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Chapter 1211 Teething

Qiao Nan was more fortunate than Qiao Dongliang. She had triplets who loved her and her in-laws who cherished her.

Zhai Sheng noticed that Qiao Nan was upset. He passed Er Bao who was cheeky and full of mischief to her.

Er Bao was indeed the cheeky child. As soon as he was in his mother's arms, he gained her full attention by uttering unintelligible sounds. He reached his hands toward Qiao Nan's face and kicked his legs.

Seeing how Er Bao kept moving about in her arms, Qiao Nan had no way to think about other matters and could only give him her full attention. "What's wrong with Er Bao?" She gave a slight bite on Er Bao's hands that kept moving about, smacking his bottom.

At times, she could not understand where Er Bao learned the cheeky moves and behavior from.

She had become the mother of three children all at once, but their personalities were vastly different. Qiao Nan had no experience with other children. She was not sure if all the children were as active and cheeky as her triplets.

Er Bao flailed his arms happily as he had gained his mother's full attention. He kept twisting about like a carp that was just taken out of the river. Qiao Nan almost lost her grip on Er Bao.

Thankfully, they were at home and Qiao Nan was sitting on the sofa with Er Bao in her arms. Otherwise, Qiao Nan might be given a fright by how active he was. "Little mischief, do you know how heavy you are? If you keep moving about, what should I do if I lose my grip on you?"

Qiao Nan was troubled. "Although I can still manage to carry you now, I don't know how long I will be able to continue doing that. Perhaps I will not have the strength to carry you when you are one year old."

Qiao Nan did not have enough breast milk for the triplets. Tian Dong had done the research previously and they were able to feed the triplets with the formula milk that his friends bought for him.

The triplets had a huge appetite and they had strength in their arms and legs. At times, there was no need for other people to feed them. They would hold the milk bottle with their arms and legs and drank the milk happily.

The triplets loved the solid food that was given to them. They would finish them as soon as it was given to them. The people who fed them were not in time to feed them. The triplets had just been fed with a spoonful of food, yet they would make sounds to have another spoonful of food.

It was no wonder that they grew bigger and heavier since they slept and ate and were without any worries.

The Zhai family was proud that the triplets were chubby and they looked as large—if not slightly bigger—as full-term babies. It proved that the Zhai family had taken good care of them and they were in good health.

When they went to the hospital for their checkups, the doctor was surprised to see that they had grown up as well as full-term babies.

If she did not deliver the babies, she would not believe her eyes that the smart babies in front of her were triplets and that they were born prematurely.

From her experience, triplets seldom grew up to be as big as full-term babies.

Of course, the biggest credit had to go to Qiao Nan, the mother.

In normal cases, pregnant ladies would feel a strain at the waist and back as the tummy grew bigger. It was strenuous on the pregnant lady. Since Qiao Nan carried triplets, her tummy must be three times as big.

Many pregnant women could not take the strain to go through natural delivery. Some women had to take injections to give birth to the baby way earlier than the due date.

As a young mother, Qiao Nan went through the difficult process of carrying the triplets. She waited until her water bag broke to give birth to the babies. She carried the babies for nine months, ensuring that they were well-developed and well-nourished.

It was not rare to have babies born one month before the due date.

In their hospital, many mothers who had a single child pregnancy delivered their babies around the ninth month.

Babies born in the ninth month were not considered as premature babies and they would not have many health complications.

Therefore, it was due to Qiao Nan that the triplets were able to grow up to be so healthy. “Your triplets are so fortunate. They are loved and cherished by many people around them, and they have a mother who is willing to endure hardships for their sake.” The doctor could not help but hold Da Bao’s chubby arms, feeling excited.

The triplets were growing up healthily. Their arms were chubby and their knuckles were round. They were adorable.

Babies were the cutest living beings in the world.

Da Bao could not understand what the person in white was talking about, but he sensed that she looked friendly and amiable.

Da Bao smiled at her, revealing a small tooth in his pink and healthy gums. He had an adorable and sweet smile.

“He is teething? That’s great!” The female doctor is surprised. But it was indeed time for the triplets to start teething. She had done a checkup for the triplets and prescribed some teething rusks for the triplets. “This is from the hospital. If you trust us, you can take some back with you for the triplets to try. From now onward, the triplets will put everything that they see into their mouths. As the elders, you have to make sure that they do not come into contact with dirty stuff.”

“We will definitely do so.”

“We have already cleaned everything in the house,” Miao Jing said from experience. As soon as the triplets started to bite on things, she and the auntie spent three to five days to tidy the house. They threw away unwanted stuff and made sure that all the furniture was washed thoroughly so that the triplets would not come into contact with dirty stuff.

Now that the triplets were teething, their gums would feel itchy and they liked to bite on things to stop the itch.

Seeing that the triplets were teething, the Zhai family had prepared things for the triplets to bite on.

They had boiled and disinfected the things that the triplets would bite on.

The Zhai family was extremely careful with things that the triplets would use. They dared not be careless or sloppy. They did not want the triplets to touch dirty stuff and have an upset stomach.

“That is good.” The doctor believed that the Zhai family would be able to take good care of the triplets. From their bright, active, and carefree looks, the doctor knew that the triplets were treated like the emperor and empress at home.

Children were precious nowadays. Now that they had three children at one go, they would definitely pamper and dote on them.

Chapter 1212 Was Back

This was the good fortune of the babies as well as the parents.

The products recommended by the hospital were of good quality. Furthermore, Qiao Nan had been going to the same hospital since her pregnancy. She delivered the babies at the hospital and she brought the triplets for a checkup today. She trusted the hospital.

Qiao Nan had been thinking if she should work together with the auntie to come up with small biscuits that were suitable for the triplets to chew on and grind their teeth.

Since the doctor gave them good recommendations today, Qiao Nan could save her time and efforts to prepare the biscuits. She bought several teething rusks from the hospital, lest it go out of stock and the triplets have nothing to chew on.

Since they had triplets at home, no matter what they bought, they had to purchase three times the usual amount. It amounted to a shocking number.

“Ya.” San Bao was draped over Qiao Nan’s shoulder. She blinked her round and dark eyes, gazing at her auntie. She noticed that her auntie carried a huge bag with her. It was so large that her auntie could not be seen clearly. San Bao’s curiosity was piqued.

“Does San Bao want to chat with me?” Zhai Hua, who had to carry all the bags, did not feel the slightest tired at all. She raised her head at San Bao’s voice. San Bao smiled warmly at her. Her smile was brighter than the flowers. “San Bao is so pretty. What I am carrying belongs to San Bao and your brothers. If San Bao likes it, shall I buy more of it for you in the future?”

Zhai Hua doted on San Bao. Even though San Bao could not understand what she was talking about, she still gave her a brilliant smile. She thought that her auntie was chatting with herself.

San Bao was all excited. She waved her arms as if telling her auntie to hurry up.

San Bao opened her mouth and her saliva dripped all over Qiao Nan’s shoulder.

Qiao Nan felt something warm on her shoulder. The next instant, her shoulders felt wet and cool.

Qiao Nan was reminded of the weather in the capital. She changed San Bao to another position so that she would not drip her saliva on her other shoulder. She also placed a cotton towel on her wet shoulder.

“You should hurry to get in the car. It is so cold nowadays. You must change out of your clothes once you reach home.” Miao Jing was nervous. San Bao had dripped a lot of saliva onto Nan Nan’s shoulder. If she stayed outside for another second, it might turn into thin ice.

Back at the Zhai family’s residence, Old Master Zhai was playing chess with Zhai Sheng. Old Master Zhai looked up and smiled when he heard noises. “You’re back. What did the doctor say? Are the triplets growing up well?”

“They are doing great. The doctor praised them for making such good progress. One could not tell that they are triplets. Their developments are similar to those of normal babies.”

Miao Jing, who was carrying Da Bao, took off her thick jacket, revealing Da Bao's hairy head.

Da Bao, who was tucked inside the jacket, was finally freed of it and could see the world outside. He kept fidgeting in his grandma's arms, wanting to lie down on the bed.

Although he was not able to do anything when he was on the bed, he would at least have a bigger space to move about. He felt cramped when he was being held by the adults. He could not move his arms and legs. It was torture to Da Bao, who was very active.

Da Bao was thrilled when he lay on the bed, feeling the soft touch of the bed. He flailed his arms and legs, as if he was swimming. He was much more adorable than the swimming frogs.

Da Bao was very active, and so were Er Bao and San Bao. They had enough of being held by the adults. They wanted to lie down on the bed to have their personal time.

One look at how the triplets were behaving, Old Master Zhai could tell that they were very healthy.

Old Master Zhai had a big smile on his face as he watched his great-grandchildren fidgeted about. He raised his head to look at Qiao Nan. "Granddaughter-in-law, Shi Qing gave you a call just now and left a phone number for you. It is placed under the phone. You can find time to return her call."

Old Master Zhai knew that his granddaughter-in-law was very close to Shi Qing. Old Master Zhai did not stop Qiao Nan from befriending Shi Qing. It was fine as long as Qiao Nan knew what she was doing.

"Oh, alright. Thank you, grandpa." Qiao Nan's eyes lit up upon hearing the news of Shi Qing. Speaking of Shi Qing, she was boiling in anger.

After she married Brother Zhai, held the wedding banquet, and moved to the capital after the Lunar New Year, she had no news of Shi Qing. They had lost touch for nearly a year.

She had not seen Shi Qing ever since she learned that she was pregnant. The triplets were already four months old. It was likely that Shi Qing did not know that she had triplets.

On the day that Qiao Nan married Zhai Sheng, Shi Qing told her that she was certain that she would have children at a young age. Although Qiao Nan was very young when she married Zhai Sheng,

given his personality, he would not be able to stop himself from leading a married life with Qiao Nan.

Shi Qing pledged in all sincerity and seriousness that she would be the godmother of Qiao Nan's children. Nobody could stop her from doing that, especially Zhai Sheng.

True enough, Qiao Nan was pregnant at a young age and she had triplets.

The triplets were already four months old. They were now in the developmental stages where they could recognize faces. However, Shi Qing had not turned up to visit them at all.

Qiao Nan was disappointed and helpless that Qiao Dongliang could not be there for the one-month-old celebration, but she was infuriated that the godmother of the triplets was not present.

Before that, Qiao Nan had tried all means and ways to contact Shi Qing. She even contacted Shi Peng to ask about Shi Qing. It turned out that Shi Peng was clueless as well. He did not know what his daughter had been up to either. He had lost touch with her since a long time ago.

Nevertheless, Shi Peng was Shi Qing's father.

Shi Qing had told Shi Peng during the last time they talked to each other that she needed to undergo special training in school and had to cut off all contact with the outside world for a period of time.

If Shi Peng was unable to contact her during this period, he must not panic or be worried. She was alright. She was in school and she was training under the teachers' supervision.

Since Shi Qing had already told him about her training and Shi Peng was not a nervous parent, he did not think too much about it.

Since his daughter studied at such a school, he had to accept that she would need to undergo special training. Back then, Shi Peng stopped her from studying at such a school as he knew that she had to undergo such training.

However, his daughter had already transferred to the school. It was useless for him to say anything. He had no other choice but to accept it. He had to sort out his thoughts and support his daughter to fulfill her dreams.

Shi Peng had done a lot for his daughter.

Chapter 1213 Nasty Temper

Qiao Nan did not know what it would be like to study at the military school. Zhai Sheng only briefly told her about it. Qiao Nan was very agitated to have news of Shi Qing.

Qiao Nan patted San Bao's chubby hands and smiled. "San Bao, your godmother is back. She has not been to see you since you were born. Should we give her some punishment?"

Qiao Nan, who was a first-time mother, did not know that being a mother was equivalent to striking it rich.

On the day that she gave birth to triplets in the hospital, her in-laws gave a red packet to her.

The old master said that although there was no longer the custom of holding a bathing ceremony for the babies on the third day since they were born, he must still give each of them a red packet as a blessing. Therefore, Qiao Nan received three packets from the old master on behalf of the triplets. Thereafter, there was the one-month-old celebration as well as the hundredth-day celebration.

The Zhai family had many relatives. As a result, the triplets received many red packets from them.

Zhu Chengqi and Lin Yuankang were especially generous with the triplets. They gave the triplets red packets and each packet had a larger amount of money than the previous. It was as if they were bent on spending all their fortune on the triplets.

Since Zhu Chengqi was so generous with the triplets, Qiao Nan wondered whether he would have the money for the bride price when Zhu Baoguo married Shi Qing in the future. Qiao Nan was kind enough to feel that she should return some money to Zhu Baoguo.

However, now that she knew Shi Qing was back, she had to vent her pent-up frustrations. She must get Shi Qing to prepare red packets for the triplets to compensate for hurting the triplets' feelings.

"Owww." San Bao could not understand what her mama was talking about. She noticed that her mama was smiling. Since she was smiling, it meant that she was happy. Therefore, San Bao curled the corners of her lips and laughed along with Qiao Nan.

Her laughter seemed to be contagious, or perhaps there was a button on San Bao's body. As soon as she laughed, Da Bao and Er Bao began laughing as well. The house was filled with Qiao Nan's and the triplets' laughter.

Qiao Nan smiled daintily like a lady while there was the unique smell of milk in the triplets' smiles. The house was full of laughter. This winter, the Zhai family's residence felt particularly warm.

The triplets just came back from the hospital and they must be thirsty. Miao Jing and the auntie filled the milk bottles with warm water for them to quench their thirst.

Seeing that Qiao Nan and the triplets were laughing happily, despite not knowing what they were laughing about, Miao Jing broke into laughter as well. Qiao Nan took the milk bottle from her and carried San Bao without a word.

San Bao, who recognized the milk bottle, stopped smiling. She clasped her hands over the milk bottle and began drinking the water.

The triplets were thirsty after making the trip outside and laughing along with their mother.

Miao Jing filled one-third of the milk bottle with water. The triplets finished them in no time.

Miao Jing's heart ached. "We are too inexperienced. When the triplets go out next time, we must bring the milk bottles along. We must remember to bring six milk bottles. Three bottles will be filled with milk while three bottles will be filled with water." The triplets must not go thirsty.

Zhai Sheng, who held Er Bao in his arms, frowned. "Mom, they are not that delicate." In Zhai Sheng's opinions, if they brought six milk bottles whenever they went out, it was as if they were into the business of selling milk bottles.

Qiao Nan made San Bao stand upright after she finished her water. She could tell what was on Zhai Sheng's mind. "Do you know how people looked at us when we visited the supermarket that sells mother and infant products? The outsiders already felt that we must be selling milk bottles. You should count the number of milk bottles that we have at home."

Qiao Nan had no other alternative.

The triplets were growing and their appetites increased rapidly.

The triplets were four months old and they did not need to use the milk bottle with the largest volume. When they were six to seven months old, they would have to use another type of milk bottles. A child would need at least three to four milk bottles. Now that they had three children at home, they would have around ten milk bottles at home.

This was the number of milk bottles that they had when the triplets were four months old.

The elders doted on the children. They knew that they had to change the milk bottles as they grew bigger. Therefore, they had already bought the milk bottles that the triplets would need when they were six to seven months old.

The triplets would need at least two milk bottles to drink their milk as well as milk bottles to drink water.

When they came out of the supermarket, they had nothing but milk bottles. Their car was full of milk bottles. It was a shocking sight. Everyone who witnessed this scene would ask them out of curiosity if they were running a mother-and-infant shop.

Apart from milk bottles and formula milk, they bought a lot of diapers as well.

The Zhai family had a room that was used to store the things that the triplets needed. Qiao Nan patted the round and chubby bottom of San Bao. Not every family was capable of raising triplets. The triplets were lucky to have elders to dote on them.

San Bao was draped over her mama's shoulder. Like her, her mama smelled like milk. But there was another different smell on her as well. San Bao smiled occasionally, opening her mouth to suck on her mama's cotton collar. Once she sank her teeth on it, she began chewing on it.

Qiao Nan noticed that her collar was wet. It must be that San Bao's gums were itching and she needed something to grind on.

Zhai Sheng glanced at Qiao Nan and passed a teething rusk to San Bao right away. The first thing that a four-month-old San Bao did when someone put something in her mouth was to open her mouth, bite on it, and grind her teeth!

San Bao realized that the teething rusk in her mouth was tastier and nicer to chew on than her mama's collar. She twisted her body, wanting her mama to carry her so that she could grab the teething rusk in her hands and focus on chewing it.

Other than San Bao, Da Bao and Er Bao were just as interested in the teething rusks. The triplets had discovered a new toy today.

Qiao Nan breathed a sigh of relief. "My clothes will no longer be chewed on by the babies."

Zhai Sheng took a tissue and wiped Qiao Nan's collar that was wet from San Bao's bite. "Aren't you going to give Shi Qing a call?" Zhai Sheng knew that his wife must be very worried about Shi Qing.

They had lost touch for nearly a year. Qiao Nan had brought up Shi Qing to him more than once, asking him to check if there was news of her.

Although Shi Qing was a woman, Zhai Sheng could not help but be jealous of her since Qiao Nan kept bringing her up.

If they were on the phone, Zhai Sheng could only grind his teeth in anger. If he was next to her like now, when Qiao Nan brought up Shi Qing in front of him and made him jealous, he would not hesitate to 'punish' her on the bed!

"This won't do." Qiao Nan wanted to give Shi Qing a call, but San Bao would not let her go. San Bao was contented to be in her mama's embrace. If anyone dared to remove her from her mama's embrace, she would definitely give them a punch. San Bao might be a young lady, but she had a nasty temper!

Chapter 1214 Foolish Child

Without another word, Zhai Sheng held Er Bao in one arm and fished San Bao out from Qiao Nan's embrace. He sat cross-legged to form a circle, placing San Bao's legs inside the circle, while she sat on his thigh, leaning against his abs.

San Bao frowned, showing her displeasure.

She turned around and realized that it was her papa who took her out from her mama's embrace. San Bao pressed her lips, feeling aggrieved. She sniffed but stopped herself from crying.

San Bao was close to everyone in the house except for Zhai Sheng, her father.

Zhai Sheng would always pull a straight face and he seldom smiled. San Bao could tell that he was not to be trifled with.

San Bao would cry and smile as she wished in front of the old master. She would lose her temper when she was angry and she would pull at the old master's beard or grab her grandpa's hat. She could do whatever she wanted, but she became a timid girl when she was with her serious and solemn papa.

However, San Bao did not give up easily. She sniffed, losing her interest in the teething rusk. She directed her big and sparkling eyes at Qiao Nan, looking pitifully at her. She reached out her hands toward Qiao Nan, wanting her mama to carry her.

Qiao Nan was amused by San Bao's behavior. She kissed her on the cheeks. "My dear chubby daughter, I have to give a call to your godmother. I will carry you later, okay?"

San Bao pouted her lips, puffing her cheeks. There was a look of displeasure on her face. They were bullying her as she could not speak!

Er Bao reached out his hands to pull at San Bao. As the elder brother, he was telling her that he would accompany her. He also disliked the man who was carrying him. The man pulled a long face and did not like to smile. His body was hard and they did not feel comfortable when they leaned against him.

"Go and make the phone call. I will look after Da Bao." Miao Jing carried Da Bao in her arms, feeling contented. Hua Hua did not even dare to take the babies from Zhai Sheng.

"Alright, Mom. It has been hard on you. Brother Zhai has a lot to learn about taking care of the triplets. You and Sister Zhai Hua can make use of this opportunity to teach Brother Zhai." Qiao Nan felt that it was a good idea for Zhai Sheng to spend more time with the triplets. Zhai Sheng was seldom at home. Now that he was at home, if possible, Qiao Nan would like him to be with the triplets twenty-four hours a day.

After making sure that the triplets were well-taken care of, Qiao Nan went back to her room and used her cell phone to give Shi Qing a call. “You finally have the time to contact me? Where have you been in the past year?!” Qiao Nan was angry. “Did you know that we would be worried as we could not reach you in the past year? Are you crazy or did you have a fabulous time that you forgot about us?”

Upon hearing the familiar voice of Qiao Nan, Shi Qing turned teary-eyed and her voice became strained. “Qiao Nan, don’t be angry with me. I have three bullet scars. The doctor said that it will not fade away. The scars are so ugly.” Shi Qing was still reeling from shock at what she had done in the past year.

She was just a freshman at college when she was assigned the mission.

It was a special mission. No one else but she was suitable for the mission. Otherwise, she would not have been assigned such a dangerous mission at such a young age. There were several times she almost lost her life.

Qiao Nan jumped up from the bed when she heard that Shi Qing sustained three bullet wounds. “Where have you been? Why would you sustain such serious injuries? Apart from the bullet scars, are you injured in any other way? The teachers at your school must be crazy! Was there no one else to go on a mission? Why would they have students do it?”

Qiao Nan kept scolding the teachers.

Shi Qing was merely a freshman in college. She could not understand why she would have the chance to do such dangerous missions and sustain three bullet shots. She almost lost her life.

Qiao Nan almost wanted to ask whether all the special forces were dead and Shi Qing was the only one who could go for the mission.

“Don’t worry. There was no other alternative. The higher-ups had considered it carefully before they came to the decision for me to take up the mission. The candidate for the mission has to be of similar age to me. To be honest, it is not easy to find someone of my age that had been through training. The candidate must be brave and meticulous, and the person must be willing to make sacrifices. I am one in a million, a rare talent. You should be happy and proud of me!”

Shi Qing put her bullet wounds aside. She was very proud of her performance this time. "I heard that you have given birth to triplets. Not only will I have godsons, but I will have a goddaughter as well. It's just nice that I can give them my medal!" This was the most meaningful present.

Perhaps it was because she was a mother, but Qiao Nan's temper had changed. She had been worried sick for Shi Qing. She had not been keeping in touch with them for the past year, and Qiao Nan feared that something serious had happened to her.

Apart from sounding hoarse in the beginning, Shi Qing was not sorry at all. Instead, she boasted about her dangerous achievements. Qiao Nan had the impulse to hold her by the neck and give her a smack on her bottom. "Are you foolish? Is the medal as important as your life? When you said that you have bullet wounds, for a moment, I thought that the triplets will be without their godmother!"

Qiao Nan was shouting into the phone, and she only had harsh words for her. But Shi Qing knew that Qiao Nan was concerned and worried for her. "Don't do this to me. Didn't I come back safe and sound? If I had notified you beforehand, I would want to go all the way to the capital to take a look at my godsons and goddaughter. I assure you that my limbs and arms are still attached and I am as healthy as before. There is nothing wrong with me. I have returned safely."

There were several times when Shi Qing felt that she could not persist any longer, particularly when she was injured and drowsy. She thought that she would die before her parents.

She did not know how she managed to survive until the end. Nevertheless, it turned out well. She returned alive and she had achieved military achievements.

"Hehehe..." Shi Qing seemed to become more and more foolish. Apart from sneering at her, Qiao Nan did not know what else to say. "Let me tell you. The triplets do not have a good temper. They are four months old. We shall see if they want to acknowledge you as their godmother. Don't worry. If they ignore you, I will definitely not help you."

Qiao Nan had no hold over Shi Qing except for the triplets. She knew that Shi Qing would be anxious at the mention of the triplets.

Although Shi Qing had never seen them since they were born, they were the only people that she feared.

Qiao Nan was certain that Shi Qing treasured the triplets as much as Zhai Hua did.

True enough, Shi Qing cried out in agony. “Don’t do this to me. They are only four months old. How is it possible that they can recognize faces but not their godmother? I am so nice to them. I gave the first medal in my life to them. No other godmother is better than me. I am a role model for the godmothers!”

Initially, she wanted to give the medal to her father.

Now that the triplets were born, she could only banish the thought of giving it to her father. She had decided to give the medal as a present to her godchildren.

“Hehehe. I have triplets but you only have one medal. Who do you intend to give the medal to?” Qiao Nan rebuked Shi Qing. It was impossible to divide the medal into three and give them to the triplets.

Shi Qing was very young and still in school, but she was awarded a medal from her mission. It proved that her mission in the past year must be very dangerous and risky.

Qiao Nan knew that many people who were older than Shi Qing and had participated in far more missions than Shi Qing might not be awarded any medals in their military life. It was due to the danger of the mission that she was awarded a medal.

Such a present was indeed an honor and had a huge significance. It was hard to come by. But if given a choice, she would rather the triplets never have such a present from Shi Qing. The medal was not as important as her being alive!

Shi Qing could tell from Qiao Nan’s sneer that she was still angry with her. It was such a serious matter and she did not tell them about it. It was no wonder that Qiao Nan was angry. If Qiao Nan was not upset, Shi Qing would wonder if something was wrong with her. She had finally made it back from the mission, but she did not call anyone else except Qiao Nan. She dared not contact her parents to tell them that she had returned safely. “Don’t be angry. I didn’t do it on purpose. It happened all of a sudden. There was no time to react. The higher-ups said that it was a top-secret mission and we must not divulge any information. I have to obey the orders of the party and the organization.”

“...” Qiao Nan rolled her eyes. “You can say as you please. Did your parents know that you are back? Where are you? Are you at my master’s house that we used to stay at previously?”

After Shi Qing transferred schools and moved out of the house, Qiao Nan never asked her to return the keys.

If Shi Qing came back to the capital and had no place to stay, she could stay in the house even when Qiao Nan was not around.

Shi Qing cradled the cell phone and gave Qiao Nan a kiss through the phone. "You are the only one who understands me the best. My parents do not know me as well as you do." She was indeed staying at the small quad that Qiao Nan and her used to live in.

She knew that her father had been transferred to the capital. She dared not visit him without notifying him in advance. As for the Feng family, she did not think of visiting them.

Shi Qing knew that after she came back from her mission, Qiao Nan would definitely give her a scolding as she was genuinely worried for her. She had to ask for her forgiveness. On the contrary, the Feng family would probably be happy that she was lucky to be able to go on a mission at such a young age. They would be proud that she had completed the mission and had done the Feng family proud.

Shi Qing could envision such a scene and she had no wish to face it right now.

She wanted to talk to Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan was the only person who had genuine concern and love for her. Qiao Nan treated her like her closest kin and did not hide her concern for her.

Qiao Nan smiled heartily at Shi Qing's words. "Not only do I understand you, but I understand your dad as well. You'd better pray that he doesn't have the habit of beating people to a pulp during the Lunar New Year. Otherwise, given what you had done this time, you'd better get ready to receive his punches."

He would be happy that his daughter returned safely, but Shi Qing was too daring to go on such a mission without saying a word. She was such a fool.

Qiao Nan, who was now a mother, could understand Shi Peng's feelings. She was certain that Shi Peng would be very infuriated with Shi Qing.

Right then, Zhai Sheng walked into the room with Er Bao and San Bao in his arms. As for Da Bao, he was in Zhai Hua's arms.

Shi Qing could hear sounds made by the triplets over the phone. She felt invigorated instantly. “Are they my godchildren?” Their sounds were very pleasing to the ear. They were indeed her godchildren.

Qiao Nan took San Bao from Zhai Sheng. A chubby San Bao nestled in her mama’s embrace. She tugged at her mama’s clothes, making unintelligible sounds.

Qiao Nan caressed San Bao’s cheeks. “San Bao, your godmother is on the phone. Do you want to talk to her?” The cell phones nowadays had blue screens and they were very dim. It would not irritate the babies’ eyes.

San Bao was intrigued by the cell phone. She reached her hand toward the cell phone and opened her mouth, wanting to taste it.

Qiao Nan stopped her from eating the cell phone. She widened the distance between the cell phone and San Bao. “San Bao? Is she my goddaughter? Goddaughter, I am your godmother. I will visit you tomorrow. You must let me hold you in my arms. You must give me a good kiss.”

Although Shi Qing could barely make out San Bao’s sounds through the cell phone, she was very excited. This was her goddaughter. Her goddaughter!! “Qiao Nan, Zhu Baoguo and I will pay you a visit. No matter what, he is their uncle.”

Zhu Baoguo was there when Qiao Nan married Zhai Sheng. He was finally able to put aside his feelings for Qiao Nan and treat her like his family.

With the birth of the triplets, Zhu Baoguo, who had yet to graduate, had become their uncle.

“Sure, you can pay a visit with him. The triplets can get to know the two of you.” One of them was their godmother, while the other was their uncle. If Zhu Baoguo married Shi Qing in the future, should the triplets address Shi Qing as their auntie or address Zhu Baoguo as their godfather?

If they married, the triplets would have one less source of red packets.

Shi Qing sent kisses to San Bao over the phone. "I am dying to have a good look at the triplets. Do you think it is possible if I go to the Zhai family's residence right now?" Shi Qing could not be bothered with Qiao Nan's teasing.

At this moment, men were nothing to her. Nothing was more important than her godchildren.

"Yucks. There's so much saliva." Qiao Nan ended the call so that San Bao would not bug her to play with the phone.

Qiao Nan was not worried that Shi Qing would come to the Zhai family's residence tonight.

If Shi Qing would visit them without Zhu Baoguo, she would not have left her phone number with Old Master Zhai. Instead, she would have arrived at the Zhai family's residence straight away.

Now that she knew that Shi Qing was safe and sound, Qiao Nan, who felt upset by the Qiao family, was in a better mood.

Chapter 1216 Brilliant Learner

At the very least, there was some good news during the Lunar New Year. Wasn't that good enough?

"Do you feel more at ease now?" It was seldom that Zhai Sheng had time for the family. He mischievously turned the triplets one by one and laid them on their tummies on the bed like small tortoises.

Da Bao turned over impatiently after taking a glance at Zhai Sheng. His actions were swift, agile, smooth, and consecutive without any moment of pause.

Zhai Sheng's eyes lit up at the sight of this. It was no wonder the old master often mentioned to him that both Da Bao's and Er Bao's physiques were excellent. Certainly, they were born to be soldiers. They were just a few months old and they already had the style of a soldier when turning their bodies.

When Da Bao and Er Bao grew up, he should find a chance to 'dump' them into the army camps frequently and get someone to give them proper training. After Da Bao and Er Bao took over his duties in the army, he could retire early and stay by Nan Nan's side then.

He had just taken over Zhai Yaohui's duties and was already plotting on his biological sons, hoping that his sons would grow up to become very successful in the future and take over his position. By then, like his father now, he could take on more relaxing duties and bring his wife by his side every day to show off their love.

"What are you doing?" Bam! Qiao Nan patted the back of Zhai Sheng's mischievous hand.

Zhai Sheng was flipping the triplets as if he were cooking pancakes. He made them lie down side by side, as if they were three pancakes. When he flipped his hands, one by one, the triplets would turn their bodies and lay on their respective tummies.

The triplets seemed to hate the position of lying on their tummies. Hence, they preferred to rely on their own effort to turn over so that their limbs would face the sky. They would then prop their tiny legs high up in the air, hold and pull them into their mouths before chewing. The triplets had the same habit for this.

Each time the triplets turned on their own before their tiny chubby hands could grab hold of their little short legs. Their sights would turn fuzzy. When their father's big hands left their bodies, again, they would be lying on their tummies instead of backs.

The faster the triplets turned, the faster Zhai Sheng 'tortured' them. He seemed to have become an experienced pancake chef. Flip! Flip! Flip! Within seconds, the triplets had been turned over again by their heartless father.

The count increased, but Da Bao was good at keeping his temper in check. As if he was at odds with his biological father, he would flip over like an agile little fish as soon as Zhai Sheng turned him.

Er Bao...

The dramatic Er Bao's temper was not as good as his elder brother's. When Zhai Sheng's hand reached toward him again, his eyes lit up. He opened his mouth, twisted his neck, bit Zhai Sheng's hand, and held on to it with his bite.

Er Bao had just started teething and there were only tiny edges of baby teeth in his mouth. Of course, there was no lethality in his bite at all. Zhai Sheng only felt the softness of his mouth. It only felt a little hard but there was not much strength.

Zhai Sheng insisted on flipping, and like a little puppy, Er Bao refused to let go of his bite. His two tiny hands pulled the collars of Zhai Sheng's shirt. He looked like a koala and Zhai Sheng's hand was a branch to him. Er Bao simply leaned on it such that Zhai Sheng could not flip him over.

This tactic was not only dramatic but rogue and brilliant.

As for San Bao, she was more impatient and pampered. As the only girl in the family, this was completely understandable.

From the old master, this great-grandfather, Lin Yuankang, this grand master, as well as Da Bao and Er Bao, her two elder brothers, all of them doted on and gave in to San Bao all the time.

Today, a bad guy who dared to bully San Bao, this little princess, actually appeared. "Waa!" San Bao opened her tiny mouth without any reservation and cried out loud.

"What happened? What happened? Why did San Bao cry?" As soon as the old master heard his great-granddaughter cry so miserably, he dashed up to the second floor without a word. Clearly, he was not young anymore and could not be bothered to climb up the stairs. He had always been living on the first floor. Unfortunately, the old master's sharp ears could tell that the crying noise belonged to San Bao. He rushed into his grandson and granddaughter-in-law's room like a knight to save San Bao, the little princess. "Zhai Sheng, how old are you now? You're bullying San Bao. Isn't San Bao your biological daughter? She is only four months old!"

After giving his grandson, whom he had always been proud of, a harsh scolding, Old Master Zhai, who already had a change of heart, glared at Zhai Sheng a few times boldly and righteously. His heart was aching as he carried San Bao into his arms. Old Master Zhai, who was used to speaking in a loud voice, changed his usual burly image and asked San Bao in a low and gentle voice, "San Bao, don't cry. Great-grandpa has helped you teach your father a lesson. Well, he's the one who bullied others. San Bao, don't cry. Great-grandpa loves you. "

In order to appease San Bao, Old Master Zhai simply gave Zhai Sheng's body a few slaps.

Old Master Zhai did not use a lot of strength. Judging from the sound, it was not painful. To Zhai Sheng, this kind of strength was not any different from dusting the dirt.

It was not painful but embarrassing and unbearable.

Once again, Zhai Sheng deeply realized how quickly his status in the family was falling after the triplets were born. The old master, who favored him so much previously, had also betrayed him and surrendered to the triplets. He was confounding right and wrong. This family situation could not be reversed anymore!

Qiao Nan put her arms around Da Bao and Er Bao, who had a tough time being flipped. She seemed to be making up to them when she gave each of them a hard kiss on the face.

After receiving their mama's kiss, Da Bao and Er Bao's faces immediately turned bright. They opened their little mouths and smiled like sunflowers as they lay their soft and chubby bodies in their mama's arms. One on each side, the two babies conquered their mama's arms fully. The two brothers did not even need to squeeze or push each other.

Zhai Sheng's face turned black. He went behind Qiao Nan, reached out his hands, and wrapped Qiao Nan, Da Bao, and Er Bao into his arms. "The old master dotes on San Bao very much?" When he was a child, the old master did not seem to have carried him very often. He heard that his father also had the same treatment. However, it was a little different when it came to San Bao.

"The old master is good to all of them. He not only likes to carry San Bao but also Da Bao and Er Bao. However, San Bao is a girl. Inevitably, the old master will dote on her more. You are also aware that San Bao is very impatient. If anyone provokes San Bao and makes her cry, how can the old master not feel anxious?"

Currently, crying was the only effective weapon that the triplets had to lure the adults' attention. This was such that the adults could seek justice on their behalf and bully back those people who bullied them.

San Bao, especially, would cry very quickly whenever someone bullied her. Moreover, she would sound extremely miserable and sorrowful.

At the sound of San Bao's cries, a suspicion suddenly came to Qiao Nan's mind. Why did she feel that San Bao's cries increasingly resembled those of Er Bao?

Given this kind of cries from San Bao, the old master would start to coax San Bao before he could even clarify the matter. Regardless of what happened or who had provoked San Bao, he would give the initiator a bad scolding first to help San Bao vent her anger before discussing the rights and wrongs of the matter.

Chapter 1217 Came at the Wrong Time

Qiao Nan gently rubbed the chubby and pink faces of Er Bao. “Er Bao, you’re San Bao’s elder brother. Did you lead Er Bao astray?” Among the triplets, Er Bao was the natural-born actor. Why was San Bao becoming more similar to Er Bao as she grew up?

Er Bao responded to his mama with a toothless grin. San Bao was his younger sister. Of course, he had to protect San Bao so that no one could bully her.

As he might not always be by San Bao’s side to protect her, the best way was to teach San Bao some self-defense tactics.

After showing his little millet tooth, Er Bao gave a complacent smile.

At the sight of Er Bao’s ‘deserve a beating’ smile, Qiao Nan was dumbstruck. “Brother Zhai, have I been thinking too much? Why do I keep having the feeling that our family’s triplets are too smart? They’re little elves. Didn’t they say children who are four months old only know how to eat, drink, and sleep? Why do they have so many thoughts and expressions? Sometimes, the triplets babble and make a lot of noises when they are lying in the cribs. They seem to be chatting with one another. Brother Zhai, am I suffering from post-partum depression such that I am hallucinating and imagining things?”

Qiao Nan almost had the urge to secretly ask the triplets whether they had time traveled or were reborn.

Unfortunately, besides these doubtful situations, Qiao Nan did not have other concrete proof. Most of the time, the triplets behaved like ordinary babies. They were extremely simple, adorable, and funny. They would open their eyes wide as they looked at this novel world adventurously with curiosity and desire.

“I don’t think it has anything to do with depression. Our family’s three children are a little more eccentric and smarter than typical kids. Don’t give yourself too much pressure. I heard that many parents think that their children are little geniuses. Other people think too highly of their own children, yet you are afraid that our children are too smart. Don’t worry. It is not a superstitious belief for children to be intelligent. Perhaps our family’s triplets are really a little smarter.”

Hugging Qiao Nan tightly, Zhai Sheng’s face looked very relaxed.

He was leading a satisfying life with wife and children. He did not have any regrets.

It was no wonder many people liked to say that one's wife was in their arms and their children in their wife's arms. The feeling of having his arms over his wife and children all at once certainly gave him a great sense of satisfaction.

“Ah! Ah!”

“Ya!”

Da Bao and Er Bao, who were lying in their mama's arms, saw the hands that did not belong to their mama sticking out from under their little bums. They pouted unhappily as they reached out their little claws and slapped the hands without any reservation. It was obvious that they wanted to compete for their mama and for Zhai Sheng to let go of his hands.

As soon as he was slapped by his sons, Zhai Sheng, who had just told Qiao Nan not to worry, narrowed his eyes with a flash of unhappiness. “They are really too smart. Is there a way to make them more stupid?” He had not heard of four-month-old children fighting for people with their father.

“Hahahaha.” Qiao Nan was smiling like a flower in Zhai Sheng's arms. “But I heard that this phenomenon is quite common. Many children are not willing to see their parents too intimate with each other. Perhaps that's why they like to chase their father away?”

Zhai Sheng pinched Qiao Nan's waist unhappily. “It's late. Let's go downstairs for dinner. San Bao is still with the old master. The triplets went out today. They will feel more tired than usual. After dinner, let's wash them up and let them sleep early.”

“Okay.” With Shi Qing and the triplets being the ‘moderators’, Qiao Nan had completely washed her hands off the Qiao family matters.

As per what Zhai Sheng said, as they had gone out today, the triplets were feeling tired earlier than usual. Children would grow up faster with more sleep. Once the triplets were tired, the adults would lower their volumes in actions and speech. After Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng coaxed them to sleep and put them in the baby cribs in the bedroom, Zhai Sheng still did not raise his voice.

After enduring for one night, Shi Qing finally arrived at the house of the Zhai family to visit her godsons and goddaughter.

When Shi Qing knocked on the main door of the Zhai family, the auntie looked helpless. “Miss Shi, indeed, madam was right. You’re here a little early. At this time, both madam and sir are not awake yet.”

“How can that be?” Shi Qing had an expression of ‘are you kidding me?’ on her face. “Qiao Nan is never the type that lazes on the bed. I have known her for many years. Even if it is the first day of Lunar New Year, she, a big pervert, will insist on waking up at half past six in the morning. It’s already seven o’clock. She should have already finished her breakfast and started reading, no?”

They had known each other for so many years. Shi Qing could easily recite Qiao Nan’s daily routine.

The auntie did not know whether to laugh or cry. “Miss Shi, come in first. What you have just said was the madam’s previous routine. Now that she is a mom, she has to take care of the triplets. Hence, her routine has already changed because of them.”

Given the auntie’s experience, Sir Zhai and madam must have been taking care of the triplets. When the triplets were hungry, feeding them could take a lot of energy.

Qiao Nan did not have enough breast milk supply. Fortunately, the triplets were already used to formula milk.

Hence, Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan had discussed and agreed that they would wean the triplets from breast milk when they were five months old.

Qiao Nan’s breast milk could become snacks for the triplets occasionally at most. Since it was not enough for them, she might as well let the triplets get used to drinking formula milk earlier.

Breastfeeding three babies simultaneously was not a job for the ordinary.

Shi Qing’s eyes lit up. “I see. What are my godsons and goddaughter doing now?”

She came to the Zhai family’s residence to visit the children. Of course, Shi Qing did not come empty-handed. She was carrying bags of items.

“They should be drinking milk now,” the auntie replied before she could hold her tongue. After all, the Zhai family was already used to the routine of the triplets feeling hungry and drinking milk at this time.

Shi Qing shrieked and revealed a look of excitement in her eyes. “I’ll go and help!” It must be a very fun thing to feed her godsons and goddaughter milk.

“Aye!” When the auntie realized that Shi Qing was not a member of the Zhai family, it was too late. At the sight of the agile Shi Qing advancing the staircase, taking three steps at a time, the auntie yelled quickly, “Miss Shi, slowly. Don’t frighten the triplets!”

The moment Shi Qing placed her hands on the doorknob and opened the door, she did not see the cute and chubby faces of her godsons and goddaughter immediately. Instead, she saw Zhai Sheng, who was pulling such a long face that she could not help taking a step back and letting out a gasp of shock.

Zhai Sheng had just worn and buttoned his shirt. He was carrying an army green jacket on his shoulders.

Although his attire was not messy, it was very different from his usual spic and span image. This was the first time that she saw Zhai Sheng looking like this.

Chapter 1218 Fortunately, She Resembles Her Mother

Based on a soldier’s instinct, a sentence suddenly appeared in Shi Qing’s mind. Brother Zhai must have just worn his shirt. If she had been half a minute quicker, she would most likely be able to see a half-naked Brother Zhai!

She completely took Zhai Sheng for her elder brother and her good friend’s husband. Shi Qing was not interested in Brother Zhai’s half-naked or even fully-naked body. On the contrary, she shuddered at the thought of it. No wonder the auntie shouted so loudly earlier. So, she was reminding Brother Zhai that she was going upstairs and into the room?

The auntie was trying to prevent her from seeing any censor-warranted scenes that were not meant for children, was she?

Indeed, Shi Qing had guessed it right this time.

Just as Shi Qing said, Qiao Nan had been maintaining the good habit of waking up at half past six every morning. This had never changed.

On the other hand, as a soldier, Zhai Sheng was even more perverted in his persistence regarding this. Zhai Sheng did not wake up at half past six but five o'clock instead every day.

Shi Qing had never seen Zhai Sheng still in a bedroom at a late timing such as seven o'clock. She dared not think of it either. Unexpectedly, she bumped into this scene personally today.

After having children, Qiao Nan, the mother, was not the only one who had changed. Zhai Sheng, the father, had changed too.

Was it such an easy matter to take care of three children at the same time?

After a tough morning, looking at his pretty wife's flushed little face, bare shoulders, and his children holding onto and nursing from his favorite, as a man, it was impossible that he would not have any reaction.

These were all part and parcel of a loving couple's life. Teasing and kissing were most common.

If he had 'served' the triplets well, there would be peace as the trio would be full and satisfied. He could then dump them to his mother and sister. Next, just when the mood was right in the morning, he would take the time and opportunity to hug his pretty wife and go for another round!

This was the happy and satisfied life of a married man. As an unmarried woman, what did Shi Qing know?

The whole year's work depended on a good start in spring. An hour in the morning was worth two in the evening.

The wonderful 'beginning' of a good morning had been disrupted by Shi Qing. Zhai Sheng could only pull a long face. He did not give Shi Qing a few punches as he took into account that she was a woman.

“Brother... Brother Zhai.” Although Shi Qing did not understand what happened, she could sense deep danger from the black-faced Zhai Sheng. She swallowed with difficulty and could not help thinking. Perhaps she should come and visit her grandsons and granddaughter on another day?

Anyway, this time, her vacation would certainly be longer than the time that Brother Zhai could stay at the house of the Zhai family. In order to complete her mission, she did not take her summer vacation. It was certainly not an issue to request her teacher to give her a few more days of rest.

When Brother Zhai returned to the army, her godsons, goddaughter, and Qiao Nan would belong only to her then.

“Um.” Zhai Sheng responded with a deep voice. He could not help revealing some feelings of unhappiness, and it sent chills down Shi Qing’s spine.

After the door opened, Zhai Sheng turned back. Using one hand each, he ‘picked up’ Da Bao and Er Bao, who were full and happily stretching, kicking, and twisting their necks and waists happily on the bed. He then carried them downstairs to look for their grandmother and auntie.

After sending off Zhai Sheng with her eyes, Shi Qing touched the back of her cold neck and looked at Qiao Nan. “What is wrong with Brother Zhai? Did I somehow forget that I owed him ten million yuan? His face was so black. I’m so frightened.”

Qiao Nan touched San Bao’s face. Clearly, the little girl was already full but she refused to let go. She did not know if it was psychological that she nursed as and when she wished, as if she was treating the milk like beverages.

It was seldom that the impatient San Bao would reveal such a carefree side of her. At this sight, Qiao Nan did not know what to say.

“My goddaughter is nursing?” After closing the door, Shi Qing voluntarily sat on the bed and touched the exposed little legs of her goddaughter. “So tiny, yet so chubby. It’s all flesh.” Curious about how it felt to touch a small baby, Shi Qing touched San Bao’s tiny legs and pinched the milk-scented, soft and tender flesh. “It looks like pig trotter but yummier than that. Goddaughter, let grandmother take a bite?”

Having said that, Shi Qing bent down, grabbed San Bao’s little leg, and bit it.

Shi Qing was teasing San Bao. She did not use any strength. Most likely, San Bao felt itchy as she opened her tiny mouth and chuckled.

Qiao Nan jumped in shock. She quickly held San Bao up and chided Shi Qing. “San Bao likes to kick up a fuss. Don’t tease her at such times. What if she chokes on her milk?”

“She’s still drinking milk?” As soon as she heard that San Bao might choke on milk, Shi Qing dared not tease her anymore. She simply carried San Bao from Qiao Nan’s arms. “Tsk, tsk, tsk. You’re really a mother. Did your cup size increase by two cups after giving birth?”

Shi Qing looked at Qiao Nan’s fair skin, and then at herself. She could not help sighing.

Qiao Nan blushed and wore her clothes properly. Although it was not a strange issue for breastfeeding women to reveal themselves in front of others, Qiao Nan could not be so open about it, even if the one looking was her close pal. “What’s the hurry? When you become a mother and increase by two cup sizes, it will be most practical.”

Shi Qing snorted. She looked like she did not care. “I am not anxious. It’s either I don’t get married or marry someone who doesn’t mind my cup size. San Bao, San Bao, I am your godmother. Let godmother give you a kiss, okay?”

The four-month-old little girl was very good-looking. After the facial features became distinct, one would realize that San Bao was quite blessed. It was not a situation whereby daughters looked more like their fathers, and sons looked more like their mothers. Her little brows, little eyes, and little mouth resembled Qiao Nan’s. Only the little nose bore some resemblance to her father.

If the only little girl of the Zhai family looked as masculine as her father, the Zhai family would have to worry whether San Bao would be able to find someone true to her and successfully get married.

Given Brother Zhai’s looks, which man would dare to go near her?

Of course, other people dared not say this. It was Tian Dong who privately told Zhai Hua during the triplets’ full-month celebration. He was revealing his feelings when looking at San Bao’s tiny face at that time.

At this moment, San Bao had had her fill and was in a very good mood. She was smiling like a flower, looking more adorable than ever.

“San Bao, you are not making noises. That means you don’t object to godmother kissing you, right?” Shi Qing bullied San Bao for not being able to understand or reply to her words. She bent down, pouted, and kissed San Bao’s chubby face a few times. “This little face is as tender as tofu. It smells nice. There’s a scent of milk.”

Shi Qing’s eyes were filled with curiosity when she carried San Bao. “Is a child’s skin always so tender and smooth? San Bao is chubby all over. It feels so comfortable hugging her soft body. It is as if she doesn’t have any bones. You are not aware. When I first joined the school, I went through a lot of training. My arms are much stronger now.”

Chapter 1219 Uncle Is Here

“San Bao is so soft. I am afraid that I will use too much strength and make her feel painful. I feel so nervous when carrying her.”

Carrying the soft and tiny baby, this kind of unrealistic, fear, and nervous feeling was almost similar to that of the times her life was at stake when she was carrying out her mission.

Seeing that the usually fearless Shi Qing look so lost and helpless, Qiao Nan smiled. “Don’t worry. The triplets are already four months old. I heard from the elders that they are considered sturdy once they start to teeth. They are not as delicate as you said. As long as you don’t exert too much strength, you won’t hurt the triplets.”

Perhaps the little girl was pleased with the bite given by Shi Qing earlier. She did not reject or resist Shi Qing, this ‘stranger’, at all when Shi Qing carried her. Instead, she was flinging her little hands and kicking her little legs, looking quite happy and carefree.

Shi Qing looked around. “Do you have any toys at home for the triplets? Let me use them to play with her. I can’t possibly let her play on her own?” Her goddaughter was quite good at finding her own enjoyment.

“Don’t create trouble. San Bao is willing to play by herself. Don’t make fun of her. Otherwise, I can’t coax her if she really needs someone to do so in the future. I have three children.” It was not just San Bao. Da Bao and Er Bao were also at the very ideal stage whereby they could play by themselves. Without thinking, Qiao Nan could imagine the tizzy scenarios if the triplets needed people to coax them.

“Right, didn’t you say that Zhu Baoguo will be coming with you today? Where is he?” At the thought of the situation when Shi Qing came upstairs, Qiao Nan blushed. “He’s downstairs? When did he become so obedient?”

Shi Qing was so close with her that she dared to enter the bedroom without knocking on the door despite knowing that she was already married. In Qiao Nan’s view, Zhu Baoguo could not possibly have more courtesy than Shi Qing.

Fortunately, the auntie’s voice was loud enough and Zhai Sheng’s actions were swift enough. Shi Qing almost saw some censor-warranted scenes not meant for children, and Brother Zhai’s image would crumble then.

“Tsk, tsk, tsk. You’re really different now. You’re a true-blue young woman now.” Shi Qing did not see any of those scenes. However, although one had not eaten pork, they would have seen a pig run away. “Brother Zhai did not have his eyes on you for just one or two days. Both of you are married for a year, but the total time you spent with each other is less than a month. When you are in the army for three years, even a sow is considered pretty. I understand. Zhu Baoguo is not here yet. He’s not downstairs. He’s different from me. He said he is the uncle and went to buy gifts for the triplets.”

Qiao Nan was so furious at Shi Qing’s thick-skinned demeanor that she nearly slapped her. “Your parents still don’t know that you’re back?”

“...” Shi Qing’s body turned stiff. She then rubbed and buried her face in San Bao’s arms. “San Bao, why do you smell so nice? You smell really nice. What did you apply? Come, let godmother smell you properly. Let godmother rub you more and see if I will become as nice-smelling as you.”

San Bao did not understand any of Shi Qing’s words. Nevertheless, this did not stop her from feeling happy. She was giggling nonstop.

“Our San Bao is really a cheerful lady who loves to smile. She will be very popular in the future.”

After saving her daughter from Shi Qing’s arms, Qiao Nan kicked Shi Qing away. “Enough. Don’t make fun of San Bao anymore. Your standard of diverting the topic has deteriorated too much.” Qiao Nan patted San Bao’s back gently to help San Bao catch her breath. She also took the bottle of warm water that Zhai Sheng had prepared for the triplets in the morning.

The milk bottles were still a little warm. Hence, Qiao Nan did not need to do anything more. She simply fed San Bao water with the bottle.

True enough, after having so much fun with Shi Qing, San Bao held onto the milk bottle and started drinking lots of water from it. She was feeling thirsty.

“Alright, I admit my mistake. Let’s get back to the topic. Let me ask you a question. You see if you’re going to reply.”

“What question?”

“It’s regarding the Qiao family. You’re already the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family. Are you going back to the Qiao family during the first few days of the Lunar New Year? I predict that there are a lot of people from the Qiao family waiting to lure you into their traps. They want to gain something from you.” After she came back, only Shi Qing remembered that although Qiao Nan seemed very blessed to have fallen into a nest of fortune, she had huge lurking dangers by her side: the Qiao family!

Qiao Nan’s smile faded a little while she was coaxing San Bao. “There’s no hurry. Let’s take a step at a time. If they don’t look for trouble in the future, there won’t be any more issues then.” However, Qiao Nan knew that the possibility of this happening was almost zero.

Knowing that Qiao Nan’s words were no different from self-denial, Shi Qing could not be bothered to continue talking to Qiao Nan about such a dampening topic.

Hearing the bustling atmosphere downstairs, Shi Qing’s eyes lit up. “Zhu Baoguo is here!”

Qiao Nan put San Bao, who was as warm as a little heater, in Shi Qing’s arms. “Carry San Bao downstairs. I have not brushed my teeth yet.” She had finished serving her three children but had not tidied herself up.

“Sure.” Carrying the soft and tender San Bao, Shi Qing could not ask for anything more. “San Bao, follow godmother downstairs to see who came. If the other party’s presents are not to our liking, let’s don’t bother about him, okay?”

San Bao, who had not learned how to speak, could feel Shi Qing’s kindness toward her. At the sight of Shi Qing chatting with her enthusiastically, San Bao continued to have a foolish grin on her face

although she did not understand any of the words. She was drooling so much that she had wetted her bib thoroughly.

At the sight of the few pieces of clean and dry bibs on the pinkish baby crib, Shi Qing carried the sturdy San Bao like Hercules with one hand and grabbed a few more bibs with the other hand. She believed that her grandsons' situation was not any better than that of her goddaughter, given that the latter had so much saliva.

"I know that you have arrived." After she came downstairs, Shi Qing saw Zhu Baoguo surrounding and staring at Da Bao and Er Bao with a yearning look. His eyes were filled with the urge to carry them but he dared not do so. That look of excitement was as if he was a wild wolf that had been starving for more than ten days and finally sighted two big and white rabbits.

Zhu Baoguo lifted his head. "This is San Bao?" The only daughter?

"Yes." Shi Qing lifted San Bao proudly. "Is my goddaughter good-looking?"

At the sight that San Bao's facial features, besides her nose, looked so much like Qiao Nan's as if they were made from the same mold, Zhu Baoguo liked her very much. "Yes, San Bao is very good-looking. She's the most beautiful young lady among the many children that I have met."

"Hmmp!" Shi Qing snorted unhappily. She was well aware that Zhu Baoguo praised San Bao in this way because San Bao looked very much like her biological mother, Qiao Nan. It seemed that Zhu Baoguo had not really forgotten Qiao Nan and still had little feelings for Qiao Nan.

"Ooo... Ah..." San Bao widened her bright eyes. Seeing so many unfamiliar faces and the house bustling with life, the little girl smiled and looked exceptionally happy. However, in a group of unfamiliar folks, San Bao picked the tallest one amongst them. She expressed an exceptional liking for Zhai Sheng, her biological father, whom she had just interacted with for a few days.

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San Bao reached out her short little hands and revealed her chubby wrists. She wanted to be transported from Shi Qing's to Zhai Sheng's arms.

No matter what, her first daily meal was fed by this person for the past few days. She had to give him some face.

It was seldom that his daughter requested to be carried by him. Hence, there was no reason for Zhai Sheng to decline it.

Zhai Sheng smiled. He ignored Shi Qing's reluctant face and carried his little daughter without a word. He even gave her a kiss. This was his daughter. He could thus carry and kiss her as he wished. As for Zhu Baoguo, he should abidingly stand by the side and continue staring with a tempted look in his eyes.

Shi Qing was not pleased. "I can't carry San Bao now. I will carry Da Bao. Da Bao, come to godmother's side." Without waiting for Da Bao to reply, Shi Qing carried Da Bao into her arms.

Both Da Bao and San Bao had someone to carry. Without a word, Zhu Baoguo, who had been watching with a tempted look, carried the nice-smelling Er Bao without discussing it with anyone. He refused to let go thereafter. "When did you become the three children's godmother? Er Bao, I am your uncle. Call uncle. Uncle will give you something fun to play with."

The baby in his arms was so soft. It was softer than the pillow that he used for sleeping.

It looked like a little bun but an extremely sturdy and heavy one.

Initially, when he saw the triplets looking so tiny and shorter than his calves, he thought that the three of them would be very light. It was only when he carried Er Bao in his arms that he realized that they might be small but were, in fact, quite heavy. "Your maternal grandfather wishes to see you very much. Unfortunately, he doesn't have the time recently. So, uncle will carry all of you more on behalf of him. When your maternal grandfather asks me, it'll easier for uncle to reply."

Zhu Baoguo felt very pleased at the thought that he had carried Er Bao before his biological father could.

So what if he was the father? His father could not always win in every matter. In the end, he was the one who carried Er Bao first.

Perhaps Zhu Baoguo looked too silly. As a natural-born actor, Er Bao did not shun Zhu Baoguo's hug. However, there seemed to be a tinge of disdain on his face when he looked at Zhu Baoguo. It was as if he was looking at a husky.

“Where is Nan Nan?” His most important daughter was in his arms. As such, Zhai Sheng graciously agreed to lend his son to Zhu Baoguo for the latter to carry.

Pinching San Bao, who was in his arms, there was a flash of darkness in Zhai Sheng’s eyes. Zhu Baoguo could carry Da Bao and Er Bao but not San Bao. This did not only apply to Zhu Baoguo but also to others.

San Bao was the only girl. Of course, she should be given more care than her two elder brothers, lest she be taken away by the bad guys of other families.

A daughter was her father’s lover in his past life.

San Bao was only four months old. Besides drinking milk, she did not know anything else, yet her father had already silently isolated her from all other living males. He certainly disallowed any males from appearing by her side and coming into close contact with her.

Zhu Baoguo was the first one to be blacklisted by Zhai Sheng.

Zhu Baoguo, who was absolutely oblivious to this, was glancing continuously at San Bao as he carried Er Bao. “I brought many little gifts with me this time. All are for the triplets, but I don’t know if they will like them.”

Upon arriving in the capital yesterday and finding out that Qiao Nan had become a mother of three, he was suddenly overwhelmed by mixed feelings—sour, sweet, bitter, and spicy.

The lady that he liked had given birth. Unfortunately, he was not the father. He could only appear as the uncle by the three children’s side and show his concern for them.

After sorting out his disheartened feelings, Baoguo dashed into a shop selling maternal and infant-care items. He consulted the salesperson for a long time and bought many items for the triplets as presents.

Zhu Baoguo bought a huge quantity of items for both boys and girls. He was a customer who was hard to come by.

Last evening, one of the female sales personnel of the maternal and infant-care shop did not attend to anyone else except for Zhu Baoguo. She spent all her time and effort to listen to Zhu Baoguo's situation and provide solutions and suggestions for him.

In the end, Zhu Baoguo lived up to her expectations. He carried a bag of items as huge as a hill when he finally left the shop.

It could be said that the money that Zhu Baoguo spent in the shop that day was almost equivalent to half of their sales revenue for the day itself.

Where could they find such a huge customer like him?

If they had one such customer every day, all the salespeople would be leading good lives.

Zhu Baoguo was also an honest and forthright chap. He had really brought over all the huge 'mountain' of items over to the Zhai family's residence. He was not afraid that Zhai Sheng would misunderstand and feel jealous at all.

It could be said that Zhu Baoguo's gifts and concern for the triplets had directly exceeded that of Zhai Sheng, the biological father.

Those who were unaware would inevitably misunderstand that Zhu Baoguo was the triplet's biological father and Zhai Sheng was most probably the uncle.

Only Zhu Baoguo, this kind of honest and forthright chap, would do something as such that would easily attract hate from others. Typical folks would not be able to bring themselves to do that.

At the sight of Zhai Sheng's expression looking increasingly worse than when she went into his room without knocking earlier, Shi Qing could not bear to see Zhu Baoguo continue with his foolish acts. She thus started to 'criticize' Zhu Baoguo. "There will be new and upgraded products very soon nowadays. Better things will appear after a short time. The triplets are still so young, yet you bought so much stuff. They won't be able to use them all at once. When the new products are out, they will certainly use the best ones. Do you know how to buy things?"

Just with one glance, Shi Qing could confirm that besides buying items that the triplets could play with at their current age, he also bought many that they could use even when they were one year old.

Zhu Baoguo did not mind spending so much money at all. He said in a bold and righteous manner, “Certainly, the triplets deserve good things. These items can be used as back up then. There’s no harm being prepared. If they are really not suitable anymore, I will buy new ones for them. So what if it is wasteful? I’m spending my own money, not other people’s money. You don’t need to worry.”

It did not cost him that much money. If his father were the one who went shopping yesterday, given his father’s temperament, he might have bought half the items in the shop. His father was the real shopper. His performance was already the outcome of a very restrained behavior.

“Ah!” Er Bao started making noise. He stuck his little hands into his mouth and sucked it hard. He was also drooling more.

Zhai Sheng understood Er Bao’s behavior at one glance. He took out the teething rusks and gave the triplets one each.

As soon as the triplets saw the teething rusks, their little eyes lit up. They chewed the rusks deliciously in their mouths. Their tiny faces looked like the blossomed sunflowers. They were so pleased.

As for Zhu Baoguo, this uncle who spent a lot of money buying presents for them, the triplets did not even take an additional glance at him. They were still too young to understand these matters. They were happy and busy chewing their rusks, as if they now owed the whole world.

“He has really become a father.” Shi Qing exclaimed. As soon as Zhai Sheng made this move, he had amazingly appeased the triplets all at the same time.