

However, Lin Laosan spent less than one tael of silver when he married Li Cuihua, while Lin Siniu spent two taels of silver when he married his wife. Lin Daniu and Lin Sanniu also spent around two taels of silver when they married their wives.

Therefore, Lin Laosan's family could be considered a relatively wealthy family in the village.

However, Lin Laosan's family had a young man who was studying to be a master scholar, Lin Dazong!

Lin Dazong's tuition, the fee for his paper and pens, as well as the clothing fee, was high. Furthermore, Lin Dazong was someone who was careless with his money. He would treat his friends to meals often. Therefore, the man burnt through his family's savings in less than two years.

Lin Dazong was about to come home, and he would definitely ask for money again. Lin Laosan and his family were worried. Where were they going to get the money?

However, at that moment, Lin Yuelan carried a big tiger back from the mountain.

When Lin Laosan heard the barking, he didn't want to care. After all, he had four sons. Any one of them could go and represent their family in the hunt. However, his eldest son suddenly burst into his home and told him that the jinx had carried a big tiger home. Instantly, Lin Laosan woke up!

This was good news!

How much was a big tiger worth?

He heard from the shopkeepers in the town that a tiger cub that weighed two to three hundred catties was worth at least two hundred taels of silver. So a big tiger would be worth more than that!

Naturally, Lin Laosan wouldn't let this money slip away from his fingers.

He immediately took the clothes from the bedside and put them on. Then, he walked out of the courtyard and said to his wife and his sons and daughters-in-law, "Let's go!" The family majestically headed to the hut where Lin Yuelan lived.

A few villagers followed behind them.

Since the dogs were not barking because of a live beast but a dead one, they didn't need to be afraid anymore. They were following Lin Laosan's family because they wanted to watch the show.

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As soon as Li Cuihua arrived at Lin Yuelan's house and saw the dead tiger on the ground with the help of the villagers' lanterns, her eyes immediately lit up.

She passed through the crowd and ran excitedly to the tigers. She told her sons, who were following behind her, "O! One, O! Two, quick. You have to carry this tiger home. If we leave this here, who knows how many mosquitoes it'll attract!"

Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, and Lin Siniu immediately ran over. Their expressions were very excited. As they ran, they rolled up their sleeves. When they saw the big tiger on the ground, they rejoiced in their hearts, "How much will this tiger be sold for? We'll be rich!"

Compared to his brothers, Lin Sanniu was slower. He still had no idea why his mother asked them to carry the big tiger home. Wasn't the tiger hunted down by his Lan 'Er? His Lan 'Er had nothing to do with their family anymore, so why would his mother ask them to carry her hunting spoil home?

Lin Daniu and the other two didn't usually do housework, so they lacked the physical strength to lift a tiger that weighed 500 to 600 catties.

Li Cuihua looked at Lin Sanniu, who was still standing behind like a blockhead, and immediately cursed, "O! Three, what are you still standing there for? Hurry up and come over. Help your brothers carry this big tiger home!"

The villagers were still a little surprised when they saw Lin Laosan's family appear.

This was because every time the wild beast came down the mountain, Lin Laosan's family would be the first to go into hiding. However, when it was time for the villagers to share the game, they'd be the first to appear. The villagers were unsatisfied, but they couldn't argue with the unreasonable Li Cuihua. She'd sit on the ground and cry, "We also helped hunt the beast. It was just that the beast had died when we came over to help. How is that our fault?" She was that unreasonable.

Eventually, the villagers would be so annoyed that they'd give her family some meat. For Lin Laosan's family, they were able to get delicious meat without doing anything. Of course, they were very happy.

However, this time they came very quickly.

They were really shameless!

The moment they came, they wanted to take possession of the big tiger that Lin Yuelan hunted down!

They didn't even consider the girl who was standing there. They were no longer related to her, so what gave them the right to claim the big tiger?

Some of the villagers couldn't stand seeing this.

Lin Sanniu didn't quite get it, but he was filial. He immediately followed his mother's order and went to help carry the big tiger home.

Lin Dawei was always on the hunting trip whenever wild beasts approached the village. This time, he was there too.

He saw how Lin Laosan's family came over and naturally laid claim to the big tiger.

Lin Dawei glanced at Lin Yuelan. She didn't stop Lin Laosan's family, but she pursed her lips into a cold smile.

Lin Dawei frowned and moved to block Lin Daniu and the brothers. Lin Dawei questioned in dissatisfaction, "What are you doing?"

Lin Daniu answered matter-of-factly, "Can't you see? Of course, we're carrying this big tiger back home!"

Lin Dawei questioned sternly, "I can see that. But why would you carry this big tiger home when it was Lan 'Er who worked so hard to hunt it down and drag it back from the mountain? Hmm?"