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"No, I don't know." Gu Sanniang shouted, "get lost. I'm going out to work."

Lin Yuelan 'obediently' stepped aside and made way for Gu Sanniang.

Gu Sanniang was stunned for a moment. Then, she picked up the hoe and planned to leave in a hurry.

"Auntie Gu, be careful out there." Lin Yuelan said softly from behind her.

Gu Sanniang panicked. She turned around abruptly and asked loudly, "what do you mean by this?"

Lin Yuelan shrugged her shoulders and chuckled, "I just care about you. If you fall and break an arm or leg, it'll be a big deal."

As she spoke, she had already left Gu Sanniang's side, leaving the other villagers to be shocked.

Next, she went to Lin Chong's house.

Lin Chong and his wife had gone to work, leaving Er Gouzi and Lin Chong's mother to tidy up the vegetables in the yard.

Hearing someone knocking on the door, Er Gouzi's grandmother told Er Gouzi, who was catching bugs, "Er Gouzi, go and open the door."

Er Gouzi threw the vegetable bugs he had caught into the henhouse and went to open the door.

However, when he opened the door and saw the person knocking on the door, he immediately turned pale with fright." Ghost! Go away. I didn't mean to kill you. Don't come looking for me. Go look for Yan Mao 'Er, go look for Ying Zi... Grandma, I'm so scared!"

When Lin Chong's mother heard her second grandson's scream, she immediately panicked and ran out. When she saw Lin Yuelan standing in front of her house, her face turned ugly, and she shouted, "what are you doing here? Haven't you harmed our family enough?"

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and was speechless. 'These people have the same lines.'

However, at this moment, Lin Yuelan's expression was cold and stern. She said sarcastically, "Grandma Lin, you really know how to distort the truth. It was Er Gouzi who killed me. I haven't even settled the score with you, but you're already blaming me."

Lin Chong's mother said resentfully, "if you hadn't scared my Er Guozi, would he have become like this?"

After Lin Yuelan came back from the 'dead', Er Gouzi stumbled back home. Because of the shock, he had a high fever that night and became a little silly. He couldn't remember anything and could only smile when he saw people. Chong Lin's family was angry, distressed, and helpless. The doctor said that no matter how much money they spent, it was impossible to cure him. Besides, their family didn't have that much money to treat Er Gouzi.

Their family was worried and afraid of losing face, so they had to ask Lin Chong's mother to keep an eye on Er Gouzi every day. As for what happened to Er Gouzi, only a few people in the village knew.

However, this time, Lin Yuelan had suddenly come to visit, and Er Gouzi's condition was revealed to all. And Er Gouzi seemed to have become worse. That was why Lin Chong's mother held such great resentment toward Lin Yuelan.

However, Lin Yuelan sneered and said, "why is it that only your Er Gouzi is allowed to kill people, and I'm not allowed to scare him? Did you hear what he shouted just now? He said he didn't mean to kill me on purpose. Grandma Lin, these words should be clear to everyone present."

At this moment, Lin Yuelan moved aside so that Lin Chong's mother could see the group of people standing outside.

When Lin Chong's mother saw the crowd outside, her face turned pale with fright. Just as she was about to say something ...

"Why don't we go to the court and find out whether Er Gouzi's crime is more serious or whether mine is more serious?" Lin Yuelan continued.

Lin Chong's mother's face immediately turned pale with anger when she heard Lin Yuelan. She asked loudly, "then what are you doing here?"

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, "I have a clear purpose for coming here. Tell Uncle Lin Chong that I wish to buy your family's land."

"Why should we sell our land to you?" Lin Chong's mother was unconvinced and said, "it's our land, so what if we don't want to sell it? What can you do?"

Lin Yuelan glanced at Er Gouzi, who was curled up in a corner, holding his head and trembling all over. She said, "If you want Er Gouzi to continue to be like this, then carry on."

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Lin Chong's mother's eyes widened in confusion. She asked, "what do you mean?"

Lin Yuelan said, "I can cure his illness, but I will require your land as an exchange." She ignored their reaction and walked away.

Her next destination was Lin Changzhi's house.

Lin Changxing lived at the entrance of the village. He built a three-room green-roofed house. At first glance, it was clear that his life was better than that of the other villagers.

The villagers followed Lin Yuelan all the way to Lin Changzhi's house.

The people started to whisper to each other.

"It seems that the families that the girl is looking for today are all families that have not sold their land."

"Yup. But Changzhi has no enmity with the girl, so why is he not willing to sell the land to her?"

“I heard that Changzhi’s youngest son also had a part in the murder of the girl. This time, he probably didn’t sell the land to her because he has a guilty conscience.”

“No way. In that case, he should sell the land to her. What if she suddenly decides to take revenge?”

“Who knows? However, the girl isn’t someone who would take revenge easily, right? Otherwise, she would have taken revenge on those who bullied her before already. She wouldn’t have kept quiet until now, right?”

“That’s right. She is rich and capable now. If she wanted to take revenge, she wouldn’t have waited until now.”

“Mm, that’s right. I don’t know what the Changzhi family is thinking.”

“I think the Changzhi wants to force the girl to pay him a higher price for his land.”

Lin Yuelan soon arrived at Lin Changzhi’s house. Looking at the closed door, her eyes flickered. It seemed that he had gone into hiding.

Lin Yuelan’s guess was right. Lin Changzhi’s family had indeed gone into hiding.

Lin Yuelan first went to look for Gu Sanniang, then Lin Chong’s family. These two families did not sell land to her. This news quickly reached Lin Changzhi’s ears. He squinted his small eyes and immediately guessed that the jinx would come looking for him next.

Therefore, he immediately told his family to go out and hide while he hid in the house.

Lin Yuelan looked at the tightly shut door and shouted, “uncle Changzhi, I know you’re in the house. I’m not here to find trouble with you. I’m just telling you that I don’t want your family’s land anymore, but don’t even think about passing through my family’s land.”

With that said, she also walked away, not caring about the reaction of the people inside. This stunned the others.

It’s over just like this?

However, on second thought, after the land was sold to Lin Yuelan, the land would become her private property, and the land with the roads would also become her personal property.

So, she was not wrong.

Most of Lin Changzhi’s family’s fields were on the concave land at the back of the mountain. To get to the concave land, one had to pass by Lin Yuelan’s house. There was no other way!

This kind of threat was indeed more effective than revenge.

The villagers thought Lin Yuelan would have continued to walk to the house of the Lin Laosan or the Lin Laoliu. However, everyone followed her to the door of Lin Yuelan’s house. She entered the courtyard and closed the door.

These villagers looked at each other.

“Hey, why didn’t she go to Lin Laosan’s or Lin Laoliu’s house? I heard that they have a lot of land in the back mountain and they didn’t want to sell them to the girl.”

“Or is she taking a rest?”

“Sigh, I don’t care anymore. I still have work to do.”

“Me too. I’ve been following her all morning, and I haven’t finished my words.”

The crowd gradually dispersed.

In the courtyard, Lin Yuelan gently stroked little green and said, “little green, what kind of lesson do you think we should teach Lin Laosan and Lin Laoliu?”

Little Green’s sharp bud bent as it said, “master, why don’t we strip them naked like last time and make them have no clothes to wear again?”

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, “that’s not good. If this happened once, people would think it was a prank. However, when it happened again, anyone could guess that someone was deliberately playing a trick. They will easily tie it back to me.”

Little green’s two green leaves closed like he was in deep thought. He asked, “then, master, how should we teach them a lesson?”

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This time, not only was she going to teach them a lesson, but she was also going to make the two families take the initiative to sell their land to her.

Lin Yuelan whispered something to Little Green. Little Green patted his two green leaves and replied in a crisp voice, “sure, I’ll go now.” He sounded excited. Little Green disappeared into the ground.

At Lin Laoliu’s house, his eldest son, Lin Daming, said worriedly, “dad, do you think the jinx will come to our house? I heard that she’s already gone to Gu Sanniang’s, Lin Chong’s, and Lin Changzhi’s houses.”

Although Lin Laoliu was a little anxious, he remained calm on the surface. He said, “if she wants our land, she must pay 22 taels per mu. Otherwise, we won’t sell it.”

Lin Daming said hesitantly, “father, isn’t that too expensive?”

Lin Laoliu snorted, “Hmph, what’s so expensive about it? Anyway, that girl has received so much money from shopkeeper Lin. She doesn’t lack this little bit of silver.”

Lin Daming was about to say something, but when he glanced around, he saw a big python hanging on a tree in the courtyard.

“Father!” Lin Daming’s face immediately turned pale, and he hurriedly called for Lin Laoliu to take a look.

The villagers were still in awe of snakes, especially those large pythons, which were even more awe-inspiring and fearful.

In ancient times, snakes were gods, the predecessors of Dragons, so they called them Little Dragons. However, although snakes were small dragons, everyone was afraid to see them because they were poisonous.

Now, a giant python had suddenly appeared on a tree in the courtyard, giving them a fright.

Lin Daming and Lin Laoliu immediately took a few steps back. Then, they cupped their fists and said carefully, "We didn't know that you were here. Please forgive us."

Lin Laoliu heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that the snake didn't move.

However, what happened next caused his heart to almost jump out of his chest. The snake had started to speak. Its voice had a deep and ethereal feeling.

It said, "Lin Laoliu, you will face a great disaster tomorrow. You will need to spend 80 taels." The money from selling the land, in addition to his family's savings, was exactly 80 taels.

When Lin Laoliu heard this, he was dumbfounded. "Great immortal, what disaster?"

The little Dragon said mysteriously, "the secrets of heaven can not be revealed! However, I can remind you that Lin Yuelan is heaven's jinx. Anyone who has bullied her will face disaster! Alright, I've revealed too much. It's time for me to leave. You know what to do."

After that, the snake instantly disappeared.

The two of them were left dumbfounded.

The same thing happened in Lin Laosan's house. Other than the amount of silver, everything else was the same.

Soon, the news of a great immortal's existence spread throughout the entire Lin family Village. After a while, many people knew that Lin Yuelan was heaven's jinx. Anyone who bullied her would face disaster.

Hearing this, everyone started to reflect on whether they had bullied Lin Yuelan or not.

In the afternoon, the five families who had not sold their land obediently came to the house with the land deeds.

When Gu Sanniang went out in the morning, she tripped over a big stone and broke her leg. She needed money for medical treatment. Lin Chong's family needed Lin Yuelan to treat Er Gouzi. Lin Changzhi's family didn't want to pay the road fee in the future. Lin Laoliu and Lin Laosan were so scared that they obediently handed over the title deed.

They were superstitious and afraid.

Lin Yuelan didn't want to take advantage of them. Except for Lin Chong's family, Lin Yuelan paid the others four taels of land per Mu, which was more than what they were worth.

However, when the families held the money, they immediately regretted it. They thought about those who sold their land for 16 taels of silver per mu. However, Lin Laosan and Lin Laoliu still fell seriously ill the next day.

As soon as the two old men fell sick, all kinds of conflicts broke out in the family.

Of course, none of this was Lin Yuelan's business.

"Little green, you're the best!" After closing the door, Lin Yuelan praised Little Green.

Since the title deeds were all in place, they could start building the houses without any worries tomorrow.

The next day, craftsman Hu and his brothers arrived at Lin Yuelan's house early in the morning.

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They were carrying all kinds of tools and their own small bags.

Lin Yuelan pointed at the old houses that she had just bought and said to them, "I own these houses now. You can stay in them. They are clean, and you can live in them temporarily. You don't have to live in tents."

The eyes of the five Hu brothers immediately lit up, and their faces were filled with surprise.

Before this, they had been discussing whether they should build tents. In the end, they didn't even need to do that.

Craftsman Hu and the others came out after arranging the things they had brought.

Craftsman Hu couldn't wait to ask, "Yuelan, where's the supervisor?"

Lin Yuelan said, "he's out now. He'll be back soon."

Craftsman Hu said, "alright then. Let's get back to work first. We'll get to know each other when he comes over."

Craftsman Hu and the others began to work while Lin Yuelan did other things. She was making soy sauce. Her stock in her space was running out, so she had to make more for Yuelai Inn.

She had to change the recipe many times before she found some kind of success.

Craftsman Hu took the drawing from Lin Yuelan. He was stunned at first, then ecstatic.

He said excitedly, "this blueprint! Did Yuelan draw this herself?"

He excitedly went to the small house to find Lin Yuelan and quickly asked, "Yuelan, you drew this blueprint yourself?"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "yes. Is there a problem, master Hu?"

Craftsman Hu immediately shook his head and said, "No." After that, he asked carefully, "Xiao Lin, can you sell this design to me?" The design was clever. This design plan could fit the requirements of many rich families who wanted a comfortable house.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and refused, "no!" She just wanted her house to be unique.

However, when Lin Yuelan saw craftsman Hu's disappointed expression, she said, "however, I can design another blueprint for you that is not inferior to this one. I can also design the blueprint to the family's liking. However," Lin Yuelan said seriously, "my drawing will not be free."

When craftsman Hu heard Lin Yuelan, he immediately put away his excited expression and looked at Lin Yuelan seriously. He asked, "what do you mean?"

"I'm selling my service!" Lin Yuelan said bluntly.

Modern designers could get paid millions to design a building.

Therefore, as the first architect in ancient times, she would definitely charge for her service.

The person who could buy her blueprint must be someone who had money.

Craftsman Hu then asked seriously, "how much do you plan to sell it for?"

"The prices will differ based on the size of the house!" Lin Yuelan said.

Craftsman Hu frowned and said to Lin Yuelan, "Yuelan, let me think about it!"

In truth, craftsman Hu did not think too much about it. He went to have a discussion with his younger brothers and evaluated the situation. Then, all five brothers came back.

Craftsman Hu said, "Yuelan, I'll agree to this."

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "alright!"

Just like that, the world's first architect was born.

This allowed the Hu brothers to make a fortune in the future. They followed Lin Yuelan's suggestion and set up the world's first company that merged a real estate construction company and a design company. Lin Yuelan was the largest shareholder.

Of course, this was a story for the future.

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The construction of Lin Yuelan's house was in full swing. They bought materials and bricks.

Seeing the carts bringing the materials to Lin Yuelan's house, one could tell at a glance that they were not going to build an ordinary house. Someone asked, and they were told that Lin Yuelan was building a house with three courtyards.

Oh my God, how much would that cost?

Could it be that shopkeeper Lin had really given all his money to this girl?

It should be known that building an ordinary farmer's house with a courtyard would cost at most 40 to 50 taels. If it was a little bigger, it might cost 20 to 30 taels or 70 to 80 taels.

However, Lin Yuelan had spent more than a thousand taels on the surrounding empty land to build this house. She had also spent more than a thousand taels on building such a big house. Plus, they heard that the girl wanted to use bricks to surround the house. This would be another huge expense.

All in all, without five to six thousand taels, it would be impossible.

That was such a huge number for normal farmers like them. However, Lin Yuelan got a step-grandfather, and she suddenly had so much money.

For a moment, they were envious, excited, and even envious of Lin Yuelan.

Why didn't they have such good luck?

No matter how envious and jealous others were, the construction continued.

Because she needed manpower, Lin Yuelan had the village chief hire some villagers who had not bullied her when she was down and had good character. She would pay them 25 Wen a day.

Those who refused when there was money to be earned were fools. Although those people were honest and simple, they were not stupid. They were not going to refuse the opportunity to earn money just because they were concerned about the jinx's reputation.

Twenty-five Wen a day was a lot more than working in town. This was simply too good. Many people accepted the job.

Guo Bing was the supervisor appointed by Lin yuelan.

He was well-read and knowledgeable. He was well-versed in almost every aspect. Even when it came to craftsmanship, he was able to give his own insightful opinions. This made the brothers of craftsman Hu admire him from the bottom of their hearts. After all, they had not been educated. Everything they knelt was taught by their ancestors. Guo Bing's tips managed to help them save a lot of money.

As for Guo Bing, he didn't expect that he would be appointed as a supervisor by Lin Yuelan. However, with his talent and knowledge, this was not difficult for him at all.

And that was indeed the case.

As for the food, she bought a few large pots and hired two honest women to cook for them. In terms of food, Lin Yuelan wasn't stingy at all. She cooked meat for them every meal.

Most of the workers were from the Lin family Village. When they saw the meat, they were reminded of their wives and children. They hadn't had rice or meat for a long time, so they brought their own food back home to feed their wives and children.

Lin Yuelan turned a blind eye to all this, but she also had strict rules. If you brought extra food home, you had to work hard. If there were slackers, they would be fired.

This happened on the third day of work. A villager fainted on the ground because he wanted to pretend to get extra meat to bring home to his family.

After Lin Yuelan found out, she fired the man without saying anything. No matter how he begged, it was useless.

Lin Yuelan looked coldly at the person who was begging her and said sternly, "I hired you to work, not to take advantage of me!"

After that, no one dared to do that anymore.

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The salary was high, and the food was good. Many people were envious and jealous of those who could work with Lin Yuelan's family. Therefore, they didn't care if Lin Yuelan was a jinx or not. They just wanted to work.

As a matter of fact, many villagers went to Lin Yiwei's house to get him to introduce them to work for Lin Yuelan.

"Village chief, look at me. My whole family relies on me to support them. Can you help me and let me work at that girl's house?" A short man with a pointed mouth and ape-like cheeks pleaded with Lin Yiwei.

In fact, his purpose was not to work but to sneak in to get food and money.

Lin Yiwei rolled his eyes and scolded the man sternly, "Lin Youcai, do you have any shame? I don't see you taking care of the family. You're always idling around and leaving the farm work to your 60-year-old grandmother and five-year-old son. Now you have the face to say that your family relies on you?"

"Don't think that I don't know your purpose. You just want to scam Lan 'Er. I'm telling you, no way!"

Lin Youcai was rejected openly. His face immediately turned ugly, and he no longer spoke to Lin Yiwei in a good tone. He said in disdain, "It's her fortune that I would work for her. That wretched girl is a nemesis. Do you think I want to work there? People working there will be jinxed to death!" After that, he left Lin Yiwei's house with a livid face.

Lin Youcai was a scoundrel and a ruffian, and he often did things like stealing.

This time, he had his eyes on Lin Yuelan's house construction.

Lin Yiwei looked at Lin Youcai and sighed. "It seems that I have to remind Lan 'Er not to be tricked by this man."

Then, Lin Yiwei went to find Lin Yuelan.

Hearing Lin Yiwei's reminder, Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "thank you, Grandpa village chief. I understand!"

The night was pitch-black.

At this moment, everyone was deep in their sleep.

Outside the wall of Lin Yuelan's construction site, three figures were sneakily pacing back and forth. If someone paid attention, they would see two ladders against the wall.

“Lin Youcai, are you sure that there’s a lot of meat here?” A black figure lowered his head and asked in a low voice.

“I’m sure. They’ve been cooking here every day, so the meat must be hidden here.” Lin Youcai said.

“Is there no one guarding this place?” The other one asked doubtfully.

Lin Youcai replied, “don’t worry. I’ve already asked around. Although there are people guarding this place every day, we just need to make the first move and knock them out.”

One of them climbed up and moved the ladder over. Then, the three of them climbed up the ladder one by one.

Their movements were very careful and did not seem to alarm anyone.

After that, the three of them sneaked into the shed in the dark.

As soon as they entered, they looked around carefully to see if there was really someone guarding the shed. However, they couldn’t find anyone.

They were relieved. Then, they quietly opened the lighter and went to find the place where the meat was hidden.

They quickly found three large vats. The three of them opened them up and lit them up with a match. After that, they were so happy that they almost cried out in surprise.

Because there were three large vats. One was filled with water, one was filled with rice, and the other was the meat they were looking for.

“Let’s take all the rice and meat away.”

Although the vat was big, the three of them were men, so they still had some strength.

It wouldn’t take much effort to take these things away.

The three of them immediately opened the cloth bag they had brought and stuffed it with the meat first, then the rice. In a short while, they had put all the meat in the bag. There was still a little rice left in the big vat, so the three of them took off their clothes and packed the rest of the rice.

“Let’s be careful. Don’t alert anyone.”

The three of them carried a large sack and a small cloth bag hanging on their chest. They ran carefully and hurriedly in the direction of the ladder.

The three of them carried the sacks and climbed up the ladder. Then, they managed to carry the meat and rice over the wall.

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However, when the first of them came down, the other two suddenly heard the other person exclaim.

“Lin Youcai, what did you say?” the two men asked anxiously.

There was no response.

The two of them looked at each other and had bad feelings in their hearts.

Then, the two of them climbed down the ladder. When they came down in the dark, they bent over and whispered, "Lin Youcai, Lin Youcai..."

"Ah!" A frightened scream followed.

They were surrounded by lit torches, and standing in front of them was a majestic white tiger. A girl was sitting on the tiger's back, and there were five to six men around them. At their feet was a curled-up figure. Without a doubt, this person was Lin Youcai.

The two of them were so frightened that they immediately threw away the sacks they were carrying. Their faces were pale, and their bodies were weak as they lay on the ground.

Lin Yuelan rode on the tiger's back and looked at the three people lying on the ground. Then, she looked at the three sacks in front of them. She sneered and said to the three people, "it looks like you have a good harvest. Did you take away all the rice and meat in my storage, Lin Youcai, Zhou Lin, and the Li village's Li Erlai."

Lin Youcai was a ruffian from the Lin family Village, while Zhou Lin was a gambling addict from the Zhou Family Village. He was also the son of Zhou Ping, who had previously sold his land to Lin Yuelan. Li Erlai was a hopeless ruffian from the Li village.

The three of them were pale and covered in a cold sweat. They stared at the big white tiger in front of them in panic and fear, unable to say a word.

Lin Yuelan didn't wait for them to answer. Her tone changed, and she shouted coldly, "we've caught you red-handed. This time, what do you have to say?"

Lin Youcai and Zhou Lin were well aware of Lin Yuelan's abilities. They knew that they were no match for her. However, even though Li Erlai had heard of Lin Yuelan, he had not seen her. He was more afraid of the tiger and the men who had surrounded them.

He also knew that they could not escape at all.

However, he was also a clever person. Seeing a girl sitting calmly on the tiger's back, and with her as the center of these people, he knew that she was the shot-caller.

He lowered his head, and his face was pale. Under his lowered eyes, a fierce light flashed quickly.

He immediately knelt down in front of Lin Yuelan and pointed a finger at Lin Youcai. He said in a trembling voice, "miss, it's not my fault. He said that there was a lot of meat here and asked us to steal it. I didn't want to come at first, but he kept urging me to come. I didn't want to steal, and I was forced, so it's not my fault."

When Lin Youcai heard Li Er Laizi pushing the blame on him, he immediately trembled in anger. He was angry, nervous, and scared. He shouted at Li Erlai, "you are such a rascal. Do you think you can push the blame on me? In your dreams. I'm telling you, we're all caught in this."

Then, he smiled apologetically at Lin Yuelan with fear in his heart and said in a flattering manner, "Lan 'Er, Lan 'Er, uncle didn't mean to steal your meat and rice. It's just that..." With a sad and pitiful expression, he said to Lin Yuelan, "you know me, I have an old mother and a young son. They've been starving for a long time. It's all my fault for being useless ... So I came here to steal rice and meat. Lan 'Er, please forgive me this time. I won't dare to steal it again."

Lin Youcai was playing the sympathy card. He wanted to make use of Lin Yuelan's kindness to let him off.

However, Lin Yuelan chuckled and said, "Lin Youcai, I only have a grandfather in my family. I don't have an uncle. Please don't call yourself my uncle. And you are indeed useless. You're perfectly healthy, but you refuse to work. You starved your own mother and son until they were only skin and bones." she said coldly, "of course, your family's matters have nothing to do with me. But since you've stolen from me, you should be prepared to pay the price."

Then, Lin Yuelan gently patted little white's head. She lowered her head and asked with a smile, "little white, you haven't eaten raw meat recently, have you?"

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When the three of them heard this, their faces turned even paler. They widened their eyes and looked at the big tiger in front of them in horror. Their bodies trembled, and they were on high alert.

Lin Yuelan didn't care about them. She just lowered her head and played with little white.

After a while, the sound of footsteps could be heard. Everyone was holding a torch and rushing over.

The person in the lead was Lin Yiwei, and behind him was Little Twelve. He was the one who went to get Lin Yiwei. Behind him were the villagers.

When they walked forward, the first thing they saw was the mighty and strong white tiger. It was so fierce that it made people stop in their tracks and not dare to move forward. Some of the more courageous ones continued to follow Lin Yiwei.

Lin Yiwei saw Lin Yuelan on the tiger's back and immediately asked loudly, "Lan 'Er, you said you caught the thief. Where is he?"

Lin Yuelan jumped down from the tiger's back, then pointed to the people they had surrounded and said, "there, these people are thieves. They stole all the rice and meat from my house."

Lin Yiwei immediately recognized them and was furious. He yelled at Lin Youcai, "Lin Youcai, I have just rejected you in the day and you're here to steal at night. Don't you have any sense of shame?"

Lin Youcai lowered his head and did not speak, allowing Lin Yiwei to continue cursing him.

In fact, he was secretly happy. It was good that Lin Yiwei was here. The village chief definitely wouldn't punish him too severely. After all, situations like this had happened in the past. He would only give him two smacks and a warning before letting him go.

Lin Yiwei looked at the others. When he saw the two ruffians, he became even angrier.

He pointed at the two of them and scolded, "Zhou Lin, Li Erlai, how dare you steal from the Lin family Village! Do you think Lin family Village won't do anything to you? I'm telling you, on behalf of the Lin family Village, I'm going to punish you today."

As he spoke, Lin Yiwei looked at Lin Yuelan and asked, "Lan 'Er, what do you want to do with them now?"

Lin Yuelan sneered and said, "The evidence of them being thieves is irrefutable, so the best punishment is naturally to send them to the authorities for punishment. After three to five years in prison, they'll completely turn over a new leaf."

When the three of them heard that they were going to be sent to the authorities, they ignored their fear and hurriedly got up from the ground. Then, they immediately knelt down and kowtowed, saying, "No, no. Don't send us to the authorities."

If they were sent to prison, their lives would be ruined.

Lin Yuelan said sternly, "when anyone makes a mistake, doesn't it mean that they can be forgiven if they apologize? Then, what's the point of having the law? In the past, it was none of my business whether you stole or robbed. However, now that you've stolen from me, I'm sorry. You must pay the price for your mistakes. Sending you to the authorities is the lightest punishment, otherwise..."

Lin Yuelan gently stroked little White's fur and said sternly, "if you want me to mete out the punishment, don't blame me for being ruthless!"

She had never been a good person.

Hearing this, Lin Yiwei could only sigh and say, "alright." He then instructed the young man. "Tie the three of them up and bring them to the ancestral hall. We'll send them to court tomorrow."

However, when the others heard that Lin Yiwei was really going to send the thieves to court, they had some opinions.

With Lin Changzhi as the representative, he stood up and said, "Village chief, one of our villagers has already been sent to prison. Are we going to send another one in? How will others look at our Lin family Village in the future? How will this reflect on our village?"

"You can't just blindly follow someone's instruction and allow her to ruin the Lin Family Village. She doesn't care about the Lin family Village's reputation, but we do. Therefore, we can't send these people to court."

When he was talking about some people, his eyes swept over Lin Yuelan, his eyes containing some hatred.

As soon as Lin Changzhi's words came out, many people immediately echoed him. They nodded and said, "that's right, that's right. They have only stolen a few things. It's not even gold, silver, or jewelry. Why should we involve the authority? At most, we can tie them up and lock them up for a few days to teach them a lesson."

Lin Yuelan coldly looked at them as they defended the thieves. Then, she sneered and said, "Right. So no harm is done. Fine. I'll have them steal all your food tomorrow. After all, no harm is done, right? Don't think that they wouldn't dare to steal it. Don't you know the character of these three people?"

"Or perhaps, some of you are thinking of using them as precedent? In the future, all of you can come steal from me without punishment. After all, in your eyes, I'm very rich, right?"

Some of the villagers immediately shut up. They felt like this because it was not their things that were stolen. The things stolen were not even money. However, if this happened to them, they would kill the thieves.

This was the selfishness of human nature.

Early the next morning, everyone in the village knew that Lin Youcai had stolen something from Lin Yuelan. Now, he had been sent to the authorities by Lin Yuelan without mercy.

When the villagers heard that, they cursed Lin Yuelan for being so heartless. As long as she was around, the Lin family Village's reputation would be ruined.

The jinx was too cruel, and lost her conscience. She didn't even consider that these men had families to take care of.

In short, all kinds of curses were hurled at Lin Yuelan.

However, Lin Yuelan didn't care about these people at all. For her, catching the thieves was just a small interlude. The purpose of sending the thieves to the government was to deter others.

She was very busy now. She was busy preparing to officially take over Lin's medicine Hall from Lin Deshan. Most importantly, she had to recruit a shopkeeper. She wanted Lin Deshan to retire so he could rest.

Chapter 439: The General is a Thief

On the roof of the high-walled tile house in General's mansion, a man in black clothes and a black veil was flying very lightly and quickly. His target was the Butler's room in the general's mansion.

When he arrived at his destination, he listened carefully. After confirming there was nothing unusual, he carefully moved a tile and revealed a small hole. Through this small hole, he saw a man with a big belly as fat as a pig lying on the bed, sleeping soundly.

A soybean immediately appeared in Jiang Zhennan's palm, and he directly hit the man's sleeping acupoint.

After completing this action, he carefully covered the tile back and jumped down nimbly and easily. He took out a thin iron wire and put it through the crack of the door. Then, he gently locked the door bolt and moved it gently. Finally, he went in.

He walked straight to the person and rudely kicked him to the other side of the bed. Then, he reached under the pillow and found a bunch of keys.

He took the key and left, heading in the direction of the warehouse.

He used the key to open the warehouse. His goal was clear. He went straight to the cabinet on the left, opened the few boxes in the cabinet, and rummaged through them one by one as if he was looking for something.

After rummaging through a few boxes, there was only one drawer left. His face, which was covered by the black cloth, frowned slightly, as if he was a little confused. He pulled open the last drawer and rummaged through it a few more times. Finally, the corner of his mouth rose slightly as he finally found it.

After getting the items, he glanced around his warehouse. After seeing a few precious medicinal herbs, he took them away without hesitation.

After he got the things, he went back to the Butler's room, put the key back under his pillow, and moved him back to his original position very roughly.

When he closed the door again, he used the iron wire to hook the door bolt back.

This series of actions only took a short moment before everything returned to normal, as if nothing had happened.

When the man in black left the Butler's room, his brows furrowed again as if he was a little worried. Then, he avoided all the guards of the general's residence and went straight to the East courtyard, where Jiang Zhennan's study was.

At the door of the study room, two guards were standing upright and talking.

"Sigh, it's been a few months, and there's been no news at all. Is it really like what the Butler said? That our general suddenly wants to rest and doesn't want to know where he went?"

"That's right. Our general joined the Army when he was ten years old, and now he's twenty years old. I heard that he hasn't had a good rest for more than ten years. Since he became the general, he has won almost every battle. When the enemy countries hear his name, they are so scared that their legs go soft.

"The war at the border has just stopped. The other border countries are no longer in the mood to fight with our kingdom. Our country also needs to recuperate. Now that our general wants to take the opportunity to rest, we should let him."

"However, isn't three to four months without any news a little abnormal? Do you think something happened to the general?" One of the guards said with some doubt and worry.

The other guard chuckled. Then, he said sternly, "what nonsense! Our general is so brave and heroic. How could something happen to him? Didn't the Butler say that our general went to relax and rest? After a few days, the general will return. "

It was just that they had never encountered such a situation before.

The general either stayed in the Long Yan Kingdom to protect the border from being invaded, or he stayed directly in the general's residence in the capital. He never went anywhere else. He didn't interact with the other court officials. This made hundreds of officials hate him, but they were helpless.

However, this time, the general and the heir of the Marquis Guo family had suddenly disappeared for a few months. It was indeed very worrying.

When Jiang Zhennan, who had his face covered, heard his subordinates' words, his eyes darkened slightly. Then, with his face covered, he quickly sealed their acupuncture points.

Then, he walked straight to the two of them, pulled down his veil, and said in a low voice, "little 38, little 12, listen to me. I'm your general, Jiang Zhennan. I've been harmed by someone and can't return to the general's residence. I need to wait for the right time. However, I really need your help right now. I'll open your acupuncture points now, but you must keep your voices down. You can't scream, understand?"

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The two guards' acupuncture points had been sealed by Jiang Zhennan, so only their eyes could move. Their eyes were filled with fear. However, when they heard the other party say that he was their general Jiang Zhennan, other than shock, there was more disbelief in their eyes.

They remembered clearly that their general had been wearing a silver mask for more than ten years. It was said that he had been disfigured because of a knife wound on his face. In order not to scare people, he had to wear a mask.

But this person, even if his figure and voice were very similar to the general's, his face didn't have any knife wounds at all. He was very handsome and didn't look scary at all. Was he really their general?

However, to be honest, they had never seen the general's face before, so they couldn't be sure if the general's face was really injured and had a scar. Or was it because the general was too handsome, so he put on the mask to intimidate others?

They had to ask the person in front of them whether he was the general or not.

After Jiang Zhennan had opened their acupuncture points, the two of them did not scream. They just asked in a low voice, as Jiang Zhennan had requested.

After all, if this person was really the general, there must be a hidden reason for his sudden appearance. If they suddenly shouted that there was a thief or assassin, it might be very disadvantageous to the general.

On the other hand, if the person in front of them wasn't the general but someone else in disguise, then they only needed to shout, and he would be surrounded in an instant, unable to escape.

Besides, if this person weren't the general, killing them would be as easy as turning one's hand over. Why would he waste his breath on them?

Although they had guessed that the man in black who had suddenly appeared was most likely their general, they still needed to confirm it.

The two of them looked calm and in disbelief as they asked, "You know our names, but that doesn't prove that you're our general. So, how are you going to prove it? You should know that our general has always been open and not dressed like a thief."

As expected of a subordinate trained by Jiang Zhennan, he had a certain level of courage.

These two guards were indeed personally trained by Jiang Zhennan.

The study was the most important place for Jiang Zhennan. Many secret documents could be hidden in the study. Therefore, someone must guard the study 24 hours a day.

Jiang Zhennan was not at ease using ordinary guards, so he picked four guards from the team he had trained. Two of them would work in shifts and be on duty all day long.

Because of the housekeeper's sudden betrayal, Jiang Zhennan was poisoned, and his situation was extremely dangerous. He didn't have time to deal with the matters in the general's mansion. At the same time, in order not to alert the enemy, Jiang Zhennan didn't bring a guard from the mansion. He only went to Guo's mansion secretly and found Guo Bing. Then, he planned to go to the valley of medicine Masters to find the divine Doctor Wu Yazi.

Originally, it was only the two of them who went, but when they arrived outside the city, they did not expect to be assassinated. They were alone and weak. Guo Bing immediately sent a signal and summoned more than fifty of Jiang Zhennan's personal guards.

The butler at the general's residence had colluded with the Marquis to harm Jiang Zhennan. They were certain that Jiang Zhennan could not find anyone to cure him because this poison could be cured.

Therefore, after Jiang Zhennan quickly left the general's residence, the butler calmly informed the people in the Marquis' residence. Then, he calmly waited for the news in the general's residence.

Once the news of Jiang Zhennan's death came, the people from the Marquis's Court promised to give him 30000 taels of silver in addition to giving him the right to manage the general's residence.

However, before the news of Jiang Zhennan's death came out, the butler had to find an excuse to explain Jiang Zhennan's disappearance. Otherwise, it would be too suspicious.

Therefore, whether it was the guards at the general's residence or the public in the capital, no one knew that something bad had happened to Jiang Zhennan.