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Chapter 1271 A Good Chinese Daughter-In-Law

The old master did not have any major birthday celebration this year. This was the same for her in-laws, Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua.

The three children's first birthday had just passed. No matter how Qiao Nan thought about it, she could not figure out what other happy occasions there could possibly be.

Upon hearing Qiao Nan's words, Zhai Hua spat the water that she had been drinking. "Qiao Nan, can you say something nice and wish me well. Is it possible that I am getting married?" She did not even have a partner to discuss about marriage with. If there was really such a party, they had to date and talk about marriage first. It was not logical to get married as soon as they knew each other.

Qiao Nan was indignant. "I said that as I hope that good things will come your way. Mom, isn't that so?" Qiao Nan tried to find herself an ally. At the same time, she carried Er Bao into her arms.

Er Bao had rosy cheeks and bright, dewy and jet-black eyes. He seemed to be in better spirits than ever. "Er Bao, what happened to you yesterday? Do you know that you gave mom a bad scare?" Having said that, Qiao Nan planted a kiss on Er Bao's face. Er Bao opened his little mouth and responded by many wet kisses to his beloved mother.

Miao Jing took a deep breath. "Nan Nan is right. I don't mind having more happy events in the family. To me, your marriage is more important. However, Nan Nan, it did not have anything to do with Hua Hua this time. They came to our house to congratulate me because of you."

"Me?" Qiao Nan pointed at her own nose in disbelief. "I have something to be happy about. Why am I unaware?"

"You were on the television yesterday." Miao Jing was finally stung by her conscience. She announced the answer and did not continue to make Qiao Nan guess. "You are on the news broadcasted by the state-owned television channel. Many people saw and recognized you. Hence, they came and congratulate us."

Miao Jing was not young. She did not think much about appearing on television.

There was definitely an opportunity for people like them to appear on television. However, the rate of exposure could not be too high. Also, not everyone could go on television.

The neighbors came to offer congratulations not because Qiao Nan was on television, but because Qiao Nan had the capability to do so.

Qiao Nan, who was feeding Er Bao water, looked puzzled. “On television? I am getting confused. I didn’t go on television.” She did not have any impression of this matter at all.

Zhai Hua laughed. She could tell that Qiao Nan was truly unaware. “Fortune favors the fools. I’ll tell you what happened directly.” The Sino-Foreign Exchange this time was a success. When He Yi was playing host to the important foreign guest, he had a casual chat with the guest for a while. The state-owned television channel happened to broadcast that scene in the news. Of course, they did not broadcast the actual content due to confidential reasons.

At that point in time, Qiao Nan, who was standing behind He Yi, had been captured by the cameras in that flash of a moment.

In this kind of situations, the working team typically would not have a chance to appear. Although Qiao Nan only appeared for less than three seconds, those who were smart understood what this implied.

If Qiao Nan had not provided any assistance to the Sino-Foreign Exchange, how could she possibly follow so closely behind He Yi and had the opportunity to appear?

Obviously, no one had forgotten that Qiao Nan was only a year three college student who had not stepped into the society. Given this situation, the fact that Qiao Nan had the opportunity to stand out in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was spectacular. She had done her family proud.

After knowing that the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family was so capable despite her lacklustre family background, could those neighbors not come to congratulate the Zhai family and try to become associated with the latter?

In the political arena, the more friends you have, the more options you have in life. In addition, the Zhai family was a powerful figure that they wished to become associated with but could not do so.

After knowing clearly that Qiao Nan was also a capable individual, the more these people wanted to be on good terms with the Zhai family. However, before the Zhai family agreed, these people felt that they could utilize indirect means to achieve their objective. First, they would use Qiao Nan as an excuse. They could cajole Qiao Nan into becoming their good friend. In the future, they could get to know the Zhai family better through their relationship with Qiao Nan.

As such, very quickly, Qiao Nan became the avenue of breakthrough to the Zhai family for these people.

Those who came did not mention about the Zhai family. They only spoke about Qiao Nan. They said that the Zhai family had such good judgment for choosing Qiao Nan. She was an excellent daughter-in-law.

In particular, there were so many children in the quad but Zhai Sheng only had eyes on Qiao Nan. Judging from this, Zhai Sheng was not an arrogant and conceited person who looked down on others. On the contrary, Zhai Sheng had a good sense of judgment in character. He was the first to discover that Qiao Nan was a potential talent.

One flaw could not obscure the splendor of the jade. This was the impression of others on the Zhai family. They felt that the greatest flaw of the Zhai family was to marry a daughter-in-law like Qiao Nan who did not have wealth, power or status. The Zhai family had ruined a chance for themselves to become stronger and more powerful.

Now, the only flaw that was unsatisfactory in the eyes of others had become a strength. Those who would like to be on good terms with the Zhai family only felt more anxious to do so.

The truth had proven that the Zhai family had not been overconfident by thinking that the family was strong enough and it did not matter which woman Zhai Sheng marry.

Ultimately, the Zhai family had discerning eyes who could tell greatness from mediocrity. They could tell that Qiao Nan had a lot of potential.

Qiao Nan gave birth to triplets, with sons and daughter. Many staying in the area had already given her affirmation. They felt that the Zhai family did not pick the wrong daughter-in-law. Nevertheless, with the news broadcasted yesterday, everyone figured out the situation and felt that the Zhai family was extremely capable. Did they know physiognomy? Otherwise, why were they so spot on in choosing the right daughter-in-law?

Given Qiao Nan's family background, families such as theirs would not accept her under normal circumstances.

In the end, the Zhai family did not commit any foolish act but had done a brilliant thing. In comparison, bystanders like them seemed more like a group of fools.

Qiao Nan was not only good at giving birth but also bore such good children.

Today, Qiao Nan even showed her indisputable capability. The neighbors did not have any negative opinions of Qiao Nan, the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family. Instead, they were very envious of the Zhai family for having such a good daughter-in-law.

Qiao Nan came from a humble family and would definitely have a polite manners at home. She would not dare to be rude and disrespectful to her in-laws. She would take care of the Zhai family members carefully and conscientiously.

It was unlike their own family. If their son was blind to a vixen's true colors and they accidentally agreed to let the vixen enter the family, they would not have a good life in the future.

It was not that such situations had not occurred before. There had already been a few of such examples.

There was a young lady who who married into the family. She had a better family background than Qiao Nan. She was the only child and had been doted upon by the elders in her family. Her temper was terrible. The mother-in-law could not teach her well. In the end, the mother-in-law was even hospitalized as she was driven mad by this daughter-in-law.

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Comparing these two daughters-in-law, even a fool would know that Qiao Nan was the right choice.

The situation was already as such when that lady had a better family background than Qiao Nan. If they were to find one that had a comparable family status, there would not be any mutual respect. They would be extremely spoiled and difficult to get along with.

Many people were beginning to hesitate. When their son grew up and started to look for a marriage partner, should they simply ask him to use Qiao Nan as a reference and find someone similar to her?

Fortunately, these people dispelled such thoughts very soon.

Although there were adverse scenarios for some of the cases, there were occasionally good instances too.

They might not end up finding someone like Qiao Nan who was so capable and good at bearing children. On the contrary, the other party might be a bad-tempered and dim-witted one without any merits. That would be unbearable then.

At the thought of such scenarios, this group of normally tough aunties also could not help shivering. They refused to continue with such thoughts.

As for those families with a daughter and no son, they were glad that they only had ladies in the family.

In short, all the neighbors who had a fleeting glimpse of Qiao Nan in the news last night came to the Zhai family to give their congratulations.

Coincidentally, the state-owned television channel was having a repeat broadcast of yesterday's news at that time.

When the neighbors pointed, true enough, Miao Jing sighted her own daughter-in-law's extremely attractive and bright face on the television.

At that time, Er Bao, who was in Miao Jing's arms, became excited all of a sudden. It was as if he had been injected with chicken blood.

He clapped and pointed to the television. "Mom!" He had said before that he saw his mother on the television last night. However, no one believed him at that time.

It was only until this moment that Miao Jing realized the reason that Er Bao suddenly shouted 'mom' yesterday.

So, it was because of this news broadcast.

In the end, Miao Jing spent one hour happily sending away these ‘affectionate’ neighbors. She then patted Er Bao’s buttock. “You’re a naughty little one. Do you know that your mother did not sleep much last night because of you? You slept so well and are playing happily now. Look at how your mom will deal with you when she comes back later.”

She did not expect that Er Bao, this grandchild, would be so smart and eccentric. How old was he?

He had shouted for his mother while pointing to the television. They did not notice or pay attention to it. Hence, Er Bao kicked up a fuss as he felt that he had been ignored. He looked so pitiful. It was completely opposite to his energetic and high-spirited self. He gave all the adults a scare, didn’t he?

Even the old master did not sleep well for an entire night. When he woke up, he listened carefully to a possible commotion in his daughter-in-law’s bedroom upstairs. He was very worried for Er Bao, his great-grandson.

At the thought of Er Bao sleeping so soundly and sweetly last night, Miao Jing could not help hitting his little buttock a few times.

Er Bao, who was totally oblivious to what was happening, stared at his grandmother, wide-eyed and puzzled. He had not even done anything. Why did his little buttock have to suffer?

After listening to Zhai Hua’s explanation, Qiao Nan, the biological mother, also gave Er Bao a bite, leaving a deep bite mark on him. Er Bao grimaced unhappily. He wiggled his buttocks and buried his face in his mother’s arms, refusing to come out.

His grandmother and auntie bullied him. Now, his mother also bullied him?

Didn’t they take advantage of the fact that he was small and did not have the ability to retaliate?

He snorted. He had to eat more and grow up quickly. Who would dare to bully him in the future then?

“Naughty little boy.” Carrying the chubby Er Bao, Qiao Nan finally heaved a sigh of relief. “Don’t scare Mom like that anymore. It’s just a piece of news and you made a mountain out of a molehill. When your dad comes back, I’ll get him to train your guts and make all of you bolder”.

The triplets were not very daring. She was afraid that if such things occurred frequently, she would have more things to fear.

Zhai Hua sat beside Qiao Nan and placed her arms around the latter's shoulder. "I really can't tell. You're quite capable and went on television so soon. How can the other newbie at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs not feel affected? Outstanding people will always be hounded by others. It's not that sister wants to scare you. Nan Nan, be careful in your dealings in the future. Henceforth, there will definitely be a few people who will look out for the chink in your armor."

There were many such people who did not focus on their own work and were waiting for others to make a mistake all day long so as to catch a handle of others.

Zhai Hua joined the army a year earlier than Zhai Sheng. At that time, Zhai Yaohui was not by her side. Initially, not many people were aware that Zhai Hua was Chief Zhai's daughter. Zhai Hua had encountered many of such matters at that time.

At this very moment, as someone who had been through this, Zhai Hua reminded Qiao Nan to be on her guard and look out instead of waiting for things to happen.

In response, Qiao Nan curled the corners of her lips, giving a wry smile.

Zhai Hua was amused and raised her brows slightly. "What? You've already encountered a problem?" She did not sound concerned at all. That tone of gloating was obvious. She was asking for a scolding.

Knowing Zhai Hua's wicked humor, Qiao Nan fulfilled Zhai Hua's wish for once. "I've encountered this on the first day of my internship. There are always people in the world who think that they can rightfully get in through the back door because their family is capable. On the other hand, they think that others who got in through the same way resorted to deceptive means. These are unfair and small-minded people who are detested by everyone. No one wishes to be associated with them."

At the end of her speech, Qiao Nan was talking pedantically.

Zhai Hua happily crossed her leg, sat on the sofa, and looked at Qiao Nan enthusiastically. "May I ask who this warrior is?" He was very daring and would command admiration.

Hearing Nan Nan's tone, she seemed to be almost driven mad by this person. "Is it a male or female?!"

"You've already described him as a warrior. Tell me. Is it a man or a woman?!" Qiao Nan held her forehead. This was a grown-up man, yet he had double standards. He was strict to others and lenient to himself. It was really unbearable. "The most terrible thing is that his office table is facing mine. The day before, senior tasked me with a mission. He had not been given any and could only watch by the side. At most, he only helped buy soy milk for my senior. He glared at me for half an hour because of this."

Qiao Nan did not wish to talk about this.

Thankfully, she and Deng Wenchang did not get along too well during their first meeting. Otherwise, whoever saw this situation might misunderstand that Deng Wenchang was harboring any thoughts on her.

Sorry, she was someone's wife and also a mother of three. Military marriage in China was protected by law!

"Pfft..." Zhai Hua spat again. "He's a man—a grown-up man. He is so narrow-minded and lacks foresight. How did he get into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?"

Chapter 1273 Shameful or Not? Shameful!

Just as she finished her words, Zhai Hua had the funniest expression when she thought of Qiao Nan saying 'getting in through the back door'. From a certain perspective, she really could not deny Qiao Nan's words.

"Is it troublesome?" After enduring for some time, Zhai Hua could only force out these words.

Coaxing Er Bao, Qiao Nan smiled. "If it's troublesome, are you going to get rid of him for me?"

Zhai Hua rolled her eyes. "I am a lawful citizen and always abide by the law. I stay in a country governed by law. I don't do this kind of kill and rob things. I am a good and kind person."

Qiao Nan was momentarily stunned. These words sounded very familiar.

After thinking carefully, Qiao Nan then recalled that these were the words that she used to persuade Zhai Hua when the latter pointed her gun at Wei De after discovering Wei De's true colors.

Miao Jing heard the conversation between her daughter-in-law and daughter. She walked out, carrying her granddaughter. "Is it troublesome?" After marrying Zhai Yaohui, Miao Jing was a full-time housewife. She had not worked in society before. However, she had heard of such complicated work situations before.

When she heard that her daughter-in-law had been targeted at by a man who was pettier than a woman, Miao Jing was unhappy. "The youngsters nowadays are so spoiled, especially guys. They're so small-minded that they don't behave like a man. So petty." He had to be at odds with her daughter-in-law. Whose stubborn son was that? He deserved to be taught a lesson.

In the face of Miao Jing's complaints, Qiao Nan smiled. She did not reply. This was because she knew that she would meet more of this kind of people in a few years' time.

"Mom, hug." San Bao was sick of her grandmother carrying her. In particular, looking at Er Bao occupying her mother's arms, which was what she normally did, San Bao felt even more displeased. Clearly, Er Bao had already taken all of her mother's time yesterday. Naughty Er Bao.

"Don't mess around. Don't use your hands to scratch others. You cannot hit Er Bao." When the little girl flared up, Qiao Nan was so scared that she grabbed on to her little daughter's naughty hands. She even hit her gently. "If you want Mom to hug you, you cannot do this. If this happens again, Mom will hug your brothers and not you."

San Bao seemed to realize that she was in the wrong. She quickly withdrew her hands and smiled at both Qiao Nan and Er Bao, trying to gain their favor.

Er Bao did not take issue with his sister. He even waved at San Bao and let San Bao nest together with him in their mother's arms.

It was impossible for Qiao Nan to carry two children at the same time. Nevertheless, she was sitting on the sofa now. It was still possible for Qiao Nan to open her arms and let the two children sit on her lap.

After using much strength, she carried San Bao onto her lap. Qiao Nan then quickly turned and gave Da Bao two kisses, one on his left cheek and one on his right. Da Bao was so happy that he held on to her calves and twisted his chubby body. He was overjoyed.

All of a sudden, Qiao Nan was surrounded by three chubby little kids. She did not even have enough limbs to accommodate all of them.

San Bao's earlier scratch had made Qiao Nan concerned. "Mom, I think San Bao's fingernails have grown a lot. After we bathe them tonight, let's trim the triplets' nails."

The three children were still young and could not control their strength well.

If the children's fingernails were long, Qiao Nan was afraid that they would hurt one another or even themselves during playtime. They were three such beautiful children. Qiao Nan was certainly not willing to see little bloody scratch marks all over her children's face or body.

Unfortunately, San Bao, this little girl, liked to gesture a lot.

Although she would not deliberately hurt others with her fingernails, she could control her strength whenever she struck. Qiao Nan had suffered from her scratches before. It was so painful.

Miao Jing and Zhai Hua held on to Da Bao and Er Bao and checked their hands. "It's true. They have grown so long in such a short time? I recall that we have just trimmed them a not long before."

Could it be that children, including their fingernails, would grow very quickly?

After bathing, the triplets would doze off easily as they would feel very comfortable. The weather was turning cooler as well, and they would feel warm and cozy. Moreover, they had eaten their fill.

As such, after bathing the triplets, the three women went to them and carried one chubby child each. They looked well-trained as they helped the child in their arms trim the fingernails.

There was no choice. The triplets hated the trimming of fingernails since they were born. The reason was unknown.

Each time Qiao Nan trimmed their fingernails, she was very careful and never hurt them. However, they liked to cry whenever their fingernails were being cut.

Once the child cried, their little limbs would move and it would be even more difficult to trim the fingernails.

That really could not work. Thereafter, Qiao Nan and Miao Jing discussed and decided to trim the fingernails after they fell asleep.

Who would have known that the fingernails seemed to be a button on the triplets? Although they were sleeping soundly, as long as someone was to trim their fingernails, they would definitely wake up and cry within half a minute.

After some time, the women in the Zhai family had developed great skills, which was to finish trimming the triplets' fingernails in the shortest time possible.

Initially, when they were not skillful enough, the Qiao Nan trio could finish trimming one or two of the fingernails before they wake up from their sleep and cry. After a few times, they could finish cutting two to three fingernails, until all five fingers of one hand. Thanks to their increasing speed, they could finish the task after the children had two naps.

Now that the triplets had grown up, they still disliked trimming fingernails. When the adults carried them to do so, their brows would knit like two little worms. They would wrinkle up their face and look as bitter as little bitter gourds.

As such, the Qiao Nan trio handled one child each and trimmed their fingernails at lightning speed.

After the trimming, the triplets heaved a huge sigh of relief simultaneously. They looked as if they had just experienced a round of harsh torture.

"Done." Miao Jing broke out in a forehead full of sweat. "Nan Nan, I will bring Da Bao to the bed to sleep first.

"Okay." Qiao Nan had finished trimming the fingernails for San Bao and looked beside her. Zhai Hua had just finished trimming the remaining fingernail. "Each time we trim fingernails for them, it's so exhausting. It's tougher than the missions that I executed before." Zhai Hua felt a little indignant. She kneaded and rubbed Er Bao, who was in her arms, to appease her hurt soul.

Er Bao was tickled. He went into hiding and reached out both his hands to Qiao Nan to seek help. "Mom, Mom! Help! Auntie. Bad!"

After putting Da Bao on the bed and covering the blanket for him, Miao Jing took a few steps back and slapped Zhai Hua's hands. "You're almost thirty years old and still have the shame to bully your one-year-old nephew. You're going more and more backward. Don't you feel ashamed?"

Having successfully taken hiding in his biological mother's arms, Er Bao replied to his grandmother's words in a bright and enthusiastic voice, "Shame!"

"Alright, this little naughty boy. You dare to laugh at me." Zhai Hua was 'furious'. Ow! She pretended to be a tiger and pounced on Er Bao. Er Bao and San Bao were so taken aback that they screamed loudly together. The bean-sized men were now running around in the bedroom.

San Bao even accidentally had a fall.

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Fortunately, the floor was carpeted and soft and one would not feel much pain after falling.

San Bao very resiliently climbed up like a tough lady and laughed again. Er Bao's and San Bao's loud laughter and noise drew the attention of Da Bao, who was on the bed and already feeling sleepy. Da Bao climbed up. He was barefooted as he curled up and got into a crawling position, preparing to get down the bed slowly to join his younger brother and sister in this game.

"Da Bao, grandma's precious darling. Let's not make a din." Miao Jing quickly went forward and held on to Da Bao's warm little body. "You have already removed your clothes and are even barefooted. Where are you thinking of going? Your auntie is a baddie. She messed things up on purpose. Let's ignore her." Miao Jing then swiftly tucked Da Bao into the blanket. Thereafter, she shot Zhai Hua a look of warning. If Zhai Hua dared to provoke the triplets again, look at how she would deal with her!

The empress dowager was angry. Zhai Hua gave a fake smile as she held onto Er Bao and San Bao using one hand each. She knew her limits and threw these two children onto the bed.

The weather had turned cold and Qiao Nan had laid thick blankets on the bed. Coupled with the Simmons brand mattress, the bed was extraordinarily bouncy.

Er Bao's and San Bao's little chubby bodies bounced on the soft and huge bed a few times. They did not feel any pain at all. Instead, they felt that this was a very fun game. Like frogs, they jumped on the bed a few more times. As such, Da Bao, who was in the blanket, could not help wanting to get up and join in the fun again.

Qiao Nan moved forward to them in an experienced manner. She gently leaned forward, spread her arms, hugged, and pressed down the three children softly. "It's already very late. Be good. Don't fuss and sleep together with Mom, okay? If you don't keep Mom company, Mom will go and read books."

Once their dear mother spoke, even the one-year-old triplets could tell what was good for them. Without anyone's help, they opened their mouths, smiled, and climbed to the front of the bed. They lifted the blanket, lay down, and even covered their bodies with the blanket by themselves. "Mom, say. Say books." San Bao, who was best at talking, became the representative of the triplets. She expressed that they not only wanted their mother to keep them company but also for her to tell them a bedtime story.

"Okay." Qiao Nan nodded. She took over the bedtime storybook and told them a story of the three little pigs.

Qiao Nan's voice was very gentle and soft. It was very soothing to the ears. In addition, she deliberately lowered her voice and volume. Her tone was so gentle that it could induce sleep.

As she read the story, she patted the triplets gently.

In fact, children of this age might not understand much of the bedtime story. The triplets just liked their mother and her company.

After reading just a few pages, the triplets were already snoring and sleeping soundly.

Zhai Hua gave Qiao Nan a thumbs-up. "Strong. You're indeed a mother. You've settled them in such a short time." In the past, Zhai Hua had tried to coax the three children to sleep. She was uncertain if it was because she did not have the makings of a mother, but she seemed to do better in playing games with them.

Once Qiao Nan coaxed the triplets, they were not only honest and obedient but also fell asleep very quickly within three minutes.

On the contrary, when Zhai Hua was coaxing them, she would feel drained of energy, yet the triplets would not fall asleep and became more energetic instead. It seemed like they wanted to continue playing with Zhai Hua for another hour or so.

At the thought of this situation, Zhai Hua felt so wronged. She only wanted to coax them to sleep, but in the end, why did they become more energetic instead? They were yawning so badly earlier but when she started to coax them, the triplets' eyes became as bright as little light bulbs.

The triplets had such different reactions. There was differential treatment between her and Qiao Nan. Were deliberately making fun of her, this auntie?

Three naughty little ones!

Miao Jing wiped her sweat. "Alright, the triplets have finally fallen asleep. Don't make fun of them anymore. When you become a mother, you will also have this capability." Speaking of this, although Miao Jing was not a 'qualified' mother, she had experience in coaxing children to sleep. At most, it did not happen many times.

With the triplets as a comparison, Miao Jing could not help thinking if Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua had been too obedient many years ago, or it was because she was often not by their side such that the two children were not familiar with her. When it was time to sleep, she would carry the children to bed but they did not need her to coax them and would fall asleep within a few minutes on their own.

Zhai Hua's expression turned stiff. She muttered, "You clearly know that being a mother is a very far-fetched thing for me now. By bringing up this topic, aren't you piercing my heart with a needle?"

Looking at Zhai Hua returning to her bedroom, Miao Jing's heart ached with rage. "This child..."

"Mom, don't be anxious. I always feel that Sister Zhai Hua is a blessed person. She will definitely find a man who will treat her well and dote on her. Just take it that her love affinity will come later. Until now, Sister Zhai Hua did not say for certain that she will not look for a man to have children." Qiao Nan could completely understand her mother-in-law's traditional mindset. However, this matter really could not be rushed.

For example, in her previous life, she was still a virgin despite the fact that she was almost forty years old.

Miao Jing could only sigh. "I hope so. This child... I am so worried for her that my heart is breaking."

It is a small world and people will meet again. That was a repeated saying.

It was rare that Qiao Nan had a rest day. Although she was only an intern, her life was not any better during the internship. Moreover, she was not paid.

Speaking of this situation, a rather funny matter occurred because of this.

Qiao Nan was not sure if this was her illusion. After Deng Wenchang received his salary, she kept feeling that Deng Wenchang was intentionally showing off his salary to her.

Qiao Nan's internship situation was different from that of Deng Wenchang. To put it in simple terms, Qiao Nan was not paid a single cent. Deng Wenchang did not have any non-monetary benefits but he was still paid a base salary.

In the face of such a childish act of Deng Wenchang, Qiao Nan turned her face. She could not be bothered to respond to him. He was truly a spoiled mama's boy.

Deng Wenchang used to look at Qiao Nan with much hate and detest. Over time, he had changed and he now looked more unconvinced and sinister at the sight of Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan was not sure what caused the change in Deng Wenchang. She did not wish to find out either.

After decisively casting Deng Wenchang's matter aside, Qiao Nan thought of keeping her three children company at home on her rest day. She should dismiss such unpleasant thoughts and people as much as possible. Why should she think about it and make herself feel vexed?

"Madam, Nan Nan, there are guests outside." Under Qiao Nan's suggestion and the silent approval of the elders of the Zhai family, the auntie began to address Qiao Nan by her name again.

Chapter 1275 Asking for Reconciliation or Showing Off?

“Guests? Who?” Holding on to the toy that San Bao stuffed in her hands, Qiao Nan reacted slightly faster than Miao Jing. “It’s not the Lunar New Year or festive occasion. Who will visit us at this time?”

At that moment, Miao Jing could not think of who would visit them on a day as such. “Who?”

“Uh...” The auntie looked like she was in a difficult position. She seemed very reluctant to answer this question. She even specially glanced at Zhai Hua.

Noticing the auntie’s glance, Zhai Hua pointed to herself. “Do I know the visitors today, or are they related to me? Who are they?”

As the lady of the Zhai family, it was not a rarity that people knew Zhai Hua and visited her. However, the strange and curious thing was... who could make the old auntie in the Zhai family look like she was in a fix?

The auntie raised her voice, sounding angry. “A man and a woman. The man is Tian Dong...”

Once they heard Tian Dong’s name, the three women of the Zhai family finally had some reaction. However, all of them looked a little apprehensive.

After all, Tian Dong had lost contact with Zhai Hua for such a long time. Zhai Hua also said that she wanted to cast Tian Dong aside. Since the two families could not become in-laws, they should meet less often for the time being, in case both felt awkward.

Hence, what did Tian Dong mean by coming to the Zhai family this time? Was he making fun of people?

What about the woman? Good fortune and wisdom go hand in hand. This happened to Qiao Nan. Didn’t the auntie mention that there were a man and a woman? Tian Dong was the man. As such, she felt more strange and curious about the woman who came with him. It should not be Tian Dong’s mother, right?

If that woman was not Tian Dong’s mother, it was odd that a woman would be present.

Qiao Nan could not help thinking about the relationship between this woman and Tian Dong. Did they come to the Zhai family to show off?

Was there a need to do so?

Qiao Nan's thoughts swirled in her mind. No matter how much she thought, she could not guess the twist of events in real life.

Obviously, the auntie had been stomaching her anger. She was full of hate for that woman who came to the Zhai family's residence with Tian Dong. "It's Qiu Chenxi!"

In the past, the auntie would greet Qiu Chenxi 'Miss Qiu' politely upon meeting the latter. Today, the auntie wished very much that she could behave like a shrew and chase this adultery couple out of the house with a broom. Who did they think they were?!

Zhai Sheng did not like Qiu Chenxi, yet Qiu Chenxi had to appear at the Zhai family and be at odds with Zhai Hua. The auntie was also a sensitive person. She could sense that Miao Jing would always find an excuse to leave the house whenever Qi Minlan visited the Zhai family in the past. Miao Jing was not willing to face Qi Minlan.

Qi Minlan had come to the house to bully her madam. In fact, the auntie did not have a good impression of Qi Minlan and Qiu Chenxi.

However, at that time, the Zhai family and Qiu family were on good terms. Qiu Chenxi and Qi Minlan were considered important guests of the Zhai family then. No matter how much the auntie despised these two women, she could not possibly do something beyond her authority and chase the guests that were welcomed by the host out of the house.

Now, Zhai Sheng and Qiu Chenxi's marriage was nonexistent. Zhai Sheng also married Qiao Nan and they had the triplets. If Qiu Chenxi knew what was appropriate, she should not appear at the doorsteps of the Zhai family's residence.

The infuriating thing was that Qiu Chenxi not only appeared shamelessly today but also appeared by the side of Tian Dong, who almost became Zhai Hua's boyfriend and future husband.

At the thought that Qiu Chenxi was leaning so close to Tian Dong when she saw them, the auntie was fuming with so much anger that smoke was almost rising from her head.

These two people were worse than each other. It was no wonder that they would get together behind Hua Hua's back.

Everyone was shocked. The hands that Qiao Nan used to carry the children froze. "They came together?"

"Yes. They are also standing very close to each other." The auntie was embarrassed to speak ugly words in front of the three children since the triplets were of the age whereby they were learning to speak.

At this juncture, Miao Jing's face could not help turning black. "Not going to meet them." They were not relatives and it was such a complicated situation. Why did they need to meet them? These were annoying people.

"Why not?" Zhai Hua sat on the sofa calmly. She even grabbed Er Bao's little hands and squeezed and played with them. Er Bao withdrew his hands and scratched the back of Zhai Hua's hands. He expressed that he was not the doll that San Bao played with. Why did she have to keep squeezing him?

Fortunately, Er Bao's fingernails had been trimmed. In addition, Er Bao did not have a lot of strength. To Zhai Hua, this scratch was nothing. It even provoked Zhai Hua to grab and bite Er Bao's hand. "Little naughty one. Petty boy. I am not going to dote on you anymore."

Er Bao snorted and shriveled his mouth. He turned back and hugged his mother's waist. So what if you were not going to dote on me? He still had his grandmother and mother to dote on him.

Zhai Hua said that she would like to meet them. The auntie looked like she was in a dilemma when she turned to Miao Jing. Miao Jing sighed. "Let them come in then?" It was good to meet too. They could thrash it out all at once to prevent any troubles in the future.

She just did not know if these people would have the self-awareness to disappear from their sight henceforth after this round of thrashing out.

At the sight of Tian Dong and Qiu Chenxi walking together by each other's side, the expressions of the three women of the Zhai family did not look good. Only Zhai Hua seemed to have a tinge of puzzlement in her eyes. "Yo, what's happening today that you came to my house? Is there any matter?"

“Sister Zhai Hua, we’ve not met for a long time.” They had not met for two years. Qiu Chenxi seemed to look more mature and experienced now. She was wearing a black suit, covering her voluptuous figure. Qiao Nan was not sure if she was imagining things. She felt that Qiu Chenxi’s bust had grown a lot bigger in comparison to two years ago.

Could Qiu Chenxi have gone through puberty for a third time such that her bust had grown?

In the past, Qiu Chenxi’s boobs were not considered small either. However, it was certainly not so huge that it was almost bursting out of the clothes that she was wearing today.

Qiao Nan hugged San Bao. Was Qiu Chenxi so fashionable to have gone for breast augmentation?

Qiao Nan did not have much knowledge in this area. She only knew that cosmetic surgeries such as breast augmentation would become very common in another ten years. It would be very commonplace.

However, it was just the beginning of the 21st century now. Qiao Nan did not know the situation of breast augmentation technology at the moment.

“Yes, we’ve not met for a long time.” Zhai Hua was not blind. Even a woman would be lured by those obvious and humongous boobs of Qiu Chenxi due to various reasons, let alone a man. Zhai Hua’s bust size was ordinary. Moreover, she often went through physical training. As such, her body was more muscular and firm than that of typical ladies.

However, no matter what, Zhai Hua would not be able to bring out the same feel as Qiu Chenxi when she dressed up.

Zhai Hua looked at Qiu Chenxi’s chest in a mocking manner. After so long, Tian Dong actually liked this kind of woman with huge boobs. He could have told her earlier. She had heard before that women from the west could have boobs as huge as that of a cow. However, the Qiu Chenxi before her looked pretentious and fake.

However, it was not an issue as long as Tian Dong could accept it.

Chapter 1276 The Second Man That She Fancied

After sorting out her thoughts, the smile on Zhai Hua's face widened. The scorching look in her eyes also lessened. "Is it a coincidence that both of you came together? Or was it agreed beforehand? Are you sending a wedding invitation to our family?"

Qiu Chenxi blushed and squirmed a little. "Sister Zhai Hua, what are you talking about? Dongzi and I have not reached that stage. In fact, we are just ordinary friends."

Having been intercepted by Qiu Chenxi, Tian Dong turned pale. He was not anxious to explain. After Qiu Chenxi had said her piece, Tian Dong almost did not know how to explain himself. "Yes, I am just ordinary friends with her. Hua Hua, I am here to look for you. I am not sure where Miss Qiu got this piece of news from. 'Coincidentally', she also came to visit the Zhai family. We happened to bump into each other at the entrance."

Tian Dong emphasized the word 'coincidentally' as he spoke.

They all were smart people. How could there be so many coincidences in the world? If there were too many coincidences, it would seem deliberate.

At the mention of Qiu Chenxi, Tian Dong did not seem to feel less furious than the auntie. "Hua Hua, the weather is good today. I would like to ask you out for a meal and a movie."

This sudden move of Tian Dong stunned everyone.

Qiao Nan held on tightly to San Bao to calm herself down. "Tian Dong, do you know what it means when you say this?" Meals, movies, a man and a woman. These were things that boyfriend and girlfriend would do when they were together.

Marriage was an important matter. However, marriage was to form an alliance. It was to become relatives and not enemies.

Given Tian Dong's erratic behavior, did the Tian family wish to fall out with the Zhai family and become enemies with the latter?

Most importantly, Qiao Nan gravely took a few more glances at Qiu Chenxi. Tian Dong came to ask Zhai Hua out for a date but he had to bring Qiu Chenxi along. What did that mean? Did he wish to hold one woman by each of his sides and enjoy the best of both worlds? He was having one date but had to bring the wife and mistress along?

Tian Dong would not do such a foolish thing.

Tian Dong turned pale. He quietly distanced himself from Qiu Chenxi. “Not long ago, my company encountered some troubles. They have only been resolved recently. I’ve not come to visit for such a long time. I’m really sorry. As for Miss Qiu, she is very close with my elder uncle and family, especially my elder uncle and auntie-in-law. They almost treat Miss Qiu as their own daughter. At this rate, Miss Qiu can call me Brother Dongzi in the future. If she encounters any problem, I will still lend her some help if I have the chance to do so.”

Those who had ears could sense that Tian Dong seemed to be gritting his teeth when he said that.

Tian Dong’s father was the second son of the Tian Dong family. The Zhai family had always been aware of this.

Tian Dong’s father could, in fact, choose to be a politician. However, it was uncertain what had happened many years ago. He not only chose to do business but also specially brought his wife and son overseas. When Tian Dong was studying abroad, he also enrolled in business management and related course of study.

Since he was doing business, as expected, the elder son of the Tian family, whom Tian Dong had referred to as ‘elder uncle’, went into politics.

The second son of the Tian family had been overseas for so many years. Besides calling home occasionally to send respects to the elders in the hometown, he had never returned to the country to visit his relatives.

No one knew what exactly happened in the Tian family. At most, there was some baseless gossip and guess.

However, when Tian Dong spoke, Miao Jing had deeper thoughts than Qiao Nan and Zhai Hua, these two youngsters.

Miao Jing remembered very clearly that Zhai Yaohui told her that the second son of the Tian family might look refined and gentle but was very intelligent especially in terms of interpersonal skills. He had his own ways of dealing with people. If the eldest son of the Tian family were honored and respected by outsiders, the second son of the Tian family was considered a friend by these people.

People had different views regarding the behavior of the two brothers of the Tian family.

Some people felt that the elder son of the Tian family was very mature and honorable, and very suited for a political career. As the second son was so amiable, he would be successful in whatever business that he did.

However, Zhai Yaohui wondered if a person would do well in the political circle if they were always stern and inflexible all the time.

Not necessarily so.

If the Tian family had nurtured the second son more, perhaps the family would have many good friends of all levels and ages and from all over the world.

At that time, Miao Jing even laughed at Zhai Yaohui when she heard this from the latter. Wasn't that too exaggerated? He had made the second son of the Tian family sound so formidable. However, Zhai Yaohui replied to Miao Jing that he was not exaggerating at all. The second son of the Tian family had such capability.

Sometimes, interpersonal connections were a hundred times more important than the expression that a person put on. It could be said that if there was any stir in the grass, the second son of the Tian family would receive the news first hand. Anyway, he could completely make plans early through his friends in whatever he wanted to do.

From the central government to the authorities in the local towns and counties, the natives were not his match in whatever businesses that he wished to launch. They could not cause him any hindrances.

Among the two sons of the Tian family, obviously, it was ultimately up to the old master of the Tian family to decide who to forsake.

When the Zhai Yaohui received the news, although the second son of the Tian family was doing business, he was not willing to continue staying in the country and went overseas instead. He might have been hurt by his biological father's decision.

The old master of the Tian family was very old. He even contracted a serious illness the year before and nearly could not be saved.

This life-threatening illness of Old Master Tian should be one of the important reasons that the second son of the Tian family was willing to let down his grudge and return to the country.

Zhai Yaohui had never hidden these situations. He told Miao Jing openly. As such, when she heard Tian Dong's words, Miao Jing believed him and even understood the deeper meaning of his words.

After the eldest son of the Tian family got married, he had one daughter. This lady of the Tian family not only got married at a young age but also had a son who was attending elementary school now.

The elder son of the Tian family liked Qiu Chenxi so much. It could not be that he was treating Qiu Chenxi as his daughter because he lacked one. Linking it to Tian Dong's long disappearance, Miao Jing guessed that the elder son of the Tian family had taken a liking to Qiu Chenxi and wanted Tian Dong to marry her.

Fortunately, Tian Dong had not accepted his elder uncle's arrangement yet. He was not fond of Qiu Chenxi at all.

Qiu Chenxi came to the Zhai family's residence with Tian Dong and even deliberately said some ambiguous words. Before she appeared, Tian Dong had interacted with Hua Hua for some time. The one he liked was her family's Hua Hua. As such, Qiu Chenxi anxiously followed by Dongzi's side in order to let them misunderstand Dongzi.

Chapter 1277 Do You Want To Take Revenge?

After figuring these out, Miao Jing looked more at ease when she faced Tian Dong. Her tone also became softer. "Dongzi, your parents... How are they recently?"

Miao Jing did not care about the considerations and thoughts of the elder son of the Tian family. The Zhai family would not take them to heart.

When the two sons of the Tian family had formed their own families, they had already gone separate ways.

Many years ago, the second son of the Tian family had been disadvantaged. Although he had let down his resentment toward Old Master Tian and returned to the country, given his intelligence, he did not leave any chance for his elder brother.

Didn't Old Master Tian ask his second son to go into business?

The second son lacked anything but money. Although he had just returned to the capital, he could afford a huge house in the prosperous capital. After he set his eyes on the house, he paid a reasonable price and moved in on the same day of the purchase.

He had his own house and did not move into the huge mansion that was allocated to him by Old Master Tian. Even if the elder son of the Tian family had bad ideas on his younger brother, it was not so easy for him to achieve his aims.

If Tian Dong's erratic behavior was purely due to the influence of his elder uncle, Miao Jing could not help thinking about the Tian couple's stance on this matter.

If Hua Hua and Dongzi were going to be together in the future, given the nature of Hua Hua's job, the frequency of meeting the elder son of the Tian family in a year could be counted with one hand.

On the contrary, the Tian couple would be Hua Hua's in-laws. When Hua Hua was not at home, they would have the greatest influence on Dongzi. If the couple's thoughts were aligned with that of the elder son of the Tian family, no matter how devoted Dongzi was to Hua Hua or whether he would have a change of heart, she would not shortlist Dongzi into her potential son-in-law name list again.

Tian Dong understood what Miao Jing was inferring. He smiled. "Auntie, don't worry. Earlier on, my grandpa had a relapse and insisted that my parents stay by his side to take care of him. Many years ago, my parents have endured sufferings before and their health is not very good. Now, they are much better and don't need people by their side to take care of them, so they hurried me to look for Hua Hua and even made it clear to me that I am not young anymore. Hence, I have to make good use of time to resolve my personal problems."

With a lady like Zhai Hua, it was not only Zhai Hua who was a little proud and sensitive. It was the same for the Zhai family members.

The Zhai family did not pay much attention to Tian Dong's situation recently. Hence, they were unaware of how much suffering Tian Dong had endured in the past few months.

The biological elder uncle made use of his authority to benefit himself under the guise of serving the public, creating troubles for Tian Dong. This caused Tian Dong to face difficulties in the initial

stage when he shifted his businesses from America to China. He faced obstructions in every matter and almost screwed up a few major business contracts.

To put it bluntly, he had only suffered so greatly during the first few years that his father started the family business from scratch in America. They were plotted against by outsiders in America. Who would have known that, twenty years later, the person who made him reminisce and go through the pains and nightmare that his father had once suffered would be his biological elder uncle?

One could imagine how furious and annoyed Father Tian and Tian Dong felt.

If they had known that this would happen, they would definitely not return to the country because of Old Master Tian's illness. They would not have shifted everything that they had to the home country to allow the elder son of the Tian family to get a hold of or threaten them with it.

The elder Tian brother had been creating troubles for his nephew's company. Old Master Tian was also truly unwell. He had been spurred on by his elder son to insist that Tian Dong's parents guard him by his bedside. The couple was so exhausted that they had relapses of past illnesses.

Hence, Tian Dong had to simultaneously handle the issues in his company and take care of his parents who fell ill due to his grandfather.

How did Tian Dong overcome these problems in the past few months? He was the only one who knew.

"Your parents are unwell? Why didn't I know about this at all?" Miao Jing turned pale in shock. When the Zhai family first moved to the capital, the Tian family of three had visited them before. If she had known that the Tian couple was unwell, she should represent the Zhai family to visit them, even if Hua Hua and Dongzi could not be together.

Tian Dong gave a bitter smile. "My parents had been worn out for a period. We didn't let outsiders know about this at all." It had been covered up well by his elder uncle. In fact, he only found out about this with Zhai Sheng's assistance recently.

After receiving Zhai Sheng's phone call, Tian Dong then shockingly realized that his elder uncle had done so many 'good' things without his knowledge.

His company met with trouble as his elder uncle had obstructed him through the government authorities. Tian Dong had never thought of relying on the Zhai family's assistance. As a man, he wanted to start up a company. How could he burden the woman that he liked on the success and development of his company?

However, when the Tian couple was unwell and he was struggling to juggle to make both ends meet, the Zhai family did not express any concern. Even Zhai Hua did not appear to give him any word of encouragement. His heart was not made of stone. Facing such a situation, Tian Dong had been dealt with a great blow. He had wooed Zhai Hua for one year. He even began to doubt whether Zhai Hua's heart was moved by him or whether she had ever liked him.

Fortunately...

Everything was over now!

Tian Dong did not go into details but Zhai Hua and Qiao Nan did notice that something was amiss.

Qiu Chenxi, who had been slapped in the face in public, changed her expression slightly but she reverted to her normal self very quickly. "Dongzi, so you didn't tell Sister Zhai Hua that uncle and auntie had been unwell? Sister Zhai Hua, why don't we do this? Dongzi is very busy with his company recently. If you wish to visit uncle and auntie, I will bring you to them. Anyway, I am very familiar with their place. They are quite good to me."

Tian Dong was the next man after Zhai Sheng that Qiu Chenxi finally fancied.

Zhai Hua was dark-skinned. Tian Dong was fair but he was tall and big. He looked thin when he was dressed but he was not entirely skinny. No one would mistake Tian Dong for a woman despite his fair, flawless skin and beautiful facial features.

Facing such a good-looking and wealthy man, Qiu Chenxi could not help feeling tempted. One had to know. To many women, looks were everything, not to mention that Tian Dong had money in his pocket. There was nothing that Qiu Chenxi could be picky about.

There was another reason why Qiu Chenxi accepted Tian Dong as her marriage partner so readily: She had heard that Tian Dong was dating Zhai Hua as friends.

Many years ago, Zhai Sheng hurt her by ruining the marriage arrangements and abandoning her. As a result, she became a laughingstock in Ping Cheng. She could only leave her hometown, Ping Cheng, for Mo Du dejectedly and seek a life with her maternal grandparents.

Although she was out of the dark times, Qiu Chenxi had never forgotten the pain and suffering that she had endured over those few years.

If she could snatch Tian Dong away from Zhai Hua, wouldn't Zhai Hua become upset and despaired? After taking revenge on Zhai Sheng, she was even able to slap the faces of all the Zhai family members.

Chapter 1278 Take Initiative to Visit the Tian family

This was such a good opportunity for revenge and Qiu Chenxi had no reason to reject Tian Dong. Everyone had known each other for such a long time. Would Zhai Hua not know that Qiu Chenxi was trying to show off to her?

Zhai Hua slapped the table and laughed. If she were to appear meek before Qiu Chenxi at this point, she would immediately remove her entire soldier attire. "Familiar. How familiar? Are you closer to auntie than me?" As she said that, Zhai Hua pulled out the jade pendant that she had been wearing in her tummy belt. "This was what auntie insisted on giving me previously. She said that there are many physiological benefits to wearing jade and she won't be pleased if I don't wear it. Actually, auntie gave me a bracelet initially. However, you know what I do for a living. I can't even wear a necklace, let alone a bracelet. I will break it within a day if I wear one. I don't have a choice. As such, auntie gave me a pendant instead. I put it in my clothes usually and no one can tell that I am wearing it. It doesn't give me any trouble."

Zhai Hua was telling the truth and was not boasting in her words.

The Tian family did not lack money and had many valuable belongings. Furthermore, Auntie Tian had the same habit as Elder Lin. They liked to give away jade and similar items as gifts.

When she first saw that translucent, watery, and virid bracelet, Zhai Hua knew that the item was not cheap despite being a layman in this area. She might not be able to afford one in her entire life with her current salary.

She was clumsy and did not like to wear accessories, especially such expensive and fragile items. Not to mention wearing it, Zhai Hua was so taken back that she took three steps back when Auntie

Tian took it out. She was so afraid that she would lose control and break the bracelet before wearing it.

At that time, Auntie Tian was so amused at Zhai Hua's awkward reaction.

The Tian family was also aware that Zhai Hua was not the typical kind of lady. If she were to be together with Dongzi, it would certainly not be because of the Tian family's background and status.

When one gave a present, they had to give something to the liking of the receiving party. At the thought of Zhai Hua's job, Auntie Tian took back the bracelet and took out a pendant for Zhai Hua. She spent a long time persuading Zhai Hua to accept it and the latter eventually did.

Although the Tian family was not short of money, they would not casually give away valuable and expensive gifts.

The gift and acceptance on this occasion represented the attitudes of both the Zhai family and the Tian family.

Seeing that Qiu Chenxi insisted on puffing up herself at her own cost in front of her, Zhai Hua 'kindly fulfilled' Qiu Chenxi's wish. "Oh, right. Since you know auntie so well, did auntie give you anything as a memoir?"

Qiu Chenxi had a taste for expensive things and she had seen a lot of good stuff before. At just a rough glance, she already knew that that small piece of jade cost over a hundred thousand yuan.

Qiu Chenxi had never possessed an item of such great value in her entire life, let alone other ordinary folks. She did not even have the experience of spending more than a hundred thousand yuan before.

Auntie Tian gave such a good thing to Zhai Hua. In other words, Auntie Tian was quite happy and satisfied with Zhai Hua?

Qiu Chenxi took a deep breath and replied to Zhai Hua smilingly. "I have not received anything from Auntie Tian, but I have given her something. Although it can't be compared to what you received, I don't mind at all. There is still a lot of time in the future. In comparison, I prefer to give Auntie Tian things and watch her accept my gestures of thoughts. I feel happier in this way than anything else."

Zhai Hua only received a pendant. What was there to be proud of? There was much better and more valuable stuff in the Tian family.

She would not lose her temper just because of that meager hundred thousand yuan item on Zhai Hua and give up on a 'bank' like the Tian family.

After hugging her three children, Qiao Nan looked at Zhai Hua. "Sister Zhai Hua, we were unaware that Uncle Tian and Auntie Tian were unwell previously. Let's forget it. Now that we are aware, why would you watch a movie or have a meal with Tian Dong? Isn't it better that you go and visit uncle and auntie at the Tian family's residence directly? I believe that uncle and auntie will definitely feel happy when they see you. When their mood becomes better, they will recover faster. With you and Tian Dong accompanying them for a meal tonight, they may even eat half a bowl more of rice."

Qiu Chenxi had come knocking on the door to boast to them. If they were to give in, wouldn't Qiu Chenxi laugh at them forever in the future? The Zhai family did not have anything except for a backbone. They would not let Qiu Chenxi, this 'latecomer', behave so brazenly.

To Qiao Nan, everything was open to discussion once the misunderstanding was cleared.

Furthermore, Qiao Nan vaguely felt that both Uncle Tian's and her families might have been plotted against. The Zhai family was angry about the Tian family's long silence. On the other hand, the Tian family might also have negative opinions on the recent performance of the Zhai family.

Although they had not clarified the situation, to the Qiao family, the best way to resolve this was to take the initiative to understand the cause and consequences of the matter and maintain the relationship between the Zhai family and the Tian family.

"Sister Zhai Hua, what do you think?" Sister Zhai Hua should understand what she meant. They would not let people like Qiu Chenxi succeed in such underhand means. They would have suffered a cowardly loss then. In short, they could not let Qiu Chenxi pick up any bargain.

Zhai Hua yawned and stretched herself, looking like she did not have a care. However, those who understood her knew that she was bewitching the enemy in preparation for an attack. "Sure. I think Nan Nan's suggestion is quite good. Mom, I am going to the Tian family's residence with Dongzi today. I won't be back for dinner. Right, auntie, if I did not remember wrongly, you prepared pigeon soup today. Could you help me prepare a flask so that I can bring it to the Tian family?"

Zhai Hua was not certain about the types of soup suitable for various illnesses. However, there should not be much of a problem to bring pigeon soup to the Tian family's residence.

"Aye, sure." The auntie had not expected such a twist of events. Obviously, it was all one-sided and wishful thinking on Qiu Chenxi's part. Tian Dong was not agreeable and the one he liked was still their family's Hua Hua.

After knowing that Tian Dong was not a heartless lad, both the auntie and Miao Jing looked at Tian Dong in a different light. The more the mother-in-law looked at her son-in-law, the more pleased she felt.

Zhai Hua had put forth a request. Without a word, the auntie ran into the kitchen, took out a warmer flask, and poured the pigeon soup in it. The flask was 'brimming with good intent'. After taking it out, she passed it to Zhai Hua personally. "Hua Hua, remember to hold onto this yourself." You would be able to show your sincerity and gain favor then.

Zhai Hua nodded in an abiding manner. "Auntie, don't worry. I will hold onto it." She would not pass it to Dongzi. Neither would she pass it to Qiu Chenxi.

After all, everyone knew each other since they were young. If Qiu Chenxi was willing to leave just like that today, Zhai Hua dared to chop her head off for Qiu Chenxi to use as a stool.

"Fine, Dongzi. Remember to send Hua Hua back." Of course, Miao Jing would not stop them. If her daughter-in-law had not said, she would also have suggested Hua Hua take the initiative to visit the Tian couple at the latter's residence.

Chapter 1279 The Headstrong Da Bao

To Tian Dong, Zhai Hua going to the Tian family was truly a huge and pleasant surprise.

Under Zhai Sheng's help, Tian Dong found out that quite a number of misunderstandings happened between the Zhai family and the Tian family. Tian Dong understood Zhai Hua's temperament too well. Hence, as soon as he had the time, he hurried to the Zhai family's residence to look for Zhai Hua today.

Unexpectedly, his elder uncle got to know his plan of looking for Zhai Hua and notified Qiu Chenxi.

At the very moment the main doors of the Zhai family's residence opened, Tian Dong was caught off-guard and did not manage to avoid the approaching Qiu Chenxi.

The face of the auntie, who opened the door, turned black instantly at the sight. If not for the fact that he was not willing to hit a woman, Tian Dong almost could not control the urge to hit Qiu Chenxi.

Tian Dong had already thought of how to spend the entire day appeasing Zhai Hua, clearly explaining to her the circumstances of the matter.

It was fortunate that he did not use any of the many words that he had thought of earlier. This was also the first time that Zhai Hua had offered to visit his parents. This pleasant surprise came too suddenly. It was so sudden that Tian Dong could not believe it.

Holding the flask of soup, Zhai Hua walked to Tian Dong and glanced sideways at him. "What is the matter? You are not willing to let me go to your house? If you're really so unhappy about it, forget it then?"

"I'm willing. Let's go home quickly. Qiao Nan is right. If my parents see you, they will definitely feel happy and eat another half a bowl of rice. Let's go." How could Tian Dong decline Zhai Hua? He did not even have the time to rejoice. He pulled Zhai Hua's hands and walked out immediately.

He was not feeling unhappy earlier. Clearly, he had been dumbstruck by happiness.

Qiao Nan and Miao Jing suggested too quickly and Zhai Hua agreed too readily. Tian Dong was dumbstruck by happiness, whereas Qiu Chenxi was almost driven to a state of madness.

She had just received news that Tian Dong was going to visit the Zhai family. Qiu Chenxi was aware that there something must be lacking in the ploy of the elder brother of the Tian family such that Tian Dong had not given up on Zhai Hua and still had the patience to woo the tomboy of the Zhai family.

All of them grew up together. Qiu Chenxi was aware that Zhai Hua had a proud character. She initially believed that if she and Tian Dong appeared in the Zhai family, the Zhai family would misunderstand their presence as showing off. Once Zhai Hua flared up, Tian Dong might not even have a chance to speak. She might simply give him a scolding and chase him out.

As such, she did not believe that Tian Dong would be so thick-skinned and refused to give up on Zhai Hua, this tomboy. Who, especially men, did not want their face?

Without Zhai Hua hindering her, Qiu Chenxi did not view other women as threats at all. After all, the elder brother of the Tian family favored her as the niece-in-law. After receiving the affirmation of the elders of the Tian family, all other women were considered as superficial as clouds.

As such, Qiu Chenxi even deliberately devised a ploy to catch Tian Dong off-guard by moving next to him at that very moment when the auntie opened the door. Their arms were intimately placed next to each other then and they looked very much like boyfriend and girlfriend.

Naturally, if the auntie told the Zhai family what she saw, Zhai Hua would flare up.

Qiu Chenxi even thought of the best outcome, which was Zhai Hua refusing to let her and Tian Dong enter the house as soon as Zhai Hua heard the auntie describing how close she and Tian Dong were standing together.

Unfortunately, although Qiu Chenxi had it all thought out, none of that became reality. On the contrary, she had been mocked by Zhai Hua.

Looking at the couple walking in front of her, with equivalent heights and looking quite compatible from the back, Qiu Chenxi caught up with them, feeling indignant at heart.

A few years ago, she lost to Qiao Nan. Now, she did not believe that she would lose to such an unladylike Zhai Hua. Tian Dong had to be either blind or gay to marry a woman like Zhai Hua, who behaved like a man who could also conveniently bear him a child.

Qiu Chenxi, who suffered another setback, felt so gloomy. She could not stop thinking that there was something wrong with Tian Dong. She felt that he was very persistent toward Zhai Hua because he had something to hide.

“Phew...” Qiao Nan did not feel the least strange that Qiu Chenxi ran after Tian Dong and Zhai Hua. In the past, Qiu Chenxi pestered Zhai Sheng so badly. Those memories were still fresh in Qiao Nan’s mind. When Qiu Chenxi was unaware that she was Brother Zhai’s girlfriend, she even ‘wrongly’ accused and scolded her as the vixen for the sake of luring the actual ‘culprit’ out.

Thankfully, a few years had passed. No one gave Qiu Chenxi any face today. However, Qiu Chenxi could still maintain a smile throughout without saying anything provocative or that would make everyone feel awkward. “Mom, I think Qiu Chenxi has improved.”

After carrying one of her grandchildren, Miao Jing gave the child a kiss on the face. “She has been learning from Old Master Shi these past two years. Although that old master can be a scoundrel, he is still quite capable. Otherwise, his son can’t be so outstanding. However, increasingly, I can’t figure out what that old master has in mind now.”

Old Master Shi looked up to Shi Peng. Hence, he would not give up on this son.

However, Old Master Shi also seemingly wished to nurture Qiu Chenxi. The second son of the Tian family had just returned from abroad and seemed to be progressing well. If Qiu Chenxi was successful, there would be another ‘gold mine’ in the Shi family. This was pure 24K gold!

After hearing her mother-in-law’s words, Qiao Nan’s brows arched slightly. She did not speak further and bent down to touch San Bao’s tummy. “San Bao’s tummy looks a little shriveled. Are you hungry?”

San Bao could completely understand these words. She nodded honestly like a chicken pecking on rice. “Hungry. Eat. Eat nice things.”

As soon as San Bao spoke, Da Bao and Er Bao responded enthusiastically. The auntie quickly served the desserts that she had just prepared.

Recently, Da Bao’s temper had grown. He had not grown up much physically, but his confidence had grown. It was not sure why, but Da Bao was unwilling to let others feed him. He was always yearning to try eating on his own by holding the spoon himself and putting food into his mouth.

However, Da Bao was still very young and his arms did not have much strength. His hands would tremble when he held the spoon. Usually, he would spill most or all of the food in the spoon. As such, not much of the food went into Da Bao’s mouth and stomach.

At such times, only Qiao Nan, this biological mother, could snatch the spoon from him and feed him without him getting angry.

As such, during mealtime, she would pass the San Bao in her arms to her mother-in-law. She would then 'forcefully kidnap' the gamboling Da Bao over.

Qiao Nan bit on Da Bao's amiable face, which looked like an apple. "Be good, Da Bao. Mom will feed you later, okay? When you grow older, to at least three years old, Mom will let you eat on your own, okay?"

Da Bao knitted his brows, grimacing. Obviously, he was not pleased that his striving for self-sufficiency had been stopped. For three seconds, Da Bao was staring helplessly at Qiao Nan as if he was expressing that he temporarily would not take issue with Qiao Nan as she was his mother. He would indulge her first.

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Both Qiao Nan and Miao Jing were laughing uncontrollably at Da Bao's behavior.

Miao Jing tapped her finger on Da Bao's little nose. On the account that he was her eldest grandson, she would not expose him. Cunning boy. He behaved exactly like when his father was a child. Naughty little one. He was so young and already thinking of ways to bully his ignorant younger siblings.

The triplets were all close and sticky to their mother. They were so happy when their mother fed them.

In the past, Qiao Nan believed in fairness and absolutely no favoritism. The three children would take turns to be fed by her. This is such that she would not appear biased toward any of them. As a result, she upset the remaining two. Qiao Nan said that the three children seemed very young now but they were sensible and had feelings too.

Fortunately, the three of them were very close to one another. Besides, Qiao Nan took good care of their feelings. Until now, the triplets had been living happily and did not really like to throw tantrums.

For example, if Er Bao was unwell, Da Bao was throwing tantrums, or San Bao was crying, the other two children would not cry or fight for their mother's attention although she took care of one of them more.

Such as now, Da Bao liked to feed himself. However, all the food usually did not go into his mouth and nothing much went into his stomach.

As the only person who could snatch the spoon away from Da Bao, Qiao Nan could only pay more attention to him. If Da Bao could finish his food earlier, Qiao Nan still had the chance to feed Er Bao and San Bao.

Qiao Nan was a first-time mother. She did not expect Da Bao would be so clever to use such little tricks as he was so young.

However, Miao Jing, who was already a grandmother, knew that a child would not possibly harbor deliberate thoughts in doing certain matters. Nevertheless, they did it subconsciously.

Her eldest grandson was so clever and quick-witted. He also showed a lot of care and concern to Er Bao and San Bao normally. He looked like he could completely take on the duties of an elder brother. How could Miao Jing not dote on Da Bao?

The first grandson and the last son are the lifelines of the old lady. This saying was very true.

Anyway, these were merely innocuous jokes and Miao Jing was not willing to take it so seriously. If she did, that would be apprehending danger at every bush and tree she saw. Ultimately, she still believed that her family's offspring were the best.

Both Qiao Nan and Miao Jing were focused on taking care of the children, while Zhai Hua had an extremely enjoyable dinner at the Tian family's residence.

"Uncle, auntie, I'm so sorry. Previously, I went back to the army camp and stayed there for a period of time. When I was back home, I was ill-informed and only came to visit you today." Zhai Hua sat beside Auntie Tian and even served her a cup of hot tea.

During the entire dinner, Auntie Tian was very affectionate toward Zhai Hua. She kept adding dishes to Zhai Hua's bowl with her chopsticks. In addition, a few dishes on the dining table were Zhai Hua's favorites.

They knew what Zhai Hua liked and disliked so well. It was obvious how much the Tian family cared about Zhai Hua.

As for Qiu Chenxi, who insisted to follow over, she seemed to be getting slapped in the face many times. There were a few times that she attempted to chat with Auntie Miao but was interrupted by the latter.

It was fine that Auntie Tian ignored her. However, what made Qiu Chenxi furious was that each time Auntie Tian interrupted her, she would gently turn her face toward Zhai Hua to seek the latter's opinions and views. They would then chat together enthusiastically.

Father Tian obviously saw his wife's behavior he did not stop her at all. Judging from this, he held the same attitude as his wife. In comparison to Qiu Chenxi, he was fonder of Zhai Hua.

Sensing the sincerity in Zhai Hua's words, Auntie Tian was elated. "I know that you are a good child. I really can't fault you for this matter. At our end, we didn't do some of the things right either. Dongzi is not a bad kid. As long as Dongzi and you are doing well, Dongzi's dad and I will be fine. Right, Miss Qiu, next time when my son and Hua Hua get married, you have to attend the wedding."

Qiu Chenxi's face turned pale. Forget it that she had been rejected and being rolled eyes at. They were going overboard in their words. "I am just thinking whether Elder Uncle Tian will agree to this." Wasn't the elder son of the Tian family the one who called the shots? Would Tian Dong be able to marry anyone that he wished to? Who were they threatening?

All of Qiu Chenxi's confidence came from the elder son of the Tian family.

It did not matter to Qiu Chenxi whether Tian Dong liked her or not. Even if he did not like her now, Qiu Chenxi was confident that he would eventually fall in love with her after they were married. She had always believed that she was outstanding enough to make every man fall for her.

Zhai Sheng, that individual who betrayed her and married Qiao Nan, was only an exception.

Furthermore, her mother did not marry her father because of love either. It was for the sake of the interests of the two families. She was in politics and Tian Dong was rich. Their life would definitely become better and better after they got married.

After identifying the target, Qiu Chenxi only wanted to dash forward in the direction of it.

"It's not important whether he agrees or not." Father Tian sneered. The youngsters nowadays were so brazen. They dared to use such outrageous and shameful means. "I'm the one who is going to get a daughter-in-law this year. My elder brother's daughter is already married." One would take care of their own family's children. Would Dongzi definitely collect a marriage certificate and give birth to

children with a woman just because his elder brother said so? What could his elder brother do as long as they disagreed?

Crap!

He dared to guarantee that his elder brother could not even make them collect the marriage certificate, let alone have children.

“Miss Qiu, right. You’re on such good terms with my elder brother’s family. You should visit the old house of the Tian family and not our new house more often. Dongzi is not very close with you either. He already has such a good girlfriend like Hua Hua. They have been together for more than a year. You should be receiving their wedding invitation soon. You should visit us less often in the future. Don’t look for Dongzi alone either. If it causes a misunderstanding with others, it won’t be too good then. Dongzi is a man and he has such a good marriage partner like Hua Hua. A little misunderstanding will not cause much harm to him.”

Father Tian’s eloquence certainly did not lose out to any youngster. Every word from his mouth was like a dagger that shot directly at Qiu Chenxi’s heart. “However, you are different. You are a grown-up single lady. If others were to misunderstand you, and as a result, it delayed you from finding a partner, we will feel very sorry. Our family’s Dongzi won’t be able to bear any responsibility for that.”

He even deliberately enunciated the words ‘grown-up lady’ to mock Qiu Chenxi.

Having been in America for more than twenty years, there was nothing that Father Tian had not seen.

Given Qiu Chenxi’s style, if she was truly a ‘grown-up lady’, he might still be willing to go according to his elder brother’s wish and let Dongzi try interacting with Qiu Chenxi. This was despite his dislike for Qiu Chenxi.

Dongzi grew up in America but he did not engage in any of those messy affairs. On the contrary, Qiu Chenxi, who grew up in their home country, was so loose and debauched. He was not sure how many men she had. He really could not accept this.

He did not know and care about how other families chose their daughter-in-law. However, if one wished to become his daughter-in-law, sorry. Although he came back from America, he still stubbornly held a traditional mindset and values.

