

## Village Girl 521

### Chapter 521: Lin Yuelan goes to the County

At this point, he paused for a moment, and his eyes shot a fierce glare at steward Yan, who was standing next to the bailiff. Steward Yan saw the viciousness in Yan Lin's eyes, and his heart jumped. Immediately, a loud and heavy slap landed on his face.

"You dog slave!" Yan Lin shouted at steward Yan angrily. "I thought you were at home with your family when I didn't see you for the past few days. I didn't expect you to use my and your young master's names to frame someone. You're really bold!"

The intention of these words was very obvious.

He had used Steward Yan's family to threaten him and made him take all the responsibility.

After reprimanding steward Yan, Yan Lin immediately smiled apologetically at the two bailiffs and said, "brothers, I failed to control him and allowed him to do such a thing. I'm very sorry. However ..." Yan Lin's tone changed. "this dog slave of mine was also confused for a moment. On account that I know Lord Zhou, can you forgive him this once?"

Before the two bailiffs had come to the Lin family Village, their Lord and the eldest young master had instructed them to be polite to no one but Lin yuelan and her guests.

Of course, this did not include Yan Lin from the Yan family.

Although Yan Lin kept saying that he had a friendship with their Lord, the truth was that their Lord did not tell them about Yan Lin before.

Since there were no instructions, there was no need to be polite.

Therefore, there was no need to listen to Yan Lin's plea for mercy.

However, since this person had pushed the Butler out, and in fact, the Butler was the one who carried out this task, they had to take the Butler back to report and see what the Lord had to say.

The tall bailiff said, "A crime is a crime. There's no excuse like a moment of confusion."

As they spoke, they took the shackles and put them on steward Yan's hand.

When Yan Lin pushed steward Yan out to take the blame, and his family was threatened, his face turned pale, and his body trembled with anger. He wanted to be angry, but he didn't dare to. His expression was ugly, and he could only numbly let the two bailiffs put shackles on him.

After the two bailiffs had shackled steward Yan, they turned around and said apologetically but in a flattering manner, "Miss Lin, the case you reported has irrefutable facts. The criminal has been arrested. Is that alright?"

Upon hearing the bailiff's words, Yan Lin's expression was extremely ugly and twisted. The anger he was suppressing could be seen in his tightly clenched fists.

The way he looked at Lin yuelan was like a sharp cold knife, darkly shooting toward her. He wished he could cut her into a thousand pieces!

He had thought that the plan would go smoothly. After all, he had already informed County Magistrate Zhou in advance.

But now, they didn't know what went wrong, but it actually caused them to suffer a double loss.

Lin yuelan ignored Yan Lin's murderous gaze and nodded innocently at the two bailiffs. "yes, officers. I just want to catch the culprit!"

She believed that once steward Yan was caught, the things he would spit out would definitely make Yan Lin bear the consequences. And these things would definitely interest County Magistrate Zhou. For example, in order to force the tenant farmer to pay his debt, Yan Lin would forcibly take a good girl as a concubine and so on...

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan followed the two bailiffs and left. The one who left with them was, of course, steward Yan, who no longer had any freedom.

At the Zhou mansion, County Magistrate Zhou placed his hands behind his back and nervously rubbed them against each other as he paced back and forth in the hall.

On the top seat of the right side of the bench sat a young man in a blue embroidered robe.

Zhou Wencai was holding a cup of tea in his hand. He opened the lid and gently fiddled with it. Then, he took another sip and put down the cup. He said to County Magistrate Zhou, " my dear father, you've been walking here the entire morning. Aren't you dizzy and tired? Even I, your son, am tired and dizzy."

County Magistrate Zhou stopped in his tracks and looked at Zhou Wencai. He said worriedly, " Wen 'Er, the sun has already risen in the sky. It's already noon. Why hasn't Lin yuelan arrived yet? Will she think that I'm trying to harm her and refuse to come?"

After hearing Zhou Wencai's warning, he didn't dare to do anything improper to Lin yuelan. Therefore, Lin yuelan had the right to choose whether she wanted to come or not.

Zhou Wencai looked at his father speechlessly and said, " dad, did you forget that it takes more than two hours to travel from the Lin family Village to Ning An town by carriage? It takes at least four hours to travel from Ning An town to the county city. In that case, it will take at least eight hours to travel from the Lin family Village to the county city. So, father, you can sit down with peace of mind. We still have to wait for at least two hours."

And this was the time taken by the carriage. If they walked, they would need at least a day and a half.

As such, news from the Lin family Village would take two to three days to reach the county city unless someone had specially sent the message on a fast horse.

County Magistrate Zhou sat down.

However, once he sat down, he would drink some tea and raise his head to look outside.

After an unknown period of time, someone finally came to report and said, "Sir, we're back! They're back!"

### **Chapter 522: To see County Magistrate Zhou**

When the servant came over to report, County Magistrate Zhou was somewhat stunned. Zhou Wencai quickly stood up and even forgot to pick up the fan he usually loved. He strode out and asked anxiously, "Where are they now?"

The servant replied, "They are already in the courtyard."

The moment the servant finished speaking, Zhou Wencai saw Lin yuelan and immediately greeted her in joy, "Miss Lin, long time no see!"

When Lin yuelan saw Zhou Wencai, she chuckled without any surprise. "It's indeed been a long time, young master Zhou!"

Zhou Wencai smiled like a flower and said, "Haha, Miss Lin, I haven't seen you for such a long time. You're getting more and more beautiful. When I first saw you, you were so skinny and you didn't look like a twelve-year-old child at all. You were obviously seven or eight years old ... Now, your skin is tender and white, and your face is white with a tinge of red ..."

The more he spoke, the more Zhou Wencai suddenly felt a freezing cold air coming from his left, making his body shrink involuntarily.

Then, Zhou Wencai looked to the left beside Lin yuelan and noticed a tall, slender man in ice-blue clothes. He had sharp brows and a handsome face.

He noticed that the cold air was coming from his body, and what made others even more suspicious was that this man's body was also emitting a murderous aura, as well as a strong and overbearing aura.

In short, the two auras made Zhou Wencai feel somewhat familiar, as though he had encountered them before. However, he didn't remember clearly having never seen this man.

Jiang Zhennan had already felt uncomfortable when Zhou Wencai praised Lin yuelan for becoming more and more beautiful. Once he felt uncomfortable, he released a cold aura at Zhou Wencai.

Zhou Wencai's mind whirled a few times. When his gaze involuntarily drifted to Lin yuelan, he suddenly had a flash of inspiration as a guess emerged.

Could it be ...

Only then did Zhou Wencai suppress the shock in his heart. Then, he asked with a calm expression, "Miss Lin, this is?"

Lin yuelan looked to the side and saw Jiang Zhennan's cold, solemn, and dignified face exuding an icy aura. It was no wonder that Zhou Wencai had noticed him so quickly.

She introduced him, "this is my friend, young master Nan Zhenjiang."

Nan Zhenjiang, Jiang Zhennan

So it really was him!

This time, Zhou Wencai's face revealed an obviously astonished expression.

What puzzled Zhou Wencai, even more, was that the legendary general Wargod wasn't disfigured. He wore a silver mask for a long time, causing outsiders to be unable to know Jiang Zhennan's true face.

Some people said that he had become an extremely ugly monster, so he had to wear a face to cover up his ugliness in case he scared people. Some people said that it was because he was handsome. As a general of an Army of hundreds of thousands of soldiers, this handsome face did not pose any threat to the enemy, so he wore a mask to increase his power and majesty. Some people said that he wore a mask to disguise himself, to make people think that he was unfathomable, not to be trifled with.

However, no matter what the rumors were, everyone was inclined to believe the first one. He was disfigured on the battlefield and was determined to be an ugly monster.

Therefore, whenever he appeared in any place with a mask on, his appearance would make children cry and women shriek in fear. They were all frightened, first by his intimidating aura and second by the rumors. The children were frightened, while the women were frightened by the aura and rumors.

However, in reality, no one had seen his true face.

Now that Zhou Wencai had finally seen Jiang Zhennan's true face, he would be lying if he said that he was not surprised.

Who would have thought that the general, who was rumored to be extremely ugly, would actually be so handsome?

However, no matter how surprised he was, he couldn't reveal Jiang Zhennan's true identity in front of everyone. Otherwise, not to mention Jiang Zhennan himself, even Lin yuelan would probably cut him.

Zhou Wencai hid his surprised and astonished expression. He wanted to perform well in front of Jiang Zhennan, but his facial expression had already stiffened, and the smile he revealed was a little awkward.

But even so, just as he was about to speak, his father's words rang in his ears. County Magistrate Zhou asked, "Wen 'Er, this is Lin yuelan, right?" County Magistrate Zhou's eyes brightened as he asked in confusion.

### **Chapter 523: Going to see County Magistrate Zhou**

Zhou Wencai nodded and replied, "Yes, father. This is Miss Lin, my friend. Miss Lin, this is my father. He's also the county Magistrate of An Ding County."

Lin yuelan greeted County Magistrate Zhou and said, "Hello, County Magistrate Zhou!"

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "girl, since you're here, let's talk inside!"

Immediately, Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan followed the Zhou father and son.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan sat down, and a moment later, a maidservant served tea.

After the maidservant left, County Magistrate Zhou impatiently went straight to the point. "little Lin, I heard that you are the Lin family Village's expert farmer who can produce eight stones per mu. Is this true?"

Lin yuelan smiled indifferently and said, " County Magistrate Zhou, if you are talking about the Lin family Village, then this is true. I am that expert who can produce eight stones per mu."

There was no need to hide this matter.

When County Magistrate Zhou heard Lin yuelan's words, he was surprised. The surprise on his face was also obvious.

He was surprised and puzzled by Lin yuelan's age.

A 12-year-old child was actually an expert in farming. No one would believe it.

However, the truth was just that.

County Magistrate Zhou's face was filled with surprise and suspicion. He said in disbelief, "But I heard from Wen 'Er that you are only twelve years old, right? A twelve-year-old child is an expert in farming. Little girl, is that believable?" As he spoke, his tone became stern. He slammed the teacup on the table and said sternly, " Lin yuelan, do you know the consequences of lying to me? "

Lin yuelan also put down her teacup. Her expression was calm and composed as she said to County Magistrate Zhou, " County Magistrate Zhou, everyone in the Lin family Village knows about this. I don't need to hide it, nor do I need to deceive anyone!"

County Magistrate Zhou asked again, "However, I heard that your family guests did everything. From the beginning to the end, they were the ones who participated in the farming, but you were free and at ease. You only moved your mouth from the side." Of course, these were the things said by Yan Lin, who wanted to frame Lin Yuelan.

However, all the Lin family villagers knew that some of Lin yuelan's guests didn't know how to farm.

It was simply impossible for people who did not know how to farm to produce a yield of eight stones per mu.

As for Lin yuelan, she started to farm when she was seven years old. Moreover, she said that she had come back from the dead and she had gained some extraordinary skills.

At this moment, County Magistrate Zhou's words were indeed full of doubts. Seeing Lin yuelan in person had given him too much of a shock. Therefore, he had never believed that a child could really produce a high harvest of eight stones per mu.

Lin yuelan still smiled calmly and said, " County Magistrate Zhou, a capable person doesn't have to do everything himself. Isn't it better to just let others listen to his command instead?"

Her words sounded like she was trying to elevate herself. More importantly, the people who listened to her command were the defender-general and the Lieutenant. It was as if she was belittling them and saying that they were incapable.

Zhou Wencai had just taken a sip of tea, but upon hearing Lin yuelan's words, he immediately spat it out in shock. Then, he coughed, but his eyes were secretly sizing up Jiang Zhennan. He was afraid that he would see him angry and the fury on his face.

However, the facts proved that Zhou Wencai was overthinking things. From the beginning to the end, Jiang Zhennan had been sitting beside Lin yuelan. He had pursed his thick lips and had a cold and expressionless face. It was impossible to tell whether he was happy or angry.

When County Magistrate Zhou saw his son's behavior, he sternly lectured him. "Wen 'Er, you even choked on your tea. You shouldn't be so rude in front of our guests!"

Zhou Wencai's face turned red as he said, "Father, I accidentally choked. " Then, he turned to Lin yuelan and said, " Miss Lin, young master Nan, please forgive my rudeness!"

Lin yuelan shook her head in amusement.

She didn't think that the Zhou family's eldest young master would be so easily shocked.

However, from this, one could also see the way the father and son got along. It looked like they exposed each other's shortcomings, but in fact, they had a good relationship.

Jiang Zhennan's cold face looked at the Zhou father and son. There was a moment of envy, but he quickly regained his cold expression.

Lin yuelan smiled and said, " County Magistrate Zhou, it's alright. You just choked a little. In the past, I've seen young master Zhou snatching food from other people's bowls." She was referring to the time when Zhou Wencai snatched the fish from Liu Qi's bowl at Yuelai Inn.

When County Magistrate Zhou heard Lin yuelan's words, he was stunned for a moment. Then, he immediately realized that Lin yuelan was telling him that she and his son had been very casual with each other and that they were like real friends.

County Magistrate Zhou quickly smiled and said, " alright. Little Lin is indeed a smart person!"

The atmosphere was no longer as serious and stiff as before. It was completely harmonious and lively, very much like a conversation between ordinary people.

Lin yuelan smiled and said, " then, I will have to ask County Magistrate Zhou. What are your thoughts on inviting me here? " Lin yuelan also asked directly.

County Magistrate Zhou had definitely not invited them over just because she and his son were friends.

Since that was the case, he might as well be more direct.

The atmosphere suddenly changed when she was asked this question. It seemed to become more serious.

County Magistrate Zhou and young master Zhou had never thought that Lin yuelan would be so direct and straightforward.

Therefore, for a while, the father and son were a little amazed.

However, County Magistrate Zhou quickly said, "little Lin, you're really smart. Since that's the case, I will not beat around the bush." Then, he said directly, "I want the method of farming!"

#### **Chapter 524: Threatening young master Zhou**

Lin yuelan's straightforwardness and County Magistrate Zhou's straightforwardness could be considered a clash. It would depend on whose aura was stronger.

Lin yuelan was still calm and composed.

She held a cup of tea. The water in the cup instantly rippled, rising and falling.

After a few sips of tea, she put the teacup back on the table.

From the beginning to the end, she ignored the burning gazes of the other three people.

After that, she asked in a seemingly nonchalant and serious tone, "Then, County Magistrate Zhou, if you want the farming method, it's fine. But I wonder what conditions and benefits you can offer?"

She was asking for benefits so directly, which made County Magistrate Zhou apprehensive again.

He had never expected that a twelve-year-old child would ask for conditions and benefits.

Wasn't a farmer's daughter like her, who had never met anyone before and had no background or identity, supposed to take the initiative to offer this thing in order to ensure her safety?

But she ...

County Magistrate Zhou didn't know if Lin yuelan was a bold and fearless person, or if she was really naive.

After thinking for a while, County Magistrate Zhou threw the question back and asked directly, "Then tell me, what conditions and benefits do you want me to give you for you to be willing to hand over this method of farming?"

Lin yuelan shook her head and said calmly, "County Magistrate Zhou, I'm sorry. It's not that I don't want to pass this method on to you, but I have given it to someone else. So, if you want to use this thing to pave the way for you to get that person's commendation and get promoted and rich, I advise you to give up on this plan!"

Lin yuelan's words left the father and son of the Zhou family completely dumbfounded.

Lin yuelan had been haggling with them, negotiating terms and benefits. Why did she change her mind in the blink of an eye? what kind of twist was this?

His face was immediately filled with anger as he said sternly, "Lin yuelan, are you playing with me? You're just a village girl. How could you hand over the method to someone else? Are you trying to fool me?"

However, Lin yuelan said very calmly, "I'm sorry, County Magistrate Zhou. It's just that there's no need for me to lie to you about this matter, let alone play with you. It's just that I've already handed this matter over to someone else. As for the farming method you mentioned, I can offer it to you, but you can't offer it to that person."

Lin yuelan's words couldn't convince County Magistrate Zhou.

In his heart, he was certain that Lin yuelan wanted to sell this method to make a fortune, so she found an excuse to stop him from asking.

County Magistrate Zhou immediately reacted. He thought that Lin yuelan wanted him to offer more benefits and pay a higher price. Or, as Lin yuelan said, she intended to offer this method to someone else, which meant that she wanted to find an official with a higher position than him.

These were County Magistrate Zhou's thoughts. He didn't believe that at this moment, Lin yuelan had really given these methods to someone else. He just thought that she wanted to find someone who could give her more benefits.

Thinking of this, County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened, and he said angrily, "Lin yuelan, do you know the consequences of messing with me? You must know that although I'm a County Magistrate, making things difficult for you is simply a matter of moving a finger. I can get rid of you before you find someone more powerful than me. Do you believe me?"

As soon as County Magistrate Zhou said this, Jiang Zhennan's cold and serious expression immediately became even colder. His sharp eyes shot towards County Magistrate Zhou. This majestic aura made County Magistrate Zhou breathless and broke out in cold sweat. Even Zhou Wencai, who was leaning against him, felt as if the space was distorted. It was narrow and tight, and he couldn't breathe. His entire body was covered in sweat.

Only then did Zhou Wencai realize that such an awe-inspiring aura came from the defender-general opposite him. Furthermore, it was obvious that his father had angered Jiang Zhennan, so he didn't hide his awe-inspiring aura.

### **Chapter 525: Threatening young master Zhou**

Zhou Wencai wiped the sweat from his forehead again. When he saw his father's pale face, he immediately stepped forward to smooth things over. "Miss Lin, don't mind him. My father was just joking. My father has been a County Magistrate for a long time, so he naturally has the air of an official. Therefore, he will naturally be a little angry at the disobedience. However, he was only angry. He would never harm others for his own selfish reasons.

"Although my father isn't a perfect official, he's a really good official. He's a good official who has done many things for the people of An Ding County. He's a good official who has never harmed anyone.



“So, my father only said those words out of anger. He just wanted the tens of thousands of people in An Ding County to have a good harvest as soon as possible.

“Miss Lin, you’re a magnanimous person, so please don’t hold it against my father. I, Zhou wencai, would like to apologize to you for his mistake.”

With that said, Zhou Wencai stood up before anyone could react and bowed to Lin yuelan apologetically.

His words were clearly directed at Lin yuelan, but in fact, they were directed at Jiang Zhennan.

To be honest, Lin yuelan was stunned by Zhou Wencai’s speech. Then, Jiang Zhennan’s face darkened. However, the one who was most surprised was his father, County Magistrate Zhou.

County Magistrate Zhou was able to become a County Magistrate by relying on his own abilities. Capable people were never stupid. Furthermore, as Zhou Wencai’s father, he was the person who understood Zhou wencai the most.

Therefore, he could clearly feel his precious son’s anxious tone as well as nervous and uneasy attitude.

Therefore, his heart was in turmoil, and his thoughts turned several times. However, during this time, he clearly felt two sharp lights shooting at him, and his whole body ached.

He looked in the direction of the light with some doubt. Then, he was even more surprised.

The source of these two sharp glints was obviously the young man sitting next to Lin yuelan.

This man was handsome and had an extraordinary bearing. He had an overbearing aura and did not look like an ordinary farmer.

He then remembered that his son had told him that Lin yuelan’s house had a group of guests, and these guests were all noble people in the capital. Therefore, they must not offend Lin yuelan and those guests.

So, could this man be one of the guests?

So, his son was so anxious because of this man and not because of Lin yuelan?

After thinking this through, County Magistrate Zhou secretly glanced at his son from the corner of his eyes. The hearts of father and son were connected, and they had a tacit understanding. When he secretly looked at his son, his son was also secretly giving him a look.

Therefore, the answer was self-evident!

County Magistrate Zhou immediately broke out in a cold sweat.

Then, his first thought was to remedy the situation.

Therefore, when he was about to speak, Lin yuelan spoke first.

Lin yuelan said, “ County Magistrate Zhou, whether you believe it or not, I’m telling the truth. I don’t want to explain, and I won’t explain. If you really hold a grudge against me because of this, then I will take it.

“Of course. If you believe me, we can work together in another way!”

After saying this to County Magistrate Zhou, Lin yuelan immediately said to Zhou Wencai, “ young master Zhou, what are you saying? I’m just a commoner, a village farmer’s daughter. What right do I have to forgive an official like Magistrate Zhou?”

“Besides, just like you said, Magistrate Zhou was angry because I said something too wrong. It was not his fault.

“Besides, Magistrate Zhou doesn’t need my forgiveness at all. Otherwise, if word gets out, it’ll damage Lord Zhou’s dignity, don’t you think so?”

This was clearly a very smart way of handling things.

It was very straightforward and neat. She understood that things weren’t black and white, and her character was upright and unyielding.

She knew very well that Zhou Wencai’s nervous and afraid attitude was because of Jiang Zhennan, who was beside him. She was merely using his power to her advantage.

Therefore, she wasn’t too sharp or unyielding towards County Magistrate Zhou. She merely spoke as it was. As for Zhou wencai, she was giving him a warning and threatening look.

The warning and threat, of course, referred to Jiang Zhennan’s current identity.

She knew very well that as soon as she and Jiang Zhennan left this place, the county Magistrate would definitely ask his son about Jiang Zhennan’s identity.

Therefore, Lin yuelan’s warning was directed at Young Master Zhou.

If he was not careful, County Magistrate Zhou’s reputation would be ruined.

Zhou Wencai wasn’t the only one who understood Lin yuelan’s words. County Magistrate Zhou also understood what she meant despite his doubts.

Therefore, the county Magistrate looked at Jiang Zhennan with a surprised expression. He was even more confused about this person.

What was this person’s identity?

Zhou wencai was well aware of Lin yuelan’s intentions.

He looked at Lin yuelan in surprise and then at the general’s serious and cold face. He immediately caught a glimpse of the general’s stern warning look.

Zhou Wencai was so frightened that cold sweat broke out on both sides of his forehead.

He raised his hand and carefully wiped it. His face was a little red, and he said with an anxious smile, “ Miss Lin, I’m too nervous. Please forgive me!”

Lin yuelan nodded and said jokingly, “ young master Zhou, I’m not a ferocious beast. Why should you be afraid of me?” Then, she looked at County Magistrate Zhou and asked, “ County Magistrate Zhou, what do you think of my suggestion just now? ”

County Magistrate Zhou, "..."

Zhou Wencai, "..."

### **Chapter 526: The So-called Cooperation**

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, County Magistrate Zhou had mixed feelings.

He was the one who had threatened Lin yuelan, but in just a moment, they had been threatened! Moreover, he had been threatened to the point of being helpless.

Previously, he had heard his son say that this child was smarter than others and that he should not be too careless. Otherwise, he would fall into a trap. At that time, he had thought that his son was exaggerating.

No matter how smart she was, she was still a child.

There would definitely be negligence in this and that. However, in reality...

County Magistrate Zhou asked seriously, "What kind of cooperation is it?"

Since she had already handed over the farming method to someone else, there was no doubt that she could not cooperate with him on this matter.

Lin yuelan smiled faintly and said, "County Magistrate Zhou, I can promise you that as long as the farmers in An Ding County are willing, they can use my method to farm. I can't guarantee that the harvest will be more than eight stones, but as long as the farmers are diligent and serious, they can at least achieve a yield of four to five stones per mu."

County Magistrate Zhou's pupils contracted violently when he heard that. He was obviously in disbelief.

County Magistrate Zhou continued sternly, "Then what do you want me to do?"

Lin yuelan's words were hinting to County Magistrate Zhou that there were conditions to fulfill all of this.

Therefore, County Magistrate Zhou was also smart.

Lin yuelan said, "Lord Zhou, since you heard that everyone bought the method from me and not from someone else, do you know the reason?"

County Magistrate Zhou did not know about this.

Yan Lin didn't know what the truth was. He couldn't buy the method, and Lin yuelan had cut off all the methods he could find or buy from other people in the Lin family Village. Therefore, Yan Lin had no idea why everyone bought the method from Lin yuelan and not from others who bought it.

Since he didn't know, he couldn't tell County Magistrate Zhou.

Although County Magistrate Zhou did not answer directly, the puzzled expression on his face was enough to explain everything.

Lin yuelan said bluntly, " because anyone who buys the method from me will get a kind of potion that I specially made for the growth of rice.

"The medicinal water can guarantee a yield of more than six stones per mu."

County Magistrate Zhou was shocked.

There was such an inside story.

Lin yuelan continued, "In the beginning, no one believed that they could buy the real method from another person, so they came to me directly. However, as more and more people bought it, everyone understood that in order to have a high harvest, the potions in my hands were indispensable. And they can only buy it from me. "

County Magistrate Zhou's face was solemn and he didn't say anything. He knew that this wasn't what Lin yuelan wanted to tell him. He also knew that what she was going to say next might be the key.

County Magistrate Zhou's guess was right.

The following words were the key to Lin yuelan's words. This was also the real reason why she had entered the county city to see County Magistrate Zhou.

Lin yuelan said very seriously, " Lord Zhou, I can give you the method for free, but for the medicinal liquid in my hand if you want a better harvest, you have to go to the Lin family's medicinal shop to buy it."

County Magistrate Zhou was a little surprised. "the Lin family's medicine shop? "

The sudden mention of the Lin family's medicinal shop made County Magistrate Zhou a little confused.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, " the Lin family's medicine shop was handed over to me by my grandfather. It's now in Ning An Town. I'm planning to open a branch in the county, County Magistrate Zhou. This is another cooperation between us. You can sell these methods or give them to the farmers in An Ding County for free to improve their living standards and improve your political achievements, but, " Lin yuelan changed the subject, " I need your guarantee that all of this only happens in An Ding County!"

County Magistrate Zhou was taken aback. "What do you mean? " he asked.

Lin yuelan said, "It's simple. I want all of this to be kept a secret until that person hands the method to the higher-ups."

County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened when he heard this. He gritted his teeth and said, " Lin yuelan, you want me to seal the mouths of all the people in the county? Do you think that's possible? " Even if it was a small town, he couldn't block all the news. Not to mention, this place was much larger than a small town in terms of area and population.

Besides, the neighboring counties were only a stone's throw away from each other. Many people were related to the neighboring counties. It was impossible to guarantee that they would not talk about such a topic.

In short, in the end, sealing the mouths of the entire County's people was simply a more difficult task than ascending to heaven.

This little girl was actually whimsical and wanted him to do this.

It was simply too infuriating.

At this moment, Zhou wencai also felt that this was impossible.

He asked very seriously, " Miss Lin, you want to seal the mouths of all the people in the county but this seems to be impossible. Do you have any ideas to prevent the news from leaking out? "

County Magistrate Zhou once again looked at his son in a daze, not knowing what he meant by this.

Lin yuelan said, " Young master Zhou, prevention is better than cure, don't you think?"

The father and son didn't know what kind of riddle Lin yuelan was playing.

Zhou Wencai's mind went blank for a moment before he quickly reacted and said rather modestly, " Miss Lin, what do you mean? "

Lin yuelan replied, " it's very simple. Lord Zhou can give an order for An Ding County to compete with the other counties to determine the best agricultural County and the top ten best farming experts. If An Ding County is selected as the best agricultural County, then the tax of the entire County can be lowered by 50%. The top ten best farmers will be rewarded with 300 taels, 150 taels, 100 taels, and so on. When it involves their own interests, anyone will protect their favored secrets. Lord Zhou, don't you think so?"

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, the father and son were simply dumbfounded. Even Jiang Zhennan lowered his eyes, revealing a look of surprise.

"Are you saying that I should lie to my own people? " County Magistrate Zhou asked sternly, after he regained his senses.

The competition with other counties, the rewards for the best farming expert, and so on were all matters of little importance. If he was exposed, how would he explain himself as the official?

Lin yuelan thought for a moment and said, "With my methods, the farmers of An Ding County would win. Then, you can reveal that it's because the other counties didn't have the farming method exclusive to An Ding County. Lord Zhou, what do you think of this?"

This would explain why the people of An Ding County didn't show off their new farming methods to the people of the neighboring counties.

"Ah, this method is really awesome!" County Magistrate Zhou didn't answer, but Zhou wencai was already excited.

During the competition, people would be guarded against their competitors. Who would talk to him about their own resources without any scruples when they were on guard?

County Magistrate Zhou thought it through and immediately smiled as he stroked his beard. "not bad, not bad."

But then he asked again, "Than the silver reward ..." He didn't want to provide that money.

He didn't want to, and neither did Lin yuelan.

Lin yuelan said, " Lord Zhou, you have to pay for this. You are the official!"

Then, without waiting for County Magistrate Zhou to react, she continued, "If you want me to fork out this sum of money, I can, as long as you agree to a small condition of mine."

County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened!

At this point, he didn't think that Lin yuelan's so-called small condition was really a small condition.

County Magistrate Zhou asked without changing his expression, "What conditions? "

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County Magistrate Zhou calmly asked Lin yuelan, "What condition? "

Lin yuelan said, " Lord Zhou, I've mentioned Lin's medicine Hall to you just now, right? "

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "That's right. If I remember correctly, you're the young owner of the Lin medicine Hall!"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "That's right. My grandfather has already given Lin's medicine Hall to me, so I have the responsibility to carry it forward. Therefore, in An Ding County, I would like to ask Lord Zhou to protect Lin's medicine shop. This is my only condition!"

Since the medicine shop sold things to treat patients, it was easy to be framed. She was often not in the county town. If she didn't come in time to deal with it and something big happened, it would affect the future development of the Lin medicine shop.

Therefore, instead of having such a worry, it was better to find a backer to deter those people from having any crooked thoughts and save unnecessary trouble.

She didn't want to be like those female protagonists who had traveled through time and space. She didn't want to hide her abilities. However, the premise was that she had to find someone with a strong background to cooperate with. Otherwise, if she wanted to do a big business with her own strength, she would definitely attract trouble.

Her plan was to hide part of it and expose part of it.

She had to tell the troublemakers sternly that she was someone with a strong background and that they shouldn't try to bully or frame her.

Of course, she still had to hide the businesses that needed to be hidden. This was just to increase her trump cards. Otherwise, if everything were exposed, she would be suppressed.

County Magistrate Zhou finally understood that Lin yuelan's so-called condition was to find herself a backer in An Ding County.

However, he had some doubts in his heart.

Logically speaking, the person who Lin yuelan had given the farming method should have a higher official position than him. In that case, why couldn't that person directly become her backer but instead make him her backer?

County Magistrate Zhou's shrewd eyes narrowed slightly, revealing a slightly strange look. He asked, "why?"

Lin yuelan's answer was simple and surprising. She said bluntly, "it's better to be in charge now!" Lin yuelan understood the doubts in County Magistrate Zhou's heart, so she decided to be frank. "That person is far away, so it's better to find someone right in front of you to protect you!"

Not only was County Magistrate Zhou a little stunned after hearing this, even Jiang Zhennan's expression, who was far away in the sky, suddenly became a little stunned, but then he became a little annoyed.

In County Magistrate Zhou's ears, Lin yuelan's words were true.

Jiang Zhennan suddenly felt that he could no longer live a peaceful life in the Lin family Village.

His heart was surging with excitement. He was eager to return to the capital as soon as possible. That way, he could openly become Lin yuelan's backer and not have to haggle and negotiate with a County Magistrate.

If he returned to the capital and restored his title as the defender-general of the state, with him protecting Lin yuelan, no one would dare to provoke her.

Jiang Zhennan clenched his fists, and his veins were tense. He seemed to have made some kind of decision.

He couldn't just calmly wait for an opportunity to return to the capital. He had to return to the capital in the shortest time possible.

In just a short moment, Jiang Zhennan's thoughts had undergone a complete change.

However, the other three did not know that.

County Magistrate Zhou pondered for a moment and finally replied, "alright!" He stopped asking who that person was.

That was because even though his son knew the young man's identity, he chose to hide it from his father. This meant that the person's identity was not low.

Since that was the case, why should he offend the noble and lose the opportunity to cooperate with Lin yuelan?

He believed that as long as he was on good terms with Lin yuelan, that noble person would definitely remember this favor. Then, the chances of him returning to the capital would greatly increase.

The two sides had reached an agreement. Lin yuelan wrote down the farming method and handed it to County Magistrate Zhou. However, she warned him seriously, "Lord Zhou, please remember that these

things can only be used in An Ding County. Otherwise, if that person knows that you want to steal the credit, even Gods can't save you!"

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Hearing this, County Magistrate Zhou's hand, which was about to take the paper, paused, and a burst of anger rose in his heart.

He had actually been threatened and warned by this little girl time and time again. It seemed that if he didn't show his power, he would be treated as a weak official.

Just as County Magistrate Zhou was about to fly into a rage, Zhou Wencai realized that the situation was far from good. He immediately took the paper and said with a laugh, "Miss Lin, don't worry. We're not people who go back on our words. Since I've promised you, I won't go back on my word!"

Then, he smiled at his father and said, "Father, why are you so angry? Miss Lin has always been direct, but she doesn't have any ill intentions."

After that, County Magistrate Zhou received a subtle look from his son. He could only suppress the anger in his heart and said in a strange tone, "alright, Lin girl!"

After the Zhou father and son sent Lin yuelan out, County Magistrate Zhou said to Zhou wencai in a stern voice, "come here!"

Then, Zhou Wencai made a face and unhurriedly followed County Magistrate Zhou into the study.

The moment County Magistrate Zhou entered the study, he asked sternly, "Zhou Wencai, tell me, who is the guest at that girl's house that she can treat me so fearlessly?" The thought of this made him angry.

Such a good opportunity to be promoted and make a fortune was right in front of him. However, in the blink of an eye, it all turned into bubbles. Instead, he was threatened by that wretched girl.

He, Zhou Changsheng, had been an official for so long, but he had never been threatened like this before. This time, he was threatened by a young girl. When he thought of this, he couldn't help but be angry.

Zhou wencai knew in his heart that his father would definitely continue to pursue the matter.

But ...

Zhou wencai pouted his lips. He chuckled and asked, "father, who are you asking about? If you're asking about that girl, you already know the answer. She's the legendary jinx of the Lin family Village of Ning An Town, Lin yuelan."

"Shut up!" County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened as he shouted, "don't try to fool around with me."

Only then did Zhou Wencai turn serious. He said sternly, "father, I promised them that I really wouldn't tell. Otherwise ..." Otherwise, it would bring great trouble to the Zhou family. He did not say it out loud, but he believed that his father would naturally understand.



However, County Magistrate Zhou didn't want to be threatened by someone he didn't know about. This time, he had to get to the bottom of it. County Magistrate Zhou said in a deep voice, "there are only you and me here. So what if you told me? Who else would know?"

Zhou Wencai's expression turned rather helpless when he saw how determined his father was.

It seemed that he had no choice but to tell his father today.

However, when he thought of Jiang Zhennan's identity and the warning he had received from Lin yuelan in the Lin family Village, he did not dare to take this matter as a joke.

However, he quickly thought of something.

Then, he carefully asked his father, "father, did you notice the young man who came with Lin yuelan?"

County Magistrate Zhou said disapprovingly, "so what if I noticed? Although he has an extraordinary aura, he is just a farmer."

Zhou Wencai carefully asked, "then, father, did you notice what the person's name was when Lin yuelan introduced him to your son?"

"Nan Zhenjiang?" As soon as County Magistrate Zhou finished speaking, he immediately felt that something was wrong. "Nan Zhenjiang, Nan ... Zhenjiang, Jiang Zhennan ... Jiang ... Zhennan "

Jiang Zhennan, the defender-general of the state?

Then, he widened his eyes in shock and disbelief. He stuttered nervously and asked in disbelief, "could it be?"

Zhou wencai immediately placed a finger between his lips and said anxiously, "Shh, father. It's good that you know. You must not say it out loud."

After County Magistrate Zhou confirmed the answer, he was so frightened that he broke out in a cold sweat.

Although Jiang Zhennan was also a jinx in the capital, he was still the defender-general of the Long Yan Kingdom and had won the favor and trust of the Emperor.

In the capital, he could be said to be the Lord of thousands, second only to one person. Many princes and grandsons wanted to win him over to become their bargaining chip for the throne.

It was a pity that Jiang Zhennan was indifferent to everyone except the current Emperor. Even the third Prince, who had the highest prestige and the highest hope of being the Crown Prince, was completely ignored by him. The ministers, princes, and concubines were so angry that they gritted their teeth.

But how did such a person suddenly appear in the Lin family Village?

County Magistrate Zhou could not understand.

He asked in confusion, "Wen 'Er, how can you be so sure that he's that person? Didn't he always wear a ferocious silver mask in the legends? And if it was him, why would he be in the Lin family Village and become Lin yuelan's guest?"

Zhou wencai shook his head with a bitter smile and said, " father, I don't know. When I first saw him in the Lin family Village, he was indeed wearing a silver mask and had a murderous aura. Moreover, it seems that they didn't hide anything from me. Otherwise, they wouldn't have appeared in front of me. After that, they gave me a warning. Father, I can't let you gamble with our Zhou family."

County Magistrate Zhou finally understood why his son had hidden this from him and why Lin yuelan was so arrogant and fearless towards him, a County Magistrate. With such a powerful backer, who did she need to be afraid of?

"But why would he appear in the Lin family Village?" County Magistrate Zhou was eager to know the answer.

Zhou Wencai shook his head and said, " I don't know!"

### **Chapter 529: Jiang Zhennan's Luck with the Ladies**

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan did not return to the Lin family Village directly after leaving the Zhou mansion.

Looking at An Ding County, which was more luxurious and lively than Ning An town, Lin yuelan expressed her interest in strolling around and looking for a shop.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the joy and happiness on Lin Yuelan's face, and the corners of his mouth unconsciously curled up.

He could tell that although Lin yuelan looked steady and mature, she was always curious and happy about new things.

Jiang Zhennan looked at Lin yuelan, who was standing in front of an old man who was making sugar figurines, and said directly to the old man, " old man, make two sugar figurines! "

The old uncle happily replied, " alright! Young man, what kind of sugar figurine do you want to make?"

"One of me and one of him!" Lin yuelan was the first to laugh as she pointed at herself and then at Jiang Zhennan.

When the old man saw that Jiang Zhennan had no objections, he immediately agreed. "alright!"

Then, the old man observed the two of them for a moment before immediately lowering his head and starting to make sugar figurines.

Lin yuelan squatted down and stared at the old man's nimble fingers with great interest.

Jiang Zhennan also squatted down and stared at the old man's actions with a blank expression.

However, the combination of an adult and a child, one pretty and one handsome, quickly attracted some people's attention.

One of them was a woman in a bright red and green dress. Her oval face was covered in heavy makeup, and it was a terrible sight.

She stopped at the end of a street and looked into the distance.

A maidservant-like young girl asked carefully, "miss, What are you looking at?"

Then, she followed her young lady's line of sight and immediately saw a very handsome man squatting in front of the old man who was making the sugar figurine. The man was handsome and just happened to be her young lady's type.

"Xiao Lu, do you think I'm pretty?" miss Luo asked immediately.

The maidservant named Xiao Lu nodded and said, "Young miss, do you even need to ask? Who doesn't know that you're the most beautiful woman in An Ding?"

She was obviously forced to say that she was the most beautiful woman.

This woman was always dressed in colorful clothes and had heavy makeup on her face. Who knew if she was beautiful or not?

When the people beside her heard the servant girl's words, they secretly ridiculed her. Of course, to avoid trouble, they would not be so stupid to say it out loud.

However, their eyes were looking in the direction of the sugar figurine uncle, and their faces were full of sympathy and pity.

In An Ding County, who didn't know that the Chen family's young miss was man-crazy? as long as she took a fancy to a man, she would pester him. No matter if the man were married or not, it would cause any man with good looks to run away in fear when they heard her name. They were afraid that they would not be able to rest in peace if she took a fancy to them.

Of course, there were some men who were interested in her family's money and willingly let her cling to them. But Miss Chen was only interested in the men who she couldn't get.

Unless she was really sick of that man, she would keep pestering him.

When this man saw the Chen family's eldest miss on the street, he even dared to stay behind so brazenly. They really admired his courage.

The Chen family's eldest miss had asked the servant girl if she was beautiful. After getting a positive answer, she began to coquettishly walk in the direction of the sugar figurine old man. Many people felt disgusted and wanted to vomit when they saw her actions.

"Young master, I dropped my handkerchief. Can you help me pick it up?" After the Chen family's eldest sister stood beside Jiang Zhennan, she deliberately dropped a handkerchief and then spoke to Jiang Zhennan in a coy voice.

Jiang Zhennan had never been approached by a woman before, and after he came to the Lin family Village, no woman had ever approached him either. Therefore, he ignored the approach of this woman.

Miss Chen thought that Jiang Zhennan did not hear her, so she raised her voice and said shyly, "young master, I dropped my handkerchief in front of you. Could you please help me pick it up?"

However, Jiang Zhennan was still like a block of wood. He squatted there and stared at the old man making the sugar figurine seriously as if he did not hear the woman beside him.

He did not hear it, but Lin yuelan, who was on the other side of Jiang Zhennan, heard it.

She raised her head and looked at the woman. When she saw the woman's face that was painted red like a monkey's butt, she almost laughed out loud.

However, looking at this woman staring at Jiang Zhennan with infatuated eyes, she ignored the discomfort in her heart.

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Seeing the pink handkerchief in front of Jiang Zhennan, Lin yuelan's eyes rolled, and the corners of her mouth also raised into a mischievous smile.

She bent down and picked up the handkerchief. Then, she stood up and asked innocently, "Auntie, this handkerchief is yours. I'll return it to you!"

The person who should have picked it up didn't pick it up, but the person who shouldn't have picked it up did. This made the Chen family's eldest miss's face extremely ugly.

That servant girl often followed miss Chen and already understood her miss's mood.

At this moment, seeing her young miss's ugly expression, she naturally understood that she was angry at the child in front of her for picking up the handkerchief.

The servant girl immediately turned to Lin yuelan and said fiercely, "What does my young lady's handkerchief have to do with you? You don't have to pick it up!"

Hearing the girl's words, Lin yuelan showed an aggrieved expression and said innocently, "but you've been standing next to my brother the whole time, asking him to pick up the handkerchief. However, my brother is deaf and can't hear what you're saying. So, I was only helping him!"

When the Chen family's eldest daughter heard that the child in front of her was this man's younger sister and that this man was deaf, her expression changed even more. She took the handkerchief from Lin yuelan's hands in anger and said angrily, "why didn't you say that your brother is deaf? You've caused me to lose so much face! Don't you know who I am? You dare to ignore me!"

A deaf person, no matter how handsome he was, he was still a good-for-nothing, so she would not like him.

Being accused for no reason, Lin yuelan's expression became even more innocent and aggrieved. She said, "Auntie, how would I know that you wouldn't pick up your own handkerchief but would insist on my brother picking it up? But my brother can't hear you, so I can only pick it up for him as his sister. Also,"

At this point, the look in Lin yuelan's eyes became extremely sharp and angry. She reprimanded her in a stern voice, "Auntie, how do you expect me to announce to the world that my brother is deaf? It's

already very pitiful that my brother is deaf. Do I have to add fuel to the fire and tell everyone I see that my brother is deaf? If you want me to be like this, auntie, your mind may not be too vicious!”

Originally, Lin yuelan only wanted to play a small prank on this woman, but she didn’t expect that this woman would be so unreasonable and criticize her.

Of course, Lin yuelan wasn’t willing to be bullied like this for no reason, so she had to refute sharply.

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, the girl immediately became furious. She said angrily, “ you wild girl from the countryside, how can you speak like this? You actually said that my family’s young miss is vicious. I think you’re the vicious one!”

Miss Chen heard Lin yuelan calling her “ Auntie ” again and again. She was so angry that her blushed face turned ashen. What made her even angrier was that this hateful child had directly called her vicious.

How important was a person’s reputation? if she was really labeled with a vicious reputation, how could she marry into a good family in the future? Not marrying into a good family meant suffering, and this was something she could not stand.

Hehe, miss Chen, do you think you still have a reputation? Even if you weren’t affected by the ‘evil’, you wouldn’t be able to marry into a good family.

Ms. Chen was so angry that her chest was heaving up and down. However, when she saw the approving looks of the crowd, she was smart for once. She did not try to pressure them. Instead, she gritted her teeth and said to her servant girl, “ let’s go back!”

With that, she no longer looked at the handsome man and hurriedly left the place. Her servant girl naturally followed.

After the Chen family’s eldest miss and her servant left, Jiang Zhennan stood up and looked at Lin yuelan with gritted teeth. He said, “Miss Yue ‘Er, am I deaf in your eyes? ”

As soon as Jiang Zhennan spoke, the people around him who were watching the fun were stunned.

Didn’t she say that this man was deaf?

However, could a deaf person hear others saying that he was deaf?

Knowing that her prank had angered Jiang Zhennan, she immediately stepped forward and smiled apologetically. “brother Nan, aren’t I helping you solve your problem? Look, when your little sister said you were deaf, the master and servant pair immediately ran away so fast. Didn’t I save you from trouble?”

After hearing Lin yuelan’s words, the surrounding audience finally came to a realization and immediately praised her, “Wonderful! Little girl, your idea is really wonderful! In the past, why didn’t those men who were fancied by the Chen family’s young miss think of this trick?”

Damn, that woman was really a love-struck fool and a troublesome one at that.

Lin yuelan's interest was immediately piqued. She asked innocently and curiously, "uncle, who is this Miss Chen?"

The man who was asked was stunned.

There were actually people who didn't know about the Chen family's young miss's infamous reputation.

That person immediately explained to Lin yuelan, "this young miss of the Chen family is the only daughter of the owner of Chen's medicine shop. She is also the only successor of Chen's medicine shop."

Lin yuelan was even more curious when she heard that.

"Chen's medicine shop?"

"Yes, Chen's medicine shop is the largest medicine shop in An Ding County. It is said that it has a history of a hundred years. The reputation had always been high, but unfortunately, the owner never had many children. Especially in this generation, he only had one daughter, Chen Yulan, so she had always been pampered by Boss Chen. However, she became crooked due to the over-pampering. What a pity."

Those in the same industry were enemies. It seemed that the young miss of Lin medicine Hall, Lin yuelan, and the heir of Chen medicine Hall had become enemies on her first visit to the county.