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Chapter 1171 Prepared In Advance

Zhai Sheng was capable of having triplets. He would not admit that he was jealous of him!

“You’re right. I will make a phone call first.” Zhai Hua reached her hand naturally toward Tian Dong, searching for his cell phone in his pants pocket.

Tian Dong had resigned to fate. He slanted his body so that it would be easier for Zhai Hua to take the cell phone.

After getting Tian Dong’s cell phone, the person that Zhai Hua called was not her mother or her brother. It was the auntie who sent Nan Nan to the hospital and went back home. “Auntie, yes, it’s me. Nan Nan has given birth to the babies. No, they are not twins, but triplets. Two brothers and one younger sister. Yes, you have to prepare more soup for Nan Nan. She will have a harder time in the future now that the babies are born.”

Zhai Hua raised her head to gaze at Tian Dong after she ended the call.

Tian Dong blushed slightly. “Why are you looking at me?” Could it be that after seeing the triplets, she wanted to marry him so that they could have kids?

The atmosphere was good. Zhai Hua reached her hand into Tian Dong’s pants pocket again. Tian Dong’s heart could not help but flutter and he steered his thoughts in that direction.

“I am not staring at you. Didn’t you just return from your overseas study in America? You should know some classmates in America. Do you have any knowledge about baby formulas? Which country and which brand of baby formula is the best?”

Nan Nan had three babies at one go. If the auntie prepared a lot of tonics for Nan Nan, she would still be able to breastfeed them now that they were still young.

When they grew older and had a larger appetite, unless Nan Nan had a lot of milk, she would not be able to feed all her babies.

If so, they would have to feed the babies with baby formula.

“This...” Tian Dong was a man. He could not possibly know anything about baby formulas.

However, now that the topic was brought up, Tian Dong felt that there was a need to know more about it.

Zhai Hua had been spending half her time in the army and half her time at the Zhai family’s residence in the past half a year. In particular, since August, she would spend all her time at home.

Tian Dong knew that Zhai Hua did that to take care of the heavily pregnant Qiao Nan.

After Qiao Nan gave birth to babies, Zhai Hua would return to the army that she loved sooner or later.

Tian Dong knew Zhai Hua well, and he had no wish to stop her from doing what she wanted.

In other words, when they had their own child, Zhai Hua might return to the army as soon as she completed her confinement. By then, Zhai Hua would not be able to feed the baby and their child would have to take baby formula.

If he did the research now to determine which brand of baby formula had the most nutrients and was suitable for babies, he would not have a headache when he had a child with Zhai Hua.

“Give me some time. You are not in a hurry. I will take some time to do research. I will seek advice and recommendations from the experts, and I will ask my friends overseas to buy them for me. I know of several friends who studied overseas in America, Australia, and other countries. We will buy whichever baby formula that is the best.”

Tian Dong had made up his mind to look up information on baby formulas. He could start from Doctor Wei, who just returned from his overseas study.

Even though he was not from the gynecology department, he would know more about this topic than him.

“This will do.” Zhai Hua nodded. “Leave the cell phone with me. I still have to make a few phone calls. You can go ahead to do your research. Now that we have three babies at one go, it is better to decide on a baby formula as soon as possible.”

After coming to a decision, they parted ways to do what they had agreed on. One of them went to search for the best baby formula, while the other went to notify her family that Qiao Nan had triplets.

Miao Jing was tired to the bones after attending events with Zhai Yaohui the entire day. She slumped on the bed as soon as she reached the hotel room.

She wished that she could lie on the bed and there was no need for her to get up to have dinner. She longed for a good night’s sleep to recharge herself.

Just then, the cell phone in her bag rang. Miao Jing knitted her eyebrows. She might be tired, but she was worried that the phone call might be from her family.

Miao Jing was constantly reminded of the fact that there was a pregnant lady at home and she might go into labor anytime.

“I’ll answer it.” Zhai Yaohui knew that Miao Jing was tired. He came out from the restroom and took the cell phone out of the bag. He pressed the answer button. “Is this Dongzi or Zhai Hua?”

Now that Qiao Nan was pregnant, Zhai Hua no longer carried her cell phone with her. If needed, she would use other people’s cell phones. Zhai Yaohui had been used to the fact that Tian Dong and his daughter would share Tian Dong’s line.

“Dad, it’s me!”

Zhai Yaohui could hear the excited voice of his daughter from the other end of the phone. She was so loud that he felt a piercing pain in his ears. “I know...”

“Is that Hua Hua?!” Miao Jing sat up right away. She ran to Zhai Yaohui and snatched the phone from him. “Hua Hua, why did you call me at this time of the day? You should be at home to keep Nan Nan company at this time. Why are you using Dongzi’s phone?”

“Mom, Nan Nan has given birth. I am at the hospital. The auntie will bring soup to the hospital in a while.”

“Given birth?!” Miao Jing straightened her back, shouting at the top of her voice. Her shouts were more deafening than Zhai Hua’s screams. “Has she really given birth? It is only September now. Twins? How many boys are there? Are there any girls?” There were many possibilities as Qiao Nan had twins.

Even if she did not have any grandsons, Miao Jing would be equally happy to have two granddaughters. She would treat them like little princesses.

“Mom, Nan Nan has given you two grandsons and one granddaughter!”

“Ah, two grandsons, one grand... Wait a minute. I didn’t hear clearly. Can you repeat yourself?” Miao Jing counted with her fingers and she stiffened. Did Hua Hua make a mistake? Shouldn’t it be one grandson and one granddaughter? Or could it be that she was too excited that she had heard wrongly? It should be one grandson and one granddaughter instead of two grandsons and one granddaughter.

“Mom, triplets. It’s triplets. We have an addition of three babies to our family today!” Zhai Hua knew that her mother must be feeling bewildered and confused. She felt the same way when she heard two babies crying and the nurse came out telling that there was another baby in the womb. “Mom, I have two nephews and one niece. They are beautiful. They are so soft, and they look especially well!!”

There was a loud noise on the other end of the phone. It was as if Miao Jing was too excited and the cell phone had dropped onto the floor.

Fortunately, their room had a carpeted floor and hence the cell phone did not smash to pieces. Zhai Hua could faintly hear her mother shouting in joy. “I have two grandsons and one granddaughter. I have three grandchildren. I want to go home to take a good look at my grandsons and granddaughter. I don’t want to stay with you. I am going back to carry my grandsons and granddaughter!”

Now that she had grandsons and granddaughter who smelled nice and were soft and tender, she could not be bothered with Zhai Yaohui, the old man!

When she heard that her daughter carried the babies before she did, Miao Jing was extremely upset. “It’s all your fault. You have to be away for a business trip. Why does it have to be you when there are so many other people? I’ve already said that I want to stay by Nan Nan’s side. When Nan Nan gave birth, there were no elders with such experience to keep her company by the side. She must have felt so scared and nervous. I don’t care. I’m going to buy a flight ticket now to go home. You can handle the subsequent matters alone!”

At this moment, Miao Jing’s resentment toward Zhai Yaohui was extreme.

It was not just Miao Jing. Even Zhai Yaohui’s face, which was as calm as a steady mountain, revealed an astounding smile. “T-two grandsons and one granddaughter?”

Zhai Yaohui was considered an open-minded elder. If two granddaughters were born, he would have some regrets but that would certainly not affect his love for them.

He was aware of Qiao Nan’s family and life in the past. If Qiao Nan, like her mother, was destined to have only daughters, Zhai Yaohui was also prepared to treat these two granddaughters as treasures. He would love and care for them until the end of his life.

Perhaps it was because Zhai Yaohui could already accept the worst-case scenario calmly. When he heard that two granddaughters had become two grandsons, and a granddaughter also came into his family, Zhai Yaohui felt himself going into a daze due to this huge and unexpected surprise. It was heaven’s blessing.

Granddaughters were good. Nevertheless, grandsons were even better!!!

Zhai Yaohui’s happiness and excitement were not any less than Miao Jing’s. Zhai Yaohui, who had started growing a mustache, was so affected that his mustache was curling up. Unfortunately, no one else had the chance to see such an interesting scene. Miao Jing, the only one who had the opportunity to do so, did not notice it at all.

“Okay, let’s go back. We’ll go back together.” Moments later, Zhai Yaohui made this decision.

“Go back together?” Miao Jing was packing her luggage. She had even pressed the hotel’s service call button and was waiting for the line to get through. Upon hearing Zhai Yaohui’s words, Miao Jing paused what she was doing. “Are you sure? Have you finished your work?” If she did not remember wrongly, there were two or three more days to go before the end of Zhai Yaohui’s work schedule.

Zhai Yaohui flung his hands without a care in the world. “The subsequent itinerary is not important. It’s just showing face and saying a few polite words. If I am present, I can motivate people more. If I don’t, it’s not going to be a big issue either.”

Nothing was more important than going back to see his grandchildren!

Walking the talk, Zhai Yaohui took the phone over from Miao Jing’s hands. “Pack the luggage. I will make the call.”

The husband and wife collaborated and divided the labor. Miao Jing finished packing the luggage at her fastest speed, and Zhai Yaohui got someone to reserve two flight tickets with the earliest departure time to the capital.

When the couple received the boarding pass and entered the boarding gate, the timing was just right. They boarded the flight half an hour before the departure.

After boarding the flight, Zhai Yaohui requested for a blanket from the air stewardess. He then used it to cover Miao Jing. “You’re tired. We should take about four hours to reach home. Take a nap, lest you have no strength to carry your grandchildren when you arrive at the hospital.”

“That’s good too.” After thinking, Miao Jing agreed.

Miao Jing, whose heart was still unsettled, could not fall asleep when she first shut her eyes. She only nodded off after fifteen minutes.

When the exhausted and drained Qiao Nan finally woke up from her deep and sweet dreams, she could hear a few people conversing by her side.

“My grandsons and granddaughter are so good looking. They look more beautiful than the average children. At first sight, I know they are very smart, just like their parents.”

“Intelligence is secondary. Look at their tiger-like manners. At one glance, you know they are soldier material. They will definitely become more promising than their father in the future. My great-granddaughter will be a top student material when she grows up too!” Old Master Zhai was

bright and perky, his voice loud and booming. It was as if he had taken a pill made with a concoction of ten powerful tonics. He was full of enthusiasm. Even his tone sounded energetic.

“Good. Our family’s offsprings are definitely good.” The two grandsons and one granddaughter were lying on the bed together. This was the first time Zhai Yaohui discovered that he could not see enough of them despite having once been part of the special forces with perfect eyesight.

Qiao Nan, who had woken up, panted with pain when she moved.

It was a kind of pain that was associated with overexerting of strength, draining of energy, and being torn apart.

Fortunately, this kind of pain would be gone after enduring it for a while. When Qiao Nan moved again, she did not have other major reactions. The only thing that sent Qiao Nan into a panic was the feeling of hollowness in the once swollen and heavy tummy. It felt so light, as if it was weightless. Qiao Nan felt very uneasy and empty at heart.

Whoever held something that weighed more than ten kilograms in the tummy and had it suddenly taken away would feel the tummy was now extremely light, as if it was floating up in the air.

“Nan Nan, you’re awake?” Zhai Hua had already ‘occupied’ the three babies for a few hours. With the appearance of the three elders now, as the junior one, Zhai Hua had to move aside obediently. She left the best seat to the ‘top superiors’.

As such, naturally, Zhai Hua was the first person to discover that Qiao Nan had woken up.

“Nan Nan, you’re awake. How are you? Do you feel unwell anywhere?” Miao Jing was seated beside Qiao Nan. That affectionate and caring look was more intimate than when she looked at her own daughter. “You have to tell Mom if you feel unwell. Don’t endure it. You’re very good. Too brilliant. Now, our family has both grandson and granddaughter. Don’t worry. These three babies are our Zhai family’s precious bumps. We will treat the three of them equally and love and dote on them all.”

Zhai Hua, who had been squeezed away by her biological mother, had imaginary black lines all over her face. “Mom, aren’t you being too exaggerated? Mom, I am very curious. After the birth of the three babies, what is my ranking in your heart now?”

She dared not even squeeze with the rest to be near the three babies. That was why she guarded Nan Nan by her side. Who would have known that her mother also wanted to snatch her place as soon as Nan Nan woke up?

The three babies and Nan Nan—there were a total of four of them, yet her mother refused to let her have any.

She had gone overboard.

“What is your ranking? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. I can’t count clearly.” Miao Jing very carelessly lost count. She said it so casually and was not afraid of hurting her own biological daughter with this attitude.

Her daughter was good in all ways. In particular, she was very big-hearted and would not take issue with such small matters.

Zhai Hua did not know whether to laugh or cry. Her mother did not mince her words. “Nan Nan, do you feel hungry?”

“Children?” Qiao Nan, who had regained her senses, recalled the scene before she fainted. “I remember that there are three children?” After giving birth to two, she was so exhausted that she just wanted to have a good sleep.

Thereafter, she seemed to have heard Sister Zhai Hua saying that there was another one in her womb, and she had to urgently give birth to the third one. Otherwise, the child would die in her womb.

Holding on to her breath, Qiao Nan then sobered up after much difficulty and exerted her last strength. After vaguely hearing the soft cry of a baby, she lost consciousness.

Chapter 1173 Most Wonderful Mother

“Yes, three. Nan Nan, you’re the most wonderful mother.” Zhai Hua affirmed. “See, you’re now a mother of three. You have two sons and one daughter. You have both son and daughter! San Bao will definitely become the little princess of our family. Da Bao and Er Bao will definitely take good care of and not let anyone bully her.”

It was only a few hours after the children were born, and as the auntie, Zhai Hua had already thought of their pet names.

Three tiny treasures. The treasures of their Zhai family!

“Nan Nan, what do you think about the pet names? Are they good?” Zhai Hua was the auntie. By giving the three children pet names, she seemed to have poked her nose into something that was beyond her ‘scope’.

After speaking out the pet names, Zhai Hua felt guilty. As the mother of the three children, Qiao Nan did not even have the chance to come up with the pet names.

Most likely, the three children’s official names would be given by Old Master Zhai, Zhai Yaohui, and Zhai Sheng.

Looking at the three babies that she had held in her womb for nine months, Qiao Nan did not have the heart to mind why twins had become triplets. She had never been a mother in her previous life. She was so blessed to be able to give birth to three children all at once. Even if the babies did not look good at this moment, Qiao Nan’s heart was as soft as a puddle of water. “The pet names given by Sister Zhai Hua are quite good. Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao. Sounds pleasant.”

Three children. Together, they could become her auspicious trio.

“Isn’t that so? The names that I gave sound very nice.” Qiao Nan was not angry. Zhai Hua smiled and was no longer worried. She was then very proud of the names that she had given the three children. “Look at the three treasures of our family. They are so good-looking. You are not aware. Now, many people know that you have given birth to triplets and have both son and daughter. Those people’s eyes are red with jealousy!” Their Zhai family was so fortunate and prosperous!

“Yes, their eyes are all red.” It was a happy occasion for Old Master Zhai to have three great-grandchildren. He was glowing with joy. Besides the neighbors, those old friends of his were so angry that they joined forces and boycotted him when they heard the news.

Nowadays, children were very precious. Moreover, due to their identity, one family could only have one child. They were lacking in either a son or a little cotton jacket. The country forbade them from having more children. No matter what, they were full of regrets.

The tummy of the Zhai family's daughter-in-law was too competent. She gave birth to triplets, and there were both son and daughter.

Although the country had a national planning policy to control the number of times one gave birth, they could not control the number of babies in one birth!

The matter had been resolved all at once. How could others not feel jealous? How could it not draw hatred?

Furthermore, Old Master Zhai had three great-grandchildren at one go. Not all of Old Master Zhai's old friends were great-grandfathers yet. Some did not even have the fourth generation in their family.

They did not even know when the fourth generation would come, yet Old Master Zhai already had three great-grandchildren.

As one could imagine, in his circle of friends, Old Master Zhai immediately became the one who received the most looks of disdain.

If it was in the past, Old Master Zhai would definitely argue and fall out with these people when he received such treatment. The older one was, the more one behaved like a child. As one grew older, their temper also grew worse. They needed people to coax them and were fearless about having arguments.

However, given today's situation, Old Master Zhai did not mind at all. No matter how badly his old friends rolled their eyes at him or how cold and sarcastic they were, he could endure all those.

He was a big winner in life now, wasn't he? He not only had grandsons but also a granddaughter. He had a total of three, three!

Old Master Zhai had beautiful thoughts. At first sight, his two great-grandsons looked very strong physically and were good soldier material. His granddaughter resembled her mother. Her brains were extremely smart and would be a top student in the future.

In that case, in terms of both quantity and quality, the children of their Zhai family far exceeded that of other families.

Tsk, tsk, tsk. When the triplets of their Zhai family went out under the sun, how suave would that be? Those old friends of his would feel so jealous!

“What about the name?” They already had pet names. Hence, Qiao Nan was concerned about the official names. “Do we have to do a birth registration now?” They had to think of the names before they could do so.

“No hurry. Your dad and I will give you the names that we’re most satisfied with tomorrow.” Old Master Zhai looked like he had taken a lot of good wine. His eyes were staring nonstop at the three wrinkled monkeys. Why was it that no matter how he looked, he felt that his family’s offspring were so adorable? All the other children in the entire world were not as good-looking.

“Okay,” Zhai Yaohui replied enthusiastically. He was now a grandfather. Certainly, he had to give his grandchildren excellent names.

Qiao Nan drank some of the soup prepared by the auntie. For the sake of breastfeeding, the soup that the auntie prepared for Qiao Nan was very nutritious but not too oily. It was just that this soup... did not contain any salt.

Although one had not eaten pork, they would have seen a pig running away.

First-time mother Qiao Nan believed that the auntie had her reasons for not putting salt in the soup.

Before she gave birth, perhaps Qiao Nan would have some expectations on the taste of the soup in order to satisfy her craving.

Now, for the sake of her three children, she could gulp the salt-less soup into her tummy no matter how awful it tasted!

“Mom, when did you all come back?” With something in Qiao Nan’s tummy now, she was more clear-minded. “Aren’t Dad and you supposed to come back in another few days? What time is it now?”

“It’s fine. I’m so happy that I’ve finally become a grandmother, so I came back with Old Zhai earlier. Don’t worry. Old Zhai has almost finished his work. There won’t be any problem.” She had

seen the grandchildren that she had been yearning for. All of Miao Jing's fatigue went away, leaving her with boundless energy.

At the thought that her three grandchildren would definitely need to drink a lot of milk, Miao Jing's eyes lit up. "Nan Nan, don't worry about anything when you are in the hospital. Mom will take care of any other matters. I will definitely ensure that you have good confinement and make you fair and chubby." Most importantly, she would ensure that Nan Nan had a lot of breast milk.

If Nan Nan had a lot of breast milk, her three tiny grandchildren would become fair and chubby in the future.

Miao Jing's ultimate goal was to nourish her grandchildren until they were as beautiful as fluffy doughs. "You went through natural birth. The doctor said that you have to stay in the hospital tonight. Mom will bring the children and you home tomorrow."

Both Qiao Nan and the children needed to rest. It was not good to have too many people surrounding them.

Fortunately, the three children had been well-nourished in Qiao Nan's womb. Even the lightest baby weighed two kilograms and did not need to stay in the incubator.

Based on the situation of Qiao Nan and the children, the doctor expressed that they could go home to rest tomorrow.

"Okay." Qiao Nan nodded obediently. If the doctor had not mentioned that it would be better to stay for the night, Qiao Nan would have wanted to go home immediately.

Nowhere else was better than home, not to mention that Qiao Nan had always disliked the smell of the hospital.

Chapter 1174 Became the 'Milk Bottle' Henceforth

Fortunately, Qiao Nan was not a willful person. She had given birth to triplets. Certainly, it was tougher on her than on most typical mothers. It was necessary to stay in the hospital for one night to ensure her safety.

"Nan Nan, have a good rest then." Miao Jing put Qiao Nan to bed and covered the latter with a light blanket.

It was the end of September now. The summer weather was not as hot as before. In particular, the hospital was different from other places. It felt a little cold here although it was summer.

This blanket was necessary as Qiao Nan was in her confinement and could not take the cold. Otherwise, she would contract puerperal fever or women's health issues easily.

Old Master Zhai stood up unwillingly. "Okay. Have a good rest, the four of you. You will be able to go home tomorrow. Hua Hua, stay behind and take good care of Nan Nan and the three babies. Right, is the security of this hospital good? Will they lose the children?"

Old Master Zhai was not speaking for no reason. A few days ago, Old Master Zhai read a news report that some children had been stolen from a hospital.

At that time, Old Master Zhai was already furious although the news report did not have anything to do with his family. Now, Qiao Nan had given birth to triplets. Of course, Old Master Zhai was more concerned than anyone about the children's safety.

"Grandpa, you can rest assured. With me around, I will kill whoever dares to touch a strand of hair of our family's offspring. Moreover, this hospital was introduced by Dongzi. There shouldn't be any problem. If any accident occurs, I will get Dongzi to compensate us!" Zhai Hua was a youngster. Naturally, she would be the one remaining behind to stay overnight.

Old Master Zhai could not afford to do so. Miao Jing and Zhai Yaohui had just finished their work commitment and rushed back via a red-eye flight. Their bodies would not be able to take the toll.

"Grandpa, Dad, and Mom, go home and rest. With Sister Zhai Hua around, nothing will happen. I have done all my medical checkups in this hospital when I was pregnant. There won't be any problem." She would not bother too much about the process of giving birth. Much of the credit went to the hospital that the mother and all the babies were safe after the delivery. Qiao Nan had a lot of trust in the hospital introduced by Tian Dong.

Miao Miao was also as reluctant to leave as Old Master Zhai. She revealed this emotion as she carefully touched the tiny fists of her granddaughter. The soft and tender feel of the tiny hand that was on the baby's face crumbled Miao Jing's heart. "Nan Nan, don't be scared. Tomorrow, Mom will fetch you and the babies home."

“Okay, sure.” Qiao Nan nodded seriously.

“Let’s go.” Miao Jing had said a few times that she would be coming to fetch Qiao Nan and the three babies tomorrow but her legs had not moved an inch. At the sight of this, Zhai Yaohui felt that this would not do. Anyway, they would be able to fetch the babies home tomorrow. As such, Zhai Yaohui simply half carried, half dragged, and ‘kidnapped’ Miao Jing away.

Old Master Zhai was in a happy mood because of these three great-grandchildren. As to the ‘flirting’ between his son and daughter-in-law, he did not take it to heart.

When Old Master Zhai got into the car, he even sang the Beijing opera happily. “This is the quintessence of our Chinese culture. When my great-grandchildren grow up, you have to pass it down to them!”

Zhai Yaohui glanced at the overjoyed Old Master Zhai. He could not bring himself to remind him that children nowadays did not fancy this anymore.

In the future, his grandchildren would learn whatever they liked.

Given the love and benevolence that the old master had toward his three little grandchildren, he did not believe that the old master would be so hard-hearted to go against their wishes.

Fortunately, this day would only arrive many years later.

He would let the old master feel happy and become satisfied with his delusion for now.

When the three babies grew up, they would naturally find ways to fight a battle of wits and courage with their great-grandfather. In the end, they would be the victors.

As soon as the elders of the Zhai family left, Qiao Nan barely spoke to Zhai Hua before she fell asleep again.

Perhaps it was because her three children were all by her side. Qiao Nan fell into a very deep slumber. Vaguely, she took in the faint smells coming from her babies.

The babies were very soft and tiny. They leaned by her side and moved occasionally like little worms. Qiao Nan, who was in a deep sleep, could not help revealing a smile that was as gentle as water and as warm as spring.

When it was eight o'clock the next morning, Miao Jing was already at the hospital. She could not wait to fetch Qiao Nan and the three babies home.

Qiao Nan delivered three babies successfully. When Miao Jing came, she brought many sweets and red eggs and distributed them to the nurses who took care of Qiao Nan and the babies, and the doctor who helped Qiao Nan gave birth on that day.

When she finished distributing the huge bag of items, she washed her hands clean. She, Qiao Nan, and Zhai Hua then carried one baby each, boarded the car, and headed home.

Before giving birth, Qiao Nan was staying on the ground floor.

Now that she had finished giving birth, of course, Qiao Nan's bedroom reverted to the second floor, which was the one that she stayed with Zhai Sheng.

Once she entered the room, Qiao Nan felt that the room seemed a little unfamiliar. She had not come upstairs to look at it for about two months.

Due to this, Qiao Nan did not know when the Zhai family had set up the baby cribs in her and Zhai Sheng's room. She could tell that two of the baby cribs were very clean and tidy, with the items neatly placed. One of the cribs was a little messy.

Undoubtedly, the Zhai family had prepared the two baby cribs that were neat and tidy long ago.

Twins had become triplets. As expected, the messiest baby crib must have been added by the Zhai family in a hurry today.

"Nan Nan, do we put the three babies directly in the baby cribs or the adult's bed to sleep with you?" Miao Jing asked while carrying the baby girl in her arms.

The three babies were still too tiny now and they would feel hungry frequently. They would cry whenever they peed, pooped, or felt hungry.

If they were placed on the baby cribs, most likely, Qiao Nan would not be able to carry them over to her side.

“Why don’t you put them on my bed first?” Qiao Nan said with some hesitation. She had not taken care of a child before. She was totally inexperienced in this area. However, Qiao Nan’s instinct told her that it was better to put the children near to her so that it would be easier to take care of them.

“Okay.” After receiving the answer, Miao Jing put the only girl of the family, which was soft and tender, on the bed carefully.

The three babies moved their little heads, pursed their red, tiny mouths, and slanted their heads. They were sleeping soundly.

Before the three babies were discharged, Qiao Nan had already fed them. Hence, they were all very obedient now.

Speaking of breastfeeding, it was a pain for Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan had never expected breast engorgement and stimulating breast milk to be so painful. The pain was different from the one during childbirth, yet it was also overwhelming.

There were two aunties in the hospital who were professional massagers and experts in stimulating breast milk. The Zhai family was, of course, not petty to Qiao Nan. They had reserved every good service that the hospital offered.

The professionals truly lived up to their name. They were not paid for nothing.

After Qiao Nan was ready to breastfeed, her first drop of colostrum was fed to the only lady, and the other to the second baby, Er Bao. Da Bao was the elder brother and he looked very ‘strong’. Hence, he could only suffer a little and not fight with his younger siblings for the colostrum.

Chapter 1175 A Mother’s Concerns

“Madam, the crucian carp soup is ready. I have added a lot of ingredients. It is very tasty.” The auntie carried the bowl of soup as she walked smilingly into the room.

The crucian carp soup was most effective in increasing breast milk.

There was an addition of three members to their family. The auntie had taken a close look at the three of them. From her experience, the two boys would grow up to be as handsome as Zhai Sheng, while the only girl would be as pretty as Nan Nan.

The auntie was all smiles at the thought of how outstanding the three babies would grow up to be.

“Nan Nan, have the soup while it is hot.” Miao Jing’s eyes lit up and she took the bowl of soup from the auntie. She blew on it to cool it down and wanted to feed Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan stiffened. “Mom, there is no need to feed me. I can drink it by myself.” She merely gave birth to three babies. Her hands were still working, and she could feed herself.

“Will it be too tiring on you?” Miao Jing was concerned.

“...”

“...”

The two young people, Qiao Nan and Zhai Hua, were at a loss for words. How tiring would it be to have a bowl of soup? It would not drain one of its energy.

Zhai Hua placed her nephew next to her niece. “Mom, take things easy. Nan Nan is in good health. Apart from draining her energy when she gave birth to three babies, she is in good condition. Your behavior will frighten others. If Zhai Sheng comes back and sees this, he will think that something has happened to Nan Nan.” Her behavior would scare her family.

“Mom, Sister Zhai Hua is right. I am doing well. There is no need to feed me.” Apart from recovering after having three babies and she could not be exposed to wind, she was doing well and feeling good. Her condition was similar to how she was before she had the babies.

The only discomfort would be that after not having her menses for nine months, her body would discharge lochia after childbirth. It felt similar to having her menses.

However, her menses would end in less than a week.

But she had no idea when her body would stop discharging lochia.

Although the weather in September was not very warm, it was not cooling either. She could not take showers for an entire month despite discharging lochia. It felt as if she had menses but she could not take showers. The bloody smell made her particularly uncomfortable.

“Nan Nan, one has to refrain from taking showers during confinement. You must bear with it.” Miao Jing could tell right away what Qiao Nan was thinking about. After all, she had given birth to two children. “The doctor said...”

“Mom, no! I can’t stand it if I have to go through two months of confinement!” Qiao Nan’s countenance changed. “Didn’t you apply for two months of leave for me? I will be done with the confinement at the end of October and I will be able to go back to school.” Qiao Nan was in a hurry to catch up with her studies and her classes that she had missed in the first half of the semester.

“You are indeed a studious student.” Zhai Hua looked at Qiao Nan with a baffled look on her face. She was definitely not as hardworking as Qiao Nan. “Dongzi has taken down the lecture notes as well as the professor’s teaching materials for September. He will continue to do so in October. If you are able to get back on tracks straight after childbirth, do you intend to catch up with the lessons that you have missed and sit for the final term exams as per normal? I feel that you can take a leave of absence for a year. By September next year, you can continue with your second-year syllabus. It will not affect your studies. You should not overwork yourself.”

She did not understand Qiao Nan at all. She could have taken the easy way out. Why did she insist on making things difficult for herself?

And the most important thing was that the three babies were still very small.

They were only one month old. If Qiao Nan went back to school, there would be no one to take care of them.

Could it be that to Qiao Nan, her studies were more important than her three babies?

If Qiao Nan took a leave of absence from the school for one year, she would have an easier time and she could make use of the one year to take care of her children. Wasn’t this the best of both worlds?

Qiao Nan shook her head, refusing her suggestion. “The babies are still small. They know nothing but to eat, sleep, and cry. These are what they will be doing right now. The babies will only start to recognize faces when they are seven or eight months old. I would rather have a harder time now and work hard in my studies while they still could not recognize faces. When they are about two or three years old and need their mother, I will be able to be there for them.”

As a military wife, it was expected that her husband would seldom be by her side.

Similarly, as the children of the soldiers, their father would not play an active role in their lives either.

Their father would be missing in a large part of their lives. They would be further devastated if their mother had to spend her days in school and could not be with them.

She finally had her own children. She treasured her children more than anyone else.

It was true that she had to make time for her children. But Qiao Nan had given it a serious thought. She knew which part of their growing up years was most crucial and it was then that they needed her around to guide and teach them.

Zhai Hua had no way to rebut Qiao Nan.

Zhai Hua laughed at herself after a long while. “You are indeed a mother. As their auntie, I have not given it a serious thought. I don’t know whether I will be able to understand all these when I become a mother.”

Nan Nan was right. For babies who were less than six months old, apart from sleeping and eating, they would do nothing else. They would be fine as long as they were well-fed and cleaned. The babies would not ask for their mother.

“Sister Zhai Hua?” Qiao Nan felt worried as Zhai Hua agreed with her without any argument. “Are you angry?” Nevertheless, she would stand by her decision.

She cherished her children and she did not feel that her studies would be more important than her children’s health.

“Of course not.” Zhai Hua smiled. “I am not that petty. As long as you make sense, why would I be angry? You are their mother. You are right to make that decision. Nan Nan, it seems that you intend to graduate in less than four years?” This would be very difficult for her!

“Yes.” Qiao Nan admitted honestly. “I have this plan in mind. When I began my college studies, I did not expect that I would become a mother within such a short time and that I would be a mother of three. I was willing to take my studies one step at a time and enjoy my four years of school life. I was thinking of taking things slowly and trying to the best of my ability. Now that I have three babies, nothing is more important than the triplets. I will not give up my studies, but I am willing to make some sacrifices for them.”

Qiao Nan was not muddleheaded. She would not give up her dreams in the two lifetimes for the babies.

She used to think that she would study hard and attain the best results that she could.

However, there was no need for her to do that now.

As long as her results were good enough for her to graduate from college, she would just do whatever that was within her means.

Gao Yan was a good example. Since he could graduate in less than four years, Qiao Nan felt that it would not be too difficult for her.

Qiao Nan had given it a serious thought.

Chapter 1176 Awful Taste

She was willing to have it the tough way for the sake of her children. As a mother, it was indeed very hard on her.

As an outsider, Zhai Hua had no right to lecture Qiao Nan for not doing enough for the babies.

“Nan Nan, the soup is getting cold. It will turn fishy when it is cold.” The three of them were engrossed in their conversation and the auntie felt that it was unsuitable for her to interrupt. Now that they had reached a conclusion, the auntie then reminded them of the soup.

“She is right. You should have the soup.” Miao Jing agreed.

Hua Hua had truly grown up.

When Hua Hua was discussing with Nan Nan whether to take leave from school or not, she felt that Hua Hua had a similar expression as Zhai Sheng’s. She dared not interrupt them at all.

Luckily, Nan Nan knew what she was doing and she made Hua Hua listen to her.

Qiao Nan took the bowl of crucian carp soup from the auntie. Although it had not turned cold, Qiao Nan could smell the fishy smell.

She had one mouthful of soup and felt disgusted by the awful taste!

She knew that the soup was to increase her breast milk.

As a mother who had to provide milk for her babies, Qiao Nan had no other choice but to take a deep breath and downed the soup all at once!

Zhai Hua’s face twisted in disgust. “Is the taste that awful?” Even when she was taking medicine, Qiao Nan had never behaved as such.

Qiao Nan hurried to drink some water to rinse off the awful taste in her mouth. “Sister Zhai Hua, there must be more of the soup downstairs. Perhaps you want to have a bowl of soup?” It was good that someone wanted to share her soup.

Zhai Hua gave a disdainful smile. “I am not a fool. The three babies are waiting for you to feed them. Even if they are sumptuous food, I will not fight with you. I would rather give everything to you. Furthermore, the soup is to increase breast milk. Nan Nan, let me remind you. You must not shortchange my nephews and niece. If not, I will bring them away!”

“She is right. Hua Hua has become more sensible after becoming an auntie.” Miao Jing was amused. After spending more time with her daughter-in-law, her daughter was better with her words.

A lady should behave in such a manner.

“Wawawa...!”

Perhaps the babies were envious that the adults were having an animated conversation and they felt left out. Da Bao began crying out loud.

His voice was loud and clear. No one would believe that he was less than two thousand five hundred grams when he was born. He sounded like a plump baby who weighed three thousand five hundred grams to four thousand grams.

“What’s wrong with Da Bao?” Zhai Hua panicked, not knowing what to do. She stood by the side as Miao Jing touched Da Bao’s bottom deftly to check. “Don’t worry. It is just that he has pooped.”

They were indeed triplets. When one started crying, the other two babies would make noises as well.

Miao Jing had yet to change the diaper for Da Bao and wash him when Er Bao and San Bao began crying.

Luckily, there were many adults at home. Miao Jing was in charge of Da Bao, the auntie was in charge of Er Bao, and Qiao Nan, though clumsy and new to the task, attended to San Bao patiently.

As for Zhai Hua, who knew nothing about taking care of babies and was worried that she would hurt the babies with her clumsy, strong hands, she ran around, passing them whatever they needed.

She would pass them diapers, clothes, warm water, as well as baby powder.

The four adults busied themselves as they took care of the three babies who were only two days old. They broke out in a sweat after they changed and cleaned them.

Four of them looked at each other and smiled at their first success. “We have three babies at one go. We will be very busy in the future.”

Qiao Nan was a first-time mother. She was still learning to be a mother and to take care of the babies. Although she had her mother-in-law and auntie to help her, she would still overwork herself and slump on the bed due to exhaustion.

Qiao Nan used to think that she would be bored during the one month of confinement.

She knew that even if she had time, her mother-in-law and her family would not allow her to do any reading for fear that it would not be good for her eyes.

She had given birth to triplets and the doctor suggested that she went through two months of confinement, saying that it would be better for her health.

She had herself to blame as she was drained of all energy after giving birth to two of the babies, and the third child almost died in her womb.

Qiao Nan was not a willful lady, but at times, she would be willful as well.

She felt that she could hardly stand one month of confinement, let alone two months of confinement.

If she went through two months of confinement, she might be healthy, but she would be mentally unsound.

Therefore, Qiao Nan had made up her mind not to go through two months of confinement. The doctor only suggested that she went through two months of confinement to be on the safe side, but she did not insist on it. Furthermore, she did not say that it would be detrimental to her health to go through one month of confinement.

However, when she finally started to take care of her three babies, she realized that she was far from being bored.

She fed the triplets and they grew to be more and more adorable each day. Their reddish and wrinkled skin became fair and tender. They looked chubby and they had changed so much in less than a month.

The adults at the Zhai family marveled in joy just from looking at the babies. The fair and tender babies looked adorable as they opened their tiny mouths and uttered small sounds.

Old Master Zhai and Zhai Yaohui were not immune to their charms either. They enjoyed carrying them in their arms, but they would be sleeping most of the time and they would cry when awake. They even gifted their grandpa and great-grandpa with their poops and urine from time to time.

There might be a lot of adults in the Zhai family, but Qiao Nan spent the most time taking care of them.

During the daytime, she had her mother-in-law and auntie to help her out.

When nighttime came, it was when the trouble started.

Miao Jing was already advanced in years and she would feel unwell once in a while. The three babies would often wake up in the middle of the night, feeling hungry or soiling their diapers.

Mothers would usually lose their weight from taking care of their children.

Qiao Nan had to take care of three babies, and thus, it was thrice the torture. Whenever they woke up in the middle of the night, Qiao Nan had to take care of three of them and suffer thrice the hardships of usual mothers...

Qiao Nan's weight had increased by more than fifteen kilograms after she was pregnant. After she gave birth to three babies, her weight had reduced by around five kilograms, including the weight of the water bag and placenta. When she was discharged from the hospital and went back home to rest, she was still five kilograms heavier than her usual weight.

However, Qiao Nan's weight dropped dramatically as she had to take care of her three babies. She had not completed her confinement, but she was already back to her normal weight.

Moreover, the three babies would need to have more milk as they developed. This meant that it would be harder on Qiao Nan.

Her weight had returned to normal in less than a few months and she might even weigh lighter than her usual weight.

“This won’t do.” The Zhai family could tell that Qiao Nan was losing weight and they were anxious.

Chapter 1177 Hard Work

Since they had three babies, the hard work was tripled as well. No matter how anxious the Zhai family was, they could change nothing.

The Zhai family and Qiao Nan felt that it was better to breastfeed the babies so that they could grow up strong and healthy.

The three babies might have breast milk, but Qiao Nan, the mother, would have to suffer.

In order to feed the babies and ensure that Qiao Nan was in good health, Miao Jing and the auntie tried means and ways to make sure that she had good food and nutrition.

Perhaps Miao Jing and the auntie had taken good care of Qiao Nan. After the latter completed her confinement, her weight was two thousand five hundred grams lighter than her usual weight and she did not lose any more weight.

Qiao Nan was able to provide enough milk for the three babies who had just turned one month old.

When the Zhai family celebrated the one-month-old birthday for the three babies, all the guests who were invited were amazed when they saw the fresh-looking, slender young lady who stood next to Miao Jing, carrying a smile on her face.

As for the elders in the Zhai family, each of them held a chubby baby in their arms.

Qiao Nan was well-nourished and she had sufficient milk, and the three babies were provided with enough nutrients while they were in her womb. After one month of confinement, the babies looked chubby and fair. Their hands clenched into round fists and they smelled especially nice. They were adored by everyone.

Triplets!

It was rare to see twins and even triplets!

Back then, many of the guests heard that the Zhai family's daughter-in-law did not have an illustrious background, and they mocked the Zhai family for being arrogant.

Influential and powerful families had to build ties through marriage in order to become stronger.

The Zhai family was too proud of oneself and they would suffer defeat one day.

If there was a day when Zhai Yaohui was being targeted by others, the Zhai family would have no one to seek help from. If that happened, everyone would laugh their heads off.

Many of them laughed at the Zhai family for making such an irrational and foolish decision. But they lost their smiles when they saw the three adorable babies. They could no longer look down on Qiao Nan or mock the Zhai family for being ignorant and arrogant.

It was a blessing to have many children.

As the elders, be it in the past or now, they hoped to have more children at home.

But the national policy forbade them from having more than one child.

The Zhai family's daughter-in-law did not come from a rich family, but she was smart and she was the top student in the college entrance examination. Now, she was a student at Peking University and she was awarded the first-prize scholarship.

Judging from her performance, everyone knew that Qiao Nan might have not come from an illustrious family, but she had her positive traits as well.

Furthermore, she had given birth to two boys and one daughter.

Everyone hoped to have a daughter-in-law like her.

Sigh...

The Zhai family had an addition of three members to their family. They looked pretty and handsome. The Zhai family had a good family upbringing and the mother was a student at Peking University. It was likely that the three children would be taught well and they would do well in the future. If that was the case, their own children would not be able to match up to them.

Many of the guests who were present could not help but have this thought in mind.

It was likely that the children would be successful in the future. Moreover, they were triplets. They would be able to help and support each other in the future.

If the three children were successful in the future, it would bode well for the Zhai family as well!

Many of the guests began to feel gloomy at the thought of that.

It was difficult to find such a good and outstanding lady who would bring triplets to the family. It was a pity that she was not their daughter-in-law.

Everyone hoped to have more children at home!

Many of the guests were envious at the sight of the triplets. Judging from the numbers alone, the Zhai family was the winner.

If the triplets were as outstanding as Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua, the Zhai family would be prosperous in the future and it would be due to the daughter-in-law that they had.

It made a lot of difference to have the right daughter-in-law!

It could be said that the triplets, their mother, as well as the Zhai family were in the limelight that day.

The Zhai family only had a small gathering to celebrate the one-month-old birthday of the triplets. They did not intend to throw a grand celebration. However, they did not expect that so many guests would turn up, including the Feng family who arrived with gifts.

They kept trying to find ways to talk to Qiao Nan, intending to get close to her.

But there were too many guests on that day. When Qiao Nan first came to the capital for her college studies, the Feng family might feel that their family was more well-to-do than Qiao Nan's family and that they were far more superior than Qiao Nan.

However, it was a different case now. People who associated with Qiao Nan were more powerful and influential than the Feng family. The Feng family paled in comparison.

Qiao Nan had a good temper and did not bear grudges. She did not give the Feng family the harsh treatment. She merely treated them as to how she would in the past, with aloofness as if she did not know them at all.

Once the one-month-old birthday celebration for the triplets was over, Qiao Nan would have to return to school.

If she had lessons, Qiao Nan would be at school for the entire day.

But that did not mean that the triplets could go hungry. Instead, they had to be fed twice in the morning.

Thankfully, Qiao Nan had asked Zhu Chengqi to purchase breast pumps from overseas on her behalf.

The times were not as advanced now. One would not be able to find good breast pumps on the market. Even if one managed to purchase it, it would not be as effective as it would be decades later.

To be honest, Qiao Nan did not have a high expectation that Zhu Chengqi would be able to find the type of breast pumps that she wanted. What she had in mind would only be available decades later.

Luckily, he managed to find similar alternatives and Qiao Nan was able to extract excess milk and store them in the refrigerator.

Even though they could not store the milk for long, it was good enough for the Zhai family.

Qiao Nan only needed to ensure that while she was in school, there was enough milk at home to feed the triplets.

In the case of other families who only had one child, extracting excess milk would mean that they could leave it for future use. But in the Zhai family, it was lucky that they had enough for the triplets.

The milk that Qiao Nan prepared was only sufficient to last the triplets for a day.

“Nan Nan, is there a need to push yourself to the extreme?” Zhai Hua looked at Qiao Nan, feeling conflicted. She was slightly upset that the triplets were so young but Qiao Nan insisted on going to school, and the triplets had to suffer because of her absence.

But Zhai Hua also knew that the person who suffered the most was not the triplets, but Qiao Nan. “Do you intend to drain yourself of all the milk?” She suspected that Qiao Nan had taken special food to produce lots of milk.

When she was at home, Qiao Nan would hold the triplets in her arms as she fed them. They would drink the milk to their hearts’ contents.

After the triplets were full, Zhai Hua would hold one of them in her arms. She could feel that his stomach was round and it was obvious that he was full and satisfied.

Chapter 1178 Mock Her Rebirth to a

However, Zhai Hua had no idea of the exact amount of milk that the triplets would need in a day.

She felt that the triplets were only more than one month old. They were tiny, so they must not have a big appetite. It was just that they had triplets. It would be harder on Qiao Nan.

But when Zhai Hua saw for herself the amount of milk that Qiao Nan extracted and stored in the refrigerator, she could not help but exclaim at the amount of milk that the triplets had in a day. Their refrigerator had become the storage place for Qiao Nan’s milk and it was packed with her milk.

Zhai Hua stared intently at Qiao Nan’s chest.

It was true that Qiao Nan's cup size had doubled after the childbirth.

But she found it unbelievable that Qiao Nan would have so much milk.

Qiao Nan threw a disdainful look at Zhai Hua, feeling tired. "Sister Zhai Hua, thankfully, you are a woman. Otherwise, I would get someone to throw you out of the room." It was not an easy chore to be a mother who breastfed her babies, especially when she had to feed three babies at one go.

She did not do anything other than to extract the milk and store them so that she could feed her babies. But she was already exhausted from the chore. It was as if all her energy was drained. It was too tiring. "Sister Zhai Hua, I will most likely be knocked out tonight. Unless it is to feed the triplets, don't wake me up. I have to have a good night's rest in order to pay attention in class tomorrow."

After completing her confinement, Qiao Nan had a few days to revise the lessons taught in September and October.

The triplets were still very young. One would go crazy when they started crying. But luckily, they would spend a lot of time sleeping. They would sleep for about twenty hours a day.

In this way, Qiao Nan could make use of the time while they were sleeping to study.

"Alright, don't worry. Apart from not being able to feed them, I am adept at taking care of them." Zhai Hua was the only person in the Zhai family who was in a position to take care of Qiao Nan.

Zhai Hua, who had just become an auntie, had learned the way to take care of the babies in the past month. She was considered to be a qualified babysitter.

"Sure." Qiao Nan breathed a sigh of relief after ensuring that everything was taken care of. The babies might be adorable, but they would be a handful, especially when there were three of them.

Qiao Nan had been thinking about the opportune time to wean the triplets off breast milk.

True enough, Qiao Nan slept soundly that night.

If the triplets cried in the middle of the night, Zhai Hua would be there to take care of them. If they were hungry, Zhai Hua would place them in Qiao Nan's arms.

Qiao Nan, who was in her sleep, had been so used to feeding them that she was able to cuddle the child subconsciously and feed them.

After the baby was full, Zhai Hua would bring another baby and place the baby in Qiao Nan's arms. Zhai Hua would then carry the baby who was fed and pat him on the back. She waited until the baby burped before she put him to sleep.

Qiao Nan packed her books the next morning. She carried her schoolbag on her back, getting ready to go back to school.

Qiao Nan could not bear to part with her babies. They were sleeping soundly and were clueless that their mother was leaving them. She kissed them on their chubby cheeks before she parted with them reluctantly. "Sister Zhai Hua, I will leave them with you, Mom, and auntie. I have lessons the entire day. Before you feed them, remember to heat the milk. You must make sure to wash the milk bottle and disinfect them after using them."

"I know, I know. You have repeated them over and over again. I don't have a fish's memory. I remember your words!" Zhai Hua flung her hands impatiently, telling Qiao Nan to make a move. "The driver is waiting for you. If you don't go now, you will be late. The professors might punish you and make you stand up for being late. You are already a mother. If you are being told off for being late, the triplets will mock you when they grow up."

In the past, Zhai Hua might have been upset with Qiao Nan for placing her studies above everything else. But she had nothing to say when she noticed that Qiao Nan turned teary as she got into the car.

She was not going to faraway places. She was merely going to school. Even if it was for the entire day, she would be able to see the babies after ten hours. The triplets might mock her for being teary-eyed.

Miao Jing smiled as she patted Zhai Hua on the shoulder. "Do you understand now? Once a woman becomes a mother, she longs to be with her children every single moment of the day. It is like cutting a part of her flesh to be apart from their children. Nan Nan misses the triplets more than anyone of us. She longs to be with them all the time."

But her situation did not allow her to do that.

Qiao Nan wanted to be a successful mother. It was not good enough to spend time with them.

Zhai Sheng was seldom at home. The triplets needed their mother to guide and teach them. If Qiao Nan could not teach by words and example, she would not be able to be a role model for her children.

In order to be a role model for the triplets, Qiao Nan refused to give up halfway or come to a standstill.

If she took time off college now, Qiao Nan would not be able to teach by example that one had to be persistent despite difficulties.

Now, Qiao Nan could not bear to part with them. When they were older and could address her as their mother and wanted her to carry and hug them, it would be even more difficult for her to leave them.

Therefore, she could not take time off her studies.

Once she did, she might be away from school for more than one year. It might be two years, three years, or even longer than that. Qiao Nan might even be expelled from Peking University due to being away from school for too many years.

“I understand.” Zhai Hua lied. “I didn’t lecture her for going to school. Besides, didn’t you agree as well that Nan Nan should take one year off from school and stay at home to take care of the triplets?” How could she push all the blame on her and made it sound as if she was the only person who supported the idea?

Miao Jing lifted her chin and smiled. “If you had not made the suggestion, I would not have thought of it. Alright, there is no need to push the responsibility to anyone. You are already an auntie, yet you are so willful. In the future, the triplets will mock you instead of Nan Nan.”

Miao Jing walked back to the house after making a dig at her daughter. There was tenderness and love in her eyes as she gazed at the triplets who were fast asleep.

Their lips moved and they clenched their fists, placing them beside their cheeks. They were so adorable!

They were truly her grandsons and granddaughter.

Zhai Hua, who followed right after Miao Jing, was silent. She was unlike her usual self. Miao Jing said that Qiao Nan could not bear to part with her children. Zhai Hua could not help but wonder. When her mother went with her father on his business trips, leaving behind Zhai Sheng and her, did she feel the same as Qiao Nan?

“Qiao Nan, you are finally back to school!” Upon reaching school, instead of the professor or principal, Xu Shengnan was the first person who came looking for Qiao Nan.

Chapter 1179 Embarrassed

“Senior, aren’t you in your fourth year? You should be doing your internship. Why are you here in school?” Qiao Nan was surprised to see Xu Shengnan.

Xu Shengnan looked totally different from how she used to be in the past. Perhaps it was due to her internship. Now, she wore blouses and carried a blazer with her. “I am doing my internship, but I have some matters to attend to in school. By the way, I heard that you took leave. When did you come back to school? Why did you take leave? Are you into some trouble?”

Xu Shengnan did her internship at Gao Yan’s company.

After half a year of hard work, Gao Yan’s company was more widely known in the industry.

But it was, after all, a new company. At times, Gao Yan did not make any profits in his business deals. Nevertheless, they just had to work hard to make the company a success.

Once the company was on its tracks, things would be easier for them.

“Well, it was nothing serious. I was unwell and went to the hospital. I just came back to school.” Qiao Nan tried to come up with a logical explanation.

Xu Shengnan widened her eyes in shock. "Sick? Why didn't you say so? I could have visited you. What are you suffering from? Is it serious? Have you recovered? You must not be too hard on yourself. The studies might be important, but so is your health. It is no wonder that when I saw you from the back, you seemed to have lost weight. I thought that I had seen it wrongly."

Xu Shengnan was telling the truth. She could tell from one glance that Qiao Nan had lost weight.

In the past, she knew that Qiao Nan had a good figure and a slim waist.

She had not seen her for three to four months. She noticed that Qiao Nan was slimmer than before.

But when Xu Shengnan looked at her from the front, she noticed another change in Qiao Nan. "You seemed to have lost weight when I looked at you from the back, but why is it that you seem to have grown in that place? Did you take some tonics? Or have you done a breast implant?"

They were standing by the roadside in the school, and a few students would walk past them occasionally. Xu Shengnan was not being discrete. Instead, she reached out her hands to touch Qiao Nan's chest. Qiao Nan, who was breastfeeding, blushed in embarrassment. "Vice President Xu, what are you up to!"

Qiao Nan slapped Xu Shengnan's hands away from her chest angrily.

She was breastfeeding her babies. Apart from feeding them, the most embarrassing part was that she would experience engorgement every day.

She had taken the tonics that the auntie prepared for her in the morning. Qiao Nan felt particularly awkward right now.

She felt uncomfortable and wanted to hide in a corner despite nobody touching her. Now that Xu Shengnan touched her chest, she felt all the more embarrassed and painful.

"Vice President Xu, you are doing your internship and you must have important matters to attend to. I won't hold you up. I have classes as well. Let's chat next time."

Qiao Nan was in a peculiar situation now. If possible, she wanted to keep a distance from other people.

Perhaps she had been feeding the triplets, but their smells seemed to have lingered on her. She might smell of milk as well.

Qiao Nan had the feeling that like the triplets, there was the smell of milk on her.

If people around her asked her about this, she had no idea how she should answer them.

It was now that Qiao Nan was glad that she did not make any friends when she was in her first year.

Otherwise, her friends might come looking for her during her two months of absence as well as during the National Day holiday. She would not be able to explain the existence of the triplets.

Nobody would come looking for her now that she was back at school and they would not notice that she smelled of milk.

Xu Shengnan pinched her nose, seeing how Qiao Nan sprinted off like a rabbit. “Why is there the smell of milk? Babies who are drinking milk will smell of milk. Is it just my hallucination?” But it smelled nice.

Qiao Nan chose to sit in a far corner of the classroom. She sat down quietly by herself, not interacting with other students. The professor was not in the classroom. She made use of the time to revise the lessons that she had missed in the past two months.

Previously, she felt heartbroken when she got into the car, leaving the triplets to go to school.

Now, she was finally able to put aside her longing for her babies and focus her full attention on the lessons and the knowledge points that her professor was teaching. She had a mind like a sponge and worked hard to take in all the information taught in class.

She sat in her seat, busy taking down notes for the entire morning.

The bell rang when it was time for lunch. Everyone walked toward the canteen when the professor stopped Qiao Nan. “Qiao Nan, remember to make a trip to the principal’s office after lunch before one o’clock.”

“Is anything the matter?” Qiao Nan blinked, confusion in her eyes. Her mother-in-law had given the principal a call before she came back to school to cancel her leave and stated that she would be back to school on time.

Qiao Nan wanted to keep it a secret that she was married and with children.

She had no wish to let others know about the man that she married or the fact that her mother-in-law knew the principal.

Therefore, she would never talk to the principal personally or go to the principal’s office. She would leave the task of communicating with the principal to her mother-in-law.

“There is no need to be so uptight. It is nothing serious. Didn’t you apply for two months of leave this semester? You have done very well in the last semester and were awarded a scholarship. Since you were not at school, the scholarship, as well as the certificate, was with the principal. You have to make a trip personally to collect them.” The professor smiled as he explained.

For students like Qiao Nan, who were well-behaved and smart, all the teachers from her elementary school, junior high, high school, and college would be particularly proud of her.

It came as a surprise to the professors that Qiao Nan would take half a semester off in her second year.

She made the request to the principal and the principal had approved her leave. Since the principal did not tell the professors of her reason for taking leave, the professors did not ask either.

“Alright. Thank you, professor. I understand.” She was glad that it was not something bad and her leave of absence from school did not affect the scholarship that was awarded to her in the last semester.

After clarifying with the professor, Qiao Nan went to the canteen to have her lunch. After lunch, she took out the thermos flask that was filled with soup and finished it.

An entire morning had passed since she went to the restroom to extract her milk. Now that she had so much food, she had to extract some milk.

Qiao Nan spent ages in the restroom. The people outside thought that she had constipation or that she had fallen into the toilet bowl. After finishing her business, Qiao Nan came out with a red face, feeling embarrassed.

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It was not because of other reasons. It was because Qiao Nan's breasts were engorged. In addition, her bra paddings were all wet and Qiao Nan had to change to a new pair.

While washing her hands, Qiao Nan also washed her face so that it would not look so red.

Judging from this, it was not so easy to devote wholeheartedly to her studies even when the three babies were not by her side, unless she could wean the babies off breast milk and take an injection to suppress lactation.

Otherwise, it was enough suffering for one if this situation was to occur every day.

After confirming that she did not have any other problems, Qiao Nan then had the courage to see the principal at his office.

The principal took a few more glances at Qiao Nan. He had already heard the news of the Zhai family having three new additions to the family. Precisely due to this, he was very curious how capable this young student of his was to be able to become a mother of three at such a young age.

If he had not received the news, he could not tell from Qiao Nan's exterior appearance that this second-year student was not only married but also a mother. "Congratulations." Qiao Nan had just given birth and also received the scholarship.

"Thank you, principal. I will definitely continue to work hard." Qiao Nan only inferred one meaning from the principal's congrats. She gave a shocking reply in an honest and silly manner.

The principal was first stunned, followed by laughter. "Certainly, you should continue to work hard in your studies. As for having children, no matter what, all of us have to enthusiastically support the country's national planning policy. Don't you think so?"

She had triplets in one birth. If Qiao Nan continued to work hard and gave birth again, wouldn't she have at least four children then?

If Qiao Nan were to give birth a few more times, the Zhai family would be filled with people and also 'trouble'.

Qiao Nan blushed. She then realized that the principal was not only congratulating her for receiving the scholarship but also for becoming a mother.

"Alright, you should go back. Work hard to catch up on the two months' of classes that you have missed." The principal did not intend to make things difficult for Qiao Nan. Although Qiao Nan had become a mother of three, the principal still felt that Qiao Nan was a child that required the care and attention of those who were older. "Qiao Nan, you have also received the school-based first-prize scholarship twice. Do you and your family have any plans for your future? Do you wish to study abroad?"

Regarding this, the principal had more confidence in Qiao Nan.

Not to mention that Qiao Nan's in-law family was the Zhai family, Qiao Nan was outstanding enough to qualify for this opportunity based on her personal qualities alone.

"I've not thought about it." Qiao Nan shook her head. She was only a second-year college student. Wouldn't it be too soon to bring up the subject of studying abroad? "However, I feel that this possibility is not very high."

"You... Your family doesn't agree to it?"

"Not really. After all, my family's situation is a little unique. Although I have not been given any restrictions, it is more inconvenient for me to do that when compared to other students. Furthermore, I can't bear to leave my children, and vice versa."

Children were the real reason why Qiao Nan could not leave.

When it was time for her to study abroad, the three babies would be starting to talk and learning to walk.

She was not willing to leave their side then.

“Principal, actually, my master seems to have some plans for my future.” Qiao Nan told the principal about this situation as she was aware that the principal was concerned about her. “Sometimes, what I think doesn’t count.”

Her master was old and his temper was strong and stubborn.

If her master already had plans for her, he would definitely kick up a fuss if she had other thoughts in mind.

On the day the three babies were born, it had slipped Qiao Nan’s mind to call her master as the delivery had come too unexpectedly. Her master had been angry with her as he did not manage to see the three babies just after they were born.

As a pregnant woman who was giving birth, Qiao Nan had no avenue to vent her grievances.

At that time, she was already dying from pain. How was she able to remember calling and asking her master to visit her at the hospital?

Moreover, her master was already so old. If she were to take a long time, perhaps the entire night, to deliver the babies, her master would need to stay awake for a night in the hospital, no?

If that was really the case, Qiao Nan would have to worry whether the day of her discharge would be the day of her master’s hospitalization.

She already had three children at home that she needed to coax. There was another elder now. Qiao Nan had to coax a total of four of them. She was the only one who knew in her heart how exhausted she was physically and mentally.

“Your master?” The principal asked, feeling puzzled. “Who is your master? What kind of master?” What kind of master in this world could decide a child’s future?

Until now, the principal was only aware that Qiao Nan was married into the Zhai family who had just been deployed back to the capital.

As to Qiao Nan's maternal family and their situation, the principal did not know anything. Toward this 'master' that he suddenly heard of and who had the ability to plan the future for the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family, how could the principal not feel curious and concerned?

Qiao Nan was a good seedling of his Peking University. He could not watch helplessly as this 'master' suddenly appeared and ruined Qiao Nan's life.

The principal had been planning and hoping that Qiao Nan would become the school's honors graduate and a role model for the college's freshmen to emulate in the future so that she could bring glory to Peking University.

With the presence of the Zhai family, the principal knew that the hope of realizing this wish was very great.

"My master is also in the capital now. He came back three months ago." Qiao Nan appreciated the principal's concern.

"Who is he? Is it convenient to say?" The principal was insistent in asking.

After thinking, Qiao Nan said, "My master is Lin Yuankang." Those who should know were already aware of her master's return to the capital. Those who were unaware would be able to find out by doing some simple checks.

There should not be any major issue to inform the principal of this.

"Lin Yuankang? The top veteran leader of the central government? The head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?!" How could the principal not hear of the famous Lin Yuankang before? How could he not know who Lin Yuankang was?

Yes. In front of Elder Lin, even the principal of Peking University had to bow his head and call him 'elder' respectfully.

"Yes." Brother Zhai had already drilled into her these famous titles of her master.

However, when she saw the shock and doubt on the face of the principal of the Peking University when he said her master's name, Qiao Nan exclaimed deeply once again that she was truly very lucky.

In her previous life, she had been trampled until she was at the bottom of the pit. In this life, the people whom she encountered could turn her into a tall and noble figure by just giving her a casual pull.

When she was studying in junior high school, she was still ignorant when Brother Zhai insisted on dragging her to acknowledge a master. She simply struck the top lottery prize then.

All this while, Qiao Nan dared not believe that such luck belonged to her, that she was that lucky girl.

After receiving Qiao Nan's confirmation, the principal was very emotional. "Qiao Nan... you..." The principal did not know if he should say that Qiao Nan was too lucky or too blessed. When did Qiao Nan have the opportunity to know so many prominent figures and even received their affirmation?

Elder Lin was actually the master of his student!!!