

Village Girl 561

Chapter 561: Lin Sanniu enters the Vegetable Greenhouse

Lin Jiawei explained patiently, " Oh, it's like this. In order to prevent the workers from slacking off, they must go to the foreman and sign in during the first two hours of the day. Then, the foreman of each area will report to me.

"However, uncle Sanniu, I'm personally supervising the 12th District, so you can just come to me to check-in and then come to me to sign your fingerprint after work."

Lin Sanniu had been working for someone for a long time, but this was the first time he had heard of someone signing in with their fingerprint every day.

"What if they didn't come in time or leave early?" Lin Sanniu asked, puzzled.

"If you tell me that you can't come because of something serious, that means you're on leave, and I won't deduct your pay. However, you'll lose your salary for that day. However, if you don't tell me before and don't come for half a day without any reason, one day's salary will be deducted. If you didn't come for one day, three days' salary would be deducted. If you didn't come for two days in a row, we would treat it as a dismissal. We won't let you continue to work here."

Lin Jiawei explained with a serious face.

"as for those who are late, if they are late for an hour or leave early for an hour, half a day's salary will be deducted. If they are late for three consecutive days without any reason, then I'm sorry, and they will also be dismissed."

Lin Sanniu was confused, but he understood the general meaning. If he wanted to work here, he couldn't be late or leave early for no reason. He couldn't be absent for no reason. Otherwise, they would have their salary deducted and be fired.

Lin Jiawei was still handing the book to him and said seriously, " uncle Sanniu, do you understand? If you understand, please press your handprint on this grid!"

In a daze, Lin Sanniu pressed a red handprint on the grid of the book.

Lin Jiawei put away the book and pointed to the vegetables at the side with a serious face, " uncle Sanniu, you are responsible for watering the vegetables and pulling out the grass. And most importantly, uncle Sanniu, these vegetables are very expensive. You can't pull them out by mistake. If you break one, you have to pay ten copper coins. Please be careful, uncle Sanniu."

After saying this, he shouted to a man in the same blue uniform nearby, " uncle Liu, please show uncle Sanniu the vegetables. Show him how to differentiate them from weeds."

Uncle Liu straightened his back and laughed heartily. "haha, sure, manager Lin. I will definitely take good care of uncle Sanniu."

Lin Jiawei nodded and said, " Okay, uncle Liu, I'll leave uncle Sanniu to you!"

“Manager Lin, you’re too polite! Don’t worry, I’ll teach him how to recognize vegetables.” Uncle Liu agreed readily.

After Lin Jiawei left, uncle Liu immediately said to Lin Sanniu enthusiastically, “ come, brother, come with me. We’ll learn how to identify them. One had to know that these seedlings were very precious. Each one was worth ten copper coins, which could be spent in half a day’s work. You’ll have to be careful.”

Lin Sanniu’s heart skipped a beat when he heard that he would be fined 10 copper coins for plucking a vegetable. His heart was beating very fast because he was so scared.

However, when he thought of the money he was about to get, he clenched his fists and then released them.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the greenhouses rising from the flat ground, especially the rows of tender vegetables emerging from the inside of the greenhouses. He felt an indescribable excitement in his heart.

In this way, the winter in the future would no longer be winter without fresh vegetables.

Jiang Zhennan was wearing a blue uniform as he walked through the greenhouse area as if he was a leader inspecting.

As soon as the workers saw Jiang Zhennan, who was tall and strong, with a serious and dignified face and a fierce aura exuding from his body, all of them became nervous and uneasy. Their hearts were beating rapidly, and they were so afraid that their palms were sweating. They did not know what was going on either. In any case, they felt as if there was heavy pressure on their shoulders, and they could not breathe.

“boss.” as soon as Little Six saw Jiang Zhennan, he ran over excitedly, stood in front of him, and said, “ boss, come and take a look. What kind of vegetable is this? We have never seen it before, nor have we ever eaten it. Its leaves are red.”

Jiang Zhennan walked closer to take a look. Indeed, the leaves of this kind of vegetable were red. However, it was not the entire leaf that was red, but the middle of the leaves. The whole plant looked quite cute.

When he saw the vegetable, he seemed to be reminded of someone’s appearance. The corners of his mouth curled up slightly, and a joyful smile appeared. He nodded and said, “ it looks quite cute. ”

Of course, it was impossible for Little Six to guess that Jiang Zhennan was thinking of a certain someone. When he heard Jiang Zhennan say that the vegetables were cute, he immediately nodded and replied, “ yes, these tender shoots are all red and green. They’re quite cute. Oh, by the way, boss, did you know that miss Lin went to the county again this morning? Why do you think she has to go to the county every few days?”

Jiang Zhennan was a little stunned.

He really didn’t know that Lin yuelan had gone to the county town this morning.

He woke up early in the morning and went out for a stroll. Although it was winter, he could not be lazy.

As for why Lin yuelan went to the county every few days, he knew.

This was because Lin yuelan and Zhou Wencai had opened a restaurant together. They were talking about the restaurant.

Jiang Zhennan frowned slightly. No matter what, Lin yuelan was still a child. It must be very dangerous for her to go to the county alone. What if something happened to her?

Immediately, Jiang Zhennan said to Little Six, " Little Six, you guys supervise their work. I'm going to the county town."

Then, without waiting for Little Six's response, he left.

Little Six was shocked and whispered, " boss, miss Lin is more capable than you. Even if you rush to the county, you won't be able to do anything."

Chapter 562: Ni Lai Wo Wang Restaurant

Lin yuelan was wearing a light white dress. She sat in a carriage and directly entered the county.

The soldiers guarding the city gate had received orders from their superiors to report to young master Zhou the moment they saw Lin yuelan.

The coachman stopped the carriage in front of a restaurant. As soon as Zhou Wencai, who was waiting in front of the door, saw the carriage, he came over and waved his hand at Lin yuelan. He said, " sister yuelan!"

Lin yuelan jumped out of the carriage and asked Zhou Wencai with a polite smile, " brother Zhou, how have you been? "

Zhou Wencai chuckled and said, " thanks to sister yuelan, I'm fine! Please!" Zhou Wencai made an inviting gesture.

The restaurant that Zhou Wencai had invited Lin yuelan into was the restaurant that he and Lin yuelan had invested. It was called Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant!

Zhou Wencai only owned 20% of the investment shares, so the remaining 80% was naturally Lin Yuelan.

The restaurant had five floors and was designed by Lin yuelan according to the model of a modern hotel. The builders were, of course, master Hu and the others. They hired dozens of people and worked day and night. It took more than one month's time to complete the construction.

As for why it was built faster than in the Lin family Village, there were two main reasons. First, the area of the restaurant was much smaller than Lin yuelan's house. Second, master Hu and the others already had experience working with Lin yuelan. Third, in order to complete the construction as soon as possible and reach the opening date of Lin yuelan restaurant, master Hu and the others hired a large number of workers.

Therefore, Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant was built in Ning An County's business center in a short time.

The hall on the first floor was a place for entertainment and leisure. People could drink tea and chat, people could meet friends to recite poems, play chess, and do other activities here. However, the only

thing was that one must have good manners and not make a loud noise or cause trouble. Otherwise, they were forbidden to enter the restaurant in the future!

The dining hall was on the second floor.

The restaurant had a variety of modes. You could choose to order a single dish, eat a buffet, and also have a private room.

However, what everyone was curious about was the buffet.

Buffets have a wide variety of food, and you can choose and eat as you like until you're full.

Of course, the average person would not be able to afford it.

It was thirty-five copper coins for a buffet, which was more than their salary for a day's work. They were really reluctant to part with it.

However, it was still possible to spend 30 to 40 copper coins to eat it once in a while.

As for the third and fourth floors, there were ordinary rooms, single rooms, double standard rooms, and business rooms. The cost was different.

The fifth floor was the Presidential Suite, which was extraordinarily expensive.

However, the decorations in the Presidential Suite were all refreshing and high-end.

"sister yuelan, I understand a single room or a standard double room, but what is a Presidential Suite?" Zhou Wencai asked curiously.

The corners of Lin yuelan's mouth twitched when she heard Zhou Wencai's question. Then, she said in all seriousness, "the Presidential Suite is a room for those who are rich, powerful, and influential. In her heart, she was thinking, 'President is the title of the head of state. Of course, you don't understand.'

When Zhou Wencai heard that, he still had his doubts, but he nodded in a seemingly confused manner.

Lin yuelan inspected the floor from the first floor all the way to the fifth floor to see if there was anything wrong. Lin yuelan pointed to a chandelier in the corridor and said to master Hu, "this chandelier is hanging too low, causing the corridor to be too bright. It's a little glaring, and it doesn't match the romantic atmosphere. Have someone adjust it later."

Master Hu nodded and said, "alright!"

Zhou wencai was rather puzzled. 'It's just the lights in the corridor. Is there a need to be so serious?'

Lin yuelan didn't know what Zhou Wencai was thinking as she continued her inspection.

"This flower is placed next to the window."

"Move the table a little more!"

"Oh, and this lounge chair. It's a little hard and low. Add a quilt!"

Lin yuelan was very serious in pointing out the flaws. The moment she pointed them out, the employees immediately made adjustments.

Zhou Wencai, who was following by the side, felt that Lin yuelan was making a fuss at first. However, after Lin yuelan's guidance and adjustments, it was indeed more comfortable than before. This left Zhou Wencai with no choice but to think deeply.

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This seemingly insignificant change could very well change the entire structure and momentum.

When Lin yuelan finally finished checking from the first floor to the fifth floor, Jiang Zhennan came to the county town in a hurry on Liefeng. He soon found the restaurant.

When he saw a five-story building, he was a little surprised, but he quickly hid his expression and quickly walked into the restaurant.

There were guards at the restaurant. Zhou Wencai had used his connections to temporarily hire bailiffs from the court.

They had seen Jiang Zhennan and Lin yuelan come here two or three times before, so they didn't stop Jiang Zhennan from entering the restaurant.

As soon as Jiang Zhennan entered the restaurant's lobby, he saw Lin yuelan and Zhou Wencai coming down the stairs.

There was no electricity in this ancient era, so there were no elevators. However, there were elevators, which looked the same as the elevator rooms of today. The only difference was that this elevator was designed by Lin yuelan using the principle of roller cogwheels. Then, she used human power to turn the shaft to lift the ladder.

The moment this design came out, Zhou Wencai was so shocked that he couldn't speak. Following that, his eyes revealed a look of worship and reverence.

'This Lin yuelan is not a human, but a monster, a God.'

If it was an older person, it would still make sense. However, this was a child, a child who was about twelve or thirteen years old.

Zhou wencai could not help but sigh. The children nowadays were truly impressive.

When Jiang Zhennan saw Lin yuelan coming down, he quickly walked up to her. His expression softened slightly as he called out, " Miss Yue 'Er!

When Zhou Wencai saw Jiang Zhennan approaching, he immediately stepped forward and greeted, " young master Nan!"

In his heart, however, he was constantly puzzled. "why does the general call Lin yuelan miss Yue 'Er? why is it such a unique way of addressing her? "

Jiang Zhennan nodded at Zhou Wencai before scanning the entire restaurant with his sharp gaze. Following that, he said to Lin yuelan, " miss Yue 'Er, this restaurant's design is really not bad!"

Even the largest and most luxurious restaurant in the capital, jingxuan restaurant, could not compare to this restaurant. If Jing Yuan saw the design and layout of this restaurant, she would probably feel bad.

Jiang Zhennan was very curious about what his good friend Jing Yuan would look like when she saw the restaurant.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, " thank you for the compliment!

She then looked at the sky outside. The sun was already in the middle of the sky. She asked doubtfully, " brother Nan, why did you come to find me in such a hurry? is there something wrong? "

Looking at Jiang Zhennan's travel-worn appearance, one could tell that he had been in a hurry.

When Jiang Zhennan heard Lin yuelan's words, he was stunned.

To be honest, he didn't know why he had rushed over. He had only heard that Lin yuelan had come to the county alone and was afraid that something had happened to her, so he had rushed over without thinking.

But he couldn't admit that.

That was because he knew that Lin yuelan knew that she did not need to worry or protect her.

Jiang Zhennan's face was embarrassed, and he was at a loss. He stammered, " I've been looking for you because of ... because of..." Jiang Zhennan stammered but couldn't give a reasonable reason.

Lin yuelan's mouth twitched. She could only wave her hand and chuckle, " forget it. It's getting late, and it's time for lunch. You've come all the way from the Lin family Village, so you must be hungry."

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, she heard a few rumbling sounds. It was obviously the sound of hunger.

Zhou Wencai was stunned for a moment upon hearing that. Then, he came to his senses and could not help but smile.

Lin yuelan also stared at Jiang Zhennan with a knowing look.

Suddenly, Jiang Zhennan's handsome face turned red and white. He muttered, " I'm really hungry!

Lin yuelan chuckled and said, " since you're hungry, I'll cook for you this afternoon to fill your stomach." Then, she walked toward the restaurant's kitchen.

Although the restaurant had not yet opened, the kitchen could be used already.

Lin yuelan didn't like to eat outside, so every time she came here, she would send someone to buy ingredients and then cook a few dishes for everyone to eat together.

At that moment, all the helpers in the restaurant felt extra happiness and joy. Even County Magistrate Zhou, who had heard that Lin yuelan was very good at cooking, would follow Zhou Wencai to the restaurant as soon as he heard that Lin yuelan was there and was personally cooking.

After eating it once, he felt that the food Lin Yuelan cooked was the best in the world.

Unfortunately, he could only have such a delicious meal once in a while.

Besides, County Magistrate Zhou already knew that the restaurant was jointly opened by his son and Lin yuelan. Zhou Wencai had already informed him, so he didn't stop him.

In fact, he knew that he had been placed in this small county for the past few years because they did not have enough money to bribe the higher-up. Even the main family had some disdain and neglect towards them, which made him very uncomfortable.

Now, there was nothing wrong with them working hard to raise money.

Although he doubted his son's decision to work with Lin yuelan, he still supported it.

However, the result was beyond his expectations. When he saw the magnificence of the restaurant, he was a little amazed.

While Lin yuelan and the others were preparing for the restaurant's opening in the county, Lin Sanniu, who was in the Lin family Village, was wandering around the large shed. His eyes kept looking around, and his expression was guilty, uneasy, and nervous.

Chapter 564: Selling Himself to Bury his Father

Lin yuelan had planned to open the restaurant when the vegetables in the greenhouse could be harvested. She wanted to design the restaurant and make the reputation of the restaurant and the vegetables in the greenhouse famous at the same time.

The matters of the restaurant's opening were already prepared.

However, the only thing that made Lin yuelan frown was that the manager of the restaurant had not been found.

Previously, Zhou Wencai had introduced two or three candidates, but Lin yuelan wasn't too satisfied with them.

This was because these people were either too old or had sealed their own thinking and were not willing to make progress and change.

This was absolutely unacceptable for a restaurant that wanted to develop.

On this day, Jiang Zhennan and Lin yuelan were walking on the street.

Jiang Zhennan was originally a dull man. He was usually slow-witted and didn't know how to say anything, so he had been silently accompanying Lin yuelan on the streets.

As they walked, they saw a large group of people gathered at the corner of the wall in front of them. From time to time, there were some people talking in the crowd. Some were regretful, some were pitiful, and some were gloating. In short, they seemed to be targeting only one person.

"Sigh, it's a pity for this scholar Zhang. I heard that he had the highest chance of passing the Imperial examinations, but I didn't expect that such a thing would happen, making a scholar like him sell his body to bury his father."

"Tsk, who said he'll definitely pass? Haven't you heard of it? It's rare for elementary scholars to pass. Who can guarantee that elementary scholar Zhang will pass?"

“Regardless of whether scholar Zhang can pass or not, he has been removed from the Zhang family. He can forget about continuing his official career.”

“That’s true. Scholar Zhang is really pitiful. After his father passed away, before the seventh day had even passed, he was already expelled from the Zhang family. Not to mention continuing his studies, he even had to sell his body to pay for his father’s funeral. However,” At this point, the man shook his head and said, “ if he were a woman, it would be better. He could be bought back by those rich families as a concubine or something. But he’s selling his body. Plus, he’s asking for about ten taels. Tsk tsk, I’m afraid that not many people are willing to pay that moment!”

“Hehe, it seems like this scholar Zhang can only beg for a living!” He was obviously gloating over his misfortune.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan squeezed into the crowd and saw a young man in his twenties, who looked like a scholar, in the corner. There was a sign in front of him that read: Ten taels of silver to sell my body to bury my father!

In front of him, there was a corpse wrapped in a straw mat.

Due to the cold weather, the evil aura emitted by the corpse was not obvious.

Lin yuelan stood in front of him and looked around.

In the eyes of this scholar, he had encountered such a major change, but he did not become numb, wallow in self-pity, or vent all his misfortune on the innocent.

Although there was strong anger and unwillingness in his eyes, there was more grief and sadness from losing a loved one.

In the cold weather, he knelt on the ground with his hands clenched into fists. However, he was so cold that his skin had turned purple and black. However, he still did not give up the thought of earning money to bury his father.

Lin yuelan lowered her eyes and pondered for a moment. Then, her clear and tender voice rang out in the crowd. She asked, “ what if I ask you to give up your studies and go into business? ”

She went straight to the point.

Hearing the sudden voice of a child, scholar Zhang’s expression froze for a moment. He immediately reacted and said politely, “ I’m willing to obey all the arrangements of my master!

He was telling Lin yuelan that as long as she bought him, she could turn him into whatever she liked.

Lin yuelan nodded slightly, “ yes.”

Then, she took out 20 taels of silver and said to scholar Zhang, “ here, this is 20 taels of silver. First, arrange your father’s funeral and deal with other matters. After that, you can come to my restaurant!

The moment Lin yuelan took out the silver, the surrounding crowd was shocked.

This person's selling price was clearly ten taels, but she took out twenty taels. Most importantly, she was just a child, and she could take out twenty taels so casually. Where did this daughter of a rich family come from?

However, when they heard that Scholar Zhang was to report to a restaurant, they were shocked again.

This restaurant had appeared out of nowhere, and County Magistrate Zhou's son frequently visited it. Sometimes, one could even see County Magistrate Zhou there. Therefore, anyone could guess that this restaurant must have a relationship with County Magistrate Zhou's family.

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The reason why scholar Zhang knelt here for so long and no one dared to buy him with ten taels of silver was not only because he was a man, but also because they were afraid of the Zhang family.

The Zhang family was one of the three big families in An ding County. Buying scholar Zhang was equivalent to offending the Zhang family. Hence, no one would take the risk.

However, a child who came out of nowhere took up his offer for twenty taels. This was an offense to the Zhang family.

However, when this person announced the Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant, everyone fell silent.

Everyone knew that county Magistrate Zhou of the Zhou family was behind this restaurant, so that was why the girl was not afraid of offending the Zhang family.

Scholar Zhang took the two silver ingots and looked at Lin yuelan with gratitude and hope in his eyes. At the same time, there were also feelings of bitterness and determination.

With gratitude and tears in his eyes, he said to Lin yuelan, " thank you, thank you! After that, he said firmly, " master, don't worry. After I settle my father's funeral and personal affairs, I will definitely report to the restaurant in three days!"

As he spoke, he handed over the slave contract he had written to Lin yuelan.

Unexpectedly, Lin yuelan didn't take it. She only shook her head and said, " No."

When Lin yuelan shook her head, it made scholar Zhang's heart thump. He was extremely nervous and uneasy.

Lin yuelan continued, " scholar Zhang, I didn't buy you as a slave. I'm just paying you in advance."

So much?

No matter if it was scholar Zhang himself or the crowd watching the show, they were all confused and didn't know what was going on.

Pay in advance? What was scholar Zhang going to do in this restaurant?

Lin yuelan didn't explain much. She said, " you'll know when you get to the restaurant in three days!"

After that, she and Jiang Zhennan left the place.

She didn't accept the contract, nor did she restrict his movements. She wasn't afraid that scholar Zhang would run away with the silver.

This caused the surrounding people to be shocked once again.

They were certain that this child was really too stupid. The money had been given, but there was no contract or action. Who would be so stupid as to come to her door and become a slave?

Lin yuelan didn't care what others thought.

When she and Jiang Zhennan walked out of that place and came to the end of the street, a young man dressed like a manservant stood in front of them and said to them with an unfriendly expression, " my master would like to see you two!"

When the Zhang family heard that Lin Yuelan had bought Zhang Yuanbin, the Zhang family immediately sent people to stop them.

Lin yuelan raised her brows and pursed her lips into a faint smile. She pretended to be puzzled and asked, " your master wants to see you? Do I know who your master is? Brother Nan, is this someone u know?" Lin yuelan turned around and asked Jiang Zhennan curiously.

Jiang Zhennan was very cooperative with Lin yuelan. He shook his head and said, " I don't know their master."

Lin yuelan tilted her head and said in confusion, " you don't know him, and I don't know him either. That's strange. Who is this person who suddenly appeared? " Hey, who is your master?" In short, Lin yuelan was just pretending.

With his nose up, the manservant said arrogantly, " Hmph, my master is master Zhang Xingwang from the Zhang family, one of the three big families in An Ding County!" The Zhang family was one of the three big families in An Ding County. As a slave, he had the right to be arrogant.

Lin yuelan immediately nodded in understanding and said, " Oh, so your master is the old master of the Zhang family."

This manservant's nose was still up in the air, and he snorted at Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. He was full of disdain and contempt as if it was a great honor for them to be able to be addressed by that so-called old master Zhang.

However, his face immediately turned livid.

"But what does it have to do with me whether your family is one of the three great clans or whether your master is old master Zhang?" Lin yuelan sneered and said, " he said he wanted to see us, and we have to go to him obediently? Go and reply to your old master Zhang that I, Lin yuelan, am not free. When I am free, I will go and meet old master Zhang!"

The manservant's face turned livid with anger.

He pointed at Lin yuelan angrily and shouted, " you... you're too impudent! Do you know the consequences of offending my master?"

Lin yuelan sneered and said, " I, Lin yuelan, will accept any consequences! Big brother Nan, let's go!"

Looking at their backs, the manservant stomped his feet in anger. In the end, he could only run to the Zhang mansion in an imposing manner to report to old master Zhang.

At the Zhang mansion, a bearded middle-aged man in silk and satin heard the servant's report and his face turned green. The expression in his eyes was dark and unclear. He asked sternly, " did she really say that? Are you sure she's only twelve or thirteen?"

The manservant added fuel to the fire and said, " she really said that. She said, 'he said he wanted to see us, and we have to go to him obediently? Go and reply to your old master Zhang that I, Lin yuelan, am not free. When I am free, I will go and meet old master Zhang!' Hmph, old master, listen to this. A lowly girl like her doesn't even put you in her eyes. Old master, we have to teach her a lesson. Otherwise, Zhang Yuanbin might escape from your hands, old master!"

Zhang Yuanbin was the scholar Zhang who had sold himself to bury his father.

"Master, you've won back the position of the head of the Zhang family with great effort. You should not lose your position because of this accident!"

Even if this manservant didn't remind him, Zhang Xingwang would never let any accidents happen, especially letting Zhang Yuanbin escape from his palm.

He immediately instructed the manservant, " go and send a letter of a visit to County Magistrate Zhou. Say that I, Zhang Xingwang, want to pay him a visit!"

Chapter 566: The Restaurant Manager

At the Zhou mansion, the servant took out a letter of a visit from the Zhang Manor and handed it to County Magistrate Zhou. He said, "Old master, this is a letter of a visit from the old master of the Zhang Manor!"

County Magistrate Zhou didn't take the letter immediately. Instead, he asked expressionlessly, " what's the matter? "

The servant replied, " master, the servant who sent the invitation said that master Zhang has a pot of wintersweet and wants to send it over for you to appreciate!"

In the winter, all things withered, and only the wintersweet bloomed in the snow, receiving the admiration of some scholars.

However, wintersweet was also hard to find.

County Magistrate Zhou's eyebrows twitched slightly when he heard that. After a moment of silence, he said, " go to the Zhang mansion and reply that I'll accept the invitation!"

"Yes!" The servant replied.

When the person turned around, County Magistrate Zhou stopped him. He said, " wait, did something happen in the Zhang Manor? "

The servant replied respectfully, " the Zhang family's scholar Zhang sold his body to bury his father. I heard that he was bought by a mysterious child who has some connections with Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant."

Hearing this news, County Magistrate Zhou's eyes narrowed. He said in disbelief, " Zhang Yuanbin sold himself to bury his father, and he was bought by a mysterious child who has connections with Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant? " That child was most likely Lin yuelan.

Other than her, there shouldn't be any other child who would be so generous and bold as to spend money to buy a weak scholar.

"Yes!" The servant replied respectfully.

County Magistrate Zhou waved his hand and said, " you may leave!"

He was now guessing that Zhang Xingwang's greeting letter might be about Zhang Yuanbin being bought by Lin yuelan.

But then again, why did Lin yuelan want to buy a scholar?

It should be known that as long as a scholar was sold as a slave, no matter how talented he was or how bright his future was, it would be cut off. So, buying such a weak scholar was pointless.

County Magistrate Zhou was puzzled.

After Zhang Yuanbin received the 20 taels of silver from Lin yuelan, he settled his father's funeral in a grand manner. After that, he went to the county government to report that he had nothing to do with the Zhang family in An ding County anymore. In the future, whether he was rich or poor, it had nothing to do with the Zhang family.

It was unnecessary for him to do this, but Zhang Yuanbin was resentful. Plus, in order to prevent more trouble in the future, he had to do this.

After this matter was spread to the Zhang family, the Zhang family immediately showed disdain and contempt, saying, " Hmph, he just wants to attract the attention of our Zhang family on purpose. Does he think that we will go back on our word and bring him back to the Zhang family? This is simply a dream!"

As for the attitude of the Zhang family, Zhang Yuanbin couldn't care less.

Three days later, he carried a small bag and went straight to Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant.

"What? You want me to be the restaurant manager?" Zhang Yuanbin looked at Lin yuelan in surprise, his eyes full of disbelief. However, he suddenly said with a lack of confidence in himself, " but I only knew how to study in the past. I didn't know anything about restaurant accounting and management."

Lin yuelan said, " you can learn! My restaurant is lacking a manager, and you've arrived just in time."

Zhang Yuanbin was still hesitant and unconfident. He said, " but..." but he really didn't know anything about business. Was he really going to be forced to do this?

However, looking at Lin yuelan's sharp eyes, Zhang Yuanbin swallowed his saliva and said with some caution, "alright, I'll try my best!" Anyway, he could learn if he didn't understand.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. Oh, let me tell you first, you're still free. I'm just hiring you to be the manager.

"I'll give you a three-month trial period.

"As for wages, the probation period is three months, and it's one tael of silver per month. When you receive your wages every month, half of it will be deducted to repay your debt, and the other half will be given to you.

"After the three-month trial period, if you pass the assessment, you will continue to be the shopkeeper. Your salary will be doubled, but it will still be half-deducted and half-paid.

"However, if you don't pass the test in three months, then I'm sorry, I'll have to get you to draft a servant contract. That's the only way you can continue to work here."

She was telling Zhang Yuanbin that he had to be the shopkeeper even if he couldn't. Otherwise, he would be turned into a servant.

But to Zhang Yuanbin, he was still a free man for now, and there was no better news than this.

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In order to not lose his freedom, he had to learn how to be a good restaurant manager in these three months.

Zhang Yuanbin cupped his fists at Lin yuelan and said gratefully, "thank you, boss. I will definitely learn how to be a restaurant manager in the next three months."

He was grateful to Lin yuelan because she had bought him. She could have bound him with a servant contract. However, Lin yuelan gave him freedom and kept a good record for him. He would never forget such great kindness!

He then bowed to Lin yuelan and thanked her, "Miss Lin, I will never forget your great kindness. I will do my best in my job and not let you have any worries!

Lin yuelan was quite satisfied with Zhang Yuanbin's tactfulness and awareness. She nodded and said, "then I'll see how you perform!"

At the Zhang mansion, the manservant hurriedly ran into the room. As he ran, he shouted without any care for his image, "master, master, I have found out!"

Old master Zhang walked out of a concubine's room. His clothes were not even tidied up yet. It was the concubine who tidied up his clothes while walking and said in a coy voice, "old master, this servant is too unruly. Don't you need to rest? He just ran over with such a loud voice."

Then, she turned around and scolded him loudly, "Zhang San, do you have any manners? How can you make such a big fuss?"

Zhang San's face turned pale. He immediately lowered his head to apologize and hurriedly explained, "I'm sorry, third Madam. I have something urgent to report to the master. I've lost my manners. Please forgive me this time, Third Madam!"

The third wife was currently the most favored concubine. It was better for him not to offend her, or else he would suffer.

The third Madam said unhappily, "what kind of urgent matter is it that you need to disturb master's rest time to report?"

The servant looked at the third madam with some difficulty and then looked at old master Zhang, "this..."

However, old master Zhang waved his hand and said to Third Madam, "alright, you can leave first. Zhang San, come with me!"

After saying that, old master Zhang turned towards the study.

As soon as he entered the study, old master Zhang asked sternly, "what did you find out?"

The servant replied, "old master, Zhang Yuanbin was not bought by that child. He was hired to be the manager of the restaurant. I heard that he would be paid every month, and the twenty taels of silver would be deducted from his monthly salary."

Old master Zhang frowned, "what's going on? What was the relationship between Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant and that child? Why did the owner of the restaurant follow that child's nonsense?"

The servant hesitantly reported, "old master, I've also found out that this restaurant was actually owned by that child."

"What?" Zhang Xingwang was extremely shocked, and he said in disbelief, "are you sure that such a large restaurant was really owned by that child? And it's not owned by the person behind that child?"

The manservant shook his head and said, "master, this is what I've heard. That child is called Lin yuelan, a farmer's daughter from the Lin family Village. She doesn't have any background."

Zhang Xingwang immediately thought of a crucial matter and hurriedly asked, "then what is her relationship with Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou?"

However, the manservant frowned and shook his head. "old master, I didn't find out what relationship she has with young master Zhou or County Magistrate Zhou. However, I heard that every time she entered the city, it was young master Zhou who personally entertained her. It was also said that the location of the restaurant was also personally found by young master Zhou."

His words made Zhang Xingwang feel that the relationship between Lin Yuelan and County Magistrate Zhou was even more complicated. However, in order to avoid future trouble, he had to clarify the relationship between this person named Lin yuelan and County Magistrate Zhou.

He then ordered, "send someone to the Lin family Village to find out more about this farmer's daughter named Lin yuelan. Then, report to me immediately!"

“Yes, master!”

At the Zhou mansion, a servant came over and reported to County Magistrate Zhou, “old master, old master Zhang from the Zhang Manor has brought a pot of wintersweet and is waiting at the door!

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, “please!”

Then, he turned to Lin yuelan, who was sitting beside him and said, “this old master Zhang sent me a visiting note three days ago. He said that he had brought wintersweet for me to try. I couldn’t reject him, so I agreed.

Lin yuelan nodded with a smile. “my Lord, you sure like to joke.”

County Magistrate Zhou was well aware of old master Zhang’s purpose in coming. Therefore, he asked his son, Zhou Wencai, to invite Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan over.

It was better to squash enmity than keep it alive.

For the sake of An Ding County’s peace, he didn’t want the Zhang family to have any conflict with Lin yuelan.

When old master Zhang brought in two servants carrying a pot of wintersweet filled with plum blossoms and saw that in the courtyard, other than County Magistrate Zhou and young master Zhou, there was also a young man and a young woman, he was slightly stunned.

However, he quickly reacted. He cupped his fists and bowed to County Magistrate Zhou. “Your Excellency Zhou!” Following that, he shouted at Zhou wencai, “young master Zhou!

Zhou wencai nodded and replied, “old master Zhang!”

However, after he called out to Zhou wencai, his gaze shifted to Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. He had already guessed their identities, but he still pretended to be puzzled and asked, “may I know who the two of you are?”

County Magistrate Zhou immediately said to old master Zhang in a dignified manner, “they are Wencai’s friends, miss Lin and young master Nan. This is Miss Lin, the owner of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant. You can just call her Miss Lin!”

Hearing County Magistrate Zhou personally introduce their identities, the expression on Zhang Xingwang’s face clearly froze!

Chapter 568: Poetry

When Zhang Xingwang heard County Magistrate Zhou’s introduction of Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, the smile on his face clearly froze.

He had thought of any relationship County Magistrate Zhou might have with them, such as familial relations, but he had never thought that they were only friends with young master Zhou.

Being friends with young master Zhou and being friends with County Magistrate Zhou were vastly different.

The Zhang family could not afford to offend County Magistrate Zhou's friends, but they could look down on young master Zhou's friends.

Old master Zhang was stunned for a moment before he reacted. His expression turned slightly cold as he nodded to Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan.

Then, he turned to County Magistrate Zhou and said, " my Lord, I found a wintersweet by the Liuyang River by accident. I've specially brought it here for you to appreciate and evaluate it."

As he spoke, Zhang Xingwang pointed at a flower pot that was half the height of a person. A wintersweet that bloomed alone in the biting cold wind stood proudly and bloomed. It was also half the height of a person.

Zhang Xingwang had three or four servants carry such a wintersweet over.

County Magistrate Zhou was also a person who loved wintersweet.

Lin yuelan used to be a Southerner. She had heard of wintersweet in books, but she had never seen it with her own eyes.

It could be said that this was the first time she had seen wintersweet in her two lives.

Although the wintersweet did not have the charm of peony, the flirtatiousness of a rose, or the extreme beauty of a poppy flower, it was a very pure little flower that bloomed in the cold wind. However, it was the only one flower that could stand proudly in the snow, strong and unyielding.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the appreciation and love in Lin yuelan's eyes for the wintersweet.

He lowered his head and whispered into Lin yuelan's ear, "Do you like wintersweet? When I get back, I'll find a lot of wintersweet and bring them to the Lin family Village. How about that?"

Jiang Zhennan's warm breath blew on the tip of Lin yuelan's small ear, causing her ear to suddenly turn red and hot. Then, the blush crawled all over Lin yuelan's cheeks. Her small face was red, like a red apple, very delicious.

Zhou Wencai's sharp eyes noticed Lin yuelan's flushed face. He asked in puzzlement, " sister yuelan, are you very hot? "

As he spoke, he looked at the sun in the sky.

It was a good day. There was no cold wind or rain. It was a sunny day. It was a good day to come out and bask in the sun. Therefore, they all sat in the courtyard and admired the wintersweet.

Lin yuelan, who had always been calm and composed, felt embarrassed for no reason at Zhou Wencai's question. However, she immediately restrained her expression and said very calmly, " it's fine. The sun is good today. It's indeed a little hot." As she said that, she covered her face with her two small hands.

When she did this, she was simply too adorable, causing Jiang Zhennan and Zhou wencai to be in a daze.

Being stared at by four burning gazes, Lin yuelan asked in a daze, " what's wrong? Is there something dirty on my face?"

Jiang Zhennan and Zhou Wencai had only just regained their senses. Their faces were instantly flushed red. Soon after, the two of them shook their heads at the same time and said shyly, "no, no. There's nothing dirty on your face at all."

After Jiang Zhennan answered Lin yuelan with slightly red ears, he immediately reacted. Zhou Wencai seemed to be staring at Lin yuelan's face in a daze.

His expression instantly darkened as he glared at Zhou wencai with his sharp eyes, as though he wanted to bore a hole in him. It also seemed to be giving Zhou Wencai a stern warning.

Only then did Zhou Wencai receive two intense, scorching gazes that seemed to be able to pierce him. His body trembled as his body immediately stiffened like a taut string.

Did he offend Jiang Zhennan? But he didn't do anything.

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhang Xingwang only looked at him suspiciously when they heard Zhou Wencai ask Lin yuelan. However, he was a child, after all, so they didn't pay much attention to the subtle atmosphere between them.

County Magistrate Zhou was admiring the blooming wintersweet while stroking his beard with one hand. He couldn't help but nod and say, "not bad, not bad. This winter wintersweet has its own fragrance."

Zhang Xingwang immediately echoed, "A lone shrub of cold wintersweet

Leans against the bridge over the stream;

Away from the village,

Its white jade offshoots neglected.

The buds closer to the water

Bloom first,

But they are perhaps taken for frozen snow

Yet to melt."

When County Magistrate Zhou heard the poem recited by Zhang Xingwang, he was immediately in a poetic mood. He also composed a poem and said, "To white plum blossoms,

Each night just dawning,

Evermore."

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"Good poem, good poem!" As soon as County Magistrate Zhou finished speaking, Zhang Xingwang clapped his hands and cheered. "Your Excellency is indeed a knowledgeable and talented scholar."

Although County Magistrate Zhou's poetry was not bad, looking at Zhang Xingwang's excitement, it was very obvious that he was trying to curry favor with County Magistrate Zhou.

Lin yuelan secretly pouted, but she didn't say anything.

Who would have thought that such a small action would be discovered by Zhang Xingwang's sharp eyes?

Zhang Xingwang had previously been apprehensive about Lin yuelan's relationship with County Magistrate Zhou, but now that he knew that she was only a friend of Zhou Wencai's, he had no more apprehensions.

'Hmph, who asked you to offend me? If I don't embarrass you, I'm not the head of the Zhang family!'

Zhang Xingwang laughed out loud and said, " looking at miss Lin's confident appearance, and since you are friends with young master Zhou, you must be a talented woman. Why don't you compose a poem with 'plum' for everyone to appreciate? "

This Zhang Xingwang doesn't even have any shame.

He actually wanted a child to compose a poem. Most importantly, this person didn't give Zhou Wencai any face at all. He clearly knew that Lin yuelan was his friend, but he actually made things difficult for her in front of him.

This was really intolerable!

Zhou Wencai's expression was cold as he said, " old master Zhang, this friend of mine is only a girl. Don't you know that a woman without talent is a virtue? You want her to compose a poem for you to appreciate. How unreasonable is that?"

Lin yuelan was just a farmer's daughter who had never gone to school. It was already good enough that she could read, but he still wanted her to compose a poem for the occasion. Wasn't this making things difficult for her?

Zhang Xingwang had made things difficult for Lin yuelan without any qualms earlier. At this moment, his heart thumped when he heard the obvious anger in Zhou Wencai's tone. He thought to himself, 'oh no.'

Zhou Wencai's attitude was different from what he had imagined. It was obvious that he had taken a fancy to her as a friend.

However, words that were spoken could not be taken back.

Since he couldn't take it back, he could only try his best to save it.

Zhou wencai might not be an official, but his father was.

Besides, everyone in An Ding County knew that county Magistrate Zhou doted on his son like a Pearl. Whoever bullied his son, he would definitely return the favor tenfold.

Just as Zhang Xingwang wanted to salvage the mistake of his previous estimation, he was stunned.

"Among the multitude of fallen flowers, its shining beauty warms;

full of grace, centre of attention, it leans into a little garden.

Delicate, tilting branches reflected on clear and shallow water,

its subtle fragrance drifts with the rising moon at dusk.

The snowy cranes long to land and sneak a glance,
if butterflies could only see, their souls would depart!

How fortunate I am, for the presence of this muse, for my clappers no longer need wine's company in song."

Lin yuelan's clear voice resounded in the small courtyard, shocking everyone.

Jiang Zhennan, in particular, was staring at Lin yuelan with sparkling eyes. He looked at Lin yuelan as if he was looking at shining gold.

"Good, good, what a good poem!" Only then did Zhou Wencai recover from the aftertaste of Lin yuelan's poem. "sister yuelan, your poem is really well done."

Lin yuelan nodded and said with a smile, "big brother Zhou, you've gone too far! I just made it up, I don't have the talent of Lord Zhou and big brother Zhou." She was humble, but she was also complimenting County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai.

Zhou Wencai laughed out loud and said, "sister Yuelan, you're really too humble. Such a poem embellishes the pure and noble character of the plum blossoms, and it's full of divine charm. If you say that you made this up on the spot, then what kind of masterpiece would it be if you were to seriously compose a poem?"

Lin yuelan only smiled, but she thought to herself, 'what masterpiece? I only copied an existing poem.'

But he replied, "big brother Zhou, you're exaggerating. I only know a few words. I really can't compose a poem!"

Zhou wencai didn't believe Lin yuelan's words at all. All he did was shake his head with a smile and say, "sister yuelan, that poem of yours can be considered a classic!

Looking at the two of them going back and forth, praising each other and being humble, Jiang Zhennan immediately felt sad.

He was a boorish man. Other than being able to read a few words, he did not understand the elegance and humor of a scholar, much less a poem.

Now that he saw the interaction between Lin yuelan and Zhou Wencai, he felt a little upset.

Zhang Xingwang and County Magistrate Zhou were very surprised at the poem that Lin yuelan had blurted out.

County Magistrate Zhou once again looked at Lin yuelan in a new light.

He didn't expect Lin yuelan to be such a talented child.

Such a smart, business-minded, and talented child was simply hard to find in the world.

At this moment, County Magistrate Zhou truly considered Lin yuelan's value.

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At the Lin family Village's twelfth greenhouse vegetable area, after work in the afternoon, Lin Sanniu left his fingerprint in Lin Jiawei's notebook and paced around the greenhouse.

Uncle Liu came out of the shed and saw Lin Sanniu walking back and forth around the shed. He immediately shouted, "brother Sanniu, it's already time to get off work. Why are you still here?"

Lin Sanniu smiled stiffly. "You go first. I'll stand here for a while."

Uncle Liu blinked his eyes in confusion, but he still nodded. "Okay."

The employees of the vegetable area of the twelfth greenhouse left one after another. When the sky was completely dark, a figure appeared at the entrance of the greenhouse.

The figure sneakily looked around, but it didn't seem to notice anyone. Then, it slithered inside the greenhouse.

A moment later, he sneaked out of the shed again.

Then, he headed back to the Lin family Village.

After he left, Lin Jiawei and uncle Liu came out from a dark corner.

Uncle Liu asked Lin Jiawei curiously, "manager Lin, what is Lin Sanniu doing in there? Also, how did you know that he would go in again tonight?"

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County Magistrate Zhou smiled at Lin yuelan and said, "Miss Lin, you're really talented!"

Lin yuelan chuckled and replied, "you flatter me, my Lord!"

At this moment, Zhang Xingwang had to re-evaluate the status of this Lin yuelan in front of the Zhou father and son.

However, he was still unwilling to give up.

Scholar Zhang, which he had expelled from the family, was taken in by a little girl with no background. This was a hidden danger that caused him to be in the Zhang family, and he had to get rid of this hidden danger.

Immediately after, Zhang Xingwang first smiled and echoed County Magistrate Zhou, praising, "not bad. You have such talent at such a young age. It's really amazing." Then, the look in his eyes changed, and he asked somewhat unintentionally but sharply, "I heard that Miss Lin opened Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant?"

When Lin yuelan was working with Zhou wencai, she didn't hide anything from anyone. She nodded slightly and said, "that's right. I opened it. What's the matter? Is there a problem?" She asked back with the same sharp aura.

Zhang Xingwang's expression immediately turned gloomy as he asked again, "no problem. However, I heard that this restaurant bought a person on the street. Is that true?"

He had specifically used the term 'bought' because he didn't know Lin Yuelan had actually offered Scholar Zhang a working contract."

Lin yuelan nodded expressionlessly and replied, " that's true. I have indeed hired a poor scholar who wanted to sell his body to bury his father. I wonder if old master Zhang has any opinions?" Since Zhang Xingwang wanted to feign ignorance, she would also follow suit.

Zhang Xingwang immediately ignored County Magistrate Zhou's presence and said sternly, " do you know who the person you bought was? "

Lin yuelan replied sternly, " it doesn't matter who he is anymore. What's important is that he's working for me now."

When Zhang Xingwang heard Lin yuelan's words, his anger instantly became apparent, and he shouted loudly, " the person you bought is my Zhang family's direct descendant, Zhang Yuanbin. He's the eldest son and grandson of the Zhang family's direct descendant. How can he be a servant? If you know what's good for you, quickly undo his indenture. My Zhang family will forgive your ignorance."

Zhang Xingwang had probably forgotten that he was ordering Lin yuelan in front of County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou wencai. Was he trying to show Lin yuelan his authority as one of the three great clans?

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai's expressions were extremely unsightly at this moment.

They wouldn't care about the internal strife, power struggles, and schemes of the Zhang family. After all, it was an internal matter of the Zhang family.

However, Zhang Xingwang flew into a rage in front of their guests. He was not giving them any face.

The father and son's faces were dark and gloomy, and their eyes were also staring sharply at Zhang Xingwang as if they were warning him.

Hearing Zhang Xingwang's forceful words, Lin yuelan sneered twice in a low voice and said with a mocking expression, " old master Zhang, I'm sorry. I'm afraid I can't do anything like that.

"When I first hired this person, he was poor and couldn't bury his dead father. He chose to sell his body to bury his father, and I only helped a filial son.

"I've heard that the Zhang family is one of the three big families in anding County. It must be a rich and powerful family. Does such a family really need a direct descendant to sell his body to bury his father? Wouldn't that be a joke? So, old master Zhang, are you mistaken? Oh, right."

At this point, Lin yuelan seemed to have thought of something and said in surprise, " I remember. When I first arrived in the county town a few days ago, I heard a story about a family who secretly harmed their own brothers for the position of the family head.

"In the end, after his brother had just passed away and his body was still warm, the elders of the family worked together to exterminate his only son, his nephew, who was a scholar, from the family. They couldn't wait to kick him out of the family. He had no choice but to sell himself to earn money for his father's burial.

“I wonder if such a cold and ruthless family battle were true or false. Old master Zhang, since you’re one of the great clans in An Ding County, your information must be more accurate and well-informed than an outsider like me. Why don’t you tell me if this story is true or not?”