

## Village Girl 51

### Chapter 51: Nine Years

Lin Dawei was a hunter. He had a rough appearance and a loud voice! Everyone heard his stern questioning of the Lin family's behavior.

Honestly, that question was on everyone's mind as well. Why would Li Cuihua ask his sons to carry back the big tiger that Lin Yuelan had carried down the mountain?

Wasn't this a little unreasonable?

After all, the girl had cut off all relations with Lin Laosan's family three years ago. At that time, Lin Yuelan, who was only nine years old, had already shed two big bowls of blood and returned them to the Lin family.

So, what was going on?

Lin Daniu was a person who cared about his face. He believed that in the future, he would be the father of an elementary scholar. Therefore, he would usually put on an arrogant look and look at the dirty villagers who were covered in mud with disdain. However, Lin Dazong wasn't a scholar yet. He wouldn't offend the village elders lest it affected Lin Dazong's reputation.

However, Lin Daniu was the same age as Lin Dawei. When Lin Daniu was blocked by the boorish Lin Dawei, he immediately flew into a rage, "Lin Dawei, this is the Lin family's business. It's none of your business!"

Of course, Lin Daniu knew that his family had severed blood relations with the jinx, so it was unreasonable for him to claim the big tiger.

But so what?

Were they going to hand the tiger over to the jinx? Of course not! His son, Lin Dazong needed a large sum of money. Lin Daniu had also promised some jewelry to the widow as well as the daughter of Official Li's family he had hooked up with

He sneered, "How is this your Lin family matter? I remember clearly that the girl has broken off all relationships with Lin Laosan's family three years ago. She has even returned two bowls of blood to you. Do you really think you can carry this big tiger back to your home with the whole village watching?" Lin Dawei pointed out the obvious.

Lin Daniu was embarrassed to the point that his ears were red. However, he believed that he was a cultured person and wouldn't bother with a boorish person. He snorted coldly and said, "I won't quibble with a boorish person!"

Lin Dawei was so angry that he laughed. He was about to continue this argument with Lin Daniu when Li Cuihua decided to throw a tantrum.

Li Cuihua said confidently to everyone, "So what if the jinx shed two bowls of blood with my family. My family has raised her for nine years. She has to repay us, right? Do you think we've raised the jinx nine years for free?"

“In the past, she had problems finding her own food, so I never asked her for compensation. But now that she is capable of carrying a big tiger down the mountain, isn’t it time for her to repay the Lin Family for raising her for nine years?”

The f\*ck, how could Li Cuihua be so shameless? She even brought up the issue from before the family separation ritual. How shameless could she be?

Who didn’t know that Lin Yuelan was forced to work for the family since she was three? Normally, she had to work with her parents, and she had to wash clothes, sweep the floor, and cook. She was given the least amount of food in the family. Which family would treat their granddaughter as cruel as Lin Laosan and his wife?

Lin Yuelan was enslaved to this family since she was born. Then, when her family heard that she was a jinx, they wanted to kill her. They even ordered the girl’s father to drown her. And Li Cuihua still had the face to ask for nine years of compensation for raising her?

Of course, some people did agree with Li Cuihua. After all, Lin Yuelan was raised by Lin Laosan’s family for nine years, right? Since their relations had been severed, Lin Yuelan was obliged to pay the compensation to Lin Laosan’s family for the nine years they had raised her.

Lin Dawei laughed, hearing Li Cuihui’s bizarre reasoning. Just as he was about to retort, Lin Yuelan, who had been sneering coldly beside him, suddenly stood up and said, “Uncle Dawei thank you for your kindness! However, this is a matter between me, Lin Yuelan, and Lin Laosan’s family. Let me settle it myself!”

Seeing Lin Yuelan’s calm and collected appearance, David Lin was no longer angry.

He believed that the child who had been sent back from the Palace of Hell could handle herself. Therefore, he was happy to watch the show from the side. He also didn’t want people to gossip that he had ulterior motives in helping Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan turned her head and looked at Li Cuihua with a cold smile. “Elder Li, you said that you want me to return the favor to thank you for raising me for nine years, right? In compensation, you have to carry this big tiger away.”

Li Cuihua’s disgust towards Lin Yuelan was obvious. When she saw Lin Yuelan, she wanted to vomit.

Therefore, when Lin Yuelan looked at her, she snorted coldly with her nose facing the sky, “Of course! Since you have nothing to do with my family anymore. Then, you have to pay back everything we have done for you in the first nine years of your life!”

Lin Yuelan looked up at the silent Lin Laosan and asked him again, “Elder Lin Laosan, do you agree with what your wife said?” Lin Yuelan no longer addressed them as grandpa and grandma but Elder Li and Elder Lin.

It was not that Lin Yuelan wanted to be rude, but Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua forced her to do so.

In the past, after Lin Yuelan cut ties with them, she would still run into them in the village. When Lin Yuelan greeted them as Grandpa and Grandma, she would be scolded and beaten up by Li Cuihua.

Therefore, in the future, whenever Lin Yuelan ran into them, she would take a detour. Sometimes, when she couldn't avoid them, she could only endure the humiliation and be beaten and scolded by them.

From then on, Lin Yuelan never greeted them as her family anymore. She never greeted her former parents as her dad and mom either.

Lin Xinlan's host, Lin Yuelan, thus greeted them as Elder Li, Elder Lin, Auntie Lin, and Uncle Li. In spite of everything, she made sure to extend them enough courtesy.

## **Chapter 52: Lin Yuelan's Biological Parents**

Lin Laosan suddenly inhaled a few mouthfuls of smoke. The grayish-white smoke that came out of his nose was like poisonous white snakes, obscuring his old and wrinkled face.

With regards to Lin Yuelan's question, Lin Laosan chose to remain silent. He let his wife handle everything.

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However, Lin Yuelan would never allow Lin Laosan to sneak by this time. Lin Laosan was the head of the Lin Family. Only his words could represent the consensus of the Lin Family.

The corners of Lin Yuelan's mouth curled into a cold smile as she asked again, "Elder Lin, do you also agree with your wife's words?"

Li Cuihua immediately jumped up and scolded her, "You Jinx, what do you mean by that? Don't tell me you plan to deny the facts that we've raised you for nine years?"

Lin Yuelan really didn't want to pay attention to this biological grandmother. Once you paid attention to such a person, she would bite you like a mad dog and refuse to let you go.

Lin Yuelan was young, but her tender voice carried a sharp and imposing tone. She said sharply, "Elder Li, I do not deny that. It's why I'm confirming it with Elder Lin. Is there anything wrong with that?"

Faced with Lin Yuelan's persistence, Lin Laosan narrowed his small eyes and immediately shot a sharp gaze at Lin Yuelan. There was a faint trace of anger on his face as he said in a low voice, "Lan 'Er, you can't deny that my family had indeed supported you for nine years before you separated from us."

When he said this, some people were surprised, and some were not.

Lin Laosan was usually very silent. His wife was normally the one who came out to settle things with the family. However, when it came to major matters, the one who would make the decision was definitely Lin Laosan.

As the saying goes, a dog that didn't bark was a dog that would bite!

Lin Laosan looked honest, but his heart was as vicious as his wife's.

This fact could be proven by the fact that he ordered his son, Lin Sanniu, to kill his biological granddaughter, Lin Yuelan.

At that time, the villagers didn't expect that Lin Laosan would acquiesce to his wife's idea of telling his biological son to kill his biological daughter.

Now, Lin Yuelan had cut all blood relations with his family for three years, but he still had the nerve to demand the girl repay his family for nine years of nurturing!

It was really ridiculous!

Although Lin Xinlan was not familiar with Lin Laosan's family, she had the memories of her original host. She had a deep understanding of Lin Laosan's selfish, mean, and greedy nature.

When she carried the yellow-white tiger down the mountain, she had already thought that Lin Laosan's family would take the opportunity to monopolize the big tiger.

After all, the big tiger represented a great fortune. Lin Laosan was so greedy, so how could they let this go?

When Lin Yuelan heard Lin Laosan's answer, her eyes glanced at her original host's parents.

Lin Sanniu looked a little confused, while Chen Xiaoqing stood behind the crowd, crying nonstop. She looked at Lin Yuelan with guilt and helplessness.

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Disgust flashed across Lin Yuelan's eyes.

### **Chapter 53: Lin Yuelan's Biological Parents**

'The parents of the host are really ignorant and disgusting!'

Although it was wrong for children to criticize their parents, Lin Sanniu was an extremely stupid and filial man. He only knew how to follow his parent's and brothers' orders. Every day, he dragged his wife and children to work the twenty Mu of land.

However, he saw not a single copper for his hard work. The other members of Lin Laosan's family could feast on meat, but Lin Sanniu's family could barely afford rice grains. They could only eat the wild vegetables that were boiled in water.

Therefore, Lin Sanniu's family was all sallow and emaciated. Like Chen Xiaoqing, they often fainted and fell sick. However, once Lin Yuelan was called a jinx, all these mistakes became Lin Yuelan's fault.

Chen Xiaoqing was a weak and incompetent mother. She obeyed her husband's orders and worked hard for the Lin family. Her children were basically tortured every day, but all she knew to do was to cry and work.

Three years ago, when the Lin Family wanted to kill her eldest daughter, Lin Yuelan, she only put on a little resistance. In the end, Chen Xiaoqing cowed when Li Cuihua threatened her with the mention of divorce. She only knew how to cry.

After Lin Yuelan cut ties with Lin Laosan's family, what did they do as Lin Yuelan's biological parents?

During these three years, they did not even bother to visit their eldest daughter.

Other families would even bring Lin Yuelan some old clothes, rags, broken bowls, and jars.

However, Lin Laosan and Chen Xiaoqing didn't even dare to send a word of concern. They didn't care about their eldest daughter.

Every time the host ran into Lin Sanniu and Chen Xiaoqing in the village, the host would want to greet them. But as soon as they saw Lin Yuelan, they immediately left in a hurry, as if there was a pack of wolves chasing after them.

Parents like these were really disgusting to Lin Xinlan.

However, this was also good.

This meant that Lin Yuelan, their eldest daughter, did not owe them anything at all.

In the future, she would be able to handle her relationship with them better.

No matter what happened to Lin Yuelan in the future, it had nothing to do with her biological parents anymore.

In the future, her days would definitely be better. Lin Laosan would definitely use Lin Yuelan's parents to annoy her. Lin Yuelan wouldn't want to be accused of being cold-blooded and heartless.

Currently, Lin Yuelan's parents hadn't wanted to claim her back as their daughter yet, but who could say what would happen in the future?

For example, she had just brought the big tiger home, and Lin Laosan's family immediately appeared to lay claim to it! The reason was that she owed them because they had raised her for nine long years!

But this was good. Lin Yuelan wanted things to end clearly between them. She didn't want Lin Laosan's family to keep on bothering her with family ties that were supposed to be severed already. She wasn't afraid of them, but she found it very annoying!

If Lin Yuelan's biological parents had resisted and fought fiercely when the Lin family wanted to kill her, they would at least be able to gain her respect. In the future, their lives would be better. Lin Xinlan would respect them on behalf of her host.

But in reality, they did not.

Lin Sanniu listened to his parents' orders like usual. He only hesitated for a while before agreeing to kill his daughter.

As for Chen Xiaoqing, she didn't dare to make a peep after Li Cuihua threatened to have Lin Sanniu divorce her. Her reputation was more important than her daughter's life.

Therefore, Lin Xinlan was not going to give them any face.

After Lin Yuelan heard Lin Laosan's answer, her little face became serious.

#### **Chapter 54: Face Smacking**

This big tiger was the turning point of Lin Yuelan's life. No matter what, she would never let Lin Laosan's family take advantage of her.

Lin Yuelan stared at Lin Laosan with a cold look in her eyes. Her tender voice rang out in front of all the villagers.

She said, "Since Elder Lin and Elder Li want to put nine years of my upbringing into numbers, then fine. We'll do it in front of everyone today!"

When Li Cuihua heard Lin Yue Lan's words, she jumped out and interrupted, "What do you mean by that? No matter how you calculate it, you have spent nine years living with us, eating our food, wearing our clothes, so you owe us.

"Jinx, if you know what's good for you, hurry up and let us carry this big tiger away. Otherwise, you can convert the nine years of support fees into four hundred taels of silver and give it to me!"

The villagers knew the big tiger was worth three hundred taels of silver, but Li Cuihua directly asked for four hundred taels of silver.

The villagers were once again shocked by Li Cuihua's greed.

Four hundred taels! Li Cuihua was really shameless.

Three taels of silver were enough for a dozen people to survive comfortably for half a year. Lin Yuelan was only a child. She had only been raised in that home for nine years, so in terms of expenses, it was not even half a tael of silver.

When Lin Yuelan heard Li Cuihua's exorbitant demand, her young and tender face turned completely cold.

She sneered and asked, "Elder Li, does that mean raising me for nine years will cost 400 taels of silver? Do you remember how I was during those nine years? I was as thin as a stick and only slightly bigger than a kitten.

"In that case, Lin Daguang, Lin Dazhong, Lin Dahua, Lin Xiaohua, Lin Dayao, and all my cousins in the past would at least cost 800 taels of silver to raise since they're all fair and fat!

"So five of them will cost you at least 4,000 taels of silver. Then, let's not forget your sons, Lin Daniu, Lin Erniu, Lin Sanniu, and Lin Siniu. Raising them will definitely cost a lot of money. If we calculate it this way, the Lin Family has spent at least 10,000 taels of silver on raising their descendants alone. Elder Li, your family is really rich!"

Lin Yuelan's last sentence was obviously sarcastic and mocking.

The villagers were stunned by Lin Yuelan's words. When they came back to their senses, they burst into laughter.

She was mocking Li Cuihua. How did Lin Yuelan turn out so weak and small if they had spent 400 taels of silver to raise her?

"Since you're so rich, why are you acting like a bandit and robbing me?" Lin Yuelan asked sharply.

Lin Yuelan clearly wouldn't give them the big tiger to pay for the nine years of 'nurturing' they had given her.

The villagers looked at Lin Laosan's family with a mocking expression.

Of course, everyone knew the girl was mocking Li Cuihua. Li Cuihua was the one who asked the girl for four hundred taels of silver. Lin Yuelan didn't have money. Even if she did, she wasn't going to give them the money over such an unreasonable demand.

Li Cuihua said it so grandly because she was jealous of this big tiger and wanted to take it all for herself.

After she was sent back from hell, Lin Yuelan gained divine power, and her brain became sharp.

In the past, Lin Yuelan would be cowed with a single word from Li Cuihua. However, she was now openly mocking Li Cuihua's greed and Lin Laosan's shamelessness.

Li Cuihua was a shrewd and thick-skinned woman, but she was not very smart. When she wanted something, she would only pester and argue until her goal was achieved.

Therefore, she didn't hear the sarcasm in Lin Yuelan's words. She only angrily pointed at Lin Yuelan and said, "That's none of your business. You need to give us 400 taels of silver now!"

Lin Laosan was embarrassed by the villagers' mockery. He said sternly, "Lan 'Er, I've raised you for nine years. Although I didn't really use 400 taels of silver, I spent a certain amount of silver. This is the truth!"

Lin Yuelan immediately clapped her hands. She said loudly, "Good! Since Elder Lin wants to talk about the truth, we'll talk about the truth!"

"I was born into the Lin family. This is the truth, and I won't deny it.

"From one to three years old, I was also raised in the Lin family. This is also the truth, and I won't deny it.

"So from my birth to three years old, how much would it take to raise a child? Can an auntie tell me?" Lin Yuelan asked all the women who had given birth.

"500 copper coins at most!" Someone gave Lin Yuelan an answer. In reality, it was not even five copper coins.

Other families would spend money to buy brown sugar, eggs, and hens for the pregnant mother to recover. They needed nourishment after childbirth.

However, after Chen Xiaoqing was pregnant with Lin Yuelan, she wasn't given any extra treatment, in fact, she had to work like normal. Whenever Chen Xiaoqing asked for an extra mouthful of rice, Li Cuihua would scold her for being a freeloader.

After Lin Yuelan was born, Chen Xiaoqing did not have enough nutrition and did not have any milk. Li Cuihua did not even give Lin Yuelan any rice porridge. Lin Yuelan was only fed with cold water and leftover grains. This was because Li Cuihua didn't allow Lin Sanniu's family to use the stove.

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Of course, only the Lin family knew about these things. Lin Yuelan was so young, so she would not remember. Chen Xiaoqing was a weak and incompetent person. She didn't dare to reveal these facts. Otherwise, she might be threatened with divorce again.

Lin Yuelan nodded, "Alright, let's count it as half a tael of silver. From the time I was three years old, I was given the tattered clothes that my cousin didn't want. What I ate was rice soup. I lived in the pigsty. That was how I lived from three to nine years old. I believed my living expense per month wouldn't even account for one copper coin.

"For the sake of calculation, we'll calculate it as one copper coin each month. From three to nine years old, that's six years or seventy-two months. In other words, you've spent seventy-two copper coins on me.

"Five hundred copper coins plus seventy-two copper coins equal to five hundred and seventy-two copper coins!" Lin Yuelan calculated the account clearly.

When everyone heard what Lin Yuelan said, they were once again in an uproar.

Outsiders only vaguely knew about the internal affairs of the Lin family.

They had no idea Lin Laosan's family treated their own granddaughter like this. They were truly worse than animals!

### **Chapter 55: Face Smacking**

When Lin Laosan's family heard Lin Yuelan's account, they could not care about the strange looks in the villagers' eyes. They were all extremely angry.

Lin Erniu jumped out and pointed at Lin Yuelan, cursing loudly, "You ungrateful thing. The Lin family raised you with great difficulty. It's one thing for you not to be grateful. Now, we just want some money from you, but you're blaming it on your former cousins?

"Can you compare to them? They're part of the Lin family. But you, you're just a jinx. Isn't it right to ask you for this little bit of money?"

The implication was that Lin Dazong and the others were Lin family members. They didn't mind treating Lin Yuelan like an animal because she was not.

Lin Laosan had four sons. Lin Daniu loved face, but he also had a little bit of shrewdness. He was a hypocritical man. Lin Erniu was a glib-tongued and treacherous person, which he inherited from Li Cuihua. Lin Sanniu was a dull, slow-witted, and filial man. Lin Siniu was a hot-tempered and impulsive man.

However, of the four sons, other than Sanniu, the other sons had inherited the selfish, hypocritical, and greedy personalities of Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua.

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and glanced at Lin Erniu. Then, she sneered and said, "So in the eyes of the Lin family, 400 taels of silver is a little bit of money?!"

"The Lin family is really rich!"

"Also, second uncle Lin, based on what you said, before I split from the family, I was already not considered a member of the Lin Family.

“Now it makes sense. Since I was three, I had to wash clothes, cook, sweep the fields, and farm. I did the work of an adult.

“The Lin family treated me like a slave. When my cousins were seven or eight, they had never washed a bowl in their lives. Every day, they wore beautiful clothes and played with other children. When they ate white bread and fragrant rice, I could only swallow my saliva and look at them enviously.

“But I understand it now. This is because to the Lin Family, I was not a part of the family since I was born.”

Lin Laosan shot Lin Yuelan a sharp gaze, warning her from talking further.

The family’s dirty laundry couldn’t be exposed. Moreover, Lin Yuelan accused the Lin family of torturing a three-year-old child to work.

In fact, Lin Laosan did not need to do this. The villagers already knew everything. They were not blind.

However, Lin Yuelan was not the Lin Yuelan of the past. She was not frightened by Lin Laosan’s gaze.

She continued, “Since you don’t admit that I’m a member of the Lin family, then I’ll make the calculation again.

“I’ve just calculated 572 copper coins. That is how much you used to raise me for the past nine years.

“I worked from the age of three to nine. Since I’m an outsider, the Lin family has to hire me to work for them. I should receive remuneration.

“Based on the pay of the lowest-grade servant girl, I would receive at least 50 copper coins a month. But those are for girls who work for big families. For a small family, the pay is at least 30 copper coins a month.

“Since I wasn’t considered a member of the Lin family, then I would treat myself as a servant girl for the Lin family. Before I was six years old, I did laundry, cooking, cleaning, and fetching water. These were light tasks, so I counted them as ten copper coins every month.

“From six to nine years old, I had the additional chores of going up the mountain to chop firewood and working in the fields. I believe I deserve twenty copper coins per month.”

### **Chapter 56: Face Slapping**

“Three years equal to 36 months. With ten copper coins a month, that is a total of 360 copper coins. For six to nine years old, it’ll be twenty copper coins a month, and that is a total of 720 copper coins.

“So in total, when I was a servant, my salary would be 360 copper coins plus 720 copper coins. That’s a total of 1,080 copper coins. After taking away the 572 copper coins for my nine years of raising expenses, there were still 508 copper coins left.

“In that case, your Lin family still owes me a total of 508 copper coins.

“Forget the change and give me 500 copper coins. So Elder Lin, when are you going to give me the money?”

Lin Yuelan did another round of calculations, causing these uneducated villagers to be confused.

However, they understood one thing. The girl did not owe the Lin family money. Instead, it was Lin Laosan’s family who owed her 508 copper coins.

Some people exclaimed in their hearts, what exactly is going on?

However, at the same time, they were even more puzzled. When did this jinx become so good at math? Was it another gift from the King of Hell? Did he provide her with knowledge?

Even Lin Daniu, who thought himself to be shrewd, was ensnared by Lin Yuelan’s series of calculations.

Lin Laosan took another puff of smoke, and the smoke he exhaled once again engulfed his old and dark face.

Then, he sternly berated Lin Yuelan, “Bastard! Can these be settled like this? What do you take the grace of parenting for?”

The corners of Lin Yuelan’s mouth curled into a cold smile as she said, “Then, bastard Elder Lin, how do you think we should settle this debt?”

“What parenting have you given me when I was with your family for nine years? Your family has only treated me as a slave. So I’m only doing the calculations based on how you treated me.

“If you treated me as a member of the Lin family back, of course, I wouldn’t have settled it this way. Perhaps, I could have given you a piece of tiger meat to thank you for raising me.

“But now, you owe me money for forced indenture. Say, when you will pay me the money?”

She knew Lin Laosan was the vilest. The silent ones were the deadliest. Before the others could react, Lin Laosan had already understood everything.

He still wanted to put on airs and scold her, but he didn’t expect that she wouldn’t be afraid of her anymore.

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Once Lin Yuelan finished her words, some of the villagers were amused. Lin Yuelan just called Lin Laosan a bastard. To think that the girl dared to scold Lin Laosan! Was she not afraid that he’d get angry at her?

To be honest, Lin Yuelan was really not afraid. After all, she wasn’t the real Lin Yuelan. She had no respect for these disgusting people.

Lin Laosan was instantly choked by Lin Yuelan’s sharp retort, and his face turned black and green, looking exceptionally ugly.

At this moment, Lin Daniu had also reacted. He was also angered by Lin Yuelan’s words. However, he didn’t know how to refute Lin Yuelan’s words, so he could only give his eldest wife, Wang Cuiniang, a look.

Wang Cuihuang immediately understood what her husband meant. She walked in front of Li Cuihua and said, "Mother, this girl said that we owe her five hundred copper coins!"

Sure enough, when Li Cuihua heard this, she exploded. She would never loosen her purse strings.

Li Cuihua shouted angrily, "You jinx, what nonsense are you talking about? How can we owe you money? Bah!"

"Let me tell you, you're going to give us this big tiger no matter what, or we're going to forcefully take it away from you!"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said coldly, "Okay, let's see you try!"

Then, she walked to a large stone beside the large tiger and stepped on it, turning it into powder instantly!

### **Chapter 57: Filial Piety**

Lin Laosan and his family left with their tails between their legs!

The surrounding villagers also left one after another!

When they saw that Lin Yuelan could crush a rock into powder with one foot, their faces immediately turned pale with fright!

They suddenly remembered the fact that the jinx had been sent back by the King of Hell. He had given her divine power so that she wouldn't be bullied again. And he'd take anyone who she had killed.

Who wasn't afraid of death? It was a fear common to everyone.

Lin Laosan's family was afraid of death too! Therefore, after Lin Yuelan's intimidation, they could only leave unwillingly!

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Laosan's family, especially Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu, who were staring at the big tiger with indignant eyes, and immediately sneered.

Of course, Lin Yuelan knew that this matter had not been completely resolved.

Lin Laosan's family was only temporarily intimidated by her.

In the future, they would come back sniffing whenever she gained some money or benefits, especially Li Cuihua and that self-proclaimed clever scholar, Lin Daniu. They would come to take advantage of her.

In the past, her host had no land, no money, no house, and no power. Even her life wasn't hers. The Lin family would definitely not recognize such a Lin Yuelan as a member of the Lin family.

But now, things changed. Since Lin Xinlan was here, she would not lead a poor life.

She wanted money, land, and a house. When she made it big, Lin Laosan's family would stick to her like leeches. These shameless people were thick-skinned enough to ignore that Lin Yuelan had severed blood ties with them. They would come knocking nonstop until they got the things they wanted.

Even if she was given divine power, Lin Yuelan couldn't do anything to an unreasonable shrew like Li Cuihua.

This was because in this Ancient era, even if Lin Yuelan had cut off relations with Lin Laosan's family, she was still Lin Laosan's granddaughter. She was raised by Lin Laosan's family. Even if she had exposed everything and the Lin Family had only treated her as a slave, even if Lin Yuelan had returned them two bowls of blood, the villagers would still view Lin Yuelan as the daughter of Lin Laosan's family.

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This belief was deep-rooted. Blood was thicker than blood.

From the villagers' perspective, Lin Laosan's family could sever ties with Lin Yuelan but not the other way round. Why? It was because of an ancient Chinese belief: filial piety!

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The word could be an excuse for all kinds of unreasonable behavior.

Lin Yuelan frowned. This couldn't do. She had to think of some ways to completely stop Lin Laosan's family from coming to cause trouble every day.

However, for now, she had no money or power. Plus, she was loathed and ostracized by the villagers because she was the jinx.

### **Chapter 58: Filial Piety**

Therefore, she needed time before she could fully deal with Lin Laosan's family.

Currently, there were not many people who were willing to speak up for her. If she pushed too far, the village elders would side with Lin Laosan's family and brand her as being unfilial.

The law of Long Yan Kingdom was as such: Parents can never be wrong! No matter how big the mistakes the parents make, their children have to serve them with filial piety! Those who fail to follow this law will be given thirty lashes and have their sins carved on their body.

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In other words, even if the parents had tortured their children, the children had to serve them well. Otherwise, the children could be dragged to court and be given thirty lashes.

Because of this law, Lin Yuelan was a little timid in dealing with Lin Laosan's family.

Even if there was the blood severance ritual, Lin Yuelan still had to be filial to Lin Laosan's family.

Once Lin Laosan's family became jealous of her future wealth, they could easily file a lawsuit against Lin Yuelan in court. Even if Lin Yuelan had all the justifications, she would be viewed as the guilty party because she was unfilial!

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Therefore, before she gained power or money, she could only deal with Lin Laosan's family in secret. On the surface, she had to continue to rely on the sympathy of the villagers.

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However, this couldn't work for a long time.

Lin Yuelan stared at the big tiger on the ground and sighed softly.

She had not thought so much before going up the mountain. Now that Li Cuihua had caused such a ruckus, it made her think twice.

She had to slow down in the future. When she had the chance, she needed to strike Lin Laosan's family right to the ground.

"Master, don't worry. I'll get my little friends to teach them a lesson!" Little Green, who had been winding around Lin Yuelan's wrist as a bracelet, said to Lin Yuelan telepathically.

Lin Yuelan gently stroked Little Green's two little green leaves and said with a smile, "Sure! Give them a small lesson for now! I'll deliver the big lessons in the future! They still owe the host a lot, and I'll have to make them pay for it!"

The little green shoots curved and said, "Yes, master! But what kind of small lesson should we give them?"

Lin Yuelan also thought about it and said, "Why don't you ask your little friends to secretly hide their clothes? When they wake up tomorrow and have no clothes to wear, they can only come out naked to look for clothes. That won't look good."

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Little Green thought for a moment, then fanned its two green leaves and said, "Yes, master. Tonight, my little friends will secretly transport their clothes to the forest and hide them!"

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, "Okay!"

Little Green got off Lin Yuelan's wrist and then disappeared into the night. He headed to Lin Laosan's house.

Lin Yuelan looked at the big tiger on the ground, her eyes vigilantly scanning her surroundings. When she was sure there was no one around, she raised her hand and placed the big tiger back in her space to keep it fresh!

She planned to sell it in the town tomorrow morning!

Lin Yuelan tidied herself up and went into her own little hut. Then, she went into her space to rest.

Early the next morning, a series of sharp curses rang out. The villagers who were sleeping in the village were instantly woken up!

"Which damn thief stole our clothes?"

## **Chapter 59: Naked**

On this day, a joke started the day for Lin Family Village.

The clothes of Lin Laosan and his family, young and old, disappeared overnight.

The men came out, wrapped in sheets, to find clothes, while the women could only hide at home and wait for their men to find the clothes.

They were sneaking around their own courtyard early in the morning. God knows what they were doing.

Some villagers thought that they had encountered a thief and immediately shouted for help.

In the end, they caught Lin Laosan and his four sons. They were all wrapped in sheets and looked very comical.

Later on, the villagers found out that the clothes of Lin Laosan's family had evaporated overnight.

They searched inside and outside the house but could not find any clothes. They had no choice but to leave the house to look. Being stared at by the villagers, the men of the Lin Family blushed. They had lost all face. How could they not be ashamed?

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Since they had already been caught by the villagers, Lin Laosan braced himself and asked the villagers to lend them some clothes. As for these children, they would stay at home and be naked for the time being.

The villagers found it very strange that the clothes of the Lin family had suddenly disappeared overnight. But they understood the problem. It was fine for the men. If they were exposed, people would only call them shameless.

However, if a woman wandered around the village naked, even if she appeared in front of everyone wrapped in a sheet, she would be scolded as a lewd woman and punished for lack of morality.

Therefore, the families that had a slightly better relationship with Lin Laosan's family lent them clothes to wear.

Speaking of which, it was really strange. How could the clothes of Lin Laosan's family disappear overnight?

Not even a single piece of clothing was left. Who had the ability to steal all of the clothes without alerting Lin Laosan's family? The thief had even taken away the undergarments the family wore to bed. Everyone only found out they were naked when they woke up the next morning!

The villagers' eyes became wide with fear. This was not doable by a human. Then, it had to be a ghost!

That's right. The girl, Lin Yuelan, had been sent back by the King of Hell. Could it be that the King of Hell had sent little ghosts to protect her too?

Otherwise, how could there be such coincidences?

The night before, Lin Laosan's family wanted to take advantage of Lin Yuelan. The next day, Lin Laosan's family had all of their clothes taken away without anyone noticing.

In an instant, the villagers immediately left Lin Laosan's family. They found all sorts of excuses and ran away. They didn't want to anger the King of Hell for being too close to Lin Laosan's family.

All of the villagers felt goosebumps now. There was even panic and fear.

If the King of Hell really had sent his ghosts to protect Lin Yuelan, didn't it mean that Lin Family Village was haunted?

What if they ran into ghosts in the future?

These people had done a lot of horrible things to Lin Yuelan, so they were afraid that the ghosts would harm them.

Didn't this mean that their lives were constantly in danger and they had to be careful all the time?

### **Chapter 60: Scaring the Town**

Many villagers were afraid. Many started to ponder stuff.

Lin Laosan's family managed to borrow the clothes, but when they saw the crowd disperse, they were confused. However, they didn't connect this to Lin Yuelan.

Their top priority was to find their clothes.

If they didn't find their clothes, they would have to buy new clothes in the future. They would have to buy new clothes for spring, summer, autumn, and winter. That would cost them at least a year's worth of extra money.

However, the problem was that they didn't have extra money to buy clothes.

They didn't even have enough money to give Lin Dazong for his studies. How would they have enough money to buy new clothes? If they couldn't buy new clothes, then they had to find their old clothes back.

All members of the family went out to look, wearing other villagers' borrowed clothes.

After Li Cuihua walked out in Li Guafu's clothes, she screamed nonstop. She was screaming about the person who had stolen her family's clothes.

However, when the villagers heard her cursing, they curled their lips and looked at her strangely.

There was a bit of disdain, but in short, no one came forward to comfort her.

The villagers didn't share with Lin Laosan's family their guesses behind their clothes' disappearance, and they didn't care if Lin Laosan's family managed to find their clothes or not.

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Before dawn, Lin Yuelan set out from her home and headed towards the town.

As for the big tiger, Lin Yuelan had already taken it out of her space when the sky was still dark. She carried it on her shoulders.

Why?

Because Lin Yuelan was too small and the tiger was too big. If she dragged the tiger, the tiger's fur would be damaged, and it wouldn't sell for a good price.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan chose to carry it over her shoulders.

However, she was too small, and the tiger was too big. When she carried the tiger, one could only see the tiger floating in the air, but one couldn't see the child carrying it.

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Therefore, this created a scary and strange scene.

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A lying tiger wandered into the streets to attack people! The passers-by instantly scattered!

However, when the passersby turned back, they discovered that there was a small figure under the big tiger.

'Holy shit! Is this really a child?'

She looked around eight. How did she manage to carry a tiger that looked to be at least 500 catties with ease?

'Heavens, are you joking with me?'

Or perhaps, this child was carrying a paper tiger?

Some people were extra curious and carefully approached the child... and the tiger.

When they approached and confirmed that the tiger was not moving, the passerby was extra curious. He gulped and asked, "Child, is that a real... real tiger on your shoulder, or a paper tiger?" A paper tiger would be used in Chinese opera as a prop.

'Paper tiger?' Lin Yuelan was puzzled. 'Isn't this quite obvious? Why would they ask such a question?'

Lin Yuelan, who didn't realize the strange scene she had created, told the passerby, "Uncle, this is a real tiger that I hunted down in the mountain, not a paper tiger!"

A real tiger!

The passerby was stunned!