

Village Girl 571

Chapter 571: Story

Since Zhang Yuanbin had become her subordinate, she had to protect him.

She had always been very protective of the people she wanted to protect.

So, she wanted to help Zhang Yuanbin vent his anger.

Hearing Lin yuelan say this, especially after she told the family story, Zhang Xingwang was furious. However, he couldn't respond to Lin yuelan. Although she said that it was only a story, it was actually an internal struggle within their family.

As a result, his originally dark and livid face turned red and white. He glared at Lin yuelan with a pair of angry eyes and denied guiltily, "you said it's a story. How would I know if it's true or not?"

Lin yuelan nodded in understanding. "Oh, so old master Zhang doesn't know. I thought that old master Zhang would be very familiar with this story. In this story, the scholar who sold himself to bury his father was hired by me. And,"

At this point, Lin yuelan's tone changed, and she said sarcastically, "old master Zhang said that I bought the Zhang family's direct descendant as a slave and so on."

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, Jiang Zhennan's deep and charming male voice echoed, "that's right, old master Zhang did say so just now.

This time, Zhang Xingwang was completely angered by Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan's words to the point that his face turned green, red, and white.

He did not expect this child to be so scheming at such a young age. She was actually playing tricks in front of him.

But now, regardless of whether he admitted to it or not, it was a matter of his reputation being damaged.

A legitimate direct descendant being removed from the family and even being bought to be a slave, no matter how one looked at it, it was an existence that would make people laugh.

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou wencai were already dissatisfied with Zhang Xingwang when he was impolite to Lin yuelan.

They wanted to teach him a lesson and let him know where he was and who he was in front of.

However, they never thought that this Lin yuelan was so smart and had such a sharp tongue. With just a few words, she had dealt with Zhang Xingwang.

Now, seeing Zhang Xingwang's face, which was full of anger, annoyance, and embarrassment, he secretly laughed in his heart.

But very quickly, County Magistrate Zhou restrained his expression and very seriously and sternly said to Zhang Xingwang.

“Zhang Xingwang, although that Zhang Yuanbin is a direct descendant of your Zhang family, according to what I know, the Zhang family has already removed Zhang Yuanbin’s name from the family. In that case, it’s Zhang Yuanbin’s own choice about what to do with his life, and it has nothing to do with you.

“How is it Young Lady Lin’s fault then?”

Zhang Xingwang’s old face was red, and he nodded at County Magistrate Zhou in embarrassment and anger. “you’re right, my Lord. Since Zhang Yuanbin is no longer a member of the Zhang family, I really shouldn’t ask miss Lin to do anything for me.”

County Magistrate Zhou nodded in satisfaction at Zhang Xingwang’s tactfulness. “mm, since that’s the case, don’t mention this matter again in the future!”

“Yes, my Lord!” Zhang Xingwang responded unwillingly and helplessly.

In his heart, he was wondering if he could cause some trouble for the two of them in the future.

Since Zhang Yuanbin was already the restaurant’s manager, he would have to bear the responsibility if anything happened to the restaurant! At that time, he would probably not have a good life.

Zhang Xingwang, who had thought it through, immediately looked a bit better.

Lin yuelan looked suspiciously at the change in expression on Zhang Xingwang’s face. Light flickered in her eyes, and she was somewhat wary!

However, since County Magistrate Zhou wanted to be a peacemaker and let Zhang Xingwang and Lin yuelan bury the hatchet. He didn’t want their friendship to be hurt because of Zhang Yuanbin’s matter.

County Magistrate Zhou nodded at Zhang Xingwang’s tactfulness. He then turned to Lin yuelan and said, “ Miss Lin, old master Zhang was only a little impulsive because he was worried about the Zhang family’s reputation. For my sake, can you let bygones be bygones? ”

Lin yuelan wasn’t really a twelve-year-old child who didn’t understand the ways of the world.

When she heard County Magistrate Zhou’s words, she guessed that he didn’t want her to have any conflicts with the Zhang family and wanted her to get along with them.

However, with old master Zhang’s narrow-mindedness, it might be difficult for him to be on good terms with her.

However, Lin yuelan still had to give County Magistrate Zhou some face.

She pretended to be puzzled and replied, “ eh, did old master Zhang do something impulsive? Why didn’t I know about this?” Lin yuelan immediately changed into a child’s face and said with a smile, “ I’m just enjoying the plum blossoms with master Zhang and you, Sir!

Her words, of course, were to tell County Magistrate Zhou that she had not bothered about this matter.

As for whether Zhang Xingwang bore a grudge in his heart or not, only he himself knew.

Hearing this, County Magistrate Zhou immediately laughed loudly.

“Haha, right, right. We’re all enjoying the plum blossoms, right?” In the second half of the sentence, County Magistrate Zhou asked Zhang Xingwang.

Zhang Xingwang had a belly full of anger, but at this moment, he could only raise a smile and echo County Magistrate Zhou, “yes, yes, we’re all very happy to admire the plum blossoms.”

The somewhat stiff atmosphere was finally over.

When Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan returned to the restaurant, they saw little twelve standing in front of the restaurant.

As soon as he saw Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, he immediately went up to them. Then, he said impatiently, “Miss Lin, it’s just as you expected. Lin Sanniu did have the conspiracy to apply for work in the shed!”

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At Lin Laosan’s family, many people gathered.

“What? San ‘Er, is what you said true?” Lin Laosan took a puff of his cigarette as he asked Lin Sanniu with a serious expression. “did the head of the Yan family really give you five taels of silver for you to Sue that brat for being unfilial?”

Li Cuihua’s focus was different. When she heard that Yan Lin was going to give Lin Sanniu five taels of silver, her eyes immediately lit up. “San ‘Er, does Yan Lin really plan to give you five taels of silver?” she asked excitedly. “Has he given it to you? Hurry up and give it to me.” She couldn’t wait to get the five taels of silver.

To them, five taels of silver was not a small amount.

When Lin Sanniu heard his mother’s words, a troubled expression appeared on his face. He said, “mother, this money is the complaint fee that I need to pay to the county court to sue that girl.” Once he handed it over to his mother, he would not be able to Sue that girl for being unfilial.

Li Cuihua was a short-sighted old woman. She wanted the five taels of silver to belong to her, but she also wanted the girl to disappear from her sight.

Thus, she rolled her eyes and immediately waved her hand as if it didn’t matter. “leave the money to me for safekeeping first. I’ll return it to you when you set off on the day you leave. How about that?” When that day came, he could get Lin Sanniu to ask for another five taels of silver from Yan Lin. He could just find an excuse to say that it had been stolen.

She believed that Yan Lin, who hated Lin yuelan, would not refuse to pay Lin Sanniu more money.

Li Cuihua’s little plan was well thought out.

However, she should not think of everyone as fools who were so easy to deceive.

Lin Sanniu was in a difficult position.

He had never rejected any request from his mother, and he did not know how to reject anything his mother said.

Lin Sanniu looked helplessly at his father.

Lin Laosan's eyes swept across the room, and he immediately knew what his wife was up to.

He immediately rebuked sternly, "What for? Can you still take it out after he gives it to you? Why are you so shallow? This is the money San 'Er was going to use to Sue that wretched girl. As long as we can Sue that wretched girl, not to mention five taels of silver, even five hundred taels or five thousand taels of silver will be yours."

That girl's net worth was more than five thousand taels of silver just from her house, not to mention the hundred mu of land. The Lin's medicine shop and other things added up to at least ten thousand taels of silver.

Li Cuihua heard Lin Laosan's reprimand and then heard five hundred taels. Five thousand taels of money in hand. Her expression immediately flashed with greed and the joy of getting money.

She immediately chuckled and said, " yes, yes, the old man is right. San "er, you should keep the five taels of silver for yourself. Mother is waiting for you to bring big money to show your filial respect to mother. After that, our whole family can sit happily in that big courtyard."

She imagined a beautiful future.

What a whimsical idea!

When Lin Sanniu heard that the whole family would be staying in the big courtyard, he could not help but feel excited. He had done so much because he wanted to live with his parents and be filial to them.

Lin Sanniu had always wanted to be filial to his parents, but he never gave any thought to Lin Yuelan. Now, other than coveting her money, he was even trying to occupy that big house. He was simply not worthy of being a father.

Lin Sanniu left his parent's house and made a detour to the Yan residence.

When they arrived at the Yan residence, Lin Sanniu looked around warily before knocking on the door.

A moment later, the door was opened.

The moment Lin Sanniu entered, he saw Yan Lin basking in the sun in the courtyard.

Yan Lin's eyes were closed as he lay on the recliner as if he was asleep.

After a moment, he closed his eyes and said, " you're here!" It was obvious that he was referring to Lin Sanniu.

After that, he made a gesture.

The servants immediately retreated from the courtyard.

Yan Lin's eyes opened slightly. Then, he pointed to a chair at the side and said, " sit down!" His tone was neither cold nor indifferent. Then, he closed his eyes as if he had fallen asleep again.

After Lin Sanniu sat down, he said, "I've already followed your instructions and mastered the technique of growing vegetables in winter. I've brought you some vegetable seedlings and destroyed some of them in the greenhouse. When can I get the five taels of silver?"

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When Yan Lin heard Lin Sanniu, his eyes widened in shock. He sat up and asked Lin Sanniu in surprise, "you really know how to grow those vegetables in winter?"

If that was the case, then his family's more than 100 acres of land could also grow winter vegetables.

Lin Sanniu nodded. "that's right. The main requirement is to build a greenhouse. After we've built the greenhouse, planted the seeds, and watered them, those vegetables will be able to take root and germinate to grow into vegetables!"

"is it really that simple?" Yan Lin asked suspiciously.

It would be great if it were that simple. However, he was afraid that it was not that simple and that Lin Sanniu was hiding something from him.

"You don't believe me?" Lin Sanniu glared at him with his tiger-like eyes.

Yan Lin immediately shook his head and said, "it's not that I don't trust you, but isn't this thing too simple?"

Lin Sanniu immediately snorted.

"Hmph, I don't know if this thing is simple or not, but I know that no one has ever tried to build a greenhouse to grow vegetables before!"

Yan Lin thought about it and agreed.

He thought to himself, 'perhaps the key to growing these winter vegetables is to build a greenhouse.'

He immediately smiled and said, "alright, I believe you. Oh, then what about the vegetable seedlings that you stole? Did you bring them?"

Lin Sanniu replied, "no, it's in my room. If we bring those things over in broad daylight and get discovered, that won't be good."

Yan Lin laughed. "so what if you were found out? You've only plucked a few vegetables, and you're that wretched girl's biological father. Who can do anything to you?"

Then, Yan Lin took out five taels of silver and gave them to Lin Sanniu. "brother Sanniu, I'll be waiting for good news at home!"

Yan Lin watched Lin Sanniu's back as he left. The smile on his face immediately turned into a mocking one. "Lin Sanniu, Oh Lin Sanniu, it's rare to see a father as cold-blooded as you!"

However, he was secretly pleased with himself.

He said, " Lin yuelan, you've embarrassed me and caused me to lose a capable Butler. If I don't get my revenge, I'll never rest easy. Now it's time for your biological father, to deal with you. How nice would that be!"

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Little twelve sat down on a chair in the restaurant and started drinking the pot of tea. After a few gulps, the pot of tea was completely empty. He wiped his mouth with his sleeve and said loudly to Lin yuelan, " Miss Lin, your father, Lin Sanniu is a jerk."

When Jiang Zhennan heard what little twelve said, his brows furrowed slightly. Then, he looked at Lin yuelan with some worry, afraid that she would be sad.

It was just that his worries were a little unnecessary.

Lin yuelan was sitting in front of the table with her legs crossed. She was playing with a white jade cup in one hand. Her eyes were fixed on the cup, and the corners of her mouth were slightly raised. She was obviously sneering and mocking.

She chuckled and asked, " why is this Lin Sanniu so useless? Brother little twelve, tell me."

Little twelve immediately nodded and said, " back then, Lin Sanniu wanted to work in the large shed. Miss Lin, you also arranged for him to go in. However, Lin Sanniu has been harboring evil intentions since the very beginning."

"What evil intentions?" Jiang Zhennan asked in a deep voice.

"The purpose of his entering the greenhouse was to familiarize himself with the winter vegetable planting technique. However, just last evening, for some reason, he pulled out most of the vegetable seedlings in the greenhouse in the 12th District."

"Is there such a thing?" Jiang Zhennan could not believe that Lin yuelan's biological father was really so vicious that he would treat his own daughter like this.

Little twelve nodded and said, " yes. That's not all. After I heard Jiawei's report, I followed him quietly. After that, I heard him return to Lin Laosan's house and tell his parents that the Yan family gave him five taels of silver and asked him to come to the county office to complain about miss Lin's unfilial behavior...."

At this point, little twelve's face was filled with anger. He gritted his teeth and said, " that family is daydreaming. They are waiting for Lin Sanniu to sue miss Lin so that they can move into the big house!"

Jiang Zhennan's face turned black, and the aura around his body suddenly spread out. He was so majestic that no one dared to look at him directly, and people had to kneel at their feet.

Little twelve also felt the spread of his leader's fierce and majestic aura. However, they were Jiang Zhennan's subordinates and were somewhat immune to this aura, but they still couldn't help but feel frightened.

As for Lin yuelan, her own aura was strong and sharp, on par with Jiang Zhennan, so she was basically unaffected.

Lin yuelan watched as little twelve looked at Jiang Zhennan and then shrank his neck. She then said indifferently, " continue."

Little twelve immediately asked curiously, " eh, miss Lin, how do you know that I haven't finished? "

Lin yuelan gently sipped her tea but didn't answer.

Little twelve pouted and continued, " after Lin Sanniu left Lin Laosan's house, he sneaked around and headed back to the Yan residence.

"What happened after that? Are they in cahoots?" Lin yuelan asked in a light tone.

Little twelve gave Lin yuelan a thumbs up and exclaimed, " Miss Lin, you're really amazing. You've guessed it again. That's right. Lin Sanniu was in cahoots with the Yan family.

"It turns out that the Yan clan gave Lin Sanniu five taels of silver to launch a case against Miss Lin. However, the Yan family head has another request. He wants Lin Sanniu to master the winter vegetable planting technique, steal some vegetable seedlings, and then destroy the remaining vegetable seedlings in the large shed!"

It turned out that the Yan family had their eyes on her family's greenhouse vegetables.

"Lin Sanniu has already received five taels of silver from the Yan family. He can't really be thinking of coming to the county to Sue Miss Lin, right?" Little twelve said worriedly.

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Little twelve's worry was not without reason.

The Longyan Kingdom ruled with 'filial piety', and to those who were unfilial, whether they were really unfilial or not, as long as their biological parents complained, they had to accept severe punishment.

Lin yuelan curled her lips and smiled as she comforted him, " don't worry! If he wants to sue me, then let him do it. This time, as long as they fail this time, they won't be able to pester me anymore."

Little twelve immediately asked curiously, "Miss Lin, do you have any countermeasures? "

Lin yuelan smiled but didn't answer.

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Everything was ready, and Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant officially opened.

The opening of this restaurant shocked everyone.

The restaurant was famous for its magnificence and height. It had five floors, a resplendent design, and decoration. The most famous thing was that this restaurant served fresh vegetables.

The appearance of fresh vegetables in winter was very rare. It was simply impossible. Then, it happened to appear in this restaurant. Moreover, there were all kinds of vegetables, familiar and unfamiliar to them.

Therefore, in short, the opening of the restaurant also made the designer and winter vegetables famous.

“wow, this is cabbage. This is rapeseed.”

“hey, this purple dish looks so nice. What dish is it? Why haven’t we seen it before?”

“Look, what kind of vegetable is this? It’s so beautiful even with red leaves.”

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For the first three days of the restaurant’s opening, all the food was free.

However, only the first 100 customers would be given that privilege.

These one hundred people had to line up in front of the restaurant to get the bamboo card issued by the restaurant. Each person was limited to one card, which was effective on the day. After leaving the restaurant, the bamboo card had to be returned.

Originally, when they saw such a beautiful restaurant, everyone wanted to go in and take a look at the restaurant’s true appearance. Not to mention, the restaurant’s sudden appearance of fresh winter vegetables aroused everyone’s curiosity and desire to go in and try it. Most importantly, all the food in the restaurant was free, even though it was only for the first 100.

Lin yuelan told Zhang Yuanbin to do a good job in promoting the restaurant.

Therefore, on the day of the restaurant’s opening, there were two long lines of people waiting in line to get the card. The line stretched from the entrance of the restaurant to the end of the street. There were about 500 people. It seemed that more than half of the people in An Ding County, regardless of gender or age, had come to line up.

After the top 100 names were taken, Zhang Yuanbin walked out as the manager of the restaurant. He raised his hand and bowed to the people in the queue. He said apologetically, “I’m sorry, my fellow villagers, but we have already served our first 100 customers today. If you still want to eat free food, please come back tomorrow and wait. If you want to try it in the restaurant, you will get a 50% discount for today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow. It will be 15 copper coins for all three days.

“After three days, the shop will return to the normal price of thirty copper coins per person. Similarly, after three days, there will be no more free spots. Please understand!”

Since he was running a restaurant, it was naturally impossible for people to have free food every day. Everyone could understand this.

However, if one wanted to pay for a meal in a restaurant, one had to pay 15 copper coins first. Oh, that’s not right. After three days, one had to pay 30 copper coins. What kind of logic was this?

These people didn’t quite understand what a buffet meant.

They thought that if they paid 15 or 30 copper coins, it would be the same as the entrance fee to a theater.

This immediately provoked some people.

Someone immediately asked angrily, "shopkeeper Zhang, we've never heard of anyone who has to pay the entrance fee to eat in a restaurant. Furthermore, you're so greedy that you want 30 copper coins. This restaurant is simply robbing us. Don't you guys think so?"

As soon as his words fell, of course, he received the unanimous support of everyone.

"That's right, that's right, this restaurant is really black-hearted. We actually had to pay the entrance fee before entering to eat. Are they crazy for money?"

"Even if that's true, I heard that this restaurant is backed by County Magistrate Zhou. Is that why they're so unscrupulous in asking for money?"

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"Eh, County Magistrate Zhou is also considered a good official. How could he tolerate such a thing? This is a problem that involved his reputation as an official. Could it be that he also wants money?"

"Shush, lower your voice. Don't let County Magistrate Zhou's men hear what you said."

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Lin yuelan was in a private room in the restaurant on the second floor. She was holding a jade cup in one hand and watching every movement downstairs with sharp eyes.

When the people heard that the restaurant was doing it buffet-style, they actually thought of the restaurant as a black-hearted and unscrupulous shop. What was even more outrageous was that this had caused everyone to be dissatisfied with County Magistrate Zhou. This was a matter that would tarnish County Magistrate Zhou's reputation.

Her face immediately darkened.

These people's imagination was really rich.

Zhang Yuanbin looked at the people who were talking one after another and were dissatisfied with the restaurant and County Magistrate Zhou, and he suddenly felt a little flustered.

He had always been a scholar who only read books. He turned a deaf ear to the matters of the outside world, let alone put them in his heart. Therefore, he was still a little confused about how to deal with these things.

However, in these three months, he had to train himself to be a good shopkeeper. Otherwise, he would lose his freedom.

Zhang Yuanbin clenched his fists and suppressed the panic and uneasiness in his heart. He took a deep breath, then clasped his hands together and said to the guests at the door, "everyone, please be quiet! Everyone, please listen to my explanation!"

However, some people were too angry and paranoid about the restaurant charging the entrance fee, and Zhang Yuanbin's voice was a little weak and couldn't suppress the crowd, which caused some chaos and noise.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were watching from upstairs, and they could see that trouble was about to happen.

Jiang Zhennan asked worriedly, " will he cause a big mess later? How about I go down?" After all, he had internal strength. When he was referring to Zhang Yuanbin's somewhat timid appearance.

However, Lin yuelan shook her head and said lightly, " since he wants to be the manager of the restaurant, he must get through this by himself. Otherwise, I won't keep him around."

This was Zhang yuanbin's first test. If he couldn't even pass this test, then Zhang Yuanbin would be abandoned.

She wouldn't want a burden.

When he heard Lin yuelan, Jiang Zhennan was a little jealous.

However, he looked at Zhang Yuanbin, who was obviously flustered and had cold sweat on his forehead. He said seriously, " there are too many people down there, and these people are obviously stubborn and irritable. If you're not careful, these people might break into the restaurant without caring about anything. Can a weak scholar like Zhang Yuanbin really control them? "

It wasn't that he looked down on scholars, but in his impression, those scholars were all weak, arrogant, and self-righteous people.

He believed that Zhang Yuanbin was no exception.

However, Lin yuelan wanted to test this scholar. Without her permission, he couldn't help.

Therefore, he could only wait by the side!

Zhang Yuanbin looked at the chaotic scene and was so anxious that he was sweating.

He kept trying to calm himself down.

Then, he really calmed down slowly.

Since he couldn't stop these people's restlessness with a loud voice, he might as well think of a way to make these people quiet down and listen to him.

He looked around, and suddenly, he saw someone holding a drum.

He immediately came up with a plan and took the drum from the man's hand. Then, he suddenly struck it a few times.

The sound of the drum was indeed loud, deafening to the ears.

Therefore, the people who were talking and looking angry stopped and looked at Zhang Yuanbin with confusion.

The people in front stopped first. When the people behind saw that the people in front had quieted down, they were curious and immediately quieted down. They followed the direction of their gazes.

In this way, it didn't take long for the entire place to finally quiet down.

Zhang Yuanbin returned the drum to the people next to him. Then, he clasped his hands and said to the crowd, "everyone, please be quiet and listen to me. I know that everyone doesn't understand the matter of paying 15 copper coins and 30 copper coins in advance, so I'll explain it to you now.

"Whether it's 15 copper coins or 30 copper coins, it's not the ticket to the restaurant that everyone thinks it is, but ..." he glanced at the people in front and back and said seriously, "it's the food fee."

As soon as he said this, many people were surprised.

Someone immediately asked in confusion, "shopkeeper Zhang, what do you mean?"

Zhang Yuanbin continued to explain, "I'll explain it to everyone. The first floor of this restaurant is for entertainment and leisure, listening to books, drinking tea, and eating snacks. The second floor is the restaurant. However, it was a bit special for the customers to eat here. All the dishes of the restaurant were placed on a platform, and the customers could choose what they liked to eat. They can eat as much as they like until they are full.

"This is called a buffet.

"However, this place is a restaurant, after all. Other than some special free food, there will be a certain fee for everything else.

"Since Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant has just opened, the customers who did not manage to get a free slot in the first three days only need to pay 15 copper coins. As long as you pay 15 copper coins, you can get to eat vegetables that are fresh in the winter. You will have enough to eat. Hurry up and take action! First come, first served!"

"Pfft!"

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"You can eat until you're full! First come, first served!"

As soon as he said that, someone next to him burst out laughing.

When Zhang Yuanbin heard the laughter, his face turned red unnaturally when he realized what he had just said. However, he immediately restrained his expression and looked toward the source of the laughter.

When Zhang Yuanbin saw who it was, he immediately cupped his hands and said with a smile, "Your Excellency, young master Zhou!

That's right, the people who had come were County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou wencai.

County Magistrate Zhou only nodded. However, Zhou wencai laughed and teased, "brother Zhang, when did you become so open? I clearly remember that you used to be a shy scholar. It's good that you're promoting the shop, but you sound just like those pimps at the Cuilan courtyard.

"they would say said, 'my Lord, the girls in our courtyard are all as beautiful as flowers. Come in and have a look!"

Zhou Wencai and Zhang Yuanbin were both scholars. They had previously studied at Junlin Academy and were both scholars. Anding County was only this big, so they were familiar with each other.

However, before Zhou Wencai could help Zhang Yuanbin's family in time, Lin yuelan bought Zhang Yuanbin, who had sold himself to bury his father, for twenty taels of silver. However, he later found out that Lin yuelan didn't buy him but just hired him. The money he owed Lin yuelan was paid back with his wages.

Zhang Yuanbin had already been removed from the Zhang family. According to the imperial examination system of the Longyan Kingdom, Zhang Yuanbin had no hope of becoming an official in the imperial examination unless he had the ability to open his own clan, build his own ancestral hall, and establish a new Zhang family.

However, this method was comparable to ascending to heaven.

However, people had to live. Since he had no hope of taking the imperial examination, he could only accept his fate and become a businessman.

Fortunately, the owner he met was not bad. He did not force him to abandon his scholarly background. This allowed him to do something else in the future and not just be a businessman.

Zhang Yuanbin had always been against being a businessman. However, when he saw the restaurant he ran to become bigger and bigger, and he couldn't help but marvel at himself. He was not a scholar, but he had a talent for business. He had to admire his master, who was only twelve years old, for her good judgment.

At this moment, he had completely regarded himself as a qualified businessman, and he was proud of being a businessman.

That's right. He was proud of being a merchant in the end. Because of Lin yuelan's appearance, the status of merchants in this era had risen by a large margin.

Upon hearing Zhou Wencai's teasing, Zhang Yuanbin's face turned slightly red. He smiled at Zhou Wencai and said, " I'm sorry to have embarrassed myself, brother Zhou!

After that, he said, " Sir, eldest young master, please come in! The owner is already waiting for you in the private room on the second floor!"

Immediately after, he instructed a waiter beside him, " bring the Excellency and the eldest young master to the private room!"

The waiter replied, " yes. Your Excellency, eldest young master, please!"

When the customers in the line saw Lord Zhou and young master Zhou, they all kept quiet out of fear, not daring to make any noise.

After all, these commoners rarely saw officials and were afraid of them. When they saw officials, they couldn't help but feel fear and respect.

However, when they saw County Magistrate Zhou and the eldest young master Zhou appear at the opening ceremony of this restaurant, they had some guesses in their hearts. County Magistrate Zhou was probably the backer of this restaurant.

In an instant, those customers who were restless and wanted to make a noise didn't dare to make a sound. They quietly lined up, but their eyes carefully looked at this tall and beautiful restaurant, and their hearts felt a little strange.

When Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan saw County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai coming from the private room on the second floor, they walked out of the door to welcome them.

The moment Zhou Wencai saw Lin yuelan standing outside the door, he immediately clasped his hands and said with a smile, "sister yuelan, congratulations!"

Then, he also addressed Jiang Zhennan respectfully, "young master Nan!" This restaurant wasn't his, so Zhou Wen didn't think he was doing anything to congratulate Jiang Zhennan.

Lin yuelan also cupped her hands in return and said with a smile, "big brother Zhou, congratulations to you too!"

Although Zhou Wencai had shares in this restaurant and could be considered a quarter of the boss, this secret was only known to the four of them. Outsiders only knew that the backer of this restaurant was County Magistrate Zhou.

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Even so, it was enough to deter the other merchants, and they did not dare to have any thoughts about this restaurant.

Ever since County Magistrate Zhou had guessed from his son's description that this Nan Zhenjiang was the famous defender-general of the Long Yan Kingdom, Jiang Zhennan, he had been suppressing his excitement.

However, since Jiang Zhennan wanted to hide his identity, he could not expose him. Therefore, he could only treat him as an ordinary person.

However, after seeing Jiang Zhennan, County Magistrate Zhou's attitude could not help but become respectful.

After County Magistrate Zhou glanced at Jiang Zhennan, he said to Lin yuelan, "congratulations!"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "Thank you, sir!"

Then, she made an inviting gesture and said to the two of them, "Your Excellency, big brother Zhou, please!"

The group walked into the private room.

The four of them sat in the private room and could see everything that was happening below through the open window.

Zhou wencai watched as Zhang Yuanbin dealt with the customers in an orderly manner. He said with a smile, "sister yuelan, you really have a good eye for people. Zhang Yuanbin was just a weak scholar, but in just a few days, you've trained him into a decent shopkeeper.

"You have to know that Zhang Yuanbin used to be a proud scholar. It's not easy to make him lose face and become a legitimate businessman!"

Lin yuelan watched as Zhang Yuanbin's panic gradually turned into calmness. She looked back, took a sip of tea, and said indifferently, "that was then, and this is now. He used to be the young master of the Zhang family, a proud scholar, but now he's down and out, and he's carrying a deep hatred."

Therefore, even if he was unwilling, he had to force himself to do what he was unwilling to do.

This was the reality.

Of course, the other three could understand Lin yuelan's implied meaning.

However, this made County Magistrate Zhou even more curious and suspicious of Lin yuelan.

A child could actually see so thoroughly and understand people's hearts so well.

County Magistrate Zhou also smiled and asked curiously, "Miss Lin, why did you choose Zhang Yuanbin to be the manager of the restaurant?"

How could a child with such a transparent state of mind be able to tell a person's talent with a single glance?

Why did County Magistrate Zhou ask this?

In fact, when he was standing at the door of the restaurant, he saw Zhang Yuanbin's ability to deal with things. For example, he had the ability to make people quiet down in a noisy place.

Also, the tone of his voice was obviously able to stir up the customers' intense excitement and curiosity. This was completely in line with the quality of a businessman.

Lin yuelan was quite satisfied with Zhang Yuanbin's handling of the restless guests.

After all, Zhang Yuanbin didn't let the customers in line cause an uncontrollable riot and let them rush into the restaurant. Otherwise, she would really doubt whether Zhang Yuanbin was qualified to be the manager of the restaurant.

Fortunately, Zhang Yuanbin did not let her down.

Upon hearing County Magistrate Zhou's curious question, Lin yuelan chuckled and replied, "it could be said that this was a complete coincidence. I've embarrassed myself in front of Your Excellency!"

Of course, she couldn't tell him that she had decided to let Zhang Yuanbin be the restaurant manager because she had seen the hatred, bitterness, and unwillingness hidden in his eyes.

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, County Magistrate Zhou knew that she wouldn't say anything more. He was a little displeased, but he wasn't angry.

He nodded expressionlessly and said, "Oh!"

Looking at County Magistrate Zhou's expression, Lin yuelan could guess that he was unhappy with her. However, she did not want to explain too much.

Seeing the tense atmosphere, Zhou Wencai immediately came out to smooth things over. He changed the topic and said with a smile, "sister Yuelan, I heard that this restaurant has fresh vegetables. Is that true?"

He had only found out that Lin yuelan had sent truckloads of fresh vegetables from the Lin family Village when the restaurant opened today.

This gave him a huge shock.

How could there be fresh vegetables in such a cold winter? This was too unbelievable.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. In a moment, Your Excellency and big brother Zhou will be served a good meal. There will be an unexpected surprise!"

Zhou Wencai's eyes immediately lit up. He said with a slightly excited expression, "Oh!"

At this moment, a waiter came in and asked, "Young miss, everything is ready. Are we serving the dishes now?"

Since her background and identity were public, all the waiters in the restaurant knew that Lin yuelan was the owner of this restaurant.

However, at the same time, they were also instructed not to spread this news. They only wanted outsiders to think that the restaurant was opened by the person backing Lin yuelan.

Lin yuelan indifferently said, "Okay."

A moment later, the waiters appeared. There were both men and women among these waiters. They were dressed in professional clothes specially designed by Lin yuelan. They pushed open the door and entered the private room with a food cart.

Three waitresses arrived.

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai were very surprised when they saw that the female staff. Then, when they saw the moveable cart, they were even more shocked.

What was this thing?

Before they could react, the female waiters brought out plates of freshly washed fresh vegetables from the dining cart in an orderly and practiced manner. There were also plates of fresh meat, which were placed on the dining table in order.

Zhou Wencai was dumbstruck when he saw the raw vegetables and meat being served on the table!

It wasn't cooked. Were they supposed to eat the vegetables and meat raw?

County Magistrate Zhou looked at the fresh vegetables and raw meat and frowned. He didn't know how Lin yuelan wanted them to eat.

Zhou Wencai pointed at the dishes and said in puzzlement, " sister Yuelan, do you want us to eat these things raw? "

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Zhou Wencai pointed at the raw vegetables and meat and asked in puzzlement, " sister Yuelan, what's going on? Don't tell me you want us to eat these raw?"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, " big brother Zhou, the things are not here yet. Don't worry. I told you I would give you a surprise. Please wait for a while!"

Eating hot pot in winter was the best way to warm up the body.

Upon hearing Lin yuelan's words, Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou could only suppress the curiosity and suspicion in their hearts and patiently wait for the surprise.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the expressions of the two of them and knew that they didn't quite believe what kind of surprise these raw vegetables and meat could give.

He was suspicious too.

Looking at Jiang Zhennan sitting upright next to Lin yuelan, County Magistrate Zhou suppressed his excited expression several times and wanted to talk to Jiang Zhennan. After all, with Jiang Zhennan's identity, these small officials rarely saw him, let alone talk to him in close proximity to building a relationship with him.

In the past, there were rumors that Jiang Zhennan's appearance was so ugly that it could shock the heavens and earth. It was so frightening and terrifying. However, now that he knew that this handsome and dignified young man in front of him was the God of War, he secretly heaved a sigh of relief. The fear he had before also slowly relaxed.

County Magistrate Zhou looked at Jiang Zhennan and asked, " Young master Nan, I heard that you are a guest of miss Lin's house. However, your accent seems to be from the North. May I ask if young master Nan is from the North? "

County Magistrate Zhou was carefully testing the waters and trying to get closer to him.

Because Lin yuelan needed to maintain a good relationship with County Magistrate Zhou, Jiang Zhennan would not be too cold and indifferent to him.

Jiang Zhennan nodded and replied, " that's right. I'm a person from the North."

County Magistrate Zhou asked again, " then, which part of the North are they from? Youzhou, Beilin, Yanzhou, or the capital? "

When he spoke of the capital, his tone was slightly heavy, as if he wanted to confirm something.

However, County Magistrate Zhou was a little uneasy.

He was a little worried that asking such a question would anger Jiang Zhennan.

Jiang Zhennan took a glass of wine and took a sip. Then, he placed it on the table.

His sharp eyes looked at County Magistrate Zhou for a moment, then he said coldly, "the capital! County Magistrate Zhou, if there's anything else you want to ask, I'll definitely tell you everything I know!"

County Magistrate Zhou was a little nervous. He knew that his probing had made him unhappy.

He sighed with some regret in his heart. 'Forget it. I'll just guard my own duty.'

Zhou Wencai's smile dimmed when he saw the atmosphere turn stiff. Moments later, he smiled again and asked Lin yuelan, "sister yuelan, what's the surprise you were talking about? I'm really curious."

Lin yuelan smiled as she walked toward the door and said, "It's here."

Zhou Wencai immediately turned his head to the door in suspicion. Then, he saw two waitresses walking in with a pot furnace and a Copper Basin.

"What are they doing?" Zhou wencai asked curiously, "are we going to cook and eat on the spot?"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "that's right."

The two female service staff put down the things and lit the brazier. A blue flame gradually lit up, surrounded by black charcoal the size of a fist.

Zhou Wencai looked at the burning white crystal in the middle and asked curiously, "What is this?" Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou were extremely astonished when they saw the blue flames emitted by the white crystal.

Lin yuelan explained, "this is solid alcohol made from paraffin wax!"

Zhou Wencai exclaimed in surprise, "paraffin wax? It is paraffin wax! But what is solid alcohol?"

Lin yuelan, "... He really has a lot of questions. "It's something that can be burned."

When the flames started to burn, the surrounding charcoal started to catch on fire, and the water in the copper Basin started to boil, Lin yuelan put the spices on the side into the copper Basin. The basin was split, so one side of the soup was spicy and the other side was not.

Looking at the red liquid, Zhou Wencai asked again, "What is this?"

Lin yuelan said, "chili!"

"Chili?"

"What is this?"

He pointed to a bowl with a dark red color on the table and asked.

"This is soy sauce!" She said.

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"What's soy sauce?"

"How about this?"

“Vinegar!”

“Sesame sauce!”

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In the past, it was Jiang Zhennan who was a curious baby. Now, it was Zhou wencai who was a curious baby. In addition, there was another adult with a suspicious expression and a pair of puzzled eyes.

After the seasonings were prepared and put into the pot, a fresh and attractive fragrance wafted out of the pot.

“It smells so good!” Zhou wencai sniffed. He was about to drool when he looked at the soup in the pot. “are we only going to eat this soup?”

Lin yuelan shook her head. Then, she picked up a plate of vegetables at the side. First, she used chopsticks to drop one-third of the vegetables into the pot and then used the chopsticks to stir them. When the vegetables changed color and were cooked, Lin yuelan said, “Your Excellency, big brother Zhou, try it and see how it tastes.”

As soon as Lin yuelan’s words fell, Jiang Zhennan picked up his chopsticks and picked up some food for Lin yuelan. He put it on her plate, then picked up another piece and put it on his plate. Then, he began to eat with the sauce and seasoning.

At first, Zhou Wencai and County Magistrate Zhou were dumbfounded by Jiang Zhennan’s actions. Then, the father and son looked at each other, but they quickly reacted and placed the vegetables in the pot on their plates.

Then, he mimicked Jiang Zhennan’s eating style and started to eat.

However, as soon as the food entered their mouths, the burning sensation immediately filled their entire mouths, making them want to spit it out immediately. However, the spicy and fragrant taste made them really reluctant, so they quickly chewed a few times and swallowed it down.

Soon, the burning and warm feeling spread from their stomachs to their whole bodies.

“Woo...”

Zhou Wencai was wailing from the spiciness. He was in a hurry to find water to drink, so he used his hand to fan his mouth. His mouth was constantly screaming about the spiciness. With a few gulps, he gulped down the cup of water.

By the time he recovered, his face was already red from the spiciness, and he was sweating all over.

“What is this? It’s so spicy!” Zhou Wencai asked while panting. His chopsticks were still picking up food from the half of the pot that was covered in red chili oil.

He felt that although the taste was spicy, it was extremely spicy and satisfying. The spicier it was, the more he wanted to eat it. Therefore, he couldn’t help but reach for the chili hot pot again.

Lin yuelan explained, " this is a mixed hotpot. One side of the pot has a spicy soup, and the other side is clear soup. If big brother Zhou and the Lord can't stand the spiciness of the chili, you can eat the clear soup here."

"no, no, I want to eat the soup with the chili." Zhou Wencai's face was flushed red from the spiciness, but he could not bear to part with the taste. It's really spicy and delicious!

Although County Magistrate Zhou didn't say anything, it was obvious that he also had a special liking for this kind of soup with chili in it.

After that, the four of them didn't talk much. They were all fighting to pick up the dishes they liked to eat, afraid that their favorite dishes would be snatched away by others. Even between father and son, the desire for food would not be compromised.

After eating for two hours, the four of them finally finished the table of dishes.

As Zhou Wencai leaned back in his chair, he rubbed his large belly and asked curiously again, " sister Yue Lan, this thing is really fresh and delicious. It's really satisfying. Oh, by the way, sister Yue Lan, you haven't told us what this new way of eating is called? It's not like they're stir-fried or steamed."

Lin yuelan said, " this is hotpot!"

Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou furrowed their brows.

No one had ever heard of this 'hot pot' eating method, be it in the capital or other places.

"Could it be because we have to use a hot fire source while using the pot for cooking the food, so it's called hotpot?" Zhou Wencai said jokingly.

Lin yuelan nodded seriously and said, " that's pretty much the case. Hotpot is very suitable for eating in winter. Eating hot pot in winter can warm your body and stomach!"

County Magistrate Zhou listened and asked very seriously, " so, you plan to mainly promote hot pot in this restaurant? "

Lin yuelan nodded and said, " that's right."

"But we've eaten most fresh vegetables. This restaurant is so big. Can you really provide so many fresh vegetables?" County Magistrate Zhou asked suspiciously.

It was already amazing to be able to cultivate some vegetables in winter but to grow a large number of vegetables was simply a fool's dream.

Lin yuelan replied seriously, " my Lord, don't worry! Since I'm planning to launch a new hotpot eating method, I must be prepared. I've planted more than one hundred and thirty mu of vegetables in the Lin family Village, enough to supply for this winter's sales."

County Magistrate Zhou was very surprised. "more than 100 mu? "

He had heard that Lin yuelan was a child who had been expelled from the family and cut off from all her relatives.

To think that a child would have such capabilities to build a house, inherit Lin's medicine Hall, work with a restaurant, and even open her own restaurant.

Now, he suddenly heard that she had planted more than a hundred Mus of vegetable land. If he counted this child's net worth, it was at least ten thousand taels.

This was only a twelve or thirteen-year-old child!

Zhou Wencai was equally shocked when he heard that Lin yuelan had planted more than a hundred Mus of vegetables. He widened his eyes and asked in surprise, "so many! Other than supplying to this restaurant, do you sell to others?"

If she did, he would send people to the Lin family Village to buy vegetables every day.

Fresh vegetables were much better than dried vegetables and salted vegetables.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "the vegetables we have can not only be supplied to our own restaurant and Yuelai Inn but can also be sold to the public. Of course, the price would be higher. However, the price will be reduced by 30% for the Zhou family. I'll send someone to deliver the vegetables every seven days."

Zhou Wencai nodded in delight and said, "alright. Thank you, sister Yuelan!"

Chapter 580 Famous Restaurant, Unfilial Complaint

Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant became famous.

Lin Jinlan, the person in charge of the restaurant's construction, and Hu Dayi, the craftsman, had become famous.

The restaurant's fresh winter vegetables had become famous.

The buffets of the restaurant became famous.

The hotpot at the restaurant became even more famous.

In short, everything related to Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant seemed to have become famous.

Now, everyone in An Ding County knew about the restaurant. They all excitedly talked about the restaurant's various specialties and its various delicious dishes.

As soon as they met, they would ask, "are you going to have a buffet or hot pot today?"

Three days before the opening of the buffet restaurant, the price was half and fifteen copper coins per person. At that time, the restaurant was full every day. On a cold day, there were people lining up outside every night just to try something new.

However, three days later, because the fee was a little higher, the number of customers in line was relatively less. However, the restaurant was still full every day.

As for hotpot, although the price was a little higher, it didn't stop their enthusiasm for hotpot, especially for those who came from families with more money.

Because anyone who had eaten hot pot before knew that eating hot pot on such a cold day had a different taste.

As soon as the food entered one's stomach, one's whole body felt warm.

The restaurant also had a secret ingredient. It was red and sharp, and it was so spicy. However, this spiciness made people love and hate it.

Of course, many people loved the taste of this spiciness. The more one ate, the more addicted one became. It was so spicy that his face turned red, and his whole body sweated. He only wanted to drink water.

In short, hotpot was a favorite way of eating for those who were slightly rich.

Even Zhou Wencai, the second boss, didn't expect the business of restaurants to be so booming.

He was now secretly regretting that he had provided fewer funds and occupied a smaller share. As a result, his share of the profits was less.

Looking at the booming business, the restaurant must have made a lot of profit, but he could only watch Lin yuelan make money, while he could only count his pitiful amount.

The business of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant was gradually on the right track. Zhang Yuanbin was a little panicked on the first day, but now he was able to manage all kinds of affairs of the restaurant calmly.

It was a waste of time to stay here, so Lin yuelan decided to return to the Lin family Village.

After all, the Lin family Village still had many things to do.

Just as Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were about to return to the Lin family Village, someone 'cried' and 'beat the drum' in front of the county office.

Little twelve hurriedly ran in from outside. When he saw the bags in Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan's hands, he immediately asked in surprise, "Miss Lin, boss, what are you doing?"

Jiang Zhennan replied, "Miss Yue 'Er and I are planning to return to the Lin family Village. Did something happen for you to rush over here?"

"Miss Lin, Lin Sanniu has brought a written complaint and is beating the drum in front of the court!" little twelve immediately recalled the reason he had rushed over.

Even though Lin yuelan had said that she was prepared for this, little twelve could not help but worry.

After all, in the Long Yan Kingdom, it was always possible for a father to win a lawsuit against his children.

It was rumored that three years ago, a high-ranking official was abandoned by his parents when he was young. However, when his unscrupulous parents found him, they accused him of being unfilial, causing his reputation to be ruined. In the end, he could only atone for his sins with his death.

Even a high-ranking official could be sued, not to mention Lin yuelan, who was just a farmer's daughter without any backing.

Little twelve asked worriedly, " Miss Lin, is it really okay to let him come and sue you like this? "

A mocking sneer appeared on Lin yuelan's face. She said, "You'll know soon enough". Then, she comforted little twelve, " brother little twelve, don't worry. Let's take one step at a time!"

The three of them didn't talk for long before the constables came over.

These two bailiffs came to the Lin family Village to invite Lin yuelan.

Now, when the two of them saw Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, they were a little stunned. Then, the two of them looked at each other and suddenly became a little confused.

Lin yuelan looked at the two familiar faces and immediately went forward to greet them. "uncle Zhou, uncle li, how are you? "