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Chapter 1241 They Know How to Call Mama Now

Henceforth, Qiao Nan dared not leave the house quietly when the triplets were sleeping. She no longer dared to let them sleep longer and more soundly in the morning.

Fortunately, the triplets were quite good-tempered in front of their biological mother. They had never thrown tantrums after being woken up.

At the sight of her sons' sweet and nice-smelling little faces, Qiao Nan's eyes brimmed with gentleness.

She touched the fair little tummies of Da Bao and Er Bao, who were moving up and down, and planted a few kisses on their faces. "Da Bao, Er Bao, wake up. Mom is going to school soon. Are you going to send me off?"

The triplets were still very young. Although they were beginning to walk now, they were not very stable in their steps. Da Bao and Er Bao did not speak as well as San Bao. They were boys after all. They were not as eloquent as San Bao but their stout little legs had more strength than hers.

San Bao had learned how to walk too. However, the strength and stability of her legs were weaker. She would fall after staggering a few steps.

Da Bao and Er Bao could walk quite a long stretch of road now. Each time Old Master Zhai watched them walk with serious expressions on their cute little faces, he joked that although they had not grown up, they were already displaying the charisma of a leader.

As such, the triplets obviously could not send their mother to the door. At most, they would sit or stand as they watched Qiao Nan put on the shoes and leave the house.

As long as the triplets could send Qiao Nan off to school with their eyes, they would not throw tantrums even if they missed her after she left.

On the contrary, if the triplets did not personally 'watch' Qiao Nan leave for school, they would flare up and cry for a long time no matter what the adults did to appease them.

True enough, after being kissed by their mother, both Da Bao and Er Bao opened their little mouths and yawned. Their chubby hands rubbed their eyes. They moved and sat up on the bed in a steady manner.

When Da Bao and Er Bao opened their eyes and saw their sister in their mother's arms, smiling and looking at them with her pair of bright and dewy eyes, Da Bao and Er Bao sobered up more. They not only looked at Qiao Nan but also called her 'mom'.

Da Bao and Er Bao were slower in picking up speech than San Bao. They also spoke fewer words. Strangely, San Bao would call her mother 'mama'. On the other hand, besides the first few words, Da Bao and Er Bao, who spoke less, were articulate when calling her 'mom'. The pronunciation and pitch were also perfect.

"Be good." Upon hearing her sons calling her 'mom' with clear voices like birds singing, Qiao Nan seemed to have taken a bowl of shaved ice in the hot and scorching weather of summer. It felt so cooling and soothing. All the feelings of heat and bother had completely disappeared. "Da Bao, Er Bao, let's drink some water."

Once Qiao Nan mentioned about water, the two children sat and waited obediently for her mother to feed them water one by then. They did not fight nor compete with each other.

Just as the three children finished drinking the water, the door of Qiao Nan's room opened. Miao Jing was smiling so much that her wrinkles could be seen. "I guessed that the four of you, mother and children, must be awake at this time. How's it? My three little darlings, did you sleep well yesterday? Did you sleep soundly? Did you miss grandma?"

They had not seen one another for only one night, but Miao Jing was persistent in asking them whether they missed her every day.

The triplets had glib tongues. They seemed to know what their biological grandmother wanted and nodded one by one. In particular, San Bao, whom Qiao Nan was carrying, not only nodded constantly but also said in a baby voice, "Grandma, miss, hug, hug."

"Aye, my obedient little granddaughter." Now, Miao Jing was smiling like an old chrysanthemum flower. The only daughter of the Zhai family resembled Zhai Hua in half her manners when the latter was a child. Of course, these were words from Old Master Zhai.

When the triplets were playing, similar to Zhai Hua, this biological auntie, the young lady's temper was strong. When she was domineering, even the boys had to give in to her.

However, San Bao was not naughty. She looked so sweet and quiet when she was carried by the adults, such that the adults could not wait to dote on her. The little mouth that did not know how to speak much would either not move or when it did, the words that came out were so sweet that one could die for them!

Muack! Miao Jing planted a kiss on her granddaughter's little face. San Bao's chubby hands were wrapping around her grandmother's neck. She also pouted and kissed Miao Jing's face twice. She then called in a sweet and gentle manner, "Grandma..." This greeting had a lingering sound at the back, sweet-talking Miao Jing so much that the latter was losing her sense of direction.

The sticky little girl had been given to her mother-in-law. Facing Da Bao and Er Bao, Qiao Nan felt more at ease. "Da Bao, Er Bao, we're getting down the bed." Qiao Nan helped Da Bao and Er Bao wear their shoes before carrying them down the bed.

Basically, since Da Bao and Er Bao learned how to walk, the first thing that they wanted the adults to do when they awoke was to wear the shoes.

Da Bao and Er Bao would definitely look sullen and refuse to cooperate if any adults were to try to carry them.

Unless they helped them wear their little shoes, Da Bao and Er Bao would not be willing to let the adults carry them downstairs.

Boys were boys indeed. After Da Bao and Er Bao wore their shoes and touched the floor, the brothers immediately followed each other in the bedroom and walked in a circle.

It was only until when Qiao Nan carried Er Bao and the auntie carried Da Bao that the three adults and three adorable little children went downstairs.

With such a fuss, as expected, much time had passed.

The price of coaxing the three children was Qiao Nan's breakfast time. After downing half a bowl of warm porridge quickly, she picked up two buns from the table. She could not stay at home any

longer. “Mom, I’m sorry to trouble auntie and you. I don’t have time to feed the triplets now. I have to leave first for a class in the morning.”

“Okay, take your time. Don’t rush. At most, you’ll just be a little late.” Miao Jing had already guessed this situation. She was not only not angry but also helped Qiao Nan bring over her schoolbag and books. After Qiao Nan wore her shoes, she passed these two items to her. “The chauffeur is already waiting outside. Nan Nan, don’t rush.”

“Mom!”

“Mom.”

“Mama!”

As soon as Qiao Nan wore her shoes, Da Bao and Er Bao walked to the door on their own with their stout little legs. The auntie carried San Bao to the door. All of them were watching Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan felt so softhearted and had the feeling that she was being a sinner by leaving at this time.

Qiao Nan bent down and kissed the faces of triplets. “Be obedient at home, babies. Mom is going to school. Mom will be back when it is lunchtime. Wait for Mom to come back, okay?”

After fulfilling their wishes of receiving a kiss, the expressions on the triplet’s faces were extremely obedient and at peace. They nodded to express approval.

“Hurry.”

“Back.”

“Wait, mama.”

Chapter 1242 Only Respect and Listen to Qiao Nan

The joint meaning of Da Bao and Er Bao’s words were to let Qiao Nan come home faster and earlier. San Bao meant that she would stay at home obediently and wait for her mama to come back.

Looking at triplets' adorable ways, Qiao Nan could not resist the temptation to give them another round of kisses on their foreheads before she grabbed her schoolbag and books and rushed to the car.

The auntie was still carrying San Bao. Miao Jing was holding the chubby hands of her eldest and second eldest grandsons. "Your mother is going to school. Now, follow grandma and let's have breakfast together, okay?"

The triplets were weaned off breast milk when they were five months old. When they were eight months old, they consumed less formula milk. Now, they were almost one year old and gradually introduced to staple food. The amount of milk that they would consume had simply become half a bottle of what was given just before they slept.

"Yes."

"Food, food."

The triplets had been carried to the table. That thick and mashed little millet porridge smelled extremely good. It was also easily digestible. Although it was almost tasteless, the triplets did not shun it at all.

"Hi, senior."

"Senior Qiao."

"Good morning, Senior Qiao."

It was autumn in September and the autumn tigers were still prowling. However, the affectionate atmosphere in the school did not seem to have lessened.

"Hello, everyone." Holding an umbrella and riding a small bicycle, Qiao Nan was speeding on the tracks of the school.

During the third year of her college studies, the classroom of Qiao Nan's classes had been changed. It was much further away from the entrance of the school. For convenience, Miao Jing had purchased a small bicycle for Qiao Nan. It was normally parked near the entrance of the school.

No matter what, the speed of a two-wheeled vehicle was certainly faster than Qiao Nan's two legs.

Xu Shengnan had graduated successfully with her graduation cap in summer this year.

As she had been interning in Gao Yan's company for some time, undoubtedly, Xu Shengnan joined his company as soon as she graduated.

The difference was that instead of going through the probationary period which applied to newcomers, Xu Shengnan simply skipped this period and immediately drew the salary of a formal employee. She also enjoyed the benefits of a permanent employee.

Xu Shengnan's situation made those who graduated at the same time as her red with envy. They were still worried about finding jobs.

Without Xu Shengnan's help, Qiao Nan's limelight in school did not reduce. On the contrary, many second-year students were aware that they had a very brilliant third-year senior by the name of Qiao Nan.

The new English club did not need to worry about sponsorships anymore. With money, it was easier to resolve issues.

Which students of Peking University were not capable ones? Not many.

The new English club had progressed well. As such, the selection requirements for its club members were stricter than before. The committee members that were selected were strong and capable elites in the school. Those who were incapable dared not even take up these roles.

Qiao Nan had been the vice president of the new English club for almost two years.

The new English club had developed so well. As the club's vice president, Qiao Nan's fame rose with the club naturally. Furthermore, until now, it was uncertain why, but any Peking University freshman who paid attention to the new English club would hear and spread the news that the new English club had been given a new lease of life due to Qiao Nan's hard work and efforts.

There would not be the thriving and prosperous new English club today without Vice President Qiao's doing her utmost to turn the tides.

Vice President Qiao had contributed greatly to the establishment and progress of the new English club.

As expected, given such rumors and progress of the new English club, Qiao Nan's name and fame in Peking University could not be any less. She did not even need to do anything.

Clearly, Qiao Nan was not the pioneer who had established the club. It had always been Xu Shengnan, who had just graduate, who persisted and worked hard. However, the people in school would either keep mum or mention Qiao Nan's name when they spoke about the new English club.

Gradually, one spread to ten and ten to a hundred. There were only two phrases and a full-stop in everyone's heart: Qiao Nan equaled the new English club.

With such a beautiful 'misunderstanding', could the students in the school not behave affectionately toward Qiao Nan?

Qiao Nan, who never had the self-awareness of being a famous persona in the school, was used to her past habits. She would acknowledge with either a nod or greeting when people said hello to her.

Fortunately, she had been staying at her mother-in-law's place and did not truly feel the changes associated with a famous persona in the school. Otherwise, Qiao Nan would not be able to bring herself to smile today.

This was the first class of the new school term. Hence, the dismissal time was earlier. Of course, this applied not only to Qiao Nan's faculty.

Making use of the time from the early dismissal, Qiao Nan and the president of the new English club arranged a last-minute meeting to discuss the recruitment of incoming freshmen to be members of their club.

There was also something else. Qiao Nan was already in her third year of studies. During the first half of the coming year, Qiao Nan would spend less time in school due to internship. In other words, very soon, Qiao Nan would not have so much time and energy to organize the club activities or manage the club affairs.

In Qiao Nan's perspective, she had not done a lot in the past one and a half years.

The only thing that Qiao Nan needed to focus on this semester was to find a good seedling to nurture and succeed her as the vice president.

"I have seen the plan to recruit new members to the club. There is no issue." Qiao Nan read with speed and soon finished reviewing the plan. "President, regarding what I have mentioned previously, do you have any recommendation?"

The president looked awkward. "I have not thought it through given such a short time."

Actually, it was not because he had not done so. There were just too many people who came knocking at his door and the president did not know who to choose and recommend to Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan had greater deciding powers in determining who to take over her vice president role.

Well, many people in the club respected and listened to Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan also took over the role of the vice president from Vice President Xu, didn't she?

It was fine if Qiao Nan did not have anyone suitable in mind. Once she had someone in mind, most likely, the vice president role would be given to that individual.

By right, this matter should be handled and confirmed by Qiao Nan, just like what Xu Shengnan did in the past.

The problem was that, as a mother and someone who was very focused on her studies, Qiao Nan did not have so much extra time to understand the situations of the juniors.

As she did not have a lot of understanding, Qiao Nan did not want to casually appoint anyone in a slipshod way. Instead, she consulted the president's views and checked if he had any good person to recommend so that she could review and make her choice.

It was not that no one wanted to self-recommend or personally go to Qiao Nan to market themselves for the role.

Qiao Nan really spent too little time in school. Besides attending classes, she was always in the library or on the way home. Other people really did not have the opportunity to communicate with Qiao Nan or establish their presence or gain her favor.

Chapter 1243 Nepotism

As they could not work on Qiao Nan at all, smart people would naturally divert their attention to the president. They hoped that the president could recommend and put in more good words for them to Qiao Nan.

It was fine if there were only a couple of them. The president could just hand these people to Qiao Nan and let Qiao Nan wrack her brains in the decision-making.

However, there were too many people approaching him. The president could not possibly pass the information of all of them to Qiao Nan for her selection.

When a club was developing well, countless ambitious students who wanted to do well in college would set their eyes on the reputable vice president role.

“Vice President Qiao Nan, you still have more than six months to decide on this matter. There’s no hurry.” When Qiao Nan enquired about this matter, the president looked embarrassed. In the end, he still decided to hold back the names of all those who came to look for him.

It was not appropriate to recommend anyone given that so many people had approached him. If he were to recommend more than one person, the decision would still lie with Qiao Nan eventually. Only Qiao Nan’s words would count.

They were at a sensitive time whereby there were changes to the happenings in the school.

All of them were college students who would step out into real society to work and live independently soon. Under such circumstances, the students’ mindsets would become more fickle and complex. Hence, some of the common phenomena in society might not be completely absent in school.

The president was still hoping that he could retire peacefully and honorably.

If someone were to catch a handle of him at this time and smear his name, he would have ruined the great honor that he was initially due to receive. Wouldn't he lose more than he gained then?

The president did not wish to spoil the ship for a halfpenny's worth of tar because of some meager benefits.

He was already in his third year of studies and would opt for his internship very soon. He would then find an employer and work hard after he graduated from his fourth and final year of studies.

There was nothing more important than getting a good assessment from school. It was better to discard that meager gain. When he stepped out into society and find a good job, this little benefit would be worthless!

Having made this decision, the ball was once again in Qiao Nan's court. "Vice President Qiao, I am in the same predicament as you. You are troubled over finding a successor for vice president, and I am also troubled over finding someone to take my role. Vice President Qiao, I suggest that you take the opportunity during the next two club events to spend more time and observe the existing or up and rising new members. I really can't help you."

Qiao Nan closed the proposal that was in her hands, looking helpless. "Okay, I will try my best to find time to observe."

She could select not only second-year but also first-year students to succeed her as the vice president. One had to know. Didn't Xu Shengnan also choose Qiao Nan in this way?

The problem was that most of the school activities were carried out during evening and night times. There were very few activities that occurred during the day.

As a mother, Qiao Nan had very little time. She could only try her best to squeeze out some.

Besides the issue of selecting a vice president successor, the rest of the problems were easier to discuss and resolve.

Similarly, the new English club did not need to worry about sponsorships this year. The only difference was that the person who discussed the various issues of the sponsorship with the new English club was not someone else but Qiao Nan's old friend, Xu Shengnan.

Qiao Nan could guess a little what Gao Yan and Xu Shengnan had in mind.

As a student, one would worry about finding a good place for an internship for them to learn and accumulate more practical work experience. At this time, Gao Yan's company could offer such opportunities.

Of course, the students also had to go through a selection procedure by the company.

Occasionally, some of the good companies as well as honors graduates who had been in touch with their alma mater would provide a few rare internship roles. However, students who were not outstanding enough could forget about these few vacancies.

There were only a few excellent roles but so many students needed internships. Even the students who failed to get the role were good and capable ones.

At this time, Gao Yan's company could 'ride on' the alumni and seniors to poach capable and patient juniors who could take pressure to his company for internships.

This internship was also a test and observation platform set up by Gao Yan for these juniors.

For those who performed well, Xu Shengnan would be an example of their future. For those who did not do well, this would be nothing more than an internship. After it ended, they would say goodbye and need to appear again during the longer internship period happening in their fourth-year. One had to give others a chance too, right?

Due to areas of expertise required, Qiao Nan very seldom recommended such people to Gao Yan despite knowing his plans.

Nevertheless, as long as Qiao Nan made a recommendation, Gao Yan would give Qiao Nan face. As of now, Qiao Nan had not been wrong in her recommendations.

In fact, Qiao Nan becoming increasingly famous in school was also largely because of this reason.

Qiao Nan was only in her second year of college studies, yet she could already recommend a third-year senior in her club to Gao Yan's company such that this senior would have the chance to become colleagues with Xu Shengnan. Besides Qiao Nan, who could do such an amazing thing?

Similar to Qiao Nan, the president also faced the difficulties of finding an internship. Initially, the president had thought of taking advantage of his favorable position. When he and Qiao Nan were still familiar with each other, he wanted to request Qiao Nan to help him by recommending him to Senior Gao's company.

The boss of this company was his senior. Besides, many formal employees in the company were his former school mates.

The president felt that if he had the opportunity to work in this company, the work atmosphere would definitely be much better than in other companies. Furthermore, Senior Gao's company was on track and was progressing better year by year. Last year, they had clinched a huge business. The company had also shifted from the 3rd Ring Road to the 2nd Ring Road. They might even move to the 1st Ring Road at some point in time.

If he did not get into this kind of company now, he might not be able to get in later.

The president knew that someone like himself had to give it a try soon. If he waited for another one or two years, only a few top-notch students from the few faculties famous in the school could receive internships from the company.

However, the president aborted this idea very soon.

Qiao Nan told the president very truthfully. "Gao Yan's company is lacking in talent. Gao Yan is recruiting with the aim of converting them into permanent employees. Of course, they have to have corresponding expertise and knowledge. President, which one do you think you are suitable for?"

Any recommendation was a recommendation. As long as the other party was someone with true capability and was a talent needed by Gao Yan, Qiao Nan had no qualms about nepotism.

Nepotism?

This was crap! She had just arrived in a metropolis like the capital and did not have any close kin here.

Chapter 1244 Would Not Intervene

She never checked if she had any fellow townsmen in the school.

Because Qiao Nan was upright and shared the information with the president without any hidden agenda, he abandoned his plan right away and looked for another company to do his internship. He did not want to end up falling between two stools, not being able to find employment and fumbled the ball with his internship.

Perhaps some students would gossip that the president must have gotten an important name list from Qiao Nan and that he could benefit from the name list or help other people with it.

But the president would tell them they were stupid fools.

Since Senior Gao knew Vice President Qiao, he accepted and employed the people that Vice President Qiao recommended to him. However, he did not know Senior Gao. If not for Qiao Nan, who introduced the new English club to Senior Gao, he would not have the chance to know Senior Gao Yan.

He had just entered college when Senior Gao Yan graduated and started his own business.

He did know him at all. How could he be so shameless to introduce people to him? He would rather be down-to-earth and make plans for his future instead of offending people that he could not afford to offend.

The president knew that Gao Yan had just started his company. The first year was very crucial to the company, and he would not allow any mistakes to happen. Therefore, he would not accept interns who were irresponsible. He would only accept trustworthy and experienced workers.

Initially, his company was willing to take in interns from the school, but some of the students looked down on the company as it was just a start-up company. Now that the company was on its tracks, even if the students wanted to do their internships at the company, Senior Gao might not welcome them.

Timing was very important. Once they missed the timing, they could only blame themselves for being unlucky.

The president was smart. He knew Qiao Nan's temper and knew that he should not interfere with the selection of the next vice president. He also did not tell anyone of the openings in Gao Yan's company. It was as if Qiao Nan never told him this piece of information at all.

Qiao Nan had worked with the president for more than a year. Although he was not very smart, he had some wits about him. This was why Qiao Nan dared to reveal the information about Gao Yan's company to the president.

Luckily, the outcome was as expected and satisfactory. They did not let each other down. They could still be classmates and fellow committee members. When they saw each other in the future, they could exchange warm greetings, asking how the other party was doing.

The school had just reopened. The meeting ended after they went through some details about the club.

As the vice president, there was no need for Qiao Nan to be responsible for the recruitment of new students who reported to the school this year. Other committee members could be in charge. The president and Qiao Nan were only responsible for making decisions and setting rules and the overall direction for the events. They also needed to seek the school's approval for organizing events in school.

After they had settled the bigger issues, the committee members would be responsible for the operations and execution. Everyone was assigned different tasks, thus increasing efficiency and effectiveness.

As Qiao Nan had to go for the meeting, she was later than usual when she reached the Zhai family's residence.

Luckily, the triplets had yet to lose their temper. When Qiao Nan entered the house, San Bao, who wore a red undergarment walked toward her like a duck, swaying from side to side. She gripped Qiao Nan's calf, refusing to let go. Her eyes had turned red, and she pouted her lips, expressing her displeasure.

Qiao Nan felt happy that an adorable baby was clinging to her. Although the weather was hot, she did not mind it at all. However, she had just returned from school and had to wash her hands before she could carry them.

Qiao Nan tousled San Bao's smooth hair. "San Bao, be good. Let mama washes my hands before I stay by your side while you have your meals. Is that alright?"

"No... no." San Bao was a tough nut to crack. "Carry, carry."

Qiao Nan smiled bitterly. She placed her hands on San Bao's chubby bottom. She did not manage to carry her in her first try. She straightened her back in her second try and finally brought her to her arms. "San Bao, you are my beloved daughter. With you around, I won't be cold in the winter."

Although Brother Zhai was not with her, with the triplets around, she did not need to worry about being cold even in the harshest winter. The triplets were like three hot stoves.

"Em... em." San Bao smiled. She nodded her fair chubby face. She then leaned in her mama's embrace, pasting her face to her mama's face.

Qiao Nan wanted to do that very much, but she could not. "San Bao, be good. I will wash my hands and face. Your brothers will play with you in the meantime." Qiao Nan put San Bao beside Da Bao and Er Bao, giving them each a kiss on the head before she rushed to the restroom to wash her hands.

Da Bao and Er Bao each sat on one side of their sister. They knew that their sister wanted to chase after their mother. Da Bao reached out his hands to hug San Bao, telling her that he would accompany her and their mama would be back very soon.

Er Bao was more straightforward. He grabbed San Bao's undergarment, passing his toy to her. He was telling her to play with the toy. Their mama would return in a minute.

San Bao could not leave her seat to chase after Qiao Nan with her brothers guarding her from both sides.

"Hahaha." Miao Jing was thrilled. "Da Bao and Er Bao have grown up. You can help your mom to look after your younger sister and play with her. We, the elders, can have an easier time in the future."

San Bao was impatient and stubborn. She would not listen to other people.

But she would behave herself when she was with her elder brothers. Other people might not be able to make San Bao listen to them, but she would accede to Da Bao's and Er Bao's requests. Even if she was unwilling in the beginning, she would give in to them in the end.

Of course, Da Bao and Er Bao loved their younger sister very much.

Other than the occasions where San Bao was angry and they had to stop her from running about, Da Bao and Er Bao loved San Bao more than anyone. They would guard her fiercely.

In particular, when San Bao learned how to walk, whenever she made any movements and was about to take small steps, Da Bao and Er Bao would drop the toys that they had with them unknowingly and fixed their round and big eyes on San Bao. They were worried that San Bao would fall and hurt herself without the auntie knowing.

"Young madam, the dishes are warm. You can have them now." Now that the triplets could take small steps, they had to be supervised constantly by adults. In fact, the adults did not dare to leave them unattended since the triplets started to crawl and learn to walk.

At times, they had been keeping a close watch on the triplets. But the triplets, when mischievous, would crawl to the corners in the blink of an eye, and the adults might not be able to find them right away.

Chapter 1245 'Strangers'

The auntie squatted by the triplets' side to prevent them from wandering around.

The Zhai family knew the triplets' temper and they were as cheeky and mischievous as monkeys. Qiao Nan dared not ask the auntie to leave their side. She helped herself to the dishes and began to dig in. "Have the triplets taken their meals?"

It was already late. Qiao Nan knew that her concerns were unfounded. The triplets would usually finish their lunch at eleven o'clock. After lunch, they would play for half an hour before they were sleepy and went to sleep.

Qiao Nan came back home slightly later than usual. It was nearly twelve o'clock. Although the triplets had not gone to sleep, they must have had their lunch.

“They have taken their lunch.” The auntie who was with the triplets nodded. She kept a tight watch on San Bao for fear that she would spread her legs and dash toward the young madam while she was not watching.

Everywhere in the house, especially the corners, was covered with a thick layer of cotton. This was to prevent the triplets from sustaining serious injuries when they ran about and fell.

Although they had taken precautionary measures, if the triplets fell while running, they would still hurt themselves.

The only way to prevent them from hurting themselves was to keep a tight watch on the triplets, reducing the chances of them falling at home.

In the past, Qiao Nan had an average eating speed.

Ever since she became a mother, she had trained herself to finish her food as fast as Zhai Sheng, who was a soldier.

She finished her lunch in no time. She wiped her mouth before she walked toward the triplets. “It is past twelve. Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, shall we take a nap in the room?”

“Yes.”

“Okay.”

“Tired.”

The triplets were already feeling sleepy. They tried to keep themselves awake as they had to wait until their mama came home.

The triplets could not stay awake now that Qiao Nan urged them to sleep. Er Bao rubbed his eyes with his chubby hands, feeling very sleepy. He yawned and dozed off to sleep. He kept nodding, looking like the little chicks that were feeding on the grains.

Er Bao had the biggest reaction to his mother's question. Qiao Nan took him in her arms, Miao Jing carried Da Bao, and the auntie carried San Bao with her. The three women each carried a baby in their arms and went upstairs to place the triplets side by side on Qiao Nan's huge bed.

The weather was very hot now. They had to sleep on mats and use electric fans. Qiao Nan took a cotton towel and draped them over the triplets' bulging tummies. "Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, be good and have a good sleep."

Qiao Nan's voice was soft and gentle. She patted them lightly and as she coaxed them to sleep.

Before the triplets fell into a deep sleep, they opened their eyes to look at their mother who was sitting next to them. They checked to make sure that it was their mother who was coaxing them before they gave in and fell asleep in no time. They snored and their tummies rose and fell with every breath they took. It was an adorable sight.

The adults breathed a sigh of relief now that the triplets were asleep. Miao Jing brought Qiao Nan's books upstairs. "Alright, the triplets are asleep. They will probably wake up one hour later. Are you going to take a nap with them or do you want to make use of the time to do your reading?"

In other families, no matter how the parents urged the children, they refused to read or study.

Her daughter-in-law was different. Nobody told her to be so hardworking and diligent. She should relax and take a break at times. She must not be too hard on herself.

But the child was too sensible. They might have told her to rest but she would not listen to them. She was very disciplined with her reading and schoolwork. No one was as disciplined as her.

At times, it would be a problem if the children were too sensible. As their parents, there was no need for them to discipline the children.

"I will do some reading." True enough, Qiao Nan chose to do her reading instead of taking a rest with the triplets without the slightest hesitation. "I borrowed quite a number of books. I have to make use of the time to finish reading them."

The triplets would turn one year old soon. This meant that they would spend more time awake than asleep.

If Qiao Nan was unable to make use of the time when the triplets were asleep to do her reading, by the time they acted up and wanted her to play with them, she would have no time for her studies.

“Alright.” Miao Jing was not the least bit surprised. She had already expected that Qiao Nan would give this reply. “You can do your reading while the auntie and I will go downstairs to think of what desserts to prepare tonight. If there’s anything, you can call for us. We are just downstairs. We will be able to hear you.”

Miao Jing had gotten used to the arrangement where Qiao Nan would study while she took care of the triplets.

The triplets would sleep while their mother studied. They did not disturb one another and were able to share the same space harmoniously. There was no need for a fifth person to be around to help Qiao Nan. Since the four of them were fine with the arrangement, Miao Jing respected Qiao Nan’s decision and left her to her reading.

Once Miao Jing left, Qiao Nan sat by the study table that was full of books and began to read. She went through each study point and made notes diligently.

Qiao Nan put her heart and soul into her studies when it was September. The triplets had gotten used to the fact that their mother would need to leave to go to school.

The triplets also knew that their mother needed to go to school to learn, and that when they grew up, they had to carry their schoolbags like their mother and go to school to learn from their teachers.

The triplets were still young. It was impossible for them to fully understand and accept it. But at the very least, they learned to accept that their mother had to be away at times. They would send her off in the morning and tell Qiao Nan very clearly that they would be waiting for her at home.

The end of September was an important time of the year for the Zhai family. It meant that the triplets would soon turn one year old.

The elders in the Zhai family placed high importance on their grandchildren as well as their one-year-old birthday celebration. They wanted to throw a celebration for their grandchildren.

Their birthday was at the end of September, coinciding with the National Day holiday.

Many people would have plans during the long break for the National Day. For the Zhai family, they would be able to make use of the long break to go back home.

On the twenty-third of September afternoon, the triplets saw a familiar stranger and a total stranger in their house.

The triplets widened their eyes in surprise, staring at the two people who were at their house. They were very tall. In order to take a closer look at them, the triplets had to turn their necks and lift their double chins to look up toward the two people in front of them.

Chapter 1246 Fallen for the Triplets

The triplets were chubby and round. Even if it was Qiao Nan, who was the shortest in the Zhai family, they still had to look up to take a good look at her. The two persons in front of them were much taller than their mother. In the eyes of the triplets, they were simply giants.

“Grandma!” San Bao, who was the quickest in learning how to speak, shouted at her grandma in alarm. She shrieked and kept calling out for her grandma.

She knew that when her mother was not around, her grandma had the final say. If she encountered any problems, she would grab hold of her grandma’s thigh and cry to her for help.

“Is this San Bao? You are my sweet darling.” Zhai Hua was overjoyed at the sight of San Bao. She was chubby and round and she wore a plain cotton thin dress. She walked forward and gave San Bao a big hug. She took in a deep breath. Yes, San Bao still smelled of milk. It was the best smell ever.

“San Bao, the dress is so pretty. Who bought it for you?”

Zhai Hua loved how San Bao looked in her dress. San Bao had fair and tender complexion, while her dress was a pale shade of dark blue.

The cotton material of the dress added a plain touch to the dress.

Because it accentuated San Bao’s fair and tender skin, it seemed to glisten under the sun.

Zhai Hua loved it that her dress had the design of a Chinese traditional costume. The lapels overlapped each other and two small ribbons formed half a butterfly knot on the front.

There was a bright red string on San Bao's thick neck. Her neck was almost as thick as her thigh.

Zhai Hua, who behaved like a ruffian, tugged at San Bao's lapels to reveal a bright red undergarment that she wore beneath her dress. She looked so charming in that outfit of hers.

"Bad. Release, release. Wa..." San Bao was frightened by the person in front of her. She shouted at the top of her lungs, calling Zhai Hua as a bad guy and telling her to release her. San Bao, who was impatient, did not give Zhai Hua time to react. She noticed that Zhai Hua still held onto her, and she cried out in anxiety and fear. "Grandma, grandma, bad, bad." Grandma, a bad guy was trying to take San Bao away.

Da Bao and Er Bao behaved like two little cubs. They glared at the person who was holding San Bao. They looked grim and they clenched their fists, charging toward Zhai Hua, not bothering to waste time talking to her. They gave 'punches' to Zhai Hua from all sides, forcing the bad guy to let go of their sister.

"Brother." Her brother was brave to protect their sister. San Bao shouted to her brothers for help. She did not want to be taken away by the bad guy. She wanted her mama.

"What's wrong?" Miao Jing, who just had left the triplets seconds ago to go to the kitchen to bring warm water for them, rushed out from the kitchen when she heard the cries of San Bao. Her heart ached for her. "San Bao, who bullied you? Tell me..."

Miao Jing was stunned momentarily when she realized that the person who held San Bao in her arms was Zhai Hua. "Both of you are back."

Zhai Hua smiled. She was about to tell her mother that she missed her when Miao Miao acted like a shrew and snarled. "Such a brat. You are already so old, yet you dare to bully San Bao, and you still call yourself a woman. Put San Bao down right now. Pass her to me!"

San Bao had been frightened to tears. Looked at how she was crying.

“Grandma!” The triplets felt emboldened at the sight of their closest kin. They knew that the two bad guys would not take San Bao away. Their grandma would be able to drive the bad guys away and snatch San Bao back.

Miao Jing put down the water in her hands. She seemed like the tigress who was about to snatch the cubs from the enemies. Zhai Hua took a few steps backward in shock. To the triplets, it was as if Zhai Hua was unwilling to return San Bao to Miao Jing. San Bao was nervous and she kept kicking in Zhai Hua’s arms, her hands reaching toward Zhai Hua’s face.

“Oh, my goodness.” Zhai Hua felt pain on her face. She realized belatedly that her niece had been in shock and she was really crying. She was not pretending. Her niece was too heartless. How could she forget her and want to hit her?

Miao Jing made use of the chance while San Bao was fidgeting to snatch San Bao from Zhai Hua. “San Bao, be good. Grandma is here. Don’t cry. You won’t look pretty if you cry.”

“Grandma.” San Bao buried her face in Miao Jing’s shoulder, looking as if she had had a bad fright. She sobbed before she was reminded that she had forgotten about something. She turned to look at Zhai Hua. “Grandma, hit, hit, hit.” San Bao raised her chubby arms and made a move to hit in the air. She wanted Miao Jing to take revenge and hit the bad guy to retaliate on her behalf.

“Hahaha...” Miao Jing was thrilled that her granddaughter who would turn one year old soon was so smart. She knew that one must take revenge. “Sure, your auntie is too much. She should not have frightened San Bao. The auntie is such a bad girl. I will take revenge on your behalf.” With that, Miao Jing patted Zhai Hua lightly. She did not really hit her. In fact, she was merely dusting the dust off Zhai Hua.

“Auntie?” Now that she had taken revenge, San Bao was not one who bore grudges. She no longer shunned Zhai Hua like before. Instead, she was interested in the ‘auntie’ that her grandma was talking about.

Initially, Zhai Hua felt aggrieved that her mother favored the granddaughter over her daughter. But then, San Bao made baby sounds and wrongly pronounced ‘auntie’ in front of her. Zhai Hua felt invigorated as if she had taken the tonics. She looked radiant and energetic. “San Bao can talk and she can say the word ‘auntie’!”

Miao Jing felt very pleased. “You may have missed it, but other than ‘auntie’, San Bao called me ‘grandma’ several times just now. Nevertheless, San Bao pronounces ‘mom’ most accurately.”

San Bao was at the development stage where she would be able to say one word by one word. The Zhai family had taught San Bao how to greet the elders at home. San Bao remembered what they taught her, but she was unable to make a connection or use the greeting on the correct person.

Apart from correctly calling Qiao Nan as her mother, Miao Jing took two to three months to teach San Bao to remember that she was her grandma.

Since San Bao started learning to speak when she was eight months old, Miao Jing would stay by her side and taught her how to speak the word 'grandma'.

Da Bao and Er Bao stood on each side of Miao Jing, grabbing onto her trouser leg. They seemed to be in a confrontation with the two strangers in their house, forming an alliance to protect their grandma and sister.

Da Bao and Er Bao were chubby and round. They were still babies, yet they acted as if they were guardians, protecting Miao Jing from harm. Everyone was amused by their behavior.

To Miao Jing, who had fallen head over heels for the triplets, Da Bao's and Er Bao's behaviors were not foolish and stupid. Instead, Miao Jing was moved by their actions.

Chapter 1247 Hit Their Father

She could tell that Da Bao and Er Bao loved her very much. "Da Bao and Er Bao are so capable. The two of you are able to protect grandma and San Bao. You are amazing."

Da Bao and Er Bao puffed out their chests, making a tighter grip on their grandma's trouser leg.

Zhai Hua's expression darkened. "It turned out that the triplets took me as an outsider and a bad guy." Zhai Hua finally understood that the triplets had misunderstood her. Zhai Hua felt wronged.

Someone else had a fate worse than her.

In order to feel better, Zhai Hua moved aside, pushing Zhai Sheng, who stood behind her, forward. "If I am a bad guy, what about him?" She spent a lot of time to take care of the triplets when they were still a few months old. She held them as they urinated and pooped, and she watched as they grew up.

To her surprise, she was only away for four months and the triplets had taken her as a stranger and a bad guy.

Zhai Hua felt as if she was struck a million times and had died due to serious injuries.

Miao Jing, who felt smug, was conflicted and embarrassed at her daughter's words.

Hua Hua had indeed spent quite a lot of time taking care of the babies whereas she and the auntie only spent slightly more time than Hua Hua did with the triplets. Despite that, the triplets could not recognize their auntie. Their father barely spent any time with them. It would be a miracle if they could recognize their father. If so, they must be geniuses.

Zhai Sheng, who kept his silence, glanced at Zhai Hua. He knew that she was making use of him to feel better. He took one step forward with his long legs and walked toward Da Bao and Er Bao,

The triplets had grown up to be healthy and strong. They were chubby and weighed more than ten kilograms.

Ordinary folks like Qiao Nan would be able to carry one of them at a time, but she would not be able to carry the baby for long. If she were to carry two babies in one go, it would be killing her. Qiao Nan had to go through training to become the muscle babe before she could accomplish that.

It was different for Zhai Sheng. He was a man and a soldier. He had physical strength and stamina. The elites in the army were not his opponent, let alone women and ordinary men.

Da Bao and Er Bao might add up to a total of thirty kilograms. But Zhai Sheng was able to carry them steadily each in one arm without the slightest frown.

Da Bao and Er Bao opened their mouths and grabbed Zhai Sheng's clothes nervously. Da Bao and Er Bao realized right away that their horizons had widened and they had never been at such a height before.

As boys, Da Bao and Er Bao found it very fascinating to be able to stand taller than the rest of them and to have a clear, unobstructed view. They loved it very much. Although it was their house, it was a different experience to look at everything from a different perspective. Da Bao and Er Bao did not mind that a 'stranger' was carrying them. They kept turning their heads to take in the views.

Da Bao and Er Bao merely treated their father as a human ladder. Other people present noticed that Da Bao and Er Bao did not shun Zhai Sheng and were having a good time with him. The first thought that came to their mind was that this was the innate bond between father and sons!

“What’s wrong?” Qiao Nan ran all the way back from school. Beads of perspiration could be seen on her forehead and her face was flushed red. She panted as she asked about the situation at home. “The triplets seem to be crying. A-am I too late today? Are the triplets throwing tantrums? Brother Zhai, Sister Zhai Hua, what brings you back home?”

Qiao Nan was anxious when she heard that her daughter was crying. She could not take her time and came running toward the house.

She thought that San Bao was throwing her temper and therefore kept crying.

She had a big surprise when she opened the door. “The two of you are back. Did you just come back?” Qiao Nan noticed that Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua looked as if they had just come back from the outside. They must have arrived just before her.

“Mom, Mom.” Now that their mother was back, San Bao, who was unsettled, began to make noises. She fidgeted about in Miao Jing’s arms. Miao Jing almost lost her grip on San Bao and dropped her to the ground.

Qiao Nan was worried. She walked forward to carry the chubby girl into her arms. “San Bao, you’re such a mischievous girl. Didn’t I tell you that you must not move about in grandma’s arms? Do you know how heavy you are now?”

If San Bao kept fidgeting, notwithstanding Miao Jing, even Qiao Nan, the mother, might not be able to have a firm grip on her. San Bao was quite strong and heavy.

“Gegege.” San Bao was happy that she was finally in her mother’s arms. She had a sweet smile on her face. Qiao Nan turned softhearted at the sight of her smile. “Mom, Mom, miss, miss.” San Bao kissed Qiao Nan loudly on her cheeks to express how much she missed her mama.

“Mom.”

“Mom!”

Da Bao and Er Bao were anxious. It might be a novel experience to be higher than the rest, but to babies, nothing was more important than their mother.

When they were faced with a fearful stranger, the first person that they would turn to for comfort was the person closest to them.

It was alright that their mother was holding their sister. They could stand by her side and hug her calf.

No matter how Da Bao and Er Bao fidgeted, Zhai Sheng had a firm grip on them.

Zhai Sheng intended to give them a hard time. It was alright that his daughter could not part with the mother as daughters were dainty and delicate. However, Da Bao and Er Bao were boys. Sons should be braver and be able to withstand hardships. They must be tough and strong. They could not learn to be independent if they stayed with their mother.

Miao Jing spent many years in the Zhai family and Zhai Sheng was her son. She knew what the men in the Zhai family were thinking about.

Miao Jing glared at her son to make him stop it. Zhai Sheng curled the corners of his lips and finally squatted down to release Da Bao and Er Bao for them to go to their mother before they started crying

As soon as Da Bao and Er Bao reached the ground, they slapped Zhai Sheng's strong arms before they turned and sped to Qiao Nan.

They smacked him and turned to run to Qiao Nan in one fluid motion. They were agile and flexible, and one could not tell that they were actually less than one year old.

Da Bao and Er Bao finally relaxed after they had a firm grip on their mother's calf. They pressed their lips tightly and stared intently at Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua, the two bad guys!

“Hahaha...” Although Zhai Hua felt upset that she was scratched by San Bao, she felt much better that Da Bao and Er Bao gave Zhai Sheng two slaps. She laughed in amusement at Zhai Sheng.

Chapter 1248 There is a Bad Guy

Zhai Hua felt like she had taken a stick of ice pop. It was so cooling that she was no longer perspiring. “They are good. Indeed, Da Bao and Er Bao are the offspring of the Zhai family. They are so adept at giving these two slaps. They have their father’s style.”

If Da Bao and Er Bao were sent to the army in the future, she did not even need to worry who would be so blind to bully her two nephews.

Didn’t they see that the ever-victorious Zhai Sheng in the army also had to take slaps from Bao and Er Bao?

These two nephews of hers were simply too wonderful. They could not be any better.

The two slaps that he suffered had consoled Zhai Hua. Zhai Sheng was not pleased about this and pulled a long face. “Do you feel that happy?”

Zhai Hua sat on the sofa and replied happily, “Happy! I was only scratched by my niece while you were beaten by your two biological sons. Although Da Bao’s and Er Bao’s little fists do not have much strength now, it carries a different meaning.” She would feel at peace as long as Zhai Sheng was more miserable than her.

Qiao Nan rolled her eyes, feeling speechless. While carrying San Bao, she walked slowly toward Zhai Sheng with Da Bao and Er Bao following her by the side.

At the sight of his wife and children walking toward him, the initially sharp and strict look in Zhai Sheng’s eyes gradually turned soft. The cold and aloof winter snow melted and became purling streams in spring.

With the change of the look in his eyes, the triplets, who knew how to pursue good fortune and avoid disasters, did not feel that adversarial toward Zhai Sheng anymore. They were willing to approach Zhai Sheng together with their mother.

Qiao Nan held on to the short little hands of the triplets and guided them to touch Zhai Sheng’s clothes. “San Bao, didn’t Mom teach you before? This is your dad. Call dad.” Having said that, Qiao Nan touched the faces of Da Bao and Er Bao. She also gave the same encouragement to her sons so that they would try to accept Zhai Sheng.

“No, no!” The little girl shook her head unhappily while constantly drawing in the air with her chubby hands. “Pa, pa...” San Bao expressed that she had a father but her father did not look like this. He looked like that.

Da Bao and Er Bao nodded in agreement. Each time, when their mother asked them to call father, he was not so big-sized. He was very small and they could hold him in their hands.

Qiao Nan did not know whether to laugh or cry. “That was your father’s photograph. This is your father who is real and alive.” Zhai Sheng spent too little time at home. Qiao Nan also did not want the triplets to become too unfamiliar with Zhai Sheng. Hence, she held one of the wedding photographs that they took in the past for the triplets to see and call their father.

Unexpectedly, the triplets’ impression of the photograph was too deep. They did not acknowledge their biological father’s real person and were persistent in rejecting him. “Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, look at your dad’s face carefully. This is really your dad.”

The chubby daughter pursed her lips tightly, unhappy. She then wriggled into her mother’s arms. No recognition. No impression. Completely could not remember. Hence, she was not willing to bother.

Perhaps the impact of the earlier hug was still lingering. Da Bao and Er Bao tilted their heads and gave Zhai Sheng a few more glances. Even so, Da Bao and Er Bao stuck closely to their mother and did not take the initiative to approach Zhai Sheng.

Zhai Hua, who came back together with Zhai Sheng, received a similar treatment. The difference was that Zhai Hua had taken care of the triplets for a few months after all. As such, the triplets were friendlier toward Zhai Hua.

After receiving such differential treatment, the direct outcome of this was that Zhai Hua ate two more bowls of rice during dinner!

Both Old Master Zhai and Zhai Yaohui were very happy that Zhai Hua and Zhai Sheng were back. The men of the three generations went to Old Master Zhai’s study room and talked for a long time.

When it was seven o’clock in the evening, the triplets were tired. They started to rub their eyes with their fair and chubby hands as they stuck by Qiao Nan’s side and yelled ‘sleep, sleep’.

When Zhai Sheng, who came out of Old Master Zhai's study room, saw this, he carried his sons with one hand each and headed upstairs.

Zhai Sheng had carried two of them away. Naturally, Qiao Nan only had to carry her chubby daughter.

The family of five looked so harmonious from their backs. Miao Jing was the only one who revealed a look of worry in her eyes. She felt that it would definitely not be so peaceful tonight.

As the triplets grew, they could gradually express their views. All this while, they had been sleeping with Qiao Nan on the same bed.

Their bed was quite huge, but no matter how huge it was, it was not convenient for two adults and three children to sleep on at the same time.

Each time her son was back, Qiao Nan would either wake up late or her legs were as wobbly as noodles the next day such that she would be very worried for Qiao Nan when the latter walked.

When Zhai Sheng was back the last time, the triplets were still very young and were like three little piglets who would sleep soundly after having their fills. It was unlike now whereby they were awake for longer hours during the day. Basically, they did not have many more hours of sleep than adults.

If her son and daughter-in-law did something, created a huge commotion to wake the triplets up, that scene would simply be too wonderful. Miao Jing dared not continue with the thought.

Besides this, Miao Jing was also having a bad headache about another problem.

Indeed, she was the lady master of the house. Miao Jing's worry was coming into play in the bedroom at this very moment.

After Qiao Nan wiped the three children's hands and legs, put on dudous for them, and settled them in bed, they reacted in the same way. Instead of taking the initiative to look for their little pillows, lying on the bed, and waiting quietly for their mama to come back like they did in the past, they sat up one by one.

Facing the stranger on the bed that suddenly appeared, the triplets had a heightened sense of danger. Three babies, three pairs of eyes—they were staring at Zhai Sheng. The triplets strongly intended to scare Zhai Sheng away from the room using the look in their eyes.

During battles and military exercises, amid hails of bullets and cold-blooded and merciless killers, Zhai Sheng had never retreated a step out of fear. Now, he was just facing three feeble and weak babies. Although the other party was bigger in numbers, as the father, would he be afraid of his sons and daughter?

Three children that refused to give up and one father who loved his children unconditionally.

These three children and one adult were staring and glaring at one another in a cross-eyed manner. None refused to take a step back. They were watching each other like a hawk, with the strong intention to chase the other party away from this huge bed.

When Qiao Nan came out of the restroom after washing up, she bumped into this funny scene. “What are the four of you, father and children, doing? Are you competing on whose eyes are bigger or smaller?”

“Mama!” San Bao’s eyes lit up as she pouted and reached out her short hands toward her mother.

San Bao expressed that there was a stranger at home and she was scared. She needed her mother’s love, hugs, and kisses. Also, could her mother quickly shoo this stranger out of the house? San Bao was feeling scared.

Chapter 1249 Competing for Bed Space

The little girl was hiding in her arms. After burying her face in it, she was not willing to look up again. It was as if her biological father was some evil monster or bad character, so frightening that she had to hide.

Da Bao and Er Bao maintained the same attitude as when they were downstairs earlier. Together with their younger sister, they were bound by a common hatred for the enemy. They would guard against Zhai Sheng.

As soon as their mother sat down, Da Bao and Er Bao consciously moved their chubby little buttocks and sat beside her. Their hands were tugging at their mother’s clothes. This was the only way that they could gain a sense of security before this stranger.

“Be good. Didn’t Mom tell you that this is your dad?” Qiao Nan felt tired. She did not fall behind in both her studies and taking care of kids. She had been traveling to and fro home and school every day. Although she had designated vehicles to send her and did not need to squeeze with others via public transport, this kind of life was also quite tiring. “Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, goodnight. All of you are feeling tired too. Keep Mom company and sleep together, okay?”

Qiao Nan was aware that by this time, the triplets should have been snoring and sleeping like piglets based on their usual routine.

If they had not found their biological father unfamiliar, they would not have kicked up a fuss and hung on until now. They would have long fallen asleep.

After hugging the soft and milk-scented bodies of the three children, Qiao Nan could not take it anymore. She lay down and patted on the position beside her. “Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, let’s sleep.”

San Bao’s eyeballs swirled. As usual, she was occupying the place closest to Qiao Nan. When San Bao lay down, Da Bao and Er Bao positioned themselves beside their younger sister. When Qiao Nan reached out her hands, Da Bao and Er Bao grabbed Qiao Nan’s clothes and fingers respectively.

The mother and children maintained this state during their sleep.

Initially, the three children would fall asleep within seconds that they hit the bed.

Today, it was most probably because Zhai Sheng had been standing in the room and did not seem to be leaving. The exhausted triplets rubbed their eyes from time to time and insisted on keeping themselves awake, staring at Zhai Sheng. The alertness in their little eyes did not reduce at all.

At the sight of the triplets’ persistence, Qiao Nan thought of many ways to coax them but to no avail. “...Not going to sleep?”

San Bao’s small face had been plastered to Qiao Nan’s arms. Her mouth was drooping and she looked very unhappy.

“Alright.” There were no parents who could win against their children in this world. Qiao Nan moved the back of her feet and nudged Zhai Sheng’s body. “Brother Zhai, you have spent too little time with them. The triplets can greet people now, but they are still young and insensible. They won’t understand some reasoning even after I tell them. It will be a little tough on you. Why don’t you help me wash the clothes first? You can get in the bed after they have fallen asleep.”

This was the only solution that she could think of.

Clearly, the triplets refused to sleep and forced themselves to be awake due to Zhai Sheng’s existence.

If Brother Zhai was not around, naturally, the triplets would not need to be so persistent. They would sleep like they always did.

He had to be chased off the bed by his wife because of his three children. Very few men in this world would feel happy about this.

However, he was one of the main culprits who created these three little scums. These children did not belong to others. No matter how Zhai Sheng disliked the presence of the children, which affected how he and Qiao Nan got along, he had no way to stuff the triplets back into Qiao Nan’s womb so that they could not keep saying and doing things that would drive him to his grave.

Zhai Sheng pulled a long face as he took the clothes changed by his three children to the restroom to wash them.

Qiao Nan would wash her own clothes. However, she did not have much time to settle the triplets’ clothes. After all, other people in the house could help Qiao Nan share this burden.

Fortunately, the three pairs of short legs of the triplets could walk now. However, to children who had just picked up walking and were not steady in their steps, there was a limit to the distance that they could travel.

As such, they had to change the triplets’ clothes. However, their clothes were not that dirty either. It was not as if Zhai Sheng had not washed any clothes before.

As such, it did not take much effort from Zhai Sheng to wash the triplets’ small clothes. Zhai Sheng had long witnessed clothes that were dirtier and more difficult to wash in the army.

Furthermore, these items belonged to his sons and daughter. As their biological father, which father would shun his children's things in front of outsiders? Since his wife had given the orders, he would wash them.

Alas, after Zhai Sheng finished washing the triplets' clothes and came out, the triplets' eyes were still opened.

Before Zhai Sheng flared up, Qiao Nan spoke nicely and patiently to coax Zhai Sheng, this 'big child'. "Why don't you go downstairs and have a cup of tea first? The triplets are exhausted. I think I will be able to coax them to sleep very soon. Come back again after they have fallen asleep?"

The triplets' attitude was too obvious. As long as Zhai Sheng was still in the room, they would not sleep.

If Zhai Sheng dared to get onto the bed now, the triplets would dare to join forces and shoo Zhai Sheng off the bed.

Given Zhai Sheng's strength, of course he would not be kicked off the bed by the three children. However, there was no need for the father and children to go to this extent. It would be embarrassing and hurtful. Qiao Nan still very much wished for the triplets to accept Zhai Sheng, this father, and that the father and children could get along well with one another.

If that could happen, Qiao Nan could slack off from time to time when Zhai Sheng was home then. She could let Zhai Sheng take care of the kids while she found more time to study and pick up new knowledge.

Zhai Sheng gave Qiao Nan a look of warning. He was so cooperative now. Qiao Nan also had to cooperate in the same way too when he 'wanted' something later.

As expected, Zhai Sheng's placed his hands on the doorknob, opened the door, and went out.

The serious expressions on the triplets' face immediately eased. They even let out huge sighs of relief and nudged Qiao Nan. After sighing, they yawned. Without the need for Qiao Nan to coax them, they showed off their capability to fall asleep and slept soundly before Qiao Nan could open her mouth to hum.

Qiao Nan heaved a sigh of relief after the triplets fell asleep. She wanted to get up and call back Zhai Sheng, who had just left the room.

It was such a rare opportunity for the family of five to be able to sleep on the same bed.

Just the thought of that scene made Qiao Nan feel very heart-warming.

Since she had thought of it, she had to do it. Just as Qiao Nan wanted to sit up and go downstairs to call Zhai Sheng, her plan was wrecked by the three 'little monkeys'.

Da Bao, Er Bao, and San Bao were either tugging at Qiao Nan's clothes or coming into direct contact with Qiao Nan by her side. It was not so easy for Qiao Nan to withdraw her hands from the arms of her three children.

Chapter 1250 Noun and Verb

The triplets had clearly fallen asleep but they had to behave like when they were newborns. Their arms were extremely strong. Once they grabbed something, they made known their domineering stance and refused to let go of their hands regardless of the reason.

As such, the triplets would be alerted if Qiao Nan were to move.

After discovering this point, Qiao Nan, who had got up slightly, could only lie back completely on the bed and sleep obediently beside the triplets.

After touching the chubby faces of her three children, Qiao Nan could not help yawning. Her upper and lower eyelids got along very lovingly and were deeply attached.

When Qiao Nan was dozing off, she was still thinking that she actually did not need to go and call Zhai Sheng. After a while, Zhai Sheng would definitely come back when he gauged that the children were almost asleep.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nan, whose brains were not very delicate at this moment, gently hugged her three children and even fell asleep with them.

When Zhai Sheng opened the door and entered the room, he coincidentally witnessed this worrisome scene.

The triplets were young, had poor memories, and could not recognize people. Hence, it was not strange at all that they would cry and kick up a fuss at the sight of him.

However, it was most unacceptable to Zhai Sheng how his wife could leave him alone and sleep so soundly with their three children. He was seldom home. Was this really good?

After posing this question, from a man's perspective, Zhai Sheng used two words to answer to Qiao Nan: not good!

Qiao Nan, who felt that she had just closed her eyes, only sensed the earth shaking and the mountains swaying, as if there was an earthquake. Her whole world only had one point as support and it was shaking badly, so badly that she felt that her heart almost leaped out.

It was only until when she saw the greenish eyes akin to those of a wolf on top of her head that she realized that she was in the midst of a censored act with Zhai Sheng. "Brother... Brother Zhai?"

Qiao Nan's tone was unstable. She was incoherent and stuttering in incomplete sentences.

She only had one question: Wasn't she sleeping well earlier? Before she shut her eyes, the word 'sleep' was still a noun. Why had it become a verb now?

"Yes?" Zhai Sheng's deep and slightly hoarse voice sounded passionate and sexy. As he felt a sense of pleasure, he shut his eyes comfortably. That restrained shine in his eyes was more striking and soul-captivating than before.

Qiao Nan could not make out any words. She scratched many marks on Zhai Sheng's arms and back.

It was not because of other reasons. It was because the man on top of her seemed to be performing better in this aspect each time. She was just a mortal with an ordinary human body. She really could not take such a change. "Aren't... aren't we supposed to sleep?"

Zhai Sheng held on to Qiao Nan's waist as he exerted more strength. He was using his body action to express to Qiao Nan that he was 'sleeping' now.

“...” Qiao Nan could not help rolling her eyes. “You... Are you not tired? I am!” Could he not convert the word ‘sleep’ to a noun? Moreover, it was in the middle of the night. Could he sleep quietly?

In stark contrast to Qiao Nan’s inability to retaliate with strength, Zhai Sheng, who was utilizing the most strength, felt increasingly energetic, and he even replied to Qiao Nan as he handled the task with ease and skill. “No issue. If you are tired, you can go ahead and sleep. I would continue on my own.”

“...”

“Qiao Nan rolled her eyes again. She was as anxious as a kitten that had been stepped on the tail. She reached out her claws and scratched Zhai Sheng with all her might once again.

Due to the national day, Zhai Sheng had a short holiday and could always stay at home if he did not have anything else to attend to.

However, she could not. Unless it was the actual day of the national day, she had classes. Unfortunately, she not only had classes tomorrow, but she also had a day full of classes!

She had to study and take care of the children every day. Just these two matters had drained all of Qiao Nan’s energy.

Now, she still had to do one more thing: keeping the three children’s father company and doing something that he loved to do. It was terrible.

After venting out a little of her frustration, Qiao Nan was so weak and soft in Zhai Sheng’s clutches. She could not create any waves at all.

Thereafter, Qiao Nan was not sure if she had fallen asleep due to exhaustion or fainted due to Zhai Sheng’s ‘torture’.

When Qiao Nan was awake, the sky was already bright. The triplets also seemed to be kicking up a fuss with Zhai Sheng.

Despite the sound of her children's anxious voices, Qiao Nan's eyelids were still badly plastered together. The eyelids were so heavy that she could not open them. She took a deep breath and told herself that she was being overly anxious about the triplets.

If she did not open her eyes to look at the situation, perhaps the father and children would create some troubles.

Qiao Nan lifted her eyelids, looked up, and saw Da Bao and Er Bao red in anger. They were reaching out their chubby and lotus-like hands to push Zhai Sheng away. It seemed like they wanted to push Zhai Sheng off the bed.

On the other hand, San Bao's face was full of tears. She was staring at Zhai Sheng with a look of accusation. Besides that, she was grabbing Qiao Nan's collar with one hand, strongly wanting to wake her up. "Mama, mama..."

Qiao Nan rubbed her forehead. Moving her hands, she carried her chubby daughter into her arms.

Those who had not been a mother did not know that it felt a hundred times better to carry such a soft and adorable child. "San Bao, why are you crying again?"

"Mama!" San Bao spoke with a bright voice and squirmed in Qiao Nan's arms. "Mama, bad, bad, bad..."

After enduring for some time, San Bao spat a mouthful of saliva at Zhai Sheng. Without any reservation, she pointed out that Zhai Sheng was a bad guy. He even slept on the same bed as them, scaring them out of their wits.

Initially, Qiao Nan was sleeping in the middle, the three children on one side, and Zhai Sheng the other. It was just right such that the children and father would not disrupt each other's sleep temporarily.

However, as a wife lover, after Qiao Nan fainted with fatigue last night, Zhai Sheng changed his position and was now sleeping in the middle whereas Qiao Nan was sleeping at the side.

Zhai Sheng had not slept in the same bed as his three children before. Hence, he was not sure if they would be obedient and abiding when they slept at night. Would they, like Zhai Hua when she was a

child, kick or punch from time to time after they had fallen asleep? Worse, they might roll about in the bed as if they were sleepwalking.

After all, he had seen Zhai Hua, this example, before. Zhai Sheng dared not let his guard down when they were sleeping.

Once the position was changed, things became 'great'.

First, San Bao woke up as she had wetted the bed.

Normally, when Qiao Nan and the three children slept together, Qiao Nan would carry the three of them, one by one, to the toilet to urinate at around five in the morning.

Today, Qiao Nan was so exhausted that she completely could not wake up at five. Zhai Sheng was also unaware that Qiao Nan and the triplets had such a habit.

San Bao, who was enduring the wetness on her tummy, opened her eyes unhappily. Her chubby hands immediately touched the person beside her.