

Village Girl 81

Chapter 81: Handling and Deterrence

When Lin Yiwei arrived at Lin Yuelan's house, he saw the villagers standing still around her house. It was very strange.

'The tiger's roar came from this place. So logically speaking, there should be a tense fighting scene with the tiger, right?

'So, why is everyone standing around, doing nothing? Is the tiger not here? Or has it killed already? If it has killed already, the villagers would be slicing it up already.'

With a lot of questions, Lin Yiwei walked into the crowd.

The villagers were curious about what Lin Dawei had seen in Lin Yuelan's hut that anger was clear on his bearded face.

Just then, someone shouted, "The village chief is here!"

Then, Lin Yiwei walked through the crowd and moved to the front. He looked around in confusion.

When his eyes landed on the big white tiger standing majestically in front of the cottage, his pupils suddenly contracted violently, and his face was filled with anxiety and fear.

'What is going on?

'This big tiger is clearly standing there, but why hasn't the villagers made any move?'

Noting the panic on his face, Lin Yuelan walked over to Lin Yiwei and said innocently, "Grandpa village chief, don't be afraid. Little white won't hurt anyone!"

Lin Yiwei had been the village chief for more than 20 years, and he had seen many things. In the past few decades, he had seen wild beasts coming down the mountains. The beasts were defeated by the villagers. There were deaths and injuries, but they were always compensated.

However, Lin Yiwei was shocked when he heard Lin Yuelan. 'What did the girl say? Did she just call the tiger Little White?'

Although Lin Yiwei did not know how Lin Yuelan managed to tame the tiger, he couldn't allow such a ferocious animal to stay in the village. That was his duty as the village chief.

Lin Yiwei looked at Lin Yuelan sternly and shouted, "Lan 'Er, this is a big tiger. No matter how harmless it appears now, it is still an animal that could bite at any time! So, now, we either drive it back to the mountain or beat it to death!"

Little White appeared to understand what the man meant. Instantly, its furry head turned around, and its eyes emitted a fierce light. Then, it let out an angry roar at Lin Yiwei as if saying, 'try and see if you can kill me!'

Lin Yiwei, as well as all the villagers, were all startled by this roar. Lin Yiwei could sense the tiger's anger at him.

Lin Yuelan walked to little white and patted its head. She comforted it with a sweet voice, "Little White, don't worry. I will never let anyone hurt you!"

Little White turned back to a cute pet and yawned harmlessly. After that, Lin Yuelan walked to Lin Yiwei again. Her little face was serious as she said sharply, "Grandpa village chief, animals hurt people because sometimes humans are their only food source. However, most of the time, they are merely protecting themselves! Regardless of the reason, that is how nature works.

"I can't give promises about the other animals, but I can swear on my life that Little White will not harm anyone for no reason!"

Lin Yuelan didn't blame Lin Yiwei. After all, he was only doing his responsibility as the chief of the Lin Family Village. He had to consider the villagers' safety. Plus, Lin Yiwei was Lin Yuelan's host's benefactor. She would treat him well.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan didn't want to make things difficult for Lin Yiwei. Besides, it was not her plan for Little White to stay in the village anyway. It was safer for it to stay in the mountains.

Lin Yuelan also swore to save Lin Mingqing. However, the timing wasn't ripe yet. In another month or two, she would be able to treat him. Of course, she couldn't tell Lin Yiwei about that just yet.

When Lin Yiwei heard Lin Yuelan, he said seriously, "Lan 'Er, it's not that Uncle Chief doesn't want to believe you, but this tiger is ferocious. As the chief, I cannot put the safety of the entire village in danger based on your words alone."

Lin Yuelan nodded to show her understanding. Then, she asked, "Grandpa Village Chief, have you heard of animals gaining intelligence?"

Lin Yiwei was also surprised to hear this question. He replied, "Of course." Some animals were very intelligent, such as some dogs and cats. Many of them knew how to look after their homes, and they seemed to be more sensible than some people. However, that was limited to domestic animals.

Lin Yiwei had heard about feral animals gaining intelligence, but he had not seen that with his own eyes before.

Lin Yuelan nodded and beckoned little white over. "Little White, come here!"

Little white heard Lin Yuelan's call and walked forward with its powerful steps.

It walked to Lin Yuelan's side and stretched out its head. It first rubbed Lin Yuelan's waist, then stuck out its Scarlet tongue and licked Lin Yuelan's palm. It was like a kitty trying to get its master's attention.

Everyone's mouths twitched, and the fear subsided slightly.

Lin Yuelan smiled and patted Little White's white and fluffy head. She pointed at Lin Yiwei and said, "come, little white. This is Grandpa Village Chief. Say hello to Grandpa Village Chief!"

Everyone was really too surprised!

No one had imagined that the tiger would be so obedient to Lin Yuelan.

However, some sinister light flashed in people's eyes because this was the perfect chance for them to prove that Lin Yuelan was indeed a demon.

Although the White Tiger looked pretty and cute, it couldn't change the fact that it was a tiger.

Lin Yiwei's heart trembled as he watched the big white tiger approach. He looked a little frightened, but he tried his best to calm himself down.

When he saw the big white tiger poking its head towards him, he immediately took a few steps back reflexively. His eyes were filled with anxiety and fear.

"Lin Yuelan, are you trying to kill Uncle Village Chief?" Ying Zi suddenly appeared again, her face full of anger and indignation.

Lin Yuelan glanced at the self-righteous Ying Zi and snapped at her, "Shush!"

Ying Zi was so angry that she started trembling. How dare the jinx shush her in front of the whole village?

Just as she was about to speak again, Lin Yuelan interrupted her, "If you say one more word, I'll give you a chance to have an intimate contact with Little White."

Ying Zi was a timid person. How could she want to be in close contact with a man-eating tiger?

Therefore, Ying Zi shut her mouth. She only glared at Lin Yuelan with anger and hatred in her eyes, but she didn't dare to say anything!

In order to prevent little white from being hunted down by the Lin family Village, it had to gain the village chief's approval.

Lin Yuelan told Lin Yiwei, "Grandpa Village Chief, don't be afraid. Little white just wants to say hello to you. If you're really worried, you can have Uncle Dawei stand beside you. If anything happens, Uncle Dawei can also rush in to help."

Lin Yiwei thought for a while and shook his head. "There's no need. Lan 'Er, I believe you. I don't think you'll ever harm me."

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With everyone watching in surprise, the big white tiger greeted Lin Yiwei in its own special way.

Little White walked to Lin Yiwei, raised its fluffy head, and rubbed it against Lin Yiwei's palm. This was how it made friends with people.

In actuality, Little White was extremely reluctant to greet this fierce and ugly man. However, Lin Yuelan promised it a green life force as a reward. So it obliged.

Although Lin Yiwei believed that Lin Yuelan would not harm him, he still could not get over the nervousness and fear in his heart.

But, he had been through a lot. Lin Yiwei once again calmed himself down and calmly accepted the big white tiger's greeting.

When the white tiger's fur touched his palm, his heart trembled again as if he couldn't believe it.

Did he just come into close contact with a big white tiger?

This big white tiger's fur was very long and warm. Lin Yiwei subconsciously let down his guard and raised his hand to touch the big white tiger's fur. The fur was very nice.

As Lin Yiwei continued to touch it, Little White felt a little dissatisfied. It had already condescended to greet this mortal, but it didn't mean that it was willing for the mortal to play with its fur. It only allowed him to touch it because of Lin Yuelan. Little White raised its head and looked at Lin Yuelan with a wronged expression. Lin Yuelan felt quite guilty.

She walked over and looked at Lin Yiwei, who had gotten carried away by the softness of Little White's fur. She smiled and asked, "Grandpa Village Chief, Little White is very intelligent and won't hurt people, right?"

Lin Yiwei's hand that was touching little White's white fur paused, and his gentle expression immediately disappeared. He said with a serious expression again, "Lan 'Er, even if that's the case, it doesn't mean that it won't hurt the villagers in the future. What if its bestial nature erupts, and it hurts someone? What should we do then?"

Lin Yuelan pouted and said with a serious expression, "Grandpa Village Chief, I can guarantee that Little White won't hurt anyone. However, don't you think that some humans are more bestial than Little White?"

The change was swift.

Lin Yuelan understood Lin Yiwei's difficulty. He was concerned about the safety of the village. Little White would not be allowed to stay in the village no matter how intelligent it was. In that case, Lin Yuelan wanted to cut to the chase. She led Little White down the mountains to intimidate people after all. After that, Little White could return to the mountains.

Lin Yiwei's eyes turned sharp, and he asked sternly, "Lan 'Er, what do you mean?"

Lin Yuelan's tender little face showed a touch of sarcasm, and she sneered, "Grandpa Village Chief, instead of asking me, why don't you ask them?" Lin Yuelan pointed at the few people who were lying limply in front of the door.

Only then did Lin Yiwei notice the people lying there. They looked frightened.

Then, he looked around with his sharp eyes and saw the broken pots and bowls around them. They looked brand new. There was even a torn-up brand new cotton quilt and stretches of cloth.

Lin Yiwei's face darkened.

Did he need an explanation?

It was obvious that these people tried to steal from Lan 'Er's hut and were caught red-handed.

Lin Yiwei immediately shouted at the three women who had not fainted, “Li Cuihua, Liu Liujiao, Gu Sanniang, why are you here? And did you guys take these things out from Lan Er’s house?”

The reason why he used the word “take” instead of “steal” was that he had to consider the reputation of the entire village.

At that moment, Lin Dawei stepped forward and said to Lin Yiwei angrily, “Uncle Village Chief, why don’t you go into Lan Er’s house and take a look. Are they only taking the things?”

Lin Yiwei was a fair and just village chief. Otherwise, he and his youngest son would not have tried so hard to save Lin Yuelan three years ago.

Lin Yiwei frowned when he heard Lin Dawei.

Lin Yiwei strode to Lin Yuelan’s house. When he saw the scene in the house, he finally understood why the usually nonchalant Lin Dawei was so angry.

Lin Yiwei was furious. He pointed at Li Cuihua and the others and asked, “Li Cuihua, Liu Liujiao, Gu Sanniang, did you turn the girl’s house upside down while you were trying to steal from her?”

When the three women saw more villagers appear, they slowly regained their composure. Gradually, they seemed to have gained some confidence and were no longer afraid. However, they still had no strength.

Gu Sanniang was the first to regain her senses. She now understood that the big white tiger in front of her would not dare to hurt them.

Hence, when she faced Lin Yiwei’s question, her face turned from pale to livid and from shock to anger.

She didn’t answer Lin Yiwei but instead glared at Lin Yuelan angrily and said in a weak and loud voice, “Village Chief, you have to give me justice. Lin Yuelan, that damned jinx, actually sent a fierce tiger to scare us. Daniu has fainted from shock. Village chief, you have to properly punish the jinx. Also, that big tiger will eat people. You have to order the villagers to beat it to death!” Gu Sanniang jumped to accuse Lin Yuelan first.

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When Lin Yiwei heard Gu Sanniang, his face was dark. He reprimanded her sternly, “Gu Sanniang, we’ll talk about the tiger scare later. Let me ask you, why were you in the girl’s house? Why did you mess up her house? And did you steal the stuff on the floor out of her house?”

Gu Sanniang was speechless. She really couldn’t explain why she was there. Was she going to admit that she had been there before dawn for her plan to steal from Lin Yuelan? Failing to find any silver, she grabbed the stuff from the house and left? However, she bumped into the white tiger at the door and was paralyzed with fear?

Of course, she could not say that. It would solidify her reputation as a thief. In the future, even if she was not dragged to court, the villagers would look down on her.

She didn’t want to be treated like that.

Gu Sanniang shrank her neck and answered the village chief's question with a little fear, "I ... I ... I didn't steal anything. I borrowed them. That's right. I borrowed them from the jinx."

Lin Yiwei was so angry that he could not control his anger. How thick was this person's skin to be able to say such words?

Just as Lin Yiwei was about to explode, an old and dignified voice suddenly came. "Aren't we supposed to be fighting a tiger? What are we doing standing around here?"

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When she saw the person who had arrived, Lin Yuelan's eyes flashed, and the corners of her mouth lifted in a somewhat happy manner.

The key character had arrived.

She thought that he'd be too afraid of death to come, but it was good that he came.

"Grandpa Qi!" The younger generation greeted him.

"Uncle Qi!" These were the people from the village chief's generation.

"Great-grandpa Qi!" These were the people from Lin Yuelan's generation.

All of them greeted him with respect. Lin Qi was escorted to the center of the crowd.

"Uncle Qi!" Lin Yiwei immediately stepped forward and took him over from Lin Qingshan.

Lin Qi's aged yet shrewd eyes swept across the surroundings with a sharp glint.

When he saw a huge, ferocious-looking white tiger standing in front of the hut, his eyes shrank.

He slammed his walking stick on the ground and raised his hand. With a look of disbelief, he pointed at The White Tiger and asked, "Xiao Wei, what ... What is going on?"

The villagers were supposed to be there to fight the tiger, but the tiger was just standing there quietly. The villagers were quite reserved, with some fear on their faces.

Lin Yiwei glanced at the calm Lin Yuelan and replied in a respectful tone, "Uncle Qi, the tiger is actually quite intelligent. It is Lan 'Er's friend." As he spoke, he pointed at the white tiger and then at Lin Yuelan.

Lin Qi was old but he wasn't stupid. However, he was made incredulous by Lin Yiwei's words. At his age, he had heard of animals gaining intelligence, but he had not seen that happen with a feral beast before.

But now, he was being told that the big tiger had gained some sentience and was a good friend to a human child. He felt it was too unbelievable. Lin Qi was internally shocked, and he didn't show it on his face.

Just like Lin Yiwei, he was first surprised, then he asked sternly, "Is this girl the one who was cast off by Xiao San three years ago?" Xiao San was Lin Laosan. Lin Qi was one generation higher than Lin Laosan. Therefore, he called Lin Laosan Xiao San. Lin Qi didn't quite know about the blood sever ritual, but on the way there, Lin Qingshan had filled him in. Therefore, he was quite suspicious of Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yiwei nodded and replied, "Yes, Uncle Qi!"

Lin Qi immediately beckoned Lin Yuelan over. "Child, come here."

Lin Yuelan immediately stepped forward with a child-like expression. She called out obediently, "Great-grandfather Qi!"

The actual Lin Yuelan hadn't really interacted with Lin Qi before. She had only heard that Lin Qi was a respected village elder. She had also heard a rumor about him.

Lin Yuelan wondered if Lin Qi would be as fair as Lin Yiwei. It was why she acted like a child. She would decide how to proceed depending on the situation.

She needed him there to make a promise so that some people would stop having malicious thoughts and try to take her things all day long.

Lin Qi nodded and said with an affable expression, "Are you Lan 'Er, Xiao San's fourth granddaughter?"

"Yes, great-grandfather Qi!" Lin Yuelan nodded and then shook her head. She said, "But I'm no longer Lin Laosan's granddaughter. They have cut off all ties with me. That's what Elder Lin and Elder Li told everyone." She didn't want to do with Lin Laosan's family ever again.

Lin Qi's face darkened. "Nonsense!" He snapped. No one knew if he was referring to Lin Yuelan or Lin Laosan's family. He didn't elaborate. Instead, he questioned Lin Yuelan sternly, "Lan 'Er, even if this tiger is your friend, can you guarantee that it won't hurt any of the villagers in the Lin Family family?"

"I can guarantee that!" The expression on Lin Yuelan's small face was serious. She said, "I can guarantee it with my life. If Little White, the tiger, hurts someone, I will compensate them. I will compensate them with my life. Or you can kick me out of the Lin family village, and Little White will be at your disposal.

"With Uncle Dawei in the village, Little White won't be able to escape. I was born and raised here, and I have nowhere else to go. Therefore, if something happens, it's very easy to punish Little White and me. Great-grandfather Qi, don't you agree?"

Lin Yuelan's small face looked serious. However, it didn't change the fact that she was still a child.

Lin Qi held the tip of his walking stick with both hands, his sharp eyes sizing up Lin Yuelan. 'Who does the girl think she is to give this kind of baseless guarantee? Her guarantee means nothing. If the tiger did hurt someone, having the girl's life won't resolve anything.'

Had Lin Yuelan not considered that? Of course, she had. But so what? Her goal was to use Little White to intimidate all the villagers who wanted to steal from her.

Therefore, before Lin Qi could react, Lin Yuelan continued and said sharply, "but on the other hand, if someone tries to harm me or steal from me and they get injured or bitten by Little White, I can only say that they've brought it upon themselves. I will not apologize or compensate in that case!"

Lin Qi's expression froze when he heard this. He shouted, "Little girl, how highly do you think of yourself? The villagers of Lin Family Village are famed for their kind hearts. Why would they bully a child like you?"

Lin Yuelan stood there and stared at Master Lin with a sharp expression. Then, she said in a loud and clear voice, "Great-grandfather Qi, I don't see too highly of myself. But I'm just giving myself an out. Whether people have bullied me or not, I will answer with facts!"

With that, she pointed at Li Cuihua and the other three.

Lin Qi looked at the people slumped on the ground. He asked in confusion, "girl, what do you mean?"

At that moment, Lin Dawei walked up and said respectfully, "Grandfather Qi, I'll help you into Lan 'Er's room to take a look. You'll understand it then."

Lin Dawei and Lin Yiwei helped Lin Qi to walk into Lin Yuelan's hut. Then, an old and angry voice came out of the hut. "Preposterous!"

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The crowd was even more curious when they heard Lin Qi's angry voice come from Lin Yuelan's hut. What was inside the hut that everyone who entered the room came out cursing and swearing?

Lin Qi exited the house with Lin Dawei and Lin Yiwei's help. His walking stick knocked heavily on the ground.

His face was livid, and he angrily questioned the three people sitting by the door, "You three are preposterous! What a disgrace!" Lin Qi was really disappointed.

Then, Lin Qi walked toward Lin Yuelan. He looked a little embarrassed as he said, "Girl, although this matter is their fault, we all come from the same village. How about you find it in your heart to forgive them? After all, they've learned their lesson from being scared by your tiger, haven't they? They didn't do much other than mess up your house, right?"

Lin Yuelan then was sure that Lin Qi was not going to be on her side. Perhaps, he was not even angry. He scolded the three women so that he could use that as leverage when negotiating with Lin Yuelan.

Lin Yuelan surmised that Lin Qi was someone who loved face. He was trying to protect the Lin Family Village's reputation. After all, there were suddenly not one but four new thieves in the village. Plus, they didn't steal from a normal house. But instead, they had stolen from a girl who had been chased out of her family. If word of this got out, Lin Family Village would lose face.

Lin Yuelan couldn't accept Lin Qi's arrangement. Even Lin Dawei and Lin Yiwei didn't agree with it.

Lin Qi was clearly trying to sweep the matter under the rug. These people were thieves and bullies. If they were forgiven so easily, the villagers would use this excuse to continue bullying Lin Yuelan. They knew that they wouldn't be punished severely anyway.

Based on the rumor she heard, Lin Yuelan had expected this reaction from Lin Qi. But would she go along with his arrangement? If she did, her life would be hard in the future.

Lin Yuelan stared at Lin Qi with determination and defiance in her eyes. She said sharply, "Great-grandfather Qi, if these people only came to my house and made a mess of it, I'd let it go. However,

great-grandfather Qi, the thirty taels of silver, and a hundred silver bank note that I had in the house are also gone. Everything that I bought yesterday is now lying around them. They have done far more than just riffling through my house.”

Lin Yuelan was not going to submit so easily. The villagers came to a boil once they heard Lin Yuelan.

Thirty taels of silver and a banknote for a hundred taels of silver. This was a sum that they wouldn't be able to earn even if they worked their entire lives in the fields. But now, they had been stolen by Li Cuihua and her gang.

In an instant, many villagers looked at them with envy.

Some of them were envious of Lin Yuelan's wealth, but some were also envious of Li Cuihua and her group, who had the foresight to come early to steal from Lin Yuelan. Thankfully, they were caught, or else they would have enjoyed a good life with those silver. Therefore, those who envied Li Cuihua started to feel better.

They even felt lucky that they had decided to steal from Lin Yuelan later because if not, they'd be the ones lying on the ground now. This was not something that they could recover from.

These people started to have greedy thoughts again. The jinx had said the tiger for 400 taels of silver. Li Cuihua and her group had only gotten away with 150 taels, so it meant that the rest of the silver was still inside the hut.

Therefore, they had to find an opportunity to sneak into her hut. Perhaps, they could find the remaining silver.

It was not just one or two people who had such an idea. There were many people. Everyone was greedy. Even though they knew it was wrong, they couldn't reject the easy money.

These were the quality of the people in Lin Family Village. They didn't want others to get better things than they did. If someone did well, they would curse them in their hearts. When someone failed, they would comfort them on the surface, but they'd mock them behind their back.

Even though Lin Yuelan had only transmigrated for three days, she had a good grasp of the villagers' thoughts. Therefore, she wouldn't go along with Lin Qi's arrangement for her to suffer this loss silently. She would not compromise!

Lin Qi's face turned ashen. He glared at Lin Yuelan with anger. He thought the girl would cower under him, but she was not so easily bent.

She knew that he wanted to protect the village's name, but she had purposely opposed him in public. Lin Qi asked sternly, “little girl, do you know what you're saying?”

Lin Yuelan replied firmly, “Great-grandfather Qi, I know what I'm saying. These people are trying to deprive me of the tools I need to survive, so it's impossible for me to let them go.

“Besides, if I forgive them, doesn't this mean that I would be expected to forgive everyone who steals from me?”

“If everything that I gain from me risking my life can be taken away whenever people feel like it, how am I supposed to live? Great-grandfather Qi, don’t you agree with me?”

Lin Qi was old and stubborn. He knew that stealing was wrong, but the village couldn’t have thieves to tarnish the Lin family Village’s reputation.

Even though the thieves had been caught red-handed and everyone knew about it, he still wanted to cover it up. He assumed that everything would be over once he berated the culprits.

However, the girl refused to cooperate.

Just as Lin Qi was about to berate Lin Yuelan, Lin Yiwei stepped forward and said to him, “Uncle Qi, I know you’re trying to protect the Lin family Village’s reputation by covering up this matter.

“But you saw the situation inside the girl’s house. Look at what these people have done to her home. Can she still live there? Plus, they have not only taken away the new things Lan ‘Er has bought but also her 130 taels of silver. We can’t just let this go.

“If Lan ‘Er decides to bring this to court, the lightest punishment the four will receive is two years in prison, and the heaviest will be decapitation!

“Then, the reputation of our village will really be ruined!”

Lin Qi glared at him and shouted, “She wouldn’t dare to bring this to court!”

Lin Yuelan sneered sarcastically and said sharply, “Why wouldn’t I dare? These people don’t give me the chance to live anyway, so why should I give them the chance to survive?”

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The crowd became silent!

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No one dared to test Lin Yuelan. She was sent back by the King of Hell himself.

After returning, Lin Yuelan was not only bestowed with divine power and wisdom but also courage and fearlessness!

Her divine strength could knock out a tiger with a single punch, and her intelligence could subdue the king of beasts. With her courage, she had no fear when facing the highly respected Lin Qi!

Lin Yuelan’s destiny was to jinx her husband. Before her mission was completed, even the King of Hell would not accept her.

She had no one to rely on and was all alone. What was there for her to be afraid of? She wouldn’t even die!

As she said earlier, if the tiger injured someone, she would pay with her life. Since she could give up her life on a guarantee, would she submit for the sake of others’ reputations?

All the villagers supported Lin Qi. After all, if Lin Yuelan submitted this time, they could openly steal from Lin Yuelan in the future. Lin Qi would always have their backs anyway.

However, the village chief's words and Lin Yuelan's firm attitude immediately dispelled these thoughts.

Would the villagers risk going to the court to steal from the girl? Of course not! The punishment could be decapitation! What was the point of money if they were dead?

Lin Qi was fuming when he heard Lin Yiwei and Lin Yuelan. However, he didn't know where to vent it.

Before he could say anything, Lin Yiwei continued, "Furthermore, Uncle Qi, if you forgive them this time, what about next time and the next next time? Do you expect Lan 'Er to allow these people to steal from her every time?"

"Uncle Qi, to be honest, you're not protecting the Lin family Village's reputation, but you're covering the criminals. In that case, the people will only be more brazen with their thievery. Will they stop with Lan 'Er? No, human greed is bottomless. Then, they will steal from the other villagers. Will you still cover for them then?"

"Lin Yiwei, remember that you're the chief of the Lin family Village. Your duty and responsibility are to protect Lin Family Village, including its reputation and benefits!" Lin Qi said sternly, his anger soaring to the heavens.

All these years, he had always been the village's highly respected elder. His words and decisions were followed by the village like an imperial edict.

However, at this moment, these two people were openly trying to go against him. How could he not be angry?

He knew that Lin Yiwei was right, but Lin Qi would not allow anyone to question or challenge him.

Lin Yiwei immediately straightened his back and said seriously, "Uncle Qi, I've made myself very clear. These people have stolen too much silver. We can't just let this slide. To tell you the truth, even if Lan 'Er is forced to submit, I will not allow this for the sake of the village!"

Lin Yiwei's attitude became firm.

It wasn't that he was biased towards Lin Yuelan, but the fact was that he couldn't pretend that this matter didn't happen. These people didn't steal one or two copper coins but more than a hundred taels of silver. This was money people couldn't even earn in their lifetime. And Lin Qi was asking the victim not to complain about it? That was impossible.

Furthermore, Lan 'Er had suffered for so many years. She was pitied by the King of Hell, who gave her some abilities to survive. Who would have thought that once she got some money, half of it would be stolen instantly? If the village chief didn't punish the thieves, the other half of Lan 'Er's earnings would be gone too.

Once thievery became common, they wouldn't just target Lan 'Er. After all, it was easy to steal from others than to earn through hard work. Then Lin Family Village would become a thief's village.

As the village chief, he couldn't allow such a terrible thing to happen.

Therefore, this was Lin Yiwei's first time opposing Lin Qi since he became the village chief.

Lin Qi was a stubborn old man. He only cared about his benefits and reputation. He thought that this thing would blow over if he covered up the truth. However, he had no idea that his action would only cultivate more thieves. The thieves knew that Lin Qi wouldn't punish them even if they were caught.

Lin Qi was so angry at Lin Yiwei's rebuttal that he was speechless.

He glared at Lin Yiwei and then glared at Lin Yuelan with a terrible expression. He turned all the blame on the girl.

He suddenly pointed at the big white tiger and said angrily, "Girl, what about the beast? Have you forgotten that it has frightened these four villagers? Don't you have to compensate for their mental trauma?"

Lin Yuelan was impressed. She had no idea that the old man would know about mental trauma. She grinned.

Seeing the grin on her face, Lin Qi's face turned even darker, and his expression became twisted and ferocious.

"What are you laughing at, girl?" he asked sternly.

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, "nothing." She stopped smiling and shook her head seriously.

Lin Qi was really angry. He lifted his walking stick and wanted to swipe it at Lin Yuelan to teach her a lesson.

However, before the walking stick could hit Lin Yuelan, there was a roar of a tiger.

This time, the roar was angry and loud.

Lin Qi's old face turned pale, and he fell to the ground in shock. Lin Yiwei and Lin Dawei didn't have time to help him up.

Everyone, including Lin Yuelan, was shocked. She didn't know Little White was so protective of her. When it saw Lin Qi trying to hit her, it immediately roared to give the old man a warning.

Lin Yuelan sighed internally. 'Sometimes, humans are worse than animals.'

Lin Yuelan gently patted little white and said, "Little White, I'm fine. Go and guard those four. Don't let them escape, understand?"

To everyone's surprise, the white tiger nodded!

The tiger really had gained sentience!

When Lin Qi was pulled up from the ground, he was still a little weak.

Although he had lived for a long time, he was still very afraid of death.

Lin Qi was angry from embarrassment. He grabbed his walking stick and said in extreme anger, "Lin Yuelan, this threatening beast has to be murdered for our safety!"

As soon as he finished speaking, someone in the group suddenly said, "She's a demon! She's a demon that can control animals!"

Chapter 86: Beijing

In an extremely secretive courtyard in the capital, in front of the window of one of the rooms, there was a tall and elegant man. He was wearing a purple robe, and the inside of the robe revealed the gilded hibiscus edges. There was a jade belt around his waist, and it complemented the jade hairpin in his hair.

His face was fair and clean, his facial features were regular, and his eyebrows were like peaks that reached his temples. He looked like a handsome man, but his eyes were lowered, and his expression was unclear.

One of his hands was propped up in front of the window, and the other was playing with an exquisite dark green jade cup.

"Master, Jiang Zhennan and the rest have returned to the capital!" A man in black with a black mask and a sharp sword in his hand cupped his hands and reported to the man with respect and fear.

The man's originally lowered eyes slowly lifted up, but there was a cold glint in his eyes. He slapped the man in black and said coldly, "Trash!"

The man immediately knelt down on one knee and said, "master, sorry!"

The man's face was cold, and his eyes were sharp as he stared at the subordinate in black. He said coldly, "We've sacrificed 108 men, and you still allowed him to return to the capital? It looks like you're not suited to be the leader of Broken Souls anymore!"

Broken Souls would only have a new leader once the old ones died in battle. The man's meaning was clear. The man in black could die already.

The man in black knelt and kowtowed to the man. With a pleading and firm tone, he said, "master, please spare this subordinate's life and allow this subordinate to atone for his sins!"

The man's eyes were no longer fixed on the man in black but on the beautiful hibiscus flowers in the courtyard. He took a sip from the jade cup and said in a light but serious tone, "Stop him from entering the palace to meet the Emperor! Otherwise..."

The man immediately replied, "Yes, master! Thank you, master for sparing this subordinate's life! I will never let Jiang Zhennan enter the palace to see the Emperor!"

The man's delicate and fair face was facing the window. He seemed to turn a deaf ear to his subordinate's words.

However, only the man in black knew how ruthless his master was.

After the man in black left, the man stared at the beautiful white hibiscus flower with a cold and murderous look on his face. He said coldly, "Jiang Zhennan, I will not allow you to ruin my great plan!"

The expensive green jade cup in his hand fell to the ground with a clang, scattering all over the place.

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In the hall of the Marquis's mansion, there was a woman in a gorgeous red tight-fitting robe. Her hair was combed into a bun, and a green hairpin with a Phoenix fixed it in place.

Her face was a little chubby, and she looked like a woman with some good fortune, but her slender and narrow eyes revealed her sharp and mean nature.

At this moment, she took the teacup from the maidservant's hand and said with a dignified aura, "You may all leave!"

The servants and maidservants in the hall immediately bowed and said, "Yes, Madam!"

After the crowd left, the woman handed the tea to the middle-aged man sitting at the head of the table.

The middle-aged man was actually in his forties, but because he took good care of himself, his face was fair and clean, making him look like he was in his early thirties. He looked like a gentle and elegant man.

The middle-aged man took the tea and said, "Madam, if you have something to say, just say it. Is it necessary to disperse the servants?"

The woman looked worried, but the evil in her eyes was deeply buried.

The man asked, "Madam, what's the matter that made you so worried?"

The woman looked at the man and sighed. "Master, I heard that Nan 'Er has returned, right?"

When the man heard that, his gentle demeanor turned into a furious one. He slammed the teacup on the table and said loudly, "Hmph, that unfilial son still has the face to come back?! Hasn't he harmed our Zhengguo Court enough?"

The man was really the ultimate jinx!

When he was born, he cursed his own mother, causing her to die of dystocia and hemorrhage.

After he was born, he began to curse Zhengguo Court, causing the court to decline day by day.

After he became the Defender-general of the state, he didn't help the Marquis Court and cut off all relations with Zhengguo Court. He even asked the Emperor to suppress Zhengguo court.

The man was really infuriated.

In the past few years, Jiang Zhennan had been guarding the border. Therefore, there was no one other than the servants and butler in the general's residence. The Marquis Court very naturally took over the general's residence. They squander everything that Jiang Zhennan had earned with his military achievements and merits.

But now, Jiang Zhennan had suddenly returned.

However, Jiang Zhennan had returned to the capital in secret, and he didn't bring his main troop with him.

Therefore, other than those who paid special attention to the general's residence, the ordinary people didn't know about the return of the war god general.

Jiang Yunfeng, Jiang Zhennan's father, was extremely angry at Jiang Zhennan's sudden return.

Wen Yujing, Jiang Zhennan's stepmother, saw her husband's angry expression and gently advised, "Old Master, such is Nan 'Er's fate. You can't blame him for it, right? But," Then, she continued with a worried expression, "Now Wen 'Er and Ye 'Er are still living at the general residence. Will Nan 'Er drive them out?"

The Jiang General's Residence had power and money. Ye 'Er and Wen 'Er lived there as Masters. They had good food and drinks and a large number of servants to command. Their days were very comfortable and happy.

However, once Jiang Zhennan returned, that would be over. Jiang Zhennan wouldn't allow Wen Yujing's children to continue to occupy his home.

When Jiang Yunfeng heard that, he said sternly, "He wouldn't dare! They're his younger brother and sister, so it's only natural for them to live in the general's residence. If he dares to drive them out, I'll complain to the Majesty. How can such a stingy person be our Defender-general of the state?"

If Jiang Zhennan heard this, he would sneer.

Why was he appointed as the defender-general of the state?

It was because of his battle merits over the past ten years.

At that moment, a pair of young man and woman barged in.

The man was about twenty-four or twenty-five years old, with a greasy face and a fan in his hand. He had a refined appearance, but the dark yellow color of his eyes showed that he had overindulged in sex.

The woman looked to be only 13 or 14 years old. She had a typical oval face, and her eyes were red and swollen from crying. She wore a pink dress and had a few precious green jade hairpins on her head.

The girl covered her mouth and ran in. As soon as she saw Wen Yujing, she immediately hugged her and cried loudly.

Wen Yujing's heart ached. "Wen 'Er, what's wrong?" she asked.

Jiang Yuye, who was following behind, said angrily, "that fiend chased my sister and me out! He even threw our stuff out!" Then, he turned to Jiang Yunfeng and said angrily, "father, how can I face my friends in the future if I'm chased out by him like this?"

When Jiang Yunfeng heard this, his face immediately became angry. "How dare that unfilial son do this?" He then consoled his son and daughter and said, "Ye 'Er, Wenwen, I'll seek justice for you. Go back and continue to stay in the general's residence. I'd like to see what this unfilial son can do to us."

Wen Yujing and her two children looked at each other and smiled.

So what if that man was the defender-general of the state? Before them, he was still a lowly slave that they could bully!

Chapter 87: True Deterrence

“She’s a demon! She’s a demon that can control animals!” It was unknown who was the first to shout this.

All of a sudden, the noisy atmosphere became unusually quiet. Other than the chirping of insects around them, there was only the sound of Little White’s heavy breathing.

The atmosphere was strange!

Everyone had different expressions on their faces. Most of them looked at Lin Yuelan with fear and revulsion.

After all, a demon who could control animals was extremely terrifying. If they offended Lin Yuelan, she could order the animals to attack or kill them. Then... The consequences were unbearable.

Lin Yuelan said that she had died once and was sent back by the King of Hell. She had also been bestowed with divine power. The villagers were already suspicious and afraid then. However, they didn’t say much back then.

It was because Lin Yuelan had said, “The King of Hell gave me divine power so that I won’t be bullied again. If anyone dares to bully me, they will be killed by my divine power. The King of Hell will be happy to take their souls.”

No one dared to bully her for quite a period of time. Lin Yuelan, with the divine power, had already struck fear into the villagers’ hearts. But now, she had the power to command the big white tiger. This made the villagers even more frightened and uneasy.

The fear and unease they had started to boil. When someone in the crowd shouted that Lin Yuelan was a demon, the pent-up frustration of the villagers burst.

Some believed that Lin Yuelan had been favored by the King of Hell, and she was only given the power to protect herself. However, the number of such people was very small.

The silence was a little stiff, but after a short while, it suddenly became noisy again.

Someone immediately shouted in fear, “Chase the demon out! Chase the demon out of the Lin family Village!”

“Burn that demon to death, burn her to death!”

The voices rose one after another. This was *deja vu*. Lin Yuelan was called a demon three days ago, and they also wanted to burn her to death. But the voices were louder this time.

Lin Yiwei’s face darkened when he heard that. He shouted sternly, “Shut up! All of you, be quiet!”

However, the crowd’s fear and excitement were too great. Even though Lin Yiwei’s voice was loud, it was drowned out by the angry, panicked, and intense shouts.

Lin Yuelan stood in front of the crowd with a calm expression, her eyes taking in the ignorant and terrified crowd. Her expression was indifferent as if she was not the demon in everyone’s mouth.

Honestly, Lin Yuelan had considered leaving Lin Family Village and going to other villages to be a farmer and a small landlord. She wanted to buy land and start a business.

However, things would change that much. As long as she had some land, she would definitely attract the envy of others. The fact that she was the jinx of Lin Family Village would surface eventually. Then, she would be driven away. After all, she might not encounter a fair village chief like Lin Yiwei again.

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In this era, the village chiefs had a lot of power. In general, the sale of land and real estate in the countryside had to go through the village chiefs. If the village chief were unwilling to help, you wouldn't get anything done, no matter how rich you were.

Plus, the village chief had a lot of power over a person's genealogy. For example, a person from the countryside could make a name for himself. However, his ancestry book was still in the hands of his village chief. If the village chief removed his name from the ancestry book, the person would become rootless. This was a punishable crime in Long Yan Country. The government wouldn't hire him. It didn't matter if he had enormous talents... unless, of course, he started his own ancestry line, which was impossible for an ordinary person to do.

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Although Lin Yuelan had been removed from Lin Laosan's family book, she was still a part of Lin Family Village's ancestry book.

Compared to going to another village, where she had no family background, it was better to stay in the Lin family Village. At the very least, this was a familiar environment with familiar people. Not to mention there were also the kind village chief and Lin Dawei.

Therefore, she had to resolve the problem at hand. Her divine strength and little White's appearance had frightened some people who had a guilty conscience.

Lin Qi was also furious when the shouts went up. His anger was directed at Lin Yuelan.

He was so frightened by Little White that he fell to the ground, which damaged his prestige. He must be angry from embarrassment. He immediately supported the crowd.

He looked at Lin Yiwei and shouted, "Lin Yiwei, such a monster should be chased out of the Lin family Village before she brings disaster to the entire village!"

Lin Yiwei never thought that Lin Qi would be so unreasonable.

He frowned slightly. "Uncle Qi, you're too biased. Without evidence, how can you be sure that Lan 'Er is a demon!"

Lin Qi was furious when Lin Yiwei rebutted him again for the jinx. He roared in anger, "Who are you calling biased? This jinx can command fierce beasts to harm people at her age. What normal human can do that? If that is not proof that she is a demon, then what is?"

Lin Yiwei was in a difficult position.

He was the village chief. Lin Yuelan was called a demon again. The villagers used Little White as an example of her witchery this time. Even if he wanted to help Lin Yuelan, he was a little powerless. After all, it wasn't just one or two people who called her a demon.

While Lin Yiwei was in a dilemma, Lin Yuelan patted the quiet little white. Then, little white raised its head and let out an earth-shaking roar.

Immediately after that, the roars of other animals could be heard from the other side of the mountain. It was as if they were responding to Little White. There were the roars of wolves and other tigers.

Suddenly, the crowd quieted down again. Then, many people immediately turned pale with fright, and some timid people fell to the ground. Their expressions were more frightened and ferocious than before, and they looked at Lin Yuelan with fear and dread.

They had never heard so many ferocious beasts' roars at once in their entire lives.

Lin Yuelan did not say anything. She just walked to the side of Lin Qi, who also looked a little frightened, and whispered to him, "Lin Qi, I saw your first wife in the King of Hell's Palace. Guess what she said to me?"

Without waiting for Lin Qi's reaction, she glared at the crowd and said in a stern voice, "Do you hear the roars coming from the mountain? To tell you the truth, Little White is the King of All Beasts. Its single roar can mobilize the whole mountain.

"If I am really a demon, do you know what I would have done?"

The people in the village stared at Lin Yuelan with fear and doubt.

Lin Yuelan continued, "I'll kill you all and then let little white send his friends down the mountain to tear you into pieces and eat your bones. I won't stand here quietly being slandered and insulted. Don't you agree?"

Chapter 88: A Satisfactory Result

As soon as Lin Yuelan said that, everyone's face was filled with shock, regardless of whether they were frightened or not.

Lin Yuelan continued, "I've said it before. I've been to the King of Hell's Palace and was sent back by the King of Hell.

"Since I've died once, I'm not afraid of dying a second time. In any case, the King of Hell will never take me in before I complete my destiny.

"I don't mind dying but do you?"

Lin Yuelan's every word was sharp! Her meaning was simple. If the villagers still wanted to burn her to death, she didn't mind going on a massacre.

The crowd went silent.

Lin Yuelan paused for a moment, her sharp eyes scanning everyone's expressions before she continued, "I have returned to the human world with the will of the King of Hell. The King of Hell couldn't bear to see me being bullied at such a young age, so he gave me divine power, wisdom, and the ability to bond with animals. Is it my fault that the King of Hell gave me these abilities?"

"All of you call me a demon. But I ask. Have I ever harmed, killed, or even eaten people? I don't think so!"

"You said I'd bring tragedy to the whole village. What a joke!"

"I was the one who has been constantly bullied by you. Every day, you scolded me, beat me up, and bully me. Back then, I thought it was my fault because I was the Jinx."

"However, I was enlightened by the King of Hell. I thought that after I showed people how to make money, I could enrich the village with me. Then I'd prove I'll only jinx my husband and not anyone else."

"However, before I can do any of that, you've already decided that I'm a demon. This is funny!"

Lin Yuelan's words were sharp, helpless, arrogant, crazy, and bloodthirsty.

In any case, she had no one to rely on in this world, so what was there for her to be afraid of?

If the villagers really wanted to burn her to death, she'd kill all of them.

If everyone in this world thought she was a demon, she'd cleanse the world. She'd rather live a lonely life than repeat a life in the apocalypse where she had to be cautious all the time.

In the apocalypse, the Awakened were everywhere. Even with Little Green, she couldn't kill all of them. But things were different here. She was the only Awakened here. She had the source of all life, Little Green. Little Green could control nature and communicate with all animals and plants. If she wanted, the world would be crushed with a thought. However, she didn't want that. She just wanted a peaceful life. But if these people didn't want to give her that, she didn't mind creating a peaceful life for herself.

After all, her kindness and sympathy had long disappeared in the five years of fighting and the betrayal of that scumbag couple.

Lin Yuelan's words reminded everyone. How could they forget that Lin Yuelan was sent back from the King of Hell's palace? If she was really a demon, why would the King of Hell send her back?

But why was this wretched girl so lucky?

She was not only revived but also given divine power and wisdom. Now, she could even command animals.

Could her jinx destiny be a special one? Before she fulfilled her destiny, she'd be given more powers to protect herself?

The villagers widened their eyes and once again stared at the child in front of them in disbelief. She was only half the height of an adult. Her small face was serious and had a sharp expression. She was not joking.

Everyone's heart skipped a beat!

This child was too terrifying!

She wanted to tear the entire Lin family Village apart just because they wanted to burn her to death.

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This was not the result they wanted.

It would be easier to explain if she was really a demon. However, the villagers couldn't tell if this Lin Yuelan was still Lin Yuelan or not. In any case, they now realized that no matter who this girl was, she couldn't be dealt with by a village mob asking her to be burned.

That was because she could command the ferocious animals to attack them and even tear them apart.

But Lin Yuelan wouldn't do that unprovoked. Indeed, Lin Yuelan hadn't really done anything to harm the village.

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Some of the villagers' eyes brightened after they had figured it out, and their pale faces turned red.

Lin Yuelan looked at their changing expressions, and the corners of her mouth curved into a satisfied arc. Suddenly, she laughed lightly and said, "Of course, as long as you allow me to stay in this village, I can guarantee that no wild beasts will come down the mountains to attack the villagers anymore. What do you think?"

To be fair, she wasn't asking for their opinion. She merely wanted to make them feel they had gotten something in return.

Therefore, the villagers had to agree to it no matter what.

Therefore, the eyes of those who were afraid immediately lit up, and they nodded their heads vigorously.

After a while, the entire Lin family Village nodded in agreement, allowing Lin Yuelan to continue staying.

Of course, Lin Yuelan had done all the warnings she wanted to do. Although her tone was light, one could still hear the sternness and strong warning in her tone.

She continued, "Of course, if someone tries to harm me and is killed by Little White, then you can't blame me." She turned around, and her eyes swept the four thieves on the ground. Then, she turned to look at the Lin family Village's most respected elder, whose wrinkled face was ashen.

"Don't you agree with me, Great-grandfather Qi?" The small and tender voice was melodious and clear. It was so moving.

However, to Lin Qi, this sounded like the devil. What Lin Yuelan whispered in his ears made him tremble in fear. There was an incident in which his first wife had gone missing many years ago. It was deemed that she had died in the mountains. However, he knew the truth. Lin Qi had personally killed her. He still had her bones buried underneath his house... which was how Little Green knew about it.

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Therefore, Lin Yuelan was reminding him of the truth behind his wife's death.

If he continued to be stubborn, then his reputation would be ruined, and his integrity would be lost!

He also understood Lin Yuelan's meaning. What she wanted was nothing more than for him to personally punish these people.

However, he knew it was unsafe for the girl to have such a big weakness of his. For now, he could only go along with this girl's wishes.

Lin Qi immediately nodded in agreement, "That's right. The Lin family Village is a simple, honest, kind, and united village. We will never abide by thievery. These people have to be severely punished!"

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Then, he stared sharply at the four people sitting in front of Lin Yuelan's house and said in a serious and dignified manner, "Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao, the four of them have come to steal. The evidence is conclusive, and the amount of money they stole is huge. They must be severely punished. This matter should have been reported to the court.

"However, considering the impact it will have on the Lin family Village, I don't think it's a good idea to send them there. Instead, Lan 'Er, I'll leave you to decide their fate. Is that okay?"

Chapter 89: Punishment

Many people, including the village chief and Lin Dawei, were surprised by Lin Qi's decision. However, on second thought, the jinx had basically forced them to allow her to stay in Lin Family Village. Plus, she had whispered something to his ears.

Lin Qi had to compromise as a highly respected elder of the village. Therefore, when he said that he would punish these four people who had trespassed on Lin Yuelan's house to steal things, it was not so shocking.

However, the shocking thing was he handed them over to Lin Yuelan to decide the punishment. That was unlike Lin Qi. Normally, Lin Qi would handle the punishments so that he'd be able to display his dignity and reputation. However, unexpectedly, Lin Qi allowed Lin Yuelan to decide the punishment this time.

The villagers were confused.

Although they didn't agree with her, they had nothing to say because that was what Lin Qi said.

This was the result Lin Yuelan wanted. She had revealed more of her abilities for the villagers to confirm she was a demon even more. But so what? No matter if she was a demon or not, those people couldn't do anything to her, right?

Even if they were afraid, terrified, and wanted to kill her if given a chance, what could they really do in their situation?

With power, the entire world was her mobile surveillance camera. As long as she wanted to, she could know everyone's every move.

Therefore, she would never be surprised by an enemy ambush, and she would never forgive them.

She just wanted to live a carefree life of farming. She didn't want to live a life where she had to be careful of her life every day.

Since Lin Qi had given her the right to deal with the four, she would oblige. She chuckled and said, "Since Great-grandfather Qi trusts me, I will definitely not let you down. I will make these four people learn their lesson so that they will not dare to make the same mistake again!"

Lin Qi thought the girl would be polite and hand the power of the punishment back to him, but she accepted it just like that. Although he was annoyed, he did not dare to say anything.

Before Lin Yuelan decided on the punishment, she paused for a moment as if to think. Then she added, "Great-grandfather Qi doesn't want to bring this to the court, and I agree. If this gets out and we have criminals in the village, we'll be looked down on by the other villages. It would make Lin Family Village into a thief village."

Many people glared at Lin Yuelan as if they were going to eat her alive. Lin Qi's turbid eyes burst out with a sharp light as if he wanted to cut Lin Yuelan into a thousand pieces.

Only a few of them twitched their lips and thought, 'Girl, is it really a good idea for you to disrespect Grandfather Qi like this?'

Plus, how could the girl speak so righteously now? Who was the one who threatened the whole village earlier? The jinx had changed into a different person after she was sent back from hell.

Lin Yuelan continued to speak, "I'm born in the Lin Family Village, and I will continue to live in the Lin Family Village, so I will not let this place turn into a village of thieves." Then, Lin Yuelan's expression changed to become more serious and severe. "But it doesn't mean that these few thieves will go unpunished. Since we won't send them to the court, we can still punish them within the village.

"Since I'm the victim and great-grandfather Qi has given me the right to deal with these people, I will come up with the perfect punishment to not disappoint Great-grandfather Qi. Uncles and Aunties, don't you agree?"

Lin Yuelan's speech made so many people's lips twitch. She had painted a lot of rainbows and butterflies, but it didn't change the fact that they were doing this because they were threatened by her.

Lin Qi's face darkened as he asked, "little girl, after saying so much, what kind of punishment do you plan to give them?"

Lin Yuelan looked at the four people with a smile. In the eyes of the thieves and some people, that smile was scary.

With an ambiguous smile, Lin Yuelan said, "Actually, my punishment is very simple. If they return my belongings and compensate for the things they have damaged, they only need to stay on the mountain for one night."

When the villagers heard her, everyone's faces changed drastically. Wasn't the punishment too harsh?

This wasn't just a light punishment. It was clearly a death sentence.

For ordinary people, staying on the mountain for one night was basically a death sentence.

Lin Yiwei frowned slightly to express his dissatisfaction when he heard the punishment. He said sternly, "Lan 'Er, isn't this punishment too harsh? Spending one night up the mountain is no different from asking them to die there. Not only will their family members be unhappy, but the entire village will also be unhappy." After all, how many villagers would be willing to let a child decide the death of their neighbors so easily?

Lin Qi snorted angrily, "Girl, and you said you wanted to get along with the villagers. You don't even treat the villagers' lives as something important. Also, among these people, aren't there your former grandmother and uncle too? Aren't you being too heartless?" Lin Yuelan had Lin Qi's weakness, but it didn't mean that he couldn't undermine her.

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However, for Lin Yuelan, she would only respect the village chief and Lin Yiwei. She treated the rest as farts.

Lin Yuelan shook her head at Lin Yiwei and said, "Grandpa village chief, I wasn't done yet. What I want them to do is to stay on the mountain for one night but I will ensure their safety. Why? Because I will stay on the mountain with them!" She had more personal lessons she wanted to teach her former uncle and grandmother.

Lin Yiwei had to think about it after he heard that. 'With the tiger at Lan 'Er's side, Lan 'Er and these people will not be in danger. These people also really need to be taught a lesson. They are too embarrassing. How could they even think about stealing from a child?'

Lin Yiwei nodded to show that he had no objections, but he was still a little worried, "Lan 'Er, will it be too dangerous for you to stay on the mountain?"

Lin Yuelan shook her head and said, "Grandpa Village Chief, don't worry. Little white will protect me. I'll be fine."

For some of the villagers, they were certain that Lin Yuelan was a demon. How else would she be safe in the mountain for a night?

"No, I'm not staying on the mountain! Village chief, Uncle Qi, I didn't steal her money. I only took some new crockery. I don't want to stay on the mountain!" When Gu Sanniang heard their punishment, her face immediately turned pale. Going up the mountain even during the day meant losing their lives, much less staying overnight. How could Lin Yuelan be so vicious to want them to die?

Liu Liujiao also came to her senses and shook her head with a pale face. "Village chief, I didn't steal any money. I only stole those small bottles. I really didn't steal any money. The jinx's one hundred taels were definitely stolen by them." She pointed at Li Cuihua and her son, shouting in anger and fear.

Lin Daniu fainted, but Li Cuihua did not.

She immediately reacted. With a pale face, she shouted in anger and shock, "Who said I'd stolen the jinx's money? I couldn't even find a single copper coin. And you wretched girl, you actually want to kill us? Let me tell you. You're simply dreaming!"

Chapter 90: Liefeng Requesting Help

Li Cuihua, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao would never admit that they had stolen Lin Yuelan's hundred taels of silver.

But evidence spoke louder than words!

Then, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Lin Yuelan searched their bodies and found a lot of silver.

Lin Daniu had the one hundred taels of silver on him. Li Cuihua had fifteen taels of silver, Gu Sanniang had more than ten taels of silver, and Liu Liujiao had stolen the least, but it was still no less than seven taels of silver.

The evidence was irrefutable, and these people could not quibble.

Lin Yuelan put the silver taels and banknotes that she had recovered in her pocket and said indignantly, "Elder Li, Auntie Gu, and Auntie Liu, I sold the tiger for some money, but I risked my life to capture that tiger. Look at my small, dilapidated house. I originally planned to use the money to repair or build a new one. Also, look at the things in my house. They are all broken tiles and jars. I don't have any food at all. In short, I need money.

"However, I barely had the chance to use the money, and you came to my house and took them away. Do you plan to leave me out here to die? I just want to live a normal life. Is that so wrong?"

She looked like she was about to cry.

'I just want to live a normal life. Is that so wrong?' That was a simple request. Many couldn't help but pity Lin Yuelan. Technically, Lin Yuelan didn't even do anything wrong.

Before she was declared a jinx, she had an okay life. She had a family. Lin Laosan's family was considered preposterous. Lin Yuelan didn't jinx them. However, once the Taoist priest said that Lin Yuelan was a jinx, Lin Laosan's family pushed the blame for all the tragedies they had onto the girl.

Some of the villagers really looked down on Lin Laosan's family, especially Li Cuihua, the woman who insisted on her granddaughter's death. Now, they looked down on her and despised her even more.

"Li Cuihua, there's irrefutable evidence that you stole the girl's silver, but you're still scolding her early. Li Cuihua, you really have no shame."

"Li Cuihua, we saw with our eyes how a banknote for 100 taels of silver came out of Lin Daniu's clothes, and you said you didn't steal a single copper coin from the girl?"

"And Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao, you're really shameless. You stole so much silver, but you said you didn't. Then, you claimed that someone framed you. Who would be able to place the silver on you without you knowing?"

Lin Daniu's eyes slowly opened as the scolding got louder. He was called back to his senses with the talks of silver and money.

Therefore, the moment he opened his eyes, he shouted loudly, "Silver, banknotes, my money!" Then, he shielded his chest with his arms. After that, he turned pale with fright and said, "Where's my banknote? Where is it?"

Well... Speak of the evidence...

Gu Sanniang and Liu Liujiao's faces were ashen, but they still shook their heads helplessly and explained, "No, I didn't steal the money. I don't know why the money would come to me."

Unfortunately, no one believed them.

When Li Cuihua saw Lin Daniu's reactions, she was instantly enraged. "Oh One, how dare you steal that banknote for one hundred taels and hide it from me? Do you even have me in your eyes?"

Lin Daniu's face was filled with confusion! Banknotes? Did he have banknotes on him?

However, before he could think further, he heard Lin Yuelan's voice.

Lin Yuelan looked at Lin Qi and said sternly, "Great-grandfather Qi, since you have no objection to this punishment, please announce it for all!" She was pushing him

Lin Qi met Lin Yuelan's big and sharp eyes. His face turned green, then red. He was angry but helpless.

Lin Qi looked at the crowd and said sternly, "Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao have come to Lin Yuelan's house to steal. There is irrefutable evidence. I hereby announce that, in addition to compensating for all the losses, these four people must stay on the village mountain for a night as a warning!

"This is a warning for the other villagers too. Do not follow their example, or the punishment will be the same!"

Lin Daniu, who had just woken up, was so shocked that he was speechless!

If he had to stay on the mountain for a night, what was different from throwing him to the beasts?

Lin Daniu started to make a big fuss!

However, with Lin Qi's statement, Lin Yiwei's agreement, and Lin Yuelan's threat, no matter how much Lin Daniu and the other three argued, they were locked up in the Lin family's ancestral hall by the villagers. At night, they would be sent to the mountain by Little White and Lin Yuelan.

With the example set, the villagers no longer dared to think about stealing Lin Yuelan's money.

Even if she had more money in the future, they would not dare to have such thoughts... unless they favored money over their lives!

The mountain, named Mount Da Ao, was a place that the villagers were scared of. They didn't even dare to set foot there during the day, much less spend the night there. They were afraid of being eaten by the ferocious beasts.

Even though Lin Yuelan promised their safety now, the various noises in the mountain would still scare them out of their wits. Not to mention, according to the legends, there were also fierce ghosts in that mountain.

Lin Yuelan didn't care if there were ghosts on the mountain. She only cared that she had achieved her goal.

She had exposed more of her abilities but she could just pull up the King of Hell as an excuse.

It was Little Green who placed the silver and banknote on the four when they fainted. It was how Lin Yuelan managed to produce the evidence.

Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Gu Sanniang, and Liu Liujiao spent a night at Mt. Da Ao. Although they returned safely, they looked like they had lost half their lives.

Because of the shock, all four of them fell sick.

The cost of seeing a doctor, getting medicine, and so on had swept away their years of savings. They definitely lost more than they aimed to get!

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Lin Yuelan carried a small basket on her back and went to Mount Da Ao to pick herbs again.

On the way, whenever the villagers saw Lin Yuelan, they would hurriedly hide in fear.

Lin Yuelan smacked her tongue. Did they really take her for a demon?

It had been more than two months since that incident.

For the past two months, Lin Yuelan's life had finally returned to normal. Her body had been strengthened by nutrition and effective training. She had grown a little taller, and her skin was no longer sallow. Instead, she now had a healthy complexion.

In the past, when the villagers saw Lin Yuelan, they would avoid her with disgust and disdain.

But now, when they saw Lin Yuelan, they were filled with fear and terror, so they hid even further away.

However, this was just what Lin Yuelan wanted.

Lin Yuelan was bending down to look for herbs when she heard the sound of hooves.

Lin Yuelan's expression immediately became serious and sharp.

"Who is it? Come out!" Lin Yuelan shouted sharply and cautiously.

However, when she saw the horse slowly walking out of the forest, Lin Yuelan's pupils shrank, and she shouted in surprise, "Liefeng!"

The reddish-brown fur and handsome figure could belong to no one else but Liefeng!

She ran to Liefeng and touched its fur. She asked curiously, "Liefeng, why are you here? where's your master?"

When Liefeng saw Lin Yuelan, it first licked her palm with its tongue, and then its mouth made a few whimpers. Its big round eyes seemed to be pleading.

Lin Yuelan didn't understand what Liefeng was trying to say, but she could see the eagerness and pleading in its eyes. She guessed that something must have happened.

Lin Yuelan immediately asked, "Little Green!"

Little Green immediately translated, "Master, Liefeng says that its master is being hunted down and is poisoned. He wants you to save its master!"

Lin Yuelan fell silent.

She was considering if she should save the masked general.

Once she made a move, it was very likely that she would be sucked into the whirlpool of fighting, which was the complete opposite of the peaceful life she wanted!