

## RTAMM 1331

### Chapter 1331 Being Beaten Up

“Mom, tell me. Who is the one who demeaned Dad between the lines and praised herself all these years so that I would look down on my dad and hate and bear grudges against him!!”

As it turned out, Qiao Zijin did not simply bear grudges against Ding Jiayi. Instead, it had developed into hatred toward her.

If her mother did not have the wrong impression that she was pregnant with a boy and mistreated her when she was at a young age, using harsh words to frighten her, she would not find Qiao Nan an eyesore the moment she was born and could not wait for her to be kicked out of the family.

Qiao Zijin had grown up and she was smart. Qiao Nan had a good life and a high social status. She knew that if she apologized to her sincerely and patched up with Qiao Nan, they could still be siblings. Although they might not be very close, given Qiao Nan’s personality, she would not watch while she struggled with life.

However, she could not make herself do that!

Since a young age, she was full of hatred for Qiao Nan. She already hated her even before she was born.

She bore the grudges and hatred for so many years. It was deeply rooted and there was no way to change it now.

Whenever she wanted to say nice words to Qiao Nan and get along well with her, Qiao Zijin would feel terrible. It was as if her heart was sliced to tiny and small pieces, making her suffer in excruciating pain.

“Although I find Qiao Nan an eyesore, I never really said harsh words to Qiao Nan back when we all lived together. Dad, do you know the reason why I never did anything atrocious and I made Mom do it instead?”

Qiao Dongliang was interested to know the answer. Ding Jiayi, who was being lectured by Qiao Zijin, turned pale and had a guilty look on her face. She looked toward Qiao Zijin, wanting to know the answer as well.

As expected, Qiao Zijin raised her finger and pointed toward Ding Jiayi. “It is all because of her. She is the reason why I hated Qiao Nan as soon as she was born. As a result, I am not willing to speak to her or do anything to hurt her. I don’t want to dirty my hands and my mouth. It is as if a stray dog pooped in my courtyard. I will not clean it so as not to dirty my hands. But I will let my mother clean it up for me. I didn’t even want to look at it!”

To her, Qiao Nan was tantamount to the dung that the stray dog passed out!

“Qiao Nan must slough her guts out for me until the day she dies. As for you, the useless dad, you should be looked down upon by me. In the future, there is no need for me to be filial to you because you don’t deserve it. Mom, you told me all this. This is what you have been telling me the past twenty years.”

There was a distorted look of hatred on Qiao Zijin’s pretty face. “This is what you have taught me these twenty years. Why didn’t you tell me that he is my dad and I should respect him, and I shouldn’t say such words to him? He is my dad. He gave me life and he raised me. It is difficult for him. But didn’t you say that you had the most difficult life and you are the one who gave birth to me and raised me? Without you, my dad would not be able to send me to school or provide for me.”

Qiao Dongliang widened his eyes in anger at Qiao Zijin’s words. His bloodshot eyes gave off a scary look. “Did you tell all these to Zijin from a young age?”

Qiao Dongliang believed that a man should take care of external matters while his wife took care of domestic affairs.

Everyone in the Ping Cheng quad praised Qiao Zijin for being a likable kid who was good with words. Although Qiao Nan was quiet, she was kindhearted and good in her studies. She was a good child as well. This was what people used to think before Qiao Nan had a high fever.

Qiao Dongliang felt that since the neighbors had such a good impression of his children, it was the right decision to leave the family to Ding Jiayi. Although under her care, they did not turn out to be very outstanding, they were still better than average.

Qiao Dongliang never expected that all this was just a facade. The truth was so ugly and painful. He never would have imagined that Ding Jiayi, who was traditional and put her husband as her priority, would use such vicious methods to teach the elder daughter. She kept sowing discord between the elder daughter, him, and the younger daughter.

He worked hard every day and he brought every single cent of his salary back home to Ding Jiayi. In the end, this was what he got from Ding Jiayi.

She felt that he was useless?

She felt that he was a man who could not even provide for his wife and children?

If Ding Jiayi did not manage the money, the two daughters would not be able to go to school and would have starved to death.

Hahahahaha. Qiao Dongliang swore that this was the biggest joke that he had ever heard in his entire life!

Qiao Dongliang's face looked distorted. "Ding Jiayi, I have no idea that you have so many grievances all these years in this marriage and that you are so capable. I have let you down in this life! Perhaps, if I rejected Uncle Lee when he introduced a girlfriend to me and you married the man that your mom introduced to you, the children that you might have with him would have struck it big and lived in a big house. I am really sorry for dragging you down with me. I should not have taken you away from your happiness and made you suffer with me!!!"

Qiao Dongliang felt like tearing apart Ding Jiayi's heart right this moment.

Ding Jiayi was in a total panic. "Old Qiao, n-no, this is not the truth. Zijin is lying. I did not say this to her. How could I have said this? I know very well how much you have done for the family. You were the one who earned the money and provided for us. You doted on Zijin very much. Zijin, don't you feel guilty maligning me? Hurry, explain to your dad and tell him that I did not say all these."

Ding Jiayi, who was scared stiff, gave Qiao Zijin a few hard smacks on her back. The people in the corridor could feel the pain even when watching by the side. That was because she was the one who was being smacked on the back two years ago. "Such a bad girl! When did you learn to tell such lies? Are you trying to sow discord between your parents?"

Zijin was such a little devil. How could she say such words without thinking about the consequences?

Zijin only needed to bear in mind what she used to tell her. There was no need for her to make it known to Qiao Dongliang. She was creating trouble for her and making Old Qiao hate her.

Although she stayed in the same house as Qiao Dongliang these two years, they never shared a bed or a room. They did not get back together. Ding Jiayi was worried that Old Qiao would believe Zijin's words and refuse to get back together with her. "Wretched girl, are you crazy? Do you wish that you don't have a dad or a mom?"

Didn't she realize that these words would have a devastating impact?

Qiao Zijin was not someone who would allow herself to be ill-treated or be beaten by other people. She did not dodge Ding Jiayi's smacks initially as she had never been beaten by Ding Jiayi ever since Qiao Nan was born, and she was caught off-guard.

Chapter 1332 Drive One Mad

Qiao Zijin came back to her senses after being smacked by Ding Jiayi thrice. She darted to the side and gave Ding Jiayi a push. "You know very well whether you have said those words or not, and I know that I am not lying."

Qiao Zijin had had enough. Ding Jiayi acted differently when she was in public and in private. She made it sound as if she behaved the same no matter where she was, while other people said all the proper things to somebody's face but did exactly the opposite behind his back.

"You wanted me to side with you, so you said that Dad is useless and you are the one who provided for me and gave me a chance to study. You stayed with this family and with a useless dad because of me. Now that I have an argument with him, you lectured me, saying that he is my elder and he went through many difficulties to raise me. Mom, don't you find it ridiculous? Why did you say different things to us?"

Qiao Zijin could contain her anger when Ding Jiayi behaved unreasonably in the past. But today, she could no longer tolerate it.

Ding Jiayi was caught off-guard by Qiao Zijin's push. She twisted her ankle and fell to the floor in pain. "You are such an unfilial daughter. After scolding your dad, are you trying to beat your mom who gave birth to you and raise you?"

"Enough!" Qiao Dongliang shouted in a deep voice. "Don't you find it embarrassing? This is the wife and daughter that I have, yet I am such a fool not to have realized it sooner. Hahaha... It's no wonder that my family is different from other families. A man would marry a woman for her virtue.

If a wife is virtuous, the husband will have less trouble. My parents passed away when I was at a young age and nobody reminded me of this. I have to admit that you are indeed the child of the Ding family. You looked down on your mom, but she could not be compared to you. At the very least, your mom did not create trouble for your dad. At most, they wasted their time on raising a daughter!”

As for him...

He had two daughters. One was led astray and could no longer change for the better, while the other was estranged with them and had lost hope in them.

Qiao Dongliang used to think that he knew exactly what was wrong in his family. It was due to the elder daughter’s personality and hence she refused to listen to them. Otherwise, it should not be so difficult to talk sense into her. She was selfish to the core, and she disregarded her parents and had no feelings for her family.

After everything that had happened, it turned out that it was all due to Ding Jiayi.

He had never seen or heard of people who used such methods like Ding Jiayi to teach their daughter and to get the daughter to stand on her side. Under Ding Jiayi’s bad influence and teaching, it was no wonder that the elder daughter was ill-natured and despicable.

“Ding Jiayi, my biggest mistake in this life was to marry a disaster like you!”

Qiao Dongliang gave a sad cry. He was like the aged wolf that was injured, shedding tears and howling under the full moon.

Qiao Dongliang gritted his teeth, hunched his back, and walked with heavy but quick footsteps, leaving the hotel.

“Old Qiao, where are you going?” Ding Jiayi, who was being lectured, still refused to admit that she was in the wrong. If she did not marry Qiao Dongliang, he would still be single today. But seeing the defeated look on his face, she could not help but hurry after him.

When young couples turned old, they would be each other’s companion.

Ding Jiayi might speak badly of Qiao Dongliang in front of Qiao Zijin, but she had never thought of leaving Qiao Dongliang to find another man.

Seeing that Qiao Dongliang was terribly upset, Ding Jiayi was worried that something might happen to him. She might have a guilty conscience, but she could not help but quicken her footsteps and hurry after Qiao Dongliang, leaving her beloved daughter, Qiao Zijin, behind.

Qiao Zijin, who was left alone, stood in a dark corner. The surroundings turned very quiet and one could hear the sounds of Qiao Zijin grinding her teeth.

After a long while, Qiao Zijin left the hotel as well.

Their family of three had ended up in a big quarrel. Now that her parents had left, Qiao Zijin knew that she could not stay by herself for the meal. She was not close with Zhai Hua and she was not on good terms with Qiao Nan. If her parents were around, Qiao Nan and Zhai Hua would still give her due respect on account of the elders.

Now that her parents had left, it was useless for Qiao Zijin to stay behind by herself.

Furthermore, Qiao Dongliang had promised that after they returned to Ping Cheng, he would think of ways to find a suitable partner for her.

Although the conversation ended on a bad note and every one of them was in a terrible mood as if they had been through a thunderstorm, Qiao Zijin believed that since she had agreed to the plan, her father would definitely fulfill his promise to her.

Qiao Nan came out from the corridor after the Qiao family of three left.

They were on the fifth floor. Although there were lifts in the hotel, Qiao Nan was not used to using lifts. She would feel dizzy. Besides, it was only five levels high. It would not take long to climb the stairs. It was a form of exercise for her.

Since Qiao Nan wanted to take the stairs, Zhai Sheng would accompany her as well. As for the three children, their grandparents would take the lift and bring them to the hotel. Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng did not expect that they would overhear this conversation at the stairway landing. Qiao Nan had yet to come back to her senses. She could not believe that this was how Ding Jiayi taught her children.

Qiao Nan still felt weak-hearted.

Qiao Nan wanted very much to ask Ding Jiayi whether she bore vengeance toward her husband, and therefore she had to do that to their children. Qiao Nan was a mother. If her other half used similar methods to teach her children, making them be estranged with her, she might be so furious that she would chop him up with a knife.

“Are you still feeling uncomfortable?” Zhai Sheng got to know his mother-in-law better today. Everyone would be flabbergasted at the way Ding Jiayi taught her children.

Qiao Nan felt weak and leaned on Zhai Sheng’s arms. “Let me rest for a well. I did not expect that I will be so exhausted after climbing five levels at one go.” She refused to admit that she was in shock due to the conversation that she overheard just now.

In the previous life, Ding Jiayi must have used the same teaching method on Qiao Zijin. It was no wonder whenever Qiao Zijin came home, she would talk to Ding Jiayi behind closed doors, leaving her and her father outside the room.

Before she passed away, whenever the family needed money, her parents would ask her for money. After her car accident, Qiao Zijin took her kidney. Given Qiao Zijin’s personality, she must have taken the compensation from the accident as well.

Without her around, her parents would not have good days ahead of them.

Ding Jiayi took great pains to raise Qiao Zijin but she was not filial to her. Instead, Ding Jiayi had to wait on her. Qiao Nan did not feel sorry for Ding Jiayi at all. After all, she brought it onto herself.

### Chapter 1333 Resolving the Problem

Qiao Nan felt uneasy at heart. Her father had been focused on earning money to support the family but neglected the situation at home. As such, he had allowed Ding Jiayi to hatch such a plot. During his old age, he still had to bear the brunt of Ding Jiayi’s stupidity. It turned out that she was not the only pitiful one. From a certain perspective, Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin were crueler and more heartless to her father than her.

For a moment, Qiao Nan could not hold herself back. She said, “How many years of bad blood did my dad accumulate to marry such a woman?” The source of her family’s biggest tragedy was Ding Jiayi.

Qiao Nan really could not bring herself to call such a woman ‘mom’.

Zhai Sheng held onto Qiao Nan and patted her back gently. “Let us take more care of dad in the future.” When Zhai Sheng said the word ‘dad’, he was referring to Qiao Dongliang and not Zhai Yaohui.

Qiao Dongliang refused to give up on Qiao Zijin, and this was understandable. Most parents loved their children unconditionally and selflessly. Qiao Dongliang’s behavior was not uncommon. However, he had inevitably hurt his other daughter in the process.

Now that he had realized that Qiao Zijin had no way of turning back due to Ding Jiayi’s teaching, one really felt that he was very pitiful to have persisted until today.

Certainly, Qiao Dongliang had been negligent in the concern for his children. He did not discover in time that Ding Jiayi was teaching his daughter in such malicious ways. However, Qiao Dongliang’s behavior was, in fact, very common in many Chinese families. Everyone led such lives.

The only difference was that Qiao Dongliang was very unfortunate to have met a wife like Ding Jiayi. As for the other men, they also led such lives. However, they married a wife who was better than Ding Jiayi. Hence, the lives in these families were peaceful and they felt contented as long as they could make ends meet.

“What is the matter? Nan Nan doesn’t look good. Is she feeling unwell?” When Miao Jing, with the triplets by her side, saw her son and daughter-in-law, she was sharp to notice that Qiao Nan did not look well. “Is it because...”

Miao Jing had not arrived for a long time but she had already heard many comments about the Qiao family from others. “Nan Nan, your mom’s character... It’s not the first time. We know about it long ago. There’s nothing surprising. Don’t let this worry you. No one is perfect. Don’t bother too much about those people’s criticisms.”

Qiao Nan forced a smile. “Mom, don’t worry. I won’t.” How could words of outsiders affect her? After knowing the actual situation of her family, typical matters could not impact her at all. “I might have caught a little cold on the way here. As long as I rest well tonight, I should be fine tomorrow.”



“Mom, not feeling well? Take medicine, injection!” San Bao walked over, reached out, and held on to Qiao Nan’s fingers with her little hands, showing her concern. At the mention of taking medicine and injection, San Bao’s face, which looked like a little bun, grimaced. “Painful, so bitter.”

The triplets had been very healthy since they were babies. It was seldom that they felt unwell or had a fever. However, they had to take immunization jabs. When the triplets were teething, they had also thrown fits due to feeling unwell. It was not true that children did not know anything. When the triplets occasionally went to the hospital for immunization jabs, they saw other children throwing tantrums, crying, screaming, and refusing to take injections and medicine. As such, they were well aware that taking injections and medicine were painful matters. However, as long as one did that, one would recover from their illness and pain.

“San Bao is so sensible. She even knows that one needs to take medicine and jabs when one is unwell.” Touching San Bao’s head, Miao Jing was smiling like a blooming flower. “San Bao, grandma will bring you to auntie, okay?”

“Auntie, where?” San Bao nodded enthusiastically, looking around for Zhai Hua. Miao Jing waved at San Bao to ask her to come over to her side. She also brought Da Bao and Er Bao, all the three little ones, to Zhai Hua. At this moment, Miao Jing could sense that Qiao Nan did not look well due to psychological and not physiological reasons.

If Qiao Nan was truly feeling unwell, her son would have sent her to the hospital long ago.

On the contrary, Zhai Sheng did not look too good either and there was no sight of the Qiao family of three anywhere. Miao Jing pieced the puzzle and roughly understood what was going on.

Qiao Nan might feel worse if the triplets were by her side. As such, Miao Jing might as well bring them somewhere else and let Zhai Sheng have a chance to console Qiao Nan well.

However, at this juncture, Qiao Nan did not need anyone to console her. She just wished for some time to quiet down.

Zhai Sheng understood Qiao Nan. Hence, he hugged Qiao Nan and let her lean in his arms. He silently consoled her and kept her company.

Facing a person like Ding Jiayi, even a formidable figure such as Zhai Sheng could only sigh and exclaim with pity that it was illegal to kill someone in a lawful society and times as such. In particular, this hateful person whom he could not wait to get rid of was his biological mother-in-law.

To anyone, this relationship was very torturing.

It was Zhai Hua's day of marriage today. Qiao Nan had finally livened up her mood to watch Zhai Hua marry in glory.

After the bride finished the toasting, Zhai Sheng 'reported' the situation to Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing. He also informed Tian Shouyi before making a move first with his wife and children.

Tian Shouyi had heard about the situation of the Qiao family of three.

Initially, he was not so warm toward Qiao Nan precisely because of Qiao Nan's background. Fortunately, there was no problem with Qiao Nan. The problematic one was Qiao Nan's maternal family. In such a situation, the problem would not be huge as long as Qiao Nan and the Zhai family were not muddleheaded.

Under the condition that his family's interests would not be adversely affected, and on the account that the Zhai family had a worrisome in-law family and Qiao Nan was feeling unwell, Tian Shouyi did not take issue that Zhai Sheng and all had to leave earlier.

His son was married and he had a daughter-in-law now. Soon after, he was also someone who would be carrying grandchildren.

Facing these changes, Tian Shouyi was in such a good mood that he could not wait to light up firecrackers and celebrate openly. However, there were environmental pollution issues nowadays and the air in the capital was not good. As such, they could only do away with such celebration methods as much as they could.

As soon as they arrived at the Zhai family's residence, Qiao Nan washed up and fell asleep soon after.

The triplets knew that their mother was not feeling well. They were thus very obedient and did not bother Qiao Nan. Under the care of their father, Zhai Sheng, they obediently brushed their teeth, washed their faces and hands, soaked their feet, and crawled onto the beds happily thereafter.

Especially San Bao, she was overconfident. She lifted the blanket from the side and propped up her chubby legs, wanting to climb up the bed on her own accord. In order to save his chubby daughter's face, Zhai Sheng reached out his hands and gave his daughter's flour-like and chubby buttock a push. As such, Miss San Bao could of course climb up the bed, opened the blanket, and wriggle into the little hole created.

Next, Zhai Sheng saw a little bump appearing under the blanket and crawling toward Qiao Nan. It was only until she reached Qiao Nan that San Bao wriggled out from the blanket, giggling happily.

#### Chapter 1334 Sharing the 'Treasures'

After giving Qiao Nan a kiss on the face, San Bao obediently lay beside Qiao Nan. Without the need for anyone to coax her, she knew that it was late and it was time to sleep.

Knowing that the triplets had the habit of having goodnight kiss but Qiao Nan had fallen asleep due to fatigue, Zhai Sheng simply held Da Bao and Er Bao in the air and satisfied them by letting them kiss Qiao Nan's face before swiftly tucking them back into the blanket.

Qiao Nan and the triplets had occupied almost the entire bed, leaving behind only a small space for Zhai Sheng.

Given Zhai Sheng's size, it was not so comfortable to sleep on his back.

Fortunately, such a space was also enough for Zhai Sheng. He did not sleep on his back. Instead, he chose to sleep on his side. This was the only position that he could conveniently and completely embrace Qiao Nan in his arms.

Qiao Nan, who had been sleeping, could seemingly feel the assuring and warm embrace from Zhai Sheng. At this moment, her closely knitted brows looked more relaxed. In addition, the body of San Bao, who felt as warm and cozy as a small stove, made Qiao Nan sleep more peacefully.

Hugging his nice-smelling wife, Zhai Sheng glanced at his three children, who had already shut their eyes. They did not kick up a fuss, make noise, or chase him off the bed. Zhai Sheng then turned off the lights in the bedroom. He guarded his wife and three children as all of them slept together.

After a night of rest, Qiao Nan looked like she was in slightly better spirits on the next day.

As soon as Qiao Nan went downstairs, she heard two pieces of news.

First, the Qiao family of three had gone home.

Second, Zhai Sheng was the one who sent them off.

Holding the small bowl and feeding porridge to Da Bao, Qiao Nan was very surprised to hear the news. “They had gone home just like that?” She had thought that this year, the three of them would spend their Lunar New Year in the capital before going back.

She could tell that her father liked the triplets very much. This time, behind everyone’s back, her father gave the triplets huge red packets and bought them a lot of toys.

These items were not considered very cheap. Besides, there were many of them.

Many a little makes a mickle. After counting, her father had spent about one year of his salary on all the three children.

Qiao Zijin was already of marriageable age. After a few years, Qiao Zijin would also find a partner and get married. At that time, it was definitely not possible for her father to do away with any preparation and be as relaxed as the time when he married her off.

Shouldn’t her father take the opportunity to save up more money these few years? Otherwise, Qiao Zijin would kick up a lot of fuss when that time came.

“Isn’t that so? They all went back.” Besides Qiao Nan, Miao Jing also felt that the Qiao family of three had gone back too soon. It was unbelievable. When did they improve their interpersonal skills? When did their skin become thinner?

Nevertheless, their departure was a good thing. It would not be so hard on Nan Nan then.

There was a saying that children are the debts owed by the parents in the previous life. In the Qiao family, Nan Nan must have owed her parents in the previous life. It was such a sin.

“Zhai Sheng is helping you send them off. He will settle everything. You don’t need to worry.” Miao Jing thought that Qiao Nan was worried about the situation of the Qiao family of three when they returned to Ping Cheng. “Let Zhai Sheng manage this. There won’t be any problem.”

If he could not even settle such a small matter, she could definitely ask Zhai Yaohui to teach Zhai Sheng, this son, again.

After feeding Da Bao his last spoon of porridge, Qiao Nan smiled. “Mom, there is no reason for me to worry when Brother Zhai is settling the matter. I just feel that it is very tough on Brother Zhai. He is already so busy in the army and his missions are very dangerous. The little time that he finally has at home was all spent on my maternal family. He couldn’t even rest well.”

On this trip back, Brother Zhai did not have time to rest at all. He had been busy helping Sister Zhai Hua in her marriage. Today, he had to travel to Ping Cheng because of her maternal family.

Qiao Nan was aware that Zhai Sheng would not make this trip to Ping Cheng personally without any reason.

At the thought of the conversation that she heard yesterday, Qiao Nan was not certain of his plan and arrangement when he sent the Qiao family of three back to Ping Cheng. As such, she looked a little worried. She was afraid that the matters of the Qiao family would create too many troubles for Zhai Sheng.

When she heard Qiao Nan’s reason, Miao Jing shrugged without a bother. “Don’t worry about this. Zhai Sheng has nothing except for physical strength. He is just sending off someone. It is unlike in the past where one had to ride a bicycle. They can take public transport now. I remember that Zhai Sheng had purchased air tickets. One day should be enough. He should return by today.”

Qiao Nan frowned. “Mom, everything seems alright. Do you know why Brother Zhai wants to send my parents back?”

Miao Jing looked at Qiao Nan, feeling puzzled. “He is sending your parents off. Putting aside your parents’ characters, isn’t this a very normal situation?” One was the son-in-law and the other was the in-law. Wasn’t it normal for the son-in-law to send his in-laws home?

Qiao Nan did not know whether to laugh or cry. “Mom, you are right. It’s certainly very normal.” Brother Zhai did not inform Miao Jing about what happened yesterday, so she would not tell her

first. After all, based on what she heard yesterday, it was not just a family scandal. It was basically having an idiot in the family.

In the past, Qiao Nan was worried that Qiao Zijin would plot on and create a lot of troubles for her because she wanted to marry well. After what happened yesterday, Qiao Nan felt that she had to worry more about whether Qiao Zijin would be left on the shelves. Qiao Zijin had been taught in such a way by Ding Jiayi and she had also left Chen Jun, a man who had ulterior motives.

Just as Miao Jing had said, if they were taking the plane, Zhai Sheng could send the Qiao family back to Ping Cheng very quickly. It was also not difficult for him to return to the capital to be reunited with the family on the same day.

Later in the evening, before it was nine o'clock, Zhai Sheng returned to the Zhai family's residence, looking fatigued after the journey.

No one knew when Da Bao and Er Bao became familiar with Zhai Sheng. Last night, they did not chase him off the bed. Today, as soon as they saw Zhai Sheng coming back home, the two chubby boys even laughed happily and pounced toward Zhai Sheng. They wanted him to carry and play with them.

Zhai Sheng arched his brows. "Wait a while. Let me change my clothes and wash my face first before playing with you."

After having children, burly men like Zhai Sheng had also begun to pay attention to such details.

Under the influence of the women in the family, Zhai Sheng gradually became aware that children's immune systems were not as strong as that of adults. For the sake of protecting the three children, he had to pay attention to hygiene and reduce the chances of the triplets coming into contact with dirty stuff.

Coincidentally, at this moment, he was the 'dirty stuff' in this house after traveling for the entire day. He was covered in dust.

"Hurry." Old Master Zhai carried his eldest great-grandchild swiftly. "Da Bao, great-grandpa will play with you first. Your dad will come later."

Old Master Zhai had shared the responsibility of appeasing Da Bao. Certainly, Zhai Yaohui, the grandfather, could not shirk his responsibility. He forcefully kidnapped Er Bao to his side, on the pretext of teaching Er Bao how to read.

#### Chapter 1335 Could Not Feel Happy

No one needed to worry about San Bao, this little princess, at all. She did not pester Zhai Sheng. She stuck to Qiao Nan and adorably requested for hugs and kisses from the latter. Father and all, these were as superficial as clouds.

It was only until night time after the husband and wife had coaxed the children to sleep that Qiao Nan finally had the chance to ask Zhai Sheng. “Brother Zhai, you personally made a trip to Ping Cheng this time. What did you do? You’re not allowed to keep it from me.” Having said that, Qiao Nan unhappily looked at Da Bao and Er Bao, who were sleeping soundly. She felt so jealous.

So, boys would ultimately be closer to their father?

Clearly, she was the one who usually took care of the triplets. The aggregate time that Brother Zhai spent with Da Bao and Er Bao did not even exceed one month.

Who would have known that Da Bao and Er Bao were so fixed on playing with their father today? When they could not find him during the daytime, they even threw a lot of tantrums.

Qiao Nan snorted. Fortunately, she still had San Bao, this warm little cotton jacket. She was not going to bother about those two rascals anymore. She would ‘gift’ them to Brother Zhai and let him worry about them in the future.

Would Zhai Sheng miss that jealous look on Qiao Nan? He smiled and lowered his head to give her a kiss on the lips. “Don’t worry. You are the only one that I dote on and love most. If those two lads were not given birth to by you, you would see if I would bother about them.” Zhai Sheng was stating a fact. However, most people would not believe it.

Coincidentally, Qiao Nan also belonged to this category of people. Hence, she did not believe him. “Don’t divert from the topic. What exactly did you do during your trip to Ping Cheng this time?”

“I spent some money this time. A lot of money. I made the decision in a hurry. When I woke up, you were still sleeping. Hence, I didn’t wake you up, and there was no time to discuss it with you either. You won’t feel angry, right?” Zhai Sheng passed his salary to Qiao Nan again. He even clearly told her how much he had spent.

Qiao Nan did not take issue with how much Zhai Sheng spent. She just felt odd about a situation. “You have spent a large sum of money. What did you do?” This was such a huge sum of money. At the current market, one could already buy a house with it in Ping Cheng.

Qiao Nan had really guessed it right!

After Zhai Sheng washed up, he lay beside Qiao Nan. Same as yesterday, the first thing that he did was to hug Qiao Nan in his arms. “Do you still remember that, once, a Chinese businessman gave you a small courtyard?”

“Yes, his parents were teachers of Ping Cheng High School before their retirement.” Later on, she even specially donated this courtyard to Ping Cheng High School. She was very upset then and deeply afraid that her father would behave like her mother by taking her belongings and giving them to Qiao Zijin.

Now, when she thought about it, Qiao Nan had some regrets.

After what happened yesterday, anyone who was normal would not be able to tolerate staying under the same roof with such a woman. This was despite the fact they had not revived the marriage and reverted to an official couple in name.

Zhai Sheng leaned his chin gently on Qiao Nan’s head, filling his nose with the fragrance of Qiao Nan’s hair. He looked very relaxed and comfortable. “I have told you this a few years ago. That Chinese businessman wanted to return to the home country to develop his business. I heard that he is into real estate business currently. Coincidentally, he has a batch of commercial housing property that has just been completed and on sale. I bought a small suite for Dad. It should be enough as he is staying in it alone.”

He had viewed that house before. It had one bedroom, one living room, one kitchen, and one bathroom. It was more than sufficient for one person to live in.

Everyone was so familiar with each other. Hence, the other party simply sold a unit that was renovated to Zhai Sheng. After payment, Qiao Dongliang could move in immediately.



As for the title deed and related items, Zhai Sheng also accompanied Qiao Dongliang to settle them. He had submitted all the required documents. After half a year, Qiao Dongliang would receive the title deed.

“You bought my dad a house?” As soon as she heard this, Qiao Nan’s reaction was a little big. Purchasing a property of her own was one of her greatest wishes in two lifetimes. Until now, Qiao Nan had not achieved it. She also had not graduated from college. Unexpectedly, her father had gotten a property first.

Zhai Sheng felt a little tired as he had been busy. Although his body could not help feeling ‘aroused’ as soon as he hugged Qiao Nan, at this moment, he could not do anything although he very much wanted to. Furthermore, there were three little rascals sleeping by their side.

Zhai Sheng, who felt helpless, could only hold Qiao Nan tightly in his arms. The two of them were tightly pressed to each other. “Yes, I have bought it. After knowing my intention, Dad did not decline and accepted it without a word.”

Zhai Sheng was also a man. Qiao Nan would not be able to understand Qiao Dongliang’s feelings more than Zhai Sheng.

Human hearts were made of flesh. Qiao Dongliang did not wish to give up on Qiao Zijin and wanted to persist to be a good father. However, after knowing the kind of person his former wife was, and the elder daughter that he refused to give up on had been taught and turned out as such, he could no longer carry on.

Now, whenever Qiao Dongliang saw these two women, his head would ache so badly that it felt like exploding.

Qiao Dongliang wanted to leave willfully but his only issue was finding a place to stay.

In order to teach Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin a lesson, Zhai Sheng personally made this trip. He wanted to help Qiao Dongliang resolve this housing problem such that Qiao Dongliang would have no further worries. “Dad has said that he is already divorced with Ding Jiayi and they should behave accordingly too. Ding Jiayi is not young but also not extremely old. If they continue to stay together, he is worried that he will obstruct Ding Jiayi from finding another romantic relationship.”

To hear such words from a man, one could tell how resolute Qiao Dongliang was about not reconciling with Ding Jiayi.

One had to know. To Qiao Dongliang, even if he really had a chance to find another woman to marry, he would also feel uneasy if he were to hear that Ding Jiayi was in the same situation as him.

However, at this moment, Qiao Dongliang could not wait for Ding Jiayi to find another man and get married as soon as possible so that she would fully let him off.

No matter how embarrassed Qiao Dongliang felt about accepting the house from his son-in-law and how much he did not want to trouble his daughter, at the thought of Ding Jiayi, all these troubles were considered nothing.

It was as if Qiao Dongliang was avoiding the god of plague. As soon as Zhai Sheng revealed such an intention, Qiao Dongliang agreed readily without a single moment of hesitation.

In fact, when he was on the flight home with Zhai Sheng, Qiao Dongliang had already made up his mind to borrow a sum of money from Zhai Sheng. Even if he had to rent a house, he would definitely find a place that was located very far away from Ding Jiayi.

If he were to continue to look at Ding Jiayi, he was afraid that at some point, he would not be to control his urge to hack Ding Jiayi dead with a chopper.

“Sigh...” Qiao Nan gave a huge sigh. “Do you remember? The first day I found out that my dad brought everything with him and moved into the small courtyard of the Qiao family, I was extremely upset and angry. I couldn’t help resenting him for he did not remember the lessons he had learned previously. Today, when you told me that he has moved out of the small courtyard as he couldn’t live with Ding Jiayi anymore, I don’t know why but I can’t bring myself to smile at all.”

#### Chapter 1336 Better Mood

“I have been thinking. Perhaps the Ding family wanted to marry her to another family in exchange for their son’s marriage previously not because they favored son over daughter. Perhaps they could already tell what kind of person Ding Jiayi was. As such, before Ding Jiayi could betray the Ding family, they wanted to gain something from Ding Jiayi.”

One could not deny that Qiao Nan must have taken too many blows to conceive a conspiring theory for something that happened so many decades ago.

Although Zhai Sheng did not intend to make love to Qiao Nan tonight, he could not control his hands. His thighs were clamping on Qiao Nan’s. His hands on Qiao Nan’s waist wriggled like an

agile snake and found its way into the lower hem of her nightgown, stopping in between Qiao Nan's soft waist and tummy. Thereafter, his fingers caressed the delicate skin repeatedly to feel the tender and smoothness that was so different from that of his own. "Do you wish to know? I can help you find out."

Qiao Nan, who was in Zhai Sheng's arms, shook her head. "Forget it. Be it Ding Jiayi or the Ding family, I am not interested to know. It's still the same words. It's definitely impossible for her to get a lot of money from me. However, I will definitely fulfill the basic maintenance obligation of supporting her during her old age." Ding Jiayi could forget about getting money from her to lead the life of a rich man's wife.

The money that she gave Ding Jiayi would allow the latter to have protein dishes in all her meals. Ding Jiayi would not die of hunger. However, it would not be anything more than that.

"Aren't you afraid that she will give your money to Qiao Zijin?" It was always easier to spend money that comes without any effort or work. She might not know how to cherish them.

"Afraid?" Qiao Nan gave a mocking smile, lowering her voice as she was afraid of waking the triplets up. "I am really not afraid."

In her previous life, her mother used all her earnings on Qiao Zijin's matters. It happened many times. Her mother did not even leave her a single yuan from her moonlighting earnings.

Her mother had to 'dig' at least 5,000 to 6,000 yuan from her pocket to give to Qiao Zijin. If she was lucky to receive some translation jobs, she would have to give Qiao Zijin about 10,000 yuan per month.

However, in this lifetime, according to what she said earlier, she would only give Ding Jiayi a maximum of 100 yuan per month as a living allowance. Given the current cost of living and wage level, an ordinary worker's salary was only about 200 to 300 yuan per month.

If she were to give 100 yuan, it would definitely be considered high.

Even if wages were to increase in the future, the money that she gave Ding Jiayi would not exceed 1,000 yuan per month. Compared to the 10,000 yuan in the past, Qiao Nan did not feel the pinch for this 1,000 yuan at all.

“Brother Zhai, you may not have discovered a situation but it can’t escape my eyes. Ding Jiayi seems to be more reluctant to spend on Qiao Zijin nowadays.” She could feel an obvious disengagement between this mother-daughter pair. Ding Jiayi no longer treated Qiao Zijin unconditionally like she did in her previous life.

Qiao Zijin was definitely harboring resentment over this matter.

Qiao Zijin must have borne a grudge against Ding Jiayi for a long time. Hence, she could no longer contain herself and exposed such a shocking secret to her father yesterday. In the previous life, she did not even know that Ding Jiayi was so ‘noble’ to have done her utmost to ‘teach’ Qiao Zijin in such a way since the latter was a child.

Putting aside the sadness that she felt about having such relatives and after calming down, Qiao Nan felt that she should feel a little happy instead of upset. Now, she could behave like a passive onlooker and watch the ‘show’ of the Qiao family.

It was uncertain why but Qiao Nan only had one word in her heart: retribution.

Qiao Nan was not certain whether Ding Jiayi or Qiao Zijin had gotten the retribution. However, both of them were not doing well. This time, they were really going to be down on their luck.

Zhai Sheng understood what Qiao Nan meant. “In other words, if you give Ding Jiayi money to support her in the future, she may not spend all of them on Qiao Zijin.”

It was normal for children to support their parents financially in the latter’s old age. However, it was too unreasonable to expect one to support their own siblings.

Zhai Sheng felt consistently disgusted that after receiving Qiao Nan’s money, Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi would be so unprincipled to give all of them to Qiao Zijin. Thereafter, they would still complain that Qiao Nan was petty and did not give them enough.

“Yes.” Qiao Nan nodded furiously. “It is a little wrong to think of it that way. But undeniably, I feel better all of a sudden. Brother Zhai, you must be feeling tired. Let’s sleep.”

Once her mind was eased, Qiao Nan felt sleepier than yesterday. She had the feeling that tomorrow would be a better day.

Zhai Sheng could not help giving Qiao Nan a bite on her neck. “You are in such a good mood. Why are we sleeping? Should we have a good ‘celebration’?” At the very least, they had to change the noun ‘sleep’ to a verb.

This time, Qiao Nan was in a better mood and she did not decline. She was even tempted. “Okay, shall we celebrate on that bed?” After her mood had improved, Qiao Nan’s desire was also roused.

In the dark room, Zhai Sheng’s eyes were the brightest at this moment. “Are you serious?”

Qiao Nan gave a seductive smile. She even reached out her ‘wolf claws’ and touched Zhai Sheng’s chest and tummy. In fact, at the sight of Zhai Sheng’s naked upper torso earlier, Qiao Nan was already thinking about it.

Their children could already run all over the place, yet this was the first time that she finally had a chance to satisfy her own desire. She could feel the beautiful body curve.

The desire for food and sex is human nature. Qiao Nan was also human. Of course, she would have such desires.

At this moment, silence spoke louder than words.

With Qiao Nan’s touch, how could Zhai Sheng not understand? After confirming that the three children were sleeping soundly, without a word, Zhai Sheng carried Qiao Nan up swiftly and put her on the bed beside them.

He had prepared this bed for his three children. Unexpectedly, the couple eventually slept more in this bed. When they did some ‘shameful’ things under the covers of the blanket, Zhai Sheng felt that this bed was the only thing in the room that was well worth the money spent.

Qiao Nan dared to touch Zhai Sheng today because Zhai Sheng did not look as energetic as usual. She thought it would not be too much of a problem to stimulate him a little.

Although they were a little over the top on such matters, it was undeniably a very comfortable affair for them. In particular, the husband had such a good physique and requisites. She could get everything that she wanted. It was of course very ‘satisfying’ to be with such a man.

There was one disadvantage though. It was fine that he could sustain it for a long time. However, he had to do it more than once in one night. Even though it was a comfortable affair, Qiao Nan could not take it if the occurrences were too high.

Tonight, she had thought that it would be enough to focus and do it once. Thereafter, they could hug each other to sleep.

However, when someone's heavy machine gun was loaded with bullets for the third time and moving in fiercely, Qiao Nan began to have regrets.

### Chapter 1337 Fragrant and Smelly Ones

One hour ago, Brother Zhai looked so tired that he could fall asleep at any point in time. Could it be that he was just faking it to bluff her?

Qiao Nan, who felt deceived, was like a kitten that had been provoked. She scratched Zhai Sheng's back without any reservation and left a few scratch marks on it.

There was a change in the relationship of the Qiao family of three. Undoubtedly, Qiao Nan felt very relieved about this.

Once her mind felt at ease, Qiao Nan was finally able to have a good year ahead.

Qiao Dongliang was now living separately from Ding Jiayi. During the first few days of Lunar New Year, Qiao Nan no longer avoided going home. She was willing to bring the triplets back to her 'maternal home' to visit. The triplets had seen Qiao Dongliang before and knew that he was their maternal grandfather. Qiao Dongliang also accompanied the triplets and played with them for two days. As a result, the relationship between the grandfather and the three children improved tremendously.

On the flight back to the capital, Qiao Nan patted San Bao's back gently. "Chubby girl, you went overboard when you were playing with maternal grandpa. Please don't do that again." San Bao had really played too much and thus perspired so much. Although Qiao Nan had wiped the sweat on her back in time and even changed her clothes, San Bao still caught a little cold in the end.

When the child had a cold, they would naturally be harder to appease.

San Bao took advantage of the fact that she was unwell and the youngest one in the family and occupied her mother's hug. She even refused to give in to her father, determined to defend her own territory.

San Bao rubbed her chubby face on Qiao Nan's soft chest. San Bao no longer had any recollection that her first food came from this place. Nevertheless, when she was in her mother's arms, she was very clear which position would make her feel most comfortable.

She was lying in her mother's arms. Although her nose was stuffy and uncomfortable, her mother was patting her back gently and speaking softly. San Bao was smiling as she shut her eyes in a leisurely manner. She did not look unwell. In fact, she looked contented and happy.

"Maternal grandpa, good." Da Bao looked at his sister with envy. He then gave Qiao Dongliang a very sincere evaluation.

In the Zhai family, besides Miao Jing and the auntie, Qiao Nan, who was still schooling, spent the most time with the triplets. The men in the family, especially Zhai Sheng, had too little time to spend with the children.

On the other hand, Qiao Dongliang devoted all of his time and energy to keep the three children company during these two days. He had thus left a greater impression on them. Very soon, they accepted this maternal grandfather that they had met only twice.

"Yes, yes, very fun." Er Bao nodded with affirmation. They felt especially happy to play with their maternal grandfather. No matter what they wished to do, their maternal grandfather was willing to play along with them.

Qiao Nan felt both angry and amused when she helped Er Bao wear his mask. "You're such a cheeky boy. Don't remove this thing. You can only take it off when we arrive home."

Qiao Nan knew that the children would feel uncomfortable wearing masks. However, San Bao had caught a cold. In addition, the air quality of the capital was extremely poor. In order to prevent San Bao from spreading the cold to Da Bao and Er Bao, Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng had no choice but to pay attention to this.

San Bao was unwell and had limited energy. She was too lazy to move when she was in Qiao Nan's arms. Da Bao was the eldest and most mature. Although he had been knitting his brows to express that it felt uncomfortable wearing the mask, he did not touch it with his little 'claws'. Er Bao was

the most mischievous one. When they were discussing the maternal grandfather, he took the chance to voluntarily remove his face mask so that others could hear him speak more clearly.

Facing such a naughty and cheeky Er Bao, Qiao Nan felt weary from time to time. It was as if she was fighting guerrilla warfare.

Er Bao lifted his face and insisted that Qiao Nan help him wear his mask back. He grabbed the 'camera' and diverted his mother's attention and love to himself.

Her children were just so amazing.

In a plane, the seats in a row were limited. If San Bao did not 'play cheat' and insist on sitting in Qiao Nan's arms, Er Bao should be sitting with Zhai Sheng on the row of seats behind them. However, it was not advisable to sit in this manner on the plane. At most, Qiao Nan would only carry San Bao for a while and then let her sit on her own very soon after.

Naturally, Zhai Sheng, who had been 'ostracized' by the mother and children and sitting alone at the row of seats behind, did not look too happy.

In particular, when he saw Er Bao, this little brat, using such brilliant tactics to lure his wife into the trap despite being so young, his face turned black. In the future, he had to properly take Er Bao in hand. Otherwise, it was highly possible there would be a playboy in the Zhai family who was an expert in coaxing girls.

The Zhai family could not allow such a child to exist in the family. He had to correct this 'rebellious' nature in Er Bao when he was a child!

After enduring, Zhai Sheng eventually reached out to Er Bao and removed him from the seat. He then carried him and placed him on the seat beside him. "It's almost time. Nan Nan, let San Bao sit on her own. I will watch over Er Bao."

Having said that, Zhai Sheng sullenly looked at Er Bao, who was now sitting beside him.

As a cheeky boy, Er Bao did not cry or throw a fit to gain pity in such a situation. Instead, he smiled very sweetly at Zhai Sheng. That small face of his looked so adorable that it could melt one's heart. Zhai Sheng could even see the molars at the back of Er Bao's mouth.



Zhai Sheng, who was still feeling angry a second earlier, could not bring himself to flare up now. He felt a little indignant as he pinched Er Bao's face. "You're a little fox. You not only know how to coax girls but also know what to do in front of guys."

In front of outsiders, Zhai Sheng yielded to neither the carrot nor stick.

However, in front of his family, Zhai Sheng was open to a soft approach but not coercion.

If Er Bao were to cry and throw a fit, Zhai Sheng would have many ways to deal with him. In particular, after Er Bao grew up, he would throw Er Bao into the army camp. Even if the women in the family could not bear to do that to Er Bao, could they follow him and guard him by his side all the time?

At that time, Er Bao would have nowhere to turn to for help.

When Er Bao gave Zhai Sheng such a sweet smile, trying to gain his favor and play dumb, as his biological father, Zhai Sheng could not help but feel his heart soften. "Little brat Er Bao, I don't know who taught you this." If Er Bao could maintain this kind of behavior in front of his enemies in the future, he would be the kind who could kill someone with his lies and yet not pay for it when he grew up.

Er Bao pursed his little mouth. "Er Bao, very fragrant. Not smelly." To make Zhai Sheng believe him, Er Bao even raised his little palm and insisted that Zhai Sheng smell it.

Anyway, in front of his grandmother and maternal grandfather, they would always grab his hands and exclaimed that it smelled nice. Er Bao was a nice-smelling and not a smelly kid.

Although the triplets were still young, between the word 'fragrant' and 'smelly', they could already differentiate which one was positive and which one was not.

Zhai Sheng was not one of the women in the family and would not condone his son's habits. He turned his face away in disdain and refused to 'smell' his son's little palm. "You can smell it first. Are you sure it is not smelly?"

Er Bao was still young. Of course, he did not know that when adults were lying, they could appear more serious than when they were telling the truth. Hence, Er Bao doubted himself a little when he smelled his little hand. Yes, although it was not very fragrant, it certainly was not smelly either!

When she heard Zhai Sheng bullying her son in this way, Qiao Nan could barely tolerate it. “Brother Zhai, Er Bao is your son. Biological one.”

Er Bao sensed that her mother seemed to be helping him. Although he did not understand what his mother meant, he immediately repeated what she said, “Biological. Biological son!”

In the face of Er Bao’s strong learning ability, Zhai Sheng was naturally fond of it.

Finally, Zhai Sheng rubbed Er Bao’s head. “Your mom, grandma, and the auntie bathe the three of you very often at home. If you are still smelly, you don’t need to live on anymore.”

“Wash clean clean, nice nice smell.” At the mention of bathing, Er Bao’s eyes lit up. He knew that he had a chance to play with water when he was bathing. Each time he finished his bath, his mother and grandmother would also praise him for smelling nice.

Zhai Sheng forcefully rubbed Er Bao’s head. It was as if he was rubbing a dog’s head. Er Bao’s little body swayed from side to side and lost focus. He was half lying on the seat and could barely differentiate north, south, east, and west.

When Er Bao forced his eyes open, he was staring at stars. After some time, he found the direction that his father was at. He shriveled his lips. “Mom, Dad is bad. Bully. Bully Er Bao!”

“Baddie!” When she heard this, San Bao, who was having a cold, answered as if they were bounded by hatred for a common enemy. Their father was the biggest baddie in the whole world. He had to compete with them for their mother. “Want to fight. Go back. Find grandpa, grandma, also great-grandfather, master grandpa!”

As she counted, San Bao felt elated. When her father bullied them, she could seek help from so many people. All of them could help her hit her bad father. “Mom, I want to find master grandpa. He, protect San Bao.”

Amongst so many elders, Lin Yuankang, this master grandpa, and not their biological parents doted on them most. Lin Yuankang taught the triplets from young that they could tell him if anyone

bullied them. He would definitely help the triplets retaliate. Undoubtedly, Lin Yuankang took the most care of San Bao, the only small flower. He really doted very much on her.

Lin Yuankang was getting older. If San Bao did not gain weight every day, he would carry San Bao for as long as he could do so.

After staying in Ping Cheng for a few days, besides Miao Jing the grandmother, Lin Yuankang was the next person that San Bao talked most about. Although Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan were with the three children shopping in the streets of Ping Cheng, San Bao kept saying that she wanted to buy this and that back for Lin Yuankang.

As such, when they returned to the capital, they had many things with them. All the items were presents selected by the triplets for their kin.

Those in the capital had presents. Qiao Dongliang, who was in Ping Cheng, wasn't left out.

San Bao picked a snow globe for Qiao Dongliang. She even specially requested Qiao Dongliang to place it beside his bed. She told Qiao Dongliang that seeing the snow globe was equivalent to seeing her. It was not because of other reasons. Coincidentally, there were various photographs of Zhai Sheng's family of five placed on the bedside table of Qiao Dongliang.

In the past, when he was in the small courtyard of the Qiao family, Qiao Dongliang did not dare to display the photographs of Zhai Sheng's family of five. He only dared to put them away properly. When he missed the family, he would quietly take the photographs out and look at them for a long time.

It was great now. He lived alone in a house and did not need to worry about Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin secretly entering his bedroom to steal and destroy the photographs of Qiao Nan and the triplets. He could display these photographs wherever he wished to.

He had most probably endured it for too long. In addition, he could not figure out the current situation between Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin. After Qiao Dongliang moved in, the first sum of money that he spent was for developing various photographs of the Zhai family of five.

That was not all. Qiao Dongliang even picked out the one that he thought was the best. He did a blow-up of it and hung it on the wall.

This house belonged to him only. It was up to him to arrange however he would like to and nobody could interfere again.

Zhai Sheng had long passed the keys of this house to Qiao Dongliang. This time, besides giving one set of the duplicate keys to Qiao Nan, Qiao Dongliang did not intend to give the keys to anyone else.

This was the only way that Qiao Dongliang would feel safe in this house. He could then display whatever he loved and cared about most in places according to his wishes. He did not need to worry that they would be touched or thrown away by others.

It was certainly very fast to travel from Ping Cheng to the capital via a flight.

Qiao Nan was carrying San Bao, who was having a cold, in her arms. Zhai Sheng carried Da Bao and San Bao with one hand each. When Qiao Nan was carrying San Bao and waiting for the luggage, Zhai Sheng carried Da Bao and Er Bao into his own family car before returning to fetch his wife and daughter.

The family of five was tired from traveling when they arrived home. Even the two adults felt tired, let alone the three children.

As soon as the door opened, Qiao Nan said, "Auntie, can I trouble you to bring us five cups of water? It's time for San Bao to take her medicine." When they boarded the plane, San Bao refused to take the medicine on the excuse that she did not feel well. She insisted to do so only when she arrived home.

They were finally home. Qiao Nan could not allow her daughter to escape from taking the medicine. Would her cold recover quickly if she did not take any medicine?

"San Bao needs to take medicine? What medicine? Is she unwell?" Miao Jing stood up anxiously. However, Zhai Hua, who was back in the house of her maternal family, was quicker in action. She snatched San Bao from Qiao Nan's arms. "San Bao, what is wrong? Are you having a fever?"

Qiao Nan changed her shoes and removed her jacket. "No fever. She's having a runny nose and a slight cough." After washing her hands, she took the plain water from the auntie. Qiao Nan did not bother to drink first. She served her three children and made them feel comfortable first. "San Bao, we are home. You have to take medicine."

San Bao pouted and frowned unhappily. She was squirming, looking like she wanted to go back on her words.

Qiao Nan had no choice but to carry her daughter again. “San Bao, be good. You won’t recover from your illness if you don’t take medicine. The medicine isn’t bitter. It’s a little sweet. San Bao, quickly recover from your illness. San Bao still wants to distribute presents to grandpa, grandma, and everyone, right? Master grandpa is still waiting for San Bao to look for and play with him.”

“Master grandpa?” When she heard her favorite master grandpa being mentioned, the listless San Bao perked up a little. “Take medicine.” If she did not do so, her mother would not allow her to play then.

She had finally convinced San Bao. Qiao Nan used her fastest speed to feed the medicine into San Bao’s mouth. She was so afraid that this little ancestor would go back on her words if she were to delay.

#### Chapter 1339 Rather Miserable

San Bao’s expression did not look good when she swallowed the medicine. She looked as if she was taking some poison. Zhai Sheng quickly fed San Bao a few sips of water to reduce the taste of the medicine. The couple collaborated and finished feeding San Bao with the medicine. Thereafter, Qiao Nan carried San Bao, let her lean on her shoulders, and coaxed her to sleep.

San Bao was already feeling tired. Furthermore, she was back home, a place that she was most familiar with. As her mother coaxed her, San Bao yawned, blinked her eyes, and fell asleep very soon.

It was not only San Bao. At this moment, Da Bao, who was in Miao Jing’s arms, and Er Bao, who was in Zhai Hua’s arms, were already sleeping like logs and snoring softly.

The triplets were asleep. The adults carried them upstairs, placed them on the bed, and covered them with blankets.

Fortunately, the auntie sprang into action as soon as Zhai Sheng’s family of five arrived home. After preparing five cups of water, the next thing that she did was to go upstairs and help Zhai Sheng prepare the two beds in his room so that the three children could sleep more comfortably.

San Bao was having a cold. As such, she could not sleep in the same bed as Da Bao and Er Bao.

To prevent San Bao from throwing tantrums, San Bao slept on the old bed while Da Bao and Er Bao slept on the new one. It was silent in the room as all the three children were sleeping more soundly than ever. When Qiao Nan closed the door of the room, the triplets became even quieter.

“Nan Nan, come to my room. Let’s have a chat.” Just as Qiao Nan closed the door, Zhai Hua pulled her over to the latter’s former bedroom before she got married. As for Tian Dong... Zhai Sheng was also in the house. Hence, she would let Tian Dong explain to Zhai Sheng then. Zhai Hua took over Qiao Nan without any reservation. She wanted to have a chat with Qiao Nan.

Zhai Sheng’s face turned black. After the children competed with him for Qiao Nan, it was Zhai Hua’s turn to do so. Did they collaborate? Would there be an end to this? Zhai Hua was already married to Tian Dong, and henceforth, Tian Dong should be responsible for her. As expected, although Zhai Hua was the one who caused the trouble and angered Zhai Sheng, Tian Dong had to appease Zhai Sheng.

Without a word, Zhai Sheng pulled Tian Dong up with his hands. “We’ve not had exchanges for a long time. Let’s go for some practice.”

Tian Dong gave a bitter smile. His physical strength was not poor. However, he was only a businessman. How could he compete with his brother-in-law who was often in the army camp and underwent training? His brother-in-law had been maintaining his body.

Was this considered a practice? He was simply becoming a sandbag for his brother-in-law.

Although Tian Dong was well aware of this situation, he could not reject it. Tian Dong could only pray and hope that his wife would be a little smarter and quickly return Qiao Nan to his brother-in-law. Otherwise, he would have to suffer big time.

Qiao Nan, who had been pulled into the room by Zhai Hua, spoke first. “You don’t have much time to go home? Aren’t you going to make full use of your limited time to go for a honeymoon with Dongzi?” Dongzi was a busy businessman. Zhai Hua was even busier. If they did not make use of this period of time, most likely, their honeymoon trip could not be realized this year.

Zhai Hua blushed. “What honeymoon? Who has the spare time for that? I will rather rest more at home.” If she had not insisted, she would not even have time to go back to her maternal home. “Qiao Nan, you already have three children. I will be frank with you in some words. Are all men like that? They are completely different in and out of bed!”

Zhai Hua self-proclaimed that she was strong physically. When she was in the army, she was the one who caused others to lie on the grounds. Unexpectedly, Tian Dong had become the one that caused her to lie down with fatigue after marriage.

If not for the fact that she had not left army life, Zhai Hua almost doubted if her physical strength had suffered ten-year depreciation. She had become too vulnerable to attacks. “Clearly, he is the one who uses more strength. Why is he still so energetic every day while I feel as shaggy as a dead dog?”

What Zhai Hua could not stand most was that when she was still troubled over the fact that she lost to Tian Dong, each time she came downstairs for meals, her mother-in-law would look at her with such gentle eyes that gave her goose bumps all over. Her mother-in-law would prepare nourishing soups for her every day. That kind of feeling was so strange that it made all Zhai Hua’s hair stand up.

Qiao Nan did not expect Zhai Hua to talk about such matters as soon as she spoke.

Fortunately, she was also considered a ‘veteran’ in this area now. Otherwise, how could Qiao Nan respond immediately when Zhai Hua suddenly threw this topic out? “This... You can’t deny that there is an inborn difference between man and woman in this area. You perform well in terms of physical strength among a group of men. Nevertheless, Dongzi is not a weakling either. I can tell that he is very particular about maintaining his physique normally.”

“This is true.” Zhai Hua nodded quickly. “He actually has muscles. Those muscles are not any less than the soldiers under my wing.” It was also because Zhai Hua was very happy with Tian Dong’s performance after undressing.

If Tian Dong’s figure could not pass Zhai Hua’s end, Tian Dong could forget about touching any corner of Zhai Hua’s clothing, at least on the first few days of marriage.

Zhai Hua was almost breaking into smiles, while Qiao Nan, embarrassed, lifted her lips. “The most important thing is that you feel satisfied.”

Needless to question further, Qiao Nan was certain that the married life of Zhai Hua and Tian Dong was rather ‘harmonious’. “You dragged me into your room just to talk about this?” The matters between a man and woman, she could not figure it out even after her children had given birth, let

alone she had just given birth to children. The man was the one who used more strength, but most of the time, the woman was the one who could not get up due to fatigue.

Zhai Hua was hesitant for a moment. “Not entirely so... I saw Wei De.”

At the mention of the name ‘Wei De’, Qiao Nan slumped on Zhai Hua’s bed immediately. “He came knocking on your door again? Is he sick? You’re already married.” If he had not given up last time, he should have done so after he heard that Zhai Hua was already someone else’s wife. Didn’t they say that Wei De had been secretly beaten up before he left previously?

Zhai Hua looked indifferent. “I’m not sure how he managed to find his way here. I don’t know what he wanted to fuss about either. He seemed sick and not in a clear state of mind. He insisted that I am his wife, the one that I married is him, and that I even bore him a daughter. He said that he is the Zhai family’s son-in-law.”

Zhai Hua spoke about Wei De’s matter so calmly. Obviously, she had already put this matter behind her. “Thereafter, I heard that Wei De is living quite a miserable life now. He can’t start his business from scratch again. He even met a swindler and had been conned of all the money that was with his parents. There is no single yuan left. Moreover, I don’t know what happened, but that child is gone.”

Zhai Hua did not have much impression of Wei Wei. After all, she had not come into much contact with him.

However, a young life was lost. Zhai Hua felt uncomfortable even if she were to be a stranger. In short, now, Wei De did not have money and power. He even lost his only son. He was certainly in a miserable state.

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Wei De looked for her and spouted nonsense. Zhai Hua did not take those words to heart at all. She just found Wei De pitiful. Hence, she reminded Tian Dong not to do anything that would add salt to Wei De’s injury after sending the latter away. It was also to prevent others from finding fault with the Zhai family and the Tian family and smearing their reputations.

Those words of Wei De would not cause any impact on Zhai Hua’s life in the Tian family.

After all, the Tian couple had stayed abroad before. They could not accept a loose woman as their daughter-in-law, but they had never said that they could not accept a daughter-in-law with past relationships.



They were already aware that Zhai Hua had one boyfriend before her marriage to Tian Dong. As for the rest of the matters said by Wei De, they were nonsense and baseless boasting. Married with a daughter? What did he take the Tian family for? If Zhai Hua had truly gone through that, how could they not find out or hear about it?

It was too dumb to malign someone in this way. Even a fool would not fall for the trick.

Initially, Qiao Nan wanted to ask whether the Tian family had been affected by Wei De's words, but she automatically swallowed her words when she saw Zhai Hua looking so happy and contented. Well, there was no need to ask any further. "Then?"

"There is nothing else!" Zhai Hua held her face with both hands and smiled. "Qiao Nan, actually, I am very grateful to you for helping me climb out of Wei De, this pit. Dongzi... He is quite good. Although I don't know what life will become after being married to Wei De, I have the feeling that it certainly cannot be compared to life with Dongzi. To be able to marry Dongzi in my life... It is all worth it."

After meeting a man who could truly give her happiness, Zhai Hua then realized the kind of man that she had been looking for all this while.

She was also quite surprised that Tian Dong, whom she saw as a little girl last time, would turn out this way after growing up. Besides, the joke that she casually made about marrying Tian Dong when she was a child actually came true, although Tian Dong married her instead of the other way round. At the thought of it, Zhai Hua felt that her affinity with Tian Dong was extremely unbelievable and wonderful.

So, true love does exist in the world.

When a man and woman get married, they were not just getting together to lead a dull life. There was actually such a sweet and happy side to it.

She had always thought that it was impossible for her to experience this anymore.

Fortunately.

Zhai Sheng married Qiao Nan.

Fortunately, she met Qiao Nan.

Fortunately, Tian Dong was the one whom she was finally married to!

Qiao Nan patted Zhai Hua's shoulders. Alright, Sister Zhai Hua purely wanted to chat with and treat her as a tree hole. It was different this time. In the past, Sister Zhai Hua would air her grievances and troubles during their chat. This time, Sister Zhai Hua was full of happiness.

"I won't nag about other matters. However, take more of those nutritious soups that your mother-in-law prepares for you. They are beneficial to you. At you and Tian Dong's current age, it is the best time to prepare for pregnancy. Both Tian Dong and you are in good health. Remember to pay more attention if you miss your menses. You will avoid an embarrassing situation like mine then. The fetus needs to be well protected, especially during the first three months of pregnancy."

Qiao Nan was not speaking without a reason.

Once Zhai Hua was married, the Tian family had been yearning for news from Zhai Hua's tummy. They hoped that she would bear a grandchild for them soon. Even having a granddaughter was fine.

Zhai Hua blushed. "So soon?" Nevertheless, she also looked forward to having a child that belonged to her and Dongzi. "Dongzi and I have only been married for less than one month. I heard that for some people, nothing happens even after two to three years of marriage."

Qiao Nan lay on Zhai Hua's bed as she was feeling a little tired. "Everyone's situation is different. I am just alerting you to a possible situation that may occur to you. Also, I have a feeling that this nephew or niece of mine won't come too late."

Sister Zhai Hua had not sustained any internal injuries before and Tian Dong was in excellent health. The two of them also did not have any poor lifestyle habits. They were in such solid health. If such a married couple could not become pregnant, who would? They might have a child very soon.

Qiao Nan had counted the time before. Most likely, she had become pregnant with the triplets during her second intimate time with Zhai Sheng.

She had been successfully ‘shot’ in two times. Given Tian Dong and Zhai Hua’s situation, how many times had it already been? There was no reason that Zhai Hua would not be ‘shot’.

In the end, Qiao Nan was spot on in her guess.

After the new school semester started and Qiao Nan arrived home holding a scholarship prize again, she immediately felt the different atmosphere at home. Zhai Hua, who was supposed to be in the army camp, was seated in the Zhai family’s residence with a glowing face. Like someone who was guarding a hen that could lay golden eggs, Zhai Hua’s mother-in-law stayed by Zhai Hua’s side, protecting her at all times. She was exchanging smiles with Miao Jing, basking in reflected glory.

The three little ones ran over and hugged Qiao Nan’s thighs. “Mom, auntie has little sister, little brother in her tummy.” Amongst them, San Bao was the most emotional. She knew that she was the youngest one in this family. However, henceforth, that would not be the case anymore. In another eight months’ time, there would be a baby who was younger than her in this house.

“Mom, I am an elder sister now!” San Bao lifted her chest, looking very delighted to take on this role.

Qiao Nan laughed. “Is it true? Congratulations to San Bao then. You are going to be an elder sister. Next time, San Bao has to take your meals obediently, listen to Mom, and set a good example for your younger brother and younger sister, okay?”

San Bao’s little ponytails were swaying as she moved. “Yes, San Bao will set a good example. San Bao is a good elder sister.”

Zhai Hua’s pregnancy was great news for both the Zhai family and the Tian family.

There was double happiness in the Tian family. Last year, Tian Shouxin nearly lost all his family wealth after his biological elder brother schemed against him. This year, with the help of the Zhai family, Tian Dong’s business was increasingly growing. It had become one of the strongest enterprises in the capital. In addition, the truth always comes out, and some ‘accident’ occurred at Tian Shouyi’s end.

To guard his current position, Tian Shouyi could not avoid asking Tian Shouxin for money.

It was true that Tian Shouxin once depended on Tian Shouyi's help for his business. Tian Shouyi secretly granted him conveniences in some areas. However, ever since Tian Shouyi had plotted against him, Tian Shouxin had opened up another channel: the Zhai family.

With the Zhai family's protection and care, naturally, Tian Shouxin's business was better than before.

One must know. After becoming the relatives of the Zhu family, besides the Zhai family, the Zhu family, the Shi family, and some people under Elder Lin's wings would 'favor' Tian Shouxin's company more. Tian Shouxin was aware that these few families granted his family so many 'favors' all on the account of giving Qiao Nan face.

In the past, his elder brother insisted that Dongzi marry Qiu Chenxi as he was eyeing Shi Peng, this high potential and promising 'share'. He wanted to let Dongzi become Shi Peng's nephew-in-law. On the account of Qiu Chenxi's face, the Tian family would then receive more help and support from Shi Peng.