

## RTAMM 1381

### Chapter 1381 You Stole These, Didn't You?

After filling his stomach, Lin Yuankang took out the presents for the triplets. “Jiang, jiang, jiang! San Bao, look. Is this pretty? Master grandpa specially got someone to customize this. This is the one and only one in the world, unparalleled. When San Bao has more hair in the future, get your mom to comb a ponytail, and then wear this tiara. San Bao will definitely be the most beautiful little girl in the world.”

Lin Yuankang happily held the tiara on San Bao's head. At the sight of the shiny thing, of course, San Bao reached out to grab that tiara.

Qiao Nan shielded her eyes, her heart pounding continuously. “Master, are those shiny things on top gemstones?” She did not have much knowledge in this area and did not know if gemstones existed in the world at this point in time—or more accurately, whether anyone had discovered the business potential of replacing diamonds with gemstones in accessories.

After all, gemstones were cheaper and diamonds were extremely costly.

Gemstones had a similar exterior appearance to diamonds. It was also quite shiny. The problem was that its value could not be compared to diamonds.

Although it was also a natural stone.

To Qiao Nan, filling the stomach and having a home of her own were extravagant wishes. Her life after rebirth was truly happy beyond words. She found her love, had a happy marriage, and gave birth to three bubbly and adorable children. She was even achieving success in her studies.

As such, Qiao Nan felt that she did not have any other longings in this life. Therefore, unlike ordinary women, Qiao Nan completely did not have the yearning or obsession for clothes and accessories.

Unless her in-laws insisted to buy her, Qiao Nan would decline as much as possible. When marrying Zhai Sheng, Qiao Nan had received many pricey gifts for her wedding. No matter how beautiful and glorious they were, Qiao Nan had shelved and forgotten them. She had never worn them.

Otherwise, why would people like Tang Jiayun and Lü Yan rather target others than Qiao Nan, and malign others instead of challenging Qiao Nan?

Wasn't that so? Qiao Nan, who had been used to simplicity, felt her eyes hurt at the sudden sight of such bright and shiny items. She also felt her heart ached. She did not know much about diamonds but she knew that gemstones looked like diamonds.

The problem was... Could these two items that were vastly different in value be compared?

When Lin Yuankang took out the little tiara, under the lighting, the tiny and delicate pieces of bright and dazzling crystal clear stones on the tiara looked like a constellation of stars, with splendid shine and colors. Qiao Nan was almost blinded. Where did these top-grade gemstones come from to create such an effect?

"Gemstone? What is that?" Qiao Nan did not know much about this. Lin Yuankang was worse. "These are diamonds. Are gemstones better than diamonds?" Lin Yuankang looked depressed. "Why don't I look for it on my next overseas trip?"

He would only give the best to his three little grand-disciples. Otherwise, he would definitely not buy it.

"So as to speak, these are all diamonds?" Looking at the shine and splendor, Qiao Nan felt that, given the current value of diamonds, any piece of diamonds taken from the tiara would be able to exchange for a house, let alone the entire star-studded tiara.

Lin Yuankang lifted his chin. "It's a must. Don't worry. It's not just the triplets, you have one too. After all, you are my disciple. I can miss out anyone except for you."

All of a sudden, Lin Yuankang seemed to have become a huge diamond trader who had speculated well on diamond accessories. When he said that he was taking it out, he really took them out in heaps and piles.

Lin Yuankang had prepared four-piece jewelry set for Qiao Nan: earrings, necklace, ring, and bracelet.

All these four accessories were mainly made of diamonds. That shine and glory would make women who knew the famous diamond chase after them like a flock of birds.

Qiao Nan tried to calm her thumping heart. “Master, did you become a thief at the diamond mine?” No one would take out diamond accessories in such huge piles like him!

Last time, the jade gifted by Lin Yuankang was already quite expensive. In fact, Qiao Nan was completely deluding herself when she mentioned gemstone. As one would expect, how could Lin Yuankang buy things made of something as cheap as gemstones? However, after knowing that these shiny ones were genuine diamonds, Qiao Nan’s heart could barely take it.

Besides Qiao Nan, Miao Jing was also shocked by Lin Yuankang’s generosity.

Miao Jing looked at Zhai Yaohui. They had been a couple for so many years but she had never bought so many expensive diamond accessories for herself. Why was it that when Elder Lin showed his hands, the ever famous and gimmicky diamond outside had turned into cabbage by the roadside that was selling in bunches?

“Mine, mine.” San Bao did not know how expensive or valuable these items were. She only knew that this bright and shiny little tiara was a gift from her master grandpa. It was so beautiful and she loved it.

In comparison to San Bao’s shining eyes that were as bright as light bulbs, Da Bao and Er Bao also liked these things but the pair of brothers seemed much more composed. In Da Bao’s and Er Bao’s eyes, at most, these were just nicer-looking toys.

“Right, right. It’s yours. This is San Bao’s.” After teasing San Bao, Lin Yuankang passed the little tiara into her hands. “San Bao, you can’t stuff this into your mouth. Also, you can’t face this pointy side at others or yourself.”

As he looked after San Bao, Lin Yuankang responded to Qiao Nan’s question. “What are you talking about?! Steal? Is your master someone who will do such a petty thing?!”

“No!” Judging by the heap on the floor, how could this be considered petty? It was huge stealing!

Lin Yuankang, who was unaware of Qiao Nan’s actual thoughts, was satisfied at Qiao Nan’s denial. “What do you think I went overseas for? I’m not going into detail. I have also done my part for the country. Many years ago, when I was studying abroad, I bought over properties and enterprises. I have a flair for making money. Things that I casually bought could derive value. No matter what, I

just take it that I am contributing to the development of the country.” Anyway, he did not lack money.

Lin Yuankang was vague in his words but the Zhai family was smart. They would not question him in detail about the situation.

However, the more lightly Lin Yuankang put it, the more the Zhai family members, especially Qiao Nan, were in fear and trepidation. Qiao Nan was almost scared out of her wits by her master.

She had long heard from others that her master was a money hoarder. The most annoying thing was that her master always benefited from an unexpected course of events. Compared to those who prayed and gave offerings to the deities and Buddha and even dreamed of getting rich when they were sleeping, her master’s luck was so good that it was heaven-defying.

Her master should not stay at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As long as he was willing to go into business, he only needed to buy things here and there, and he would eventually ‘buy’ a nickname of the richest man in the world.

In the past, Qiao Nan only heard of it. This time, she had personally encountered it. One could imagine how stunned she was.

Chapter 1382 It Is a Pigeon Egg, Right?

Qiao Nan touched San Bao’s face. Why was she having a hunch that she had found her three children an extremely capable master grandpa?

Seeing the stupefied expression on his disciple, Lin Yuankang secretly felt very complacent. “Alright, the triplets are still very young. They don’t know how to keep these things. Perhaps they may casually throw them away and we won’t be able to find them thereafter. You’re their mother. Take care of these items on their behalf first. You can return to them after they grow up.” After finishing his words, Lin Yuankang pushed the pile of cabbage-like diamond accessories to Qiao Nan.

Until now, Lin Yuankang still remembered the serious demeanor of his little disciple when she told him that she would support him financially in his old age.

Snort! Snort!

With the money in his pocket, it was the other way round. He could support his little disciple in her old age!

Qiao Nan's face contorted. She felt terrible. "Master..." She really did not wish to accept her set of gifts. Judging from the crystal-clear look of these diamonds, they must be extremely costly. She dared not even think of the total value of the entire set. If it was possible, Qiao Nan did not even wish to accept the gifts for the triplets.

"If you know that I am your master, you have to listen to me." Lin Yuankang's tone became strict and serious. "It is not good to decline the request from an elder. Have you heard of this saying? You have to remember that I am always your master. I will always support you. You just have to move forward daringly, relax, and do what you want to do."

Old Master Zhai carried Er Bao onto his thighs and sneered. "Does my granddaughter-in-law need you to support her or give her backing and assurance in whatever she does? Do you treat our Zhai family as dead?" Clearly, Lin Yuankang was not telling these to his granddaughter-in-law but the Zhai family.

Lin Yuankang gave him a sideways glance. "Will one shun having enough assurance? The more backing, the merrier. Also, if the Zhai family is so capable, shouldn't you give your grandson some backing first? If not for my help, these three pitiful little grand-disciples of mine would have so little time with their father."

Lin Yuankang had neither son nor daughter in this life. Hence, he also did not have any grandchild.

However, he did not hope that his three favorite grand-disciples would see so little of their father during their childhood. It was as if they did not have a father.

At this point, it was inevitable that Lin Yuankang was a little picky. He felt that Zhai Sheng was a stinky soldier who was not compatible with his little disciple. It was so easy for his little disciple to suffer because of him.

Fortunately, Old Master Zhai had mellowed over the years. If Old Master Zhai was still young when Elder Lin said these, given his explosive temper, he would have dragged Elder Lin outside for a duel. "What do you know? You only need to talk. But the things in the army... When you make one move, it can cause a domino effect. It's not so simple. As a soldier, one has to put the country's and citizens' interests before his own. We can only put personal petty favors and grudges aside. You know nothing about all these principles!"

The one who bore the surname Lin only needed to have catfights with foreigners. If the other party was polite, he would be as well. Otherwise, he would strip the other party naked, not leaving any face.

However, how could one be so direct in the army? One should not harm the nation's interest because of personal conflict. One had to know that the borders of China had not been very peaceful. Those countries were itching to stir up troubles.

On this point, the only thing that Old Master Zhai was satisfied with Peng Yu was that the latter still had some character of a soldier. He did not bow his head in front of these overarching principles.

“After speaking for so long, you're just smoking others with your altruistic theories but you can't do anything.” Lin Yuankang could not be bothered to continue chatting with Old Master Zhai, this boorish fellow. Did he really think that it was so easy to handle the matters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs? Working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was considered burning the brains then.

At the sight of these two heavy-weight old masters fuming, Qiao Nan nudged San Bao's buttocks to hint at her to appease Lin Yuankang. One's attention could be easily diverted due to a child's coaxing. Actually, an elder was very similar to a child. It was very easy to coax them.

True enough, as soon as San Bao acted adorably, Lin Yuankang smiled so happily that he could not be bothered about Old Master Zhai, this ignorant man.

As for Old Master Zhai, after Da Bao and Er Bao struggled to the floor, they faced Old Master Zhai and showed their kicks and punches, cajoling Old Master Zhai until he was grinning from ear to ear. “Yes, yes, yes. Da Bao and Er Bao are very good with your boxing.” When the two children were older, he could impart the boxing in the army to Da Bao and Er Bao.

At the thought that he could bring these two great-grandchildren to practice boxing in the morning in front of his old comrades and make them feel extremely envious, Old Master Zhai was smiling like an old chrysanthemum flower. He had also cast Lin Yuankang aside.

When the two old masters were smiling, one-by-one, the younger ones heaved a sigh of relief.

Although Zhai Yaohui was already the chief and Old Master Zhai and Lin Yuankang were retired, one was his biological father whereas the other was a senior whom he respected. Zhai Yaohui dared not offend either of them. He also dared not express any displeasure to the two of them.

Thankfully, he had three good grandchildren who could appease these two old masters.

There was some animosity between the two old masters. As the juniors, they were in a very difficult position. It was wrong to side with either of them, and they also had to worry if they would anger them and affect their health. Zhai Yaohui quietly sized up his three little grandchildren. These three babies were really the miraculous fire extinguishers for everyone in the family!

Finally, the fumes between the two masters had been extinguished. Qiao Nan dared not bring up the question of whether to accept these diamonds. One had to know. Wasn't the fume of gunpowder earlier caused by these things?

Looking at the pile of items that cost an arm and leg, Qiao Nan immediately pulled a long face. "Brother Zhai, should we buy a safe box?" If they were to simply store these in the bank, she was very worried that others would misunderstand the Zhai family for having an illegal income.

Jewelry, lavish clothes, and everything that a woman wished for—Qiao Nan did not lack any of them. She had so many of them that she was dying from worry. "I am scared of keeping these things." She took out one of the rings. "Brother Zhai, is this as big as a pigeon egg?"

Zhai Sheng reached out his hands and held onto Qiao Nan's trembling hand. "Do you need to be like this? No matter how costly it is, it is ultimately just a piece of stone. Since Elder Lin gave it to you, it's yours. You don't need to feel so burdened. Elder Lin doesn't lack these things. If you are really worried, I will bring back a safe box tomorrow for you." Zhai Sheng looked at the size of the diamond. "Pigeon egg? Thereabouts."

As soon as she received the confirmation, Qiao Nan felt so lost that she wished to cover the ring and hide it.

Damn! This was the legendary pigeon egg. She actually became an owner of it. And it was not given to her by her husband but master! Qiao Nan had a hunch... Why did this matter seem so surreal and unreal?

Zhai Sheng could not understand Qiao Nan's anxiety and panic. He helped Qiao Nan put away these items in the drawer that Qiao Nan used to store such valuables. Without giving her a chance, he carried her onto the bed. "The triplets are asleep. If you do that again, you will have to coax them when they wake up. It's in the wee hours of the night. Don't find extra work to do."

Peng Yu's return meant that Zhai Sheng's holiday was over.

With such a time constraint, how could Zhai Sheng indulge Qiao Nan, facing a pile of non-living things and making himself feel lonely? For the sake of improving the couple's relationship and deepening their bond, Zhai Sheng would rather the two of them interact more than to waste their time on a pile of non-living things. The bond between the couple would strengthen until it was unbreakable then.

When Qiao Nan was feeling dizzy and devotedly clinging onto Zhai Sheng, he exclaimed. True enough, saying a hundred words was not as effective as 'doing' one thing.

"Junior Qiao, congratulations on graduating." In the blink of an eye, it was the time of graduation again. Xu Shengnan specially bought fresh flowers and returned to the school to give them to Qiao Nan. She wanted to be there to see Qiao Nan in her graduation cap and graduating.

This day, Qiao Nan was smiling brightly. "Senior Xu, thank you." She had finally fulfilled her studies dream. She was a college student who had graduated!

Xu Shengnan smiled happily. She felt happier than the day of her own graduation. They had known each other for a few years. Qiao Nan had never mentioned to Xu Shengnan about the situation of her maternal family. However, after Xu Shengnan got to know Fang Fang and interacted with her boss' girlfriend, Xu Shengnan then found out that Qiao Nan's life before marriage was not very good although she married well.

Xu Shengnan dared not believe that there was such a mother in the world. Since both were daughters, why did she have to be so biased? It was as if one of the biological daughters, Qiao Nan, was picked up from the streets. It was utterly disappointing.

After knowing Qiao Nan's situation, Xu Shengnan was extremely grateful to her own parents because they had never treated her in that way.

After working for two to three years, Xu Shengnan bought a house and could bring her parents from the hometown to live there. However, the elders were not used to the pace of life in a big city. In particular, in the countryside, they grew their own vegetables and did not need to spend money to



buy them. In the capital, if one were to top up a little money on the cost of a plate of vegetables, they could have meat in the hometown.

Hence, the elderly couple would come and live in the capital occasionally and help their daughter clean up the house. However, they still lived in the countryside most of the time.

Although that was the case, Xu Shengnan had become famous in her hometown. She had bought a house in the capital after working for just a few years. She even wanted to bring the elderly parents over to stay. The elderly were very pleased that this child was not only promising but also filial.

Each time Xu Shengnan's parents come to the capital to visit her, they would bring many local specialty products and ask Xu Shengnan to pass them to Qiao Nan. Although they had never met Qiao Nan, they had always been grateful to Qiao Nan for giving their daughter such a good opportunity, allowing her to progress so well.

When they knew that Qiao Nan was graduating, the Xu parents had reminded Xu Shengnan to attend Qiao Nan's graduation.

"Mom, hug." Qiao Nan had just chatted shortly with Xu Shengnan when San Bao intercepted and requested for her mother's hug.

Qiao Nan smiled, squatted down, and carried her little princess. "You have to hold the graduation cap for Mom. Don't let it drop."

"Yes, with me around, I must not let Mom's cap fall. Mom, don't worry." San Bao nodded. She had already reached out her tender hands to hold onto Qiao Nan's cap. "Mom, your clothes are nice. I also want to wear this when I grow up."

San Bao disliked dark-colored clothes. However, she knew that not any Tom, Dick, and Harry could wear what her mother was wearing now. It represented a certain form of status.

When San Bao was at home, she often heard her grandparents and master grandpa said that her mother was very smart and always came in top in her examinations. Even after she attended college, she had received scholarship prizes constantly. Only smart people who did well in the studies could wear what her mother was wearing now.

She was her mother's daughter. In the future, she would be as smart as her mother and perform wonderfully in her studies. She would then wear this dark-colored robe and square graduation cap. "Mom, this cap. Can you let me wear?"

"Okay, let San Bao wear." How could Qiao Nan feel angry at her own daughter? Without a word, she took down the graduation cap and placed it on San Bao's head. San Bao had always been closer to her mother. When she wore the cap, her little face was full of happiness. She chuckled from time to time and even kicked a few times.

Qiao Nan slapped San Bao's little buttocks. "Don't move abruptly. Mom has little strength. If you move abruptly, Mom can't hold onto you." Before San Bao was two years old, she put on weight especially well. When she was taking milk, the flesh on her body should be considered milk fats. Qiao Nan thought that these scary fats would go away when she weaned the children.

However, what worried Qiao Nan most was that, even after taking solid foods and until they were two years old, more fats grew on the three children instead. The difference was the initial fats due to milk were now real fats.

Chubby children were definitely cute. Although San Bao was already three years old, the chubby little babies were still very attractive. Qiao Nan was concerned that if the triplets were to continue growing at this rate, the Zhai family would have three fatties then.

Qiao Nan had been worried about this for a long time.

Well, San Bao loved looking pretty. After she knew how to express herself, she had to bring San Bao along during shopping and let San Bao pick the clothes herself. If the clothes were bought without San Bao's approval, she would reject wearing them if she was unhappy.

The Zhai family had status and so many elders in the family indulged the children.

Each time this happened, the elders did not think that San Bao was too bad-tempered. Neither did they order her to change this bad habit. They praised her instead and thought that the person giving the clothes should seek San Bao's opinion first.

One had to know that San Bao was willing to wear any clothes that she picked, be it nice-looking or not. She would also wear it until she grew out of them.

San Bao was very spoiled but she knew her limits.

Given San Bao's behavior, the elders openly doted on her. As a result, Qiao Nan could not stop them at all.

After San Bao relieved the kick of wearing Qiao Nan's graduation cap, she waved at her two brothers. "Da Bao, Er Bao, come here. I'll let you wear it."

#### Chapter 1384 Is the One in Your Family Coming?

San Bao and Er Bao were staring enthusiastically at the graduation cap too. However, they knew that San Bao was the younger sister and they were used to protecting and giving way to her. The chubby little beans had no intention to fight with San Bao. However, as soon as San Bao spoke, Da Bao and Er Bao dashed over happily.

San Bao kicked her legs and asked Qiao Nan to put her down to the ground.

As soon as Qiao Nan squatted down, even before her feet touch the ground, San Bao was enthusiastically putting the graduation cap on Da Bao's head. "Er Bao, wait a while. It will be your turn later."

Er Bao nodded. "I will wait."

Qiao Nan was the most eye-catching one amongst the batch of students who graduated today. Xu Shengnan could not stop smiling. "Those people have been staring at you. Tell me. After today, will they suffer from retinal detachments? I can't wait to take a plate and pass by all of them one by one. Their eyeballs are popping out soon!"

It was the graduation day. Such a memorable occasion was worth celebrating. Many graduates had their parents keeping them company to savor the last memories in the school.

Qiao Nan also had her family members by the side. The difference was... others had elders with them but Qiao Nan had juniors: three adorable and extremely cute little dolls.

When she heard the three children addressed Qiao Nan as 'mom', Xu Shengnan felt so elated.

Two years ago, when she was dropped the bomb that this junior of hers was not only married but also a mother of three, her expression looked worse than these people's.

“You’re graduating today. How is it? Is the one in your family coming? This is such an important moment. If he doesn’t appear, he’s being too much, no?” Xu Shengnan did not ask if Qiao Nan’s in-laws and maternal family would be coming.

Xu Shengnan did not harbor any hopes on Qiao Nan’s maternal family. In her view, it was better for her maternal family to be absent. If they were to come, perhaps a normal graduation ceremony would turn into an embarrassing event for Qiao Nan in the Peking University.

As for Qiao Nan’s in-laws, they would definitely not embarrass Qiao Nan. The problem was that there would be too much limelight on them.

Even the appearance of the old chief’s wife would be spotted by some people and it would then cause a stir in the school, let alone Qiao Nan’s father-in-law. Having studied and worked in the capital for so many years, Xu Shengnan dared not underestimate the people in the capital. In Peking University, there were more than a few people who also had prominent backgrounds like Qiao Nan.

“Not sure.” Qiao Nan could barely cope with her vision. She was keeping a tight watch on her three children. Since they were three years old, it was too painful for Qiao Nan. These were not three-year-old kids. They were clearly escaping wild horses that she could not hold onto.

When Qiao Nan was not paying attention for a moment, the triplets were already playing and running in various directions.

Da Bao was the eldest one and better behaved. As long as Qiao Nan yelled, Da Bao would definitely return to Qiao Nan’s side as soon as possible. Er Bao, this mischievous boy, was different. He was itching to have fun in bustling places. If he did not do anything to attract everyone’s attention, he would feel very restless the entire day.

Zhai Hua often laughed and said that crowds would tempt Er Bao. If one did not allow Er Bao to vent his energy, he would fight them until the end.

As for San Bao, when she turned crazy, she loved to free herself and run about, always looking so adorable.

Each time this happened, Qiao Nan would first evoke a sense of responsibility of an elder brother in Da Bao. She would let him catch hold of San Bao while she ran to Er Bao. After she cooperated and allowed Er Bao to have his fun, she would detain him by her side in case he escaped again.

In fact, Qiao Nan especially did not want to bring the triplets here today.

It was not because she was not willing to let her children witness such a meaningful moment of her graduation. Really, when the triplets acted up, she completely could not rein them alone. Three-year-old kids were annoying, indeed.

In the blink of an eye, the situation that Qiao Nan was most worried about happened. Whoosh! The strength of the triplets' kicks could be comparable to that of a soccer player. They happily ran in various directions.

“Senior Xu, help me look after San Bao. I will get Er Bao.” It was a graduation ceremony but Qiao Nan was so pathetic now. She was as different as day and night from the rumors of her cold and arrogant personality.

Cold and arrogant?

Aside from the beautiful face that verified the rumors, this invisible school belle was neither proud nor cold. She was very down-to-earth, so down-to-earth that she was already a mother. She made many young men's heart break into pieces that littered the floor; they could not be swept away.

It was still fine for others. However, when Qiao Nan's cohort heard such beautiful and adorable children calling Qiao Nan 'mom', that shock and bizarreness could not be described with words at all. Five words instantly appeared in their hearts: What the hell was this!

After taking great pains to grab hold of her three children, Qiao Nan wiped her sweat. “The three of you... Have you forgotten what you promised Mom when you were at home? If you do this again, Mom will not believe you anymore.” Precisely, as her in-laws and biological parents were all not coming, Qiao Nan had wanted to go through today's graduation ceremony peacefully.

Celebration was not important. Most importantly, she had graduated from college with flying colors!

However, her mother-in-law insisted that this was not good. She felt that it would be too aggrieved for Qiao Nan.

At this moment, her triplets volunteered themselves to keep their mother company. Before the elders, they put it so nicely. They expressed that they would definitely be obedient and listen to their mother, and not stir up any trouble for her.

In actual fact...

Holding onto the three kids who were obviously less chubby now, Qiao Nan smiled grimly. She felt that these three kids could slim down not because they ate less but they were too naughty and wild. After running more, the fats on their bodies also reduced.

Children were definitely angels when they were obedient. But when they were not, they were scarier than devils and this often drove Qiao Nan mad. After all, Qiao Nan had to endure three times what a typical mother had to.

After helping Qiao Nan bring back the kids, the corners of Xu Shengnan's mouth twitched. "The triplets are very beautiful and people really want to dote on them when they are obedient. But looking at you earlier, I have decided to date a few more years with my boyfriend. Having children and stuff, I will take my time to decide in the future." Even the gentle Junior Qiao could not help going crazy in front of her three children.

Xu Shengnan thought of her own temper, which was much worse than Qiao Nan's. She was not confident that she could take a child in hand even if she had only one.

"Hahaha..." At this juncture, Qiao Nan could not bring herself to laugh further.

Chapter 1385 The Husband Is Here

"Thankfully, I can send all of you to early childhood school after the summer break."

"San Bao is going to school?" San Bao's eyes lit up and she raised her voice. She was thrilled. "Going to school! San Bao is going to school! San Bao will rank first like Mom!"

Er Bao sighed, patting San Bao on the shoulder to comfort her. His tone was regretful and sorry. "San Bao, you can give up your dream of ranking first. I will be in the first place." He was the closest to his mom. He would be the one who always ranked first like her. San Bao was too delicate. She would not be able to rank first.

Da Bao arched his eyebrows. His silent demeanor was similar to his father, Zhai Sheng. He was only three years old but he already resembled his father's temperament.

Although Da Bao did not say anything, Qiao Nan could tell from his expression that he was saying that he would rank first. The two little brats should not waste their efforts to fight with him.

In short, the three children wanted to fight for the first place, and neither would give in to the other. It was as if one would not care about kinships on the battlefields.

Qiao Nan, exhausted, could not be bothered to dissuade them. "Alright, the graduation ceremony is ending. Senior Xu, can you send the four of us back?" When the triplets first arrived at their mother's school, they were unfamiliar with the place and there were a lot of strangers there. Therefore, they were more reserved and seemed to be quiet and well-behaved.

That was why Qiao Nan was able to take it easy and rest at the beginning.

But the triplets eventually familiarized themselves with the environment and began to make trouble for Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan could not help but sigh in exasperation. She grabbed Xu Shengnan, refusing to let her leave. She was unable to take care of the three children by herself.

Therefore, when she was at home previously, she had already stated that she was alright with going to her graduation ceremony by herself. She did not feel sorry that she had to attend her graduation ceremony by herself.

Xu Shengnan was about to say yes when she noticed a tall and well-built man walking toward Qiao Nan from the back. She smiled. "I have no problem in sending all of you back, but I am not interested in being the third wheel. I will not be able to be your escort today. It's okay. There will be a chance next time." At least, the man had a conscience.

Junior Qiao's in-laws might be powerful and influential, but it was useless if her husband and her in-laws did not treat her well.

Junior Qiao was married at a very young age. Thankfully, her husband was considered to be quite a good catch. He was able to make time for Junior Qiao's graduation ceremony despite his busy schedule. He still had a conscience. There were a lot of temptations in the school, but Qiao Nan was not moved and she did not waver. She had made the right choice by choosing to be with her husband.

“Dad!” San Bao, who turned her head, was the first person to notice Zhai Sheng. Her loud, high-pitched voice attracted the attention of the other students.

This was the first time that they saw Qiao Nan’s children and realized that she was married.

To their surprise, one hour later, their ‘dad’ would turn up as well. Qiao Nan was the school belle, yet she was married at such a young age.

All the men present could not help but fix their gaze on the man whom San Bao addressed as her father and made a comparison between the man and themselves secretly. Zhai Sheng stood tall and upright, exuding a domineering and aggressive aura. The young men who were about to join the workforce took a single glance and fixed their gaze on somewhere else hastily. They no longer dared to underestimate him.

Zhai Sheng had been through many dangerous missions and braved the storm of shots and shells. He who had shed blood in his assignments looked powerful and dangerous. The college students who had just graduated were not his match.

One glance at him and they knew that they could not afford to offend such a man like him!

Qiao Nan looked in his direction and saw that it was indeed Zhai Sheng. She let go of San Bao whom she had been restraining from running around. San Bao screamed and dashed toward Zhai Sheng. She grabbed Zhai Sheng’s pants with her tiny hands, and she lifted her leg into midair, wanting to get onto Zhai Sheng’s shoulder.

When the triplets were less than two years old, they used to shun Zhai Sheng who would fight for their mother’s attention with them. After the Lunar New Year, their nominal age was three years old, and they seemed to understand the importance of their father. They no longer shunned him but loved being around him instead.

Under Old Master Zhai’s and Zhai Yaohui’s influence, the triplets would watch videos on The People’s Liberation Army. They grew to adore and admire the soldiers. When they knew that the baddie father who was seldom home was a soldier as well, they were elated. They kept saying that their father was the national hero.



The triplets had a rough idea of what a hero was, but it was under the elders' influence that they hailed their father as a national hero. In fact, they had no idea what it meant.

Seeing how close his daughter was to him, Zhai Sheng's icy demeanor changed to reveal a bright smile on his face. "San Bao, have you been obedient? Have you been listening to your mom?"

"Yes!" San Bao puffed her chest and shouted at the top of her voice. She totally forgot that she was being naughty three minutes ago.

"Dad, me too." Da Bao would not lose to his sister. He was the best-behaved child among the three of them.

Er Bao smiled until his eyes turned into crescent moon-like shapes. He seemed like a small Buddha. "Yes, I am very well-behaved."

All of them wanted to show their heroic father that they had been well-behaved.

Zhai Sheng smiled and did not expose their lies. He carried his daughter with one arm and walked toward Qiao Nan. By the time he stopped in front of Qiao Nan, his icy cold stare turned into a loving and tender gaze. "Congratulations on your graduation. This is my gift to you."

Zhai Sheng took out a square box and passed it to Qiao Nan.

Peking University was huge and packed with students. But Qiao Nan's family of five garnered the attention of everyone present. Many people held their breath as they waited to see the graduation present that Qiao Nan's husband gave her. From the size of the box, it did not look like a necklace. Could it be a bangle or a ring?

Yu Xiaoxiao's eyes felt dry. She could not help but blink. Lü Yan had a tight grip on her sleeve. She gave her a slight push. "Let go. Today is the graduation ceremony. What are you afraid of?" Although she had never seen the man in the school, it turned out that Qiao Nan was telling the truth when she said that she had a fiancé.

Now that she saw the three children, Yu Xiaoxiao was even more certain that Qiao Nan was engaged and married to the man.

They spent four years in college and Qiao Nan's children seemed to be about two to three years old. Yu Xiaoxiao could not help but feel jealous and gloomy. However, she was not very certain what she was upset about.

"It turned out that he is a soldier." They had been classmates for four years. This was the first time that they saw Qiao Nan's fiancé.

#### Chapter 1386 The School Belle Was Married

Tang Jiayun felt it the most deeply among all of them. As time passed, Tang Jiayun thought that the man who had never made an appearance was a lie that was cooked up by Qiao Nan. Or perhaps, they used to date but had broken up.

When Tang Jiayun saw their three children, she was given a tight slap for thinking that they had broken up.

Qiao Nan did not break up with her boyfriend. Instead, she was married to him and they had three children. "Hey, do you have some knowledge about this? What is the shoulder mark on the man's shoulder?" Tang Jiayun was clueless about the army. But from Zhai Sheng's demeanor, he did not seem to be an average soldier.

"Shhh..." Yu Xiaoxiao sucked in a breath. "The man gave Qiao Nan a medal as a present? He must have a major meritorious performance to be awarded a medal." The next step would be a promotion?

It was common to be a soldier. But it was a different story to be able to rise through the ranks.

Everyone was full of admiration that the box opened to reveal a medal instead of expensive jewelry. No one laughed at Zhai Sheng for being miserly.

Everyone knew that the medal was hard to come by, so they were full of admiration for Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan seemed to be married to a competent man who loved her and treated her well.

As a soldier, it was his utmost honor to be awarded a medal. The man was willing to share the honor with Qiao Nan. It proved that he had a deep affection for Qiao Nan.

Back then, there were rumors that Qiao Nan was a kept woman, and she lied that she had a fiancé, but she was, in fact, covering it up.

All these rumors seemed like a joke. Qiao Nan and her husband might not display their affection for each other openly, but this was not because they did not really love each other. On the contrary, it was because they were fiercely loyal and true to each other.

Lü Yan could not help but shiver. “Could this be considered as a military marriage? Is Qiao Nan a military wife?” If she knew that Qiao Nan’s fiancé—or rather, husband, was a soldier and he carried a gun, she would not have done stupid and foolish things.

She was reminded of how she smeared Qiao Nan’s reputation. It was June. Lü Yan could not help but shiver under the hot sun.

If the rumors that she spread affected Qiao Nan and their marriage hit the rocks, she would be guilty of destroying the military marriage. If so, she would be sent to jail!

Lü Yan finally understood at this moment the reason why the talented student from the journalism faculty transferred to another school and the entire family ended up leaving the capital to stay in another place.

Yu Xiaoxiao forced a smile on her face. “Now, you know the truth? It has been a year since the incident. You didn’t provoke Qiao Nan in the past one year and Qiao Nan did not target you either. What are you afraid of? Like I have said, you may have time on your hand and insist on provoking Qiao Nan, but she could not be bothered with you.” Qiao Nan and the rest of them did not belong in the same world. “Lü Yan, it has been so long. Don’t you watch the news on the state-owned television channel?”

“What do you mean?” Lü Yan was relieved that Qiao Nan was serious about not getting back at her. She was glad that Qiao Nan was magnanimous. Other people might have already sent her out of the capital.

Although Lü Yan used to detest Qiao Nan, thinking that she was being pretentious, right now, she only had utmost respect and gratitude toward her. “You should know my situation. I have not been working hard in my first and second years. If I did not buck up in the last two years, I would not be able to graduate today.” The exams would not cover the content about the news on the state-owned television channel. The school would not fail her if she did not watch the news.

Since that was the case, she would rather devote her time to her studies. She had no time for other stuff.

Yu Xiaoxiao had a bitter smile on her face. "It's alright that you don't understand what I am saying. But one day you will. By then, you would rather you don't get it as well." If possible, she had no wish to know the hard truth that she was worlds apart from Qiao Nan.

Many years later, He Yi's passed the position to her. To everyone, she had the second-top position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but in fact, she was the person in charge of the ministry. She represented the country to deal with foreign diplomats and to fight for the country's interests. In order to get the best deal for her country, she would engage in verbal banter. She was so good in her job that the foreign diplomats could not help but turn green in defeat. Yu Xiaoxiao cried when she saw this.

Her child would ask her what was wrong.

Yu Xiaoxiao wiped her tears, saying that it was too windy and the sand had gotten into her eyes.

The child was baffled. They were watching television at home. Although it was windy outside, it was not windy at home. How could the sand get into his mother's eyes?

Although he could not understand, he was full of admiration for the woman on the television, making Yu Xiaoxiao felt even gloomier. "Mom, the diplomat is very capable. She is very beautiful and she does not seem to pose any threats. One could not help but turn softhearted toward her. But all of us know that when engaged in verbal banter with her, she is not to be trifled with. She is brilliant!"

Yu Xiaoxiao smiled. She could not tell her son that the diplomat that he idolized was her former classmate and she used to be her roommate. Many unhappy things happened between them and she was too ashamed to mention her even after all these years. She could not bring it to herself to say that she had a history with the famous diplomat.

And right now, the man was handsome and the woman was beautiful. They were a perfect match.

Although Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng were not the prince and the princess in the fairytale, one was gentle and the other strong, one was tall and the other petite, and one was cold and indifferent while the other was as warm as the sun in the winter. The two of them made a perfect match. They complemented each other more so than the prince and the princess. The prince and the princess were a fairytale, while they were a real-life example of simple happiness.

“Being promoted?” This was not the first time that Qiao Nan saw the medal. In her four years in college, she had received four such medals. She received the first and fourth medals from her husband, the second medal from her best friend, Shi Qing, and the third medal from Zhu Baoguo.

Other people might not have a single medal in their entire life, but Qiao Nan was able to have four medals in four years.

Zhai Sheng smiled. He pinned the medal on Qiao Nan’s clothes. “Yes, I have been promoted.” It had been four years. He would be embarrassed if he did not get a promotion.

“Congratulations.” Qiao Nan congratulated Zhai Sheng.

“Congratulations.” Zhai Sheng congratulated Qiao Nan as well.

San Bao smiled happily. “Congratulations to all!”

Er Bao touched his tummy. “Papa, Mama, I am hungry. I want to eat.”

Chapter 1387 Two Fathers and One Mother

Da Bao grabbed the hemline of Zhai Sheng’s military uniform. “I am hungry as well. Papa, Mama, let’s go home. Grandma is waiting for us at home.”

“Okay, let’s go home.” Zhai Sheng held his daughter with one arm and held the hands of his eldest son. Qiao Nan held Er Bao’s hands and the blessed family of five left the school under everyone’s admiring gaze.

All the baseless rumors surrounding Qiao Nan in the past four years turned out to be a pack of lies.

“Auntie, hug, hug.” As soon as they reached home, they could smell the aroma of the piping hot dishes. The triplets kept moaning that they were hungry. Qiao Nan had just entered the house and changed her shoes when a tiny, soft and cute boy hugged her calf. The person spoke in his baby voice and he even smelled like the milk candy.

The boy who addressed Qiao Nan as his auntie was none other than Zhai Hua’s and Tian Dong’s son, Tian Yu.

Tian Dong's parents were overjoyed after Zhai Hua gave birth to Tian Yu. They had waited all these years, and they finally had a grandson. They no longer had any complaints at the moment they saw Tian Yu. It was worth the wait.

Tian Yu looked very much like his father, Dongzi. He was tiny and soft. He had a fair complexion, like a glutinous rice ball. After the child was born, he had to go to the hospital for vaccinations. Whenever the elders brought Tian Yu to the hospital, the first question that came to other people's minds when they saw him was that the child looked beautiful and that she must be a girl.

Perhaps while Tian Yu was in Zhai Hua's tummy, through her prenatal education or her influence, Tian Yu was particularly fond of Qiao Nan, his auntie. When he was able to mutter words, as long as Qiao Nan was in his sight, he would want her to hug her, or else, he would bawl his eyes out!

Tian Dong might be fair-looking, but he was still a man. The reason why Zhai Hua liked Tian Dong and was willing to start a family with him was that he was as well-built as a soldier. Zhai Hua might be a female, but as a soldier, she was all muscles but no fat.

In that case, Tian Yu's parents were both hard and stiff. This was a torture to Tian Yu, who was still a baby.

He preferred to be held by his auntie who smelled nice and soft. He felt extremely comfortable in her embrace.

Perhaps because Zhai Hua was all muscles and she was not all soft like the usual women that Tian Yu did something hilarious when he learned to talk. He addressed Tian Dong as his father and when he turned to see Zhai Hua, he addressed her as his father as well. They believed that Tian Yu was still young, and he was learning to talk. He only knew how to say the word 'father', so he would address everyone as 'father'.

However, Tian Yu never addressed his grandpa or grandma as 'father'.

By the time he learned how to say 'mother', he would address Qiao Nan as his mother. Therefore, Tian Yu ended up having two fathers and one mother.

The triplets were not petty about it, but Zhai Sheng was very unhappy about it. "Zhai Hua is from the Zhai family and has high intelligence. Tian Yu could not tell who his dad is. He must have inherited the bad genes from the Tian family. The Zhai family has good genes, but we are implicated by the Tian family!"

If his nephew addressed his wife as his mother and Tian Dong as his father, what would that make him be?!

In short, if the children were clever, they must have inherited the good genes from the Zhai family. On the other hand, if they behaved foolishly, it must be due to the Tian family.

Zhai Hua was Tian Yu's mother. She smiled at Tian Yu for a long while before she boasted shamelessly. "Zhai Sheng is very right!"

If her son was clever, he must have inherited her good genes. As for the areas where he was being muddled, it must be due to the Tian family. Even so, Zhai Hua did not mind that her son addressed her as his father. If it was other women, she must have burst out in tears. But when it happened to Zhai Hua, she seemed to be nonchalant about it.

To her, in terms of appearance, she would be a better and more suitable father than Tian Dong.

No matter what, Tian Yu felt that his parents' embrace was not as comfortable as his auntie's. As long as he had the chance, he would follow his mother to his maternal grandma's house. Once he reached her house, Tian Yu would look for no one but Qiao Nan.

San Bao sighed at Tian Yu's behavior. "He is such a small baby. He is very attached to the adults." San Bao seemed to be very proud of herself. It was as if she did not pester Qiao Nan to hug her in school today.

"Xiao Bao, be good. I will have to wash my hands before I carry you." Although the child who hugged her calf was very adorable, Qiao Nan did not compromise. If Qiao Nan just came back home, she would always wash her hands before she carried the children.

Although the triplets were three years old while Tian Yu was more than one year old, and they should have a stronger immune system than before, she would still keep her habit of washing her hands.

Tian Yu's face was fair and tender. He nodded abidingly. "Okay, hurry." Tian Yu released his tiny, chubby hands and trailed after Qiao Nan obediently, like her tail. Once he saw that Qiao Nan had washed her hands, he did not wait for her but ran up to her and spread his hands, asking her to carry him.

Qiao Nan carried Tian Yu in her arms in one go. “Xiao Bao, have you been good and had your meals recently? Your brothers and sister weighed a few kilograms heavier than you when they were your age.”

Qiao Nan was ‘brooding’ over the fact that her triplets were very chubby when they were younger.

Children would look good if they were chubby. But the problem was they kept pestering her to carry them. She seemed to be training her arms every day. Although she looked slim and had no physical strength, she had muscles on her arms. That was because she carried her babies every day.

Compared to her triplets, Tian Yu might seem to be fat and chubby, but he was lighter than her triplets when they were at the same age. This was the time where the children would put on weight. Her children would put on weight even when they drank water. Therefore, the only explanation why Tian Yu did not gain weight must be that he did not eat well.

Tian Yu shook his head. “Xiao Bao, obedient. Rice, smells good.” He listened to his auntie and would have proper meals every day.

Zhai Hua stepped in to testify for her son. “Nan Nan, Xiao Bao did not lie to you. As Zhai Sheng has said, Xiao Bao takes after his dad. He has a good appetite. He will have three proper meals and three light meals daily. Despite eating so much, he did not put on weight. I remembered that his dad was like him when he was at his age.” No matter how much Dongzi ate, he would not put on weight. That was why other people thought that he was a young lady and bullied him.

Otherwise, since Dongzi had a huge appetite, he should put on weight, and if he was chubby and had a big frame, no one would mistake him for a girl.

Tian Yu nodded smilingly. His mama was right. It was his father’s fault that he did not put on weight.

Chapter 1388 Liked Auntie Bes

Zhai Hua patted the seat next to her. “Have a seat over here. You graduated from college today. Congratulations. Will you be angry that I didn’t go?” Since she was at home, Zhai Hua wanted to attend Qiao Nan’s graduation ceremony. It was such an important occasion for her.



Actually, the reason why Zhai Hua was at the Zhai Sheng's residence instead of the army was that, like Zhai Sheng, she took time off to attend Qiao Nan's graduation ceremony. This was a very meaningful occasion.

Everyone around Qiao Nan had the tacit understanding not to mention the Qiao family at such an important day.

Since the Qiao family could not be there and be happy for her like what elders would, the Zhai family must make sure that they could be present to congratulate Qiao Nan. That was why Zhai Hua returned to the Zhai family's residence one day earlier than Zhai Sheng.

However, when she was about to leave in the morning, Tian Dong, who was jealous, made a phone call to his office, postponing the meeting in the morning to one hour later. The boss who was never late said that he was unwell and would reach the office later than usual.

Tian Dong was unwell and left later than usual for the office. As his wife, Zhai Hua had to accompany him and she could only leave the house about an hour later.

If Zhai Hua went to Peking University, it would be meaningless as the ceremony would be almost over.

True enough, minutes after she brought her son to her parental family and took a seat on the chair, she saw Zhai Sheng coming back with Qiao Nan. The three triplets kept chatting and hovered around Qiao Nan like three little sparrows. The family of five seemed to be in high spirits.

"Not at all." Her husband and her children were with her on such an important occasion. To her, all her loved ones were already with her. There was no reason for her to be angry. "By the way, how is my master feeling today?"

Many people wanted to attend Qiao Nan's graduation ceremony, and Lin Yuankang was one of them.

It had been ten years since Lin Yuankang took Qiao Nan in as his disciple. Lin Yuankang watched Qiao Nan as she grew up from a young and inexperienced young lady to a married lady and a mother of three. Her triplets were old enough to run around. Ten years had passed, Lin Yuankang was getting on in years and he was not as healthy as before.

Apart from Lin Yuankang, Old Master Zhai would need to visit the hospital occasionally to do checkups and scans. He would feel uncomfortable all over his body and it would also affect his sleep.

The elderly would not sleep as much as the youngsters. If they could not sleep well because of illnesses, they would feel lethargic for the entire day.

The two elders planned to attend Qiao Nan's graduation ceremony today but were dissuaded by Qiao Nan. She was indeed happy if they could attend her graduation ceremony, but she would be elated if they were able to attend any of the triplets' graduation ceremony.

Miao Jing came out with a few cups of fresh fruit juices. "Don't worry. Elder Lin is doing well. I think the foot bath recently has been useful. Elder Lin was able to have a good sleep yesterday. He must have woken up not long ago. In a while, he would come over to play with the three children even without you looking for him."

"Oh, that is great." Qiao Nan felt assured and heaved a sigh of relief after knowing that Elder Lin was feeling better today.

Tian Yu blinked as he stared at the brightly colored fresh fruit juices. His mouth moved as if he was drinking the juices. He was so thirsty that he was close to drooling.

Although Tian Yu could not wait to drink fruit juices, he knew that his auntie was in a conversation and was doing work. He should not interrupt her. If he wanted to drink fruit juices, he must wait.

Qiao Nan gave Tian Yu a kiss on his little cheeks. "Xiao Bao has such a good temper." Qiao Nan took the fruit juice and fed Tian Yu slowly. Tian Yu smiled happily as he finally had the juices that he had been longing for. His eyes turned into crescent moon-like shapes. He made loud sounds as he drank the juices.

"This..." Zhai Hua felt like saying that it was because of her that Tian Yu was young but patient. But when she looked at her son who had a strong resemblance to her husband, she felt guilty and swallowed her words.

Among the triplets, Da Bao was calm and steady, Er Bao was cheeky and full of mischief, and San Bao was impatient. Regardless of whether it was Da Bao, Er Bao, or San Bao, they were bustling and energetic. This was a common trait in the Zhai family.

Zhai Hua was part of the Zhai family, but she did not have a good temper since a young age.

On the contrary, although Tian Dong was a boy, he was fair and mild-tempered. He would stay quietly with the elders and watch as his peers played and had fun. He would not join in the fun or be up to mischief. Even when there was delicious food, and all the children crowded around to snatch them, Tian Dong maintained his calm and nonchalant composure as his peers snatched all the food away. He would stand coolly next to the elders, not crying or throwing tantrums.

Zhai Hua knew that her son took after his father. His good behavior had nothing to do with the Zhai family.

“Xiao Bao, I will bring you over there to play.” Er Bao finished his full cup of fruit juice in one go. He noticed that everyone’s attention was on Tian Yu, and he could not help but be up to mischief. Xiao Bao was so young and slow. He was not fun to play with. But he was willing to play with him. He was a good brother.

Tian Yu looked at Er Bao. He was being put in a difficult position. Compared to being with his brother, he preferred to be in his auntie’s embrace and for her to tell stories to him.

Da Bao raised his eyebrows. He took Tian Yu’s tiny hands as well. “Let’s play together.” His siblings were around. It was ridiculous that their mother hugged the younger brother instead of them. At his age, Da Bao could tell that Tian Yu had a different relationship with him compared to Er Bao and San Bao.

The three of them had the same mother and they stayed together in one house.

Xiao Bao was given birth to by auntie. He would only get to see him in the day and they seldom slept together at night.

It was alright that his mother carried Er Bao or San Bao. But why did the younger brother from auntie’s house get the attention of his mother? He could tell that Er Bao was upset about this and was jealous of Xiao Bao. As the eldest brother, he was obligated to help his brother. Anyway, he felt jealous as well, and he wanted his mother to carry him.

“That’s right. Xiao Bao, let’s play together.” Compared to Da Bao and Er Bao who reasoned things out but did not resort to force, San Bao, who was impatient, preferred getting into action. She held

Tian Yu's hands, not allowing him to reject her. She led Tian Yu toward the pile of toys. Tian Yu had no choice but to trail after her.

Among the three children, San Bao, who had beautiful eyes and nose, bore the strongest resemblance to their mother, Qiao Nan.

#### Chapter 1389 Grandson Is the Closest Kin

Since Sister San Bao resembled his beloved auntie, Tian Yu could not say no to her invitation. He walked like a duck and trailed after the triplets. The four little radishes walked together toward the pile of toys.

After Tian Yu turned his attention to the toys, he forgot about his beloved auntie and played happily with his three brothers and sister.

"Tsk... Xiao Bao is no match for the triplets." Zhai Hua was not angry that Xiao Bao was being tricked into playing with the triplets. Instead, she seemed to be watching a good show. She laughed the loudest that her son was being made a fool.

Miao Jing gave Zhai Hua a smack. "Xiao Bao is still young and will not take issue with you. When he is older and sensible, you must not do this anymore. Otherwise, he will be angry and will not acknowledge you as his mom in the future. You are so petty-minded. Just because Dongzi was better-behaved than you when you were at a young age and your dad and I would compliment him, telling you to learn from him, you bear a grudge! If you are angry, you should take it out on Dongzi. If you dare to bully my maternal grandson, I will make you suffer for it."

Miao Jing sounded as if she looked down on her daughter.

Zhai Hua could not defeat the adult, so she took it out on the child, but in fact, the child was Zhai Hua's son. Miao Jing thought to herself that she must have given birth to a worrisome spoilt brat.

Zhai Hua snorted and touched her nose, not denying that it was true.

Her mother knew her best.

Zhai Hua bore grudges against Tian Dong as he was too outstanding when he was at a young age. She was always told to be more ladylike and that she could not even be compared to Tian Dong who was a boy.

Now that she ended up married to Tian Dong, she had no chance of taking her revenge.

Since her son resembled Tian Dong when he was at a young age, Zhai Hua could not help but direct all her pent-up frustrations at Tian Yu. She enjoyed setting her son up!

“If Dongzi knew this, he will not let you off.” Miao Jing was not worried that her son-in-law would be unhappy. She was worried that Tian Dong’s parents would be displeased. Dongzi finally had a son when he was close to thirty years old. His parents adored and doted on the grandson. They could not wait to bring him around with them wherever they went.

Apart from going to the Zhai family’s residence, Tian Dong’s parents would not allow Tian Yu to be out of their sight for too long, particularly Mother Tian. Since her grandson resembled her son when he was at a young age, she loved him dearly and doted on him.

If she knew that her daughter-in-law bullied her grandson, Miao Jing knew that Mother Tian would definitely side with the grandson instead of the daughter-in-law.

After they had a grandson, no one was more important than him. Their son was not as important, let alone their daughter-in-law.

The country adopted national family policy and each family could only have one child. There was no chance of Hua Hua getting pregnant in the future. She could no longer enjoy the days where she was being treated like the empress.

Zhai Hua smiled embarrassedly. “Mom, stop scaring me. I am with my parental family. That’s why I am more relaxed. When I am back at my in-laws’ house, I won’t be so foolish. Besides, Xiao Bao is my child. I will definitely dote on him. I am just joking with him. He is my life. I cherish and love him.”

“I know that you know what you are doing. I am just giving you a gentle reminder. You must watch your behavior in front of your mother-in-law. No matter how outstanding a daughter-in-law is, the grandson is the closest kin after all. I am afraid that once you are used to such behavior, you will behave as such in front of your mother-in-law. After you are married, you may have led a good life in the past two years and had forgotten that there would always be issues between the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law.”

Tian Dong's parents were nice people. But no matter how nice the mother-in-law was, she was not as close as one's mother.

To Miao Jing, apart from Zhai Hua, her maternal grandson, Tian Yu was her closest kin in the Tian family. Miao Jing remained polite but not as close to them.

Similarly, the Tian family treated the Zhai family in the same manner as well.

One must know one's limitations. One should not become too complacent.

After getting married to Tian Dong, Zhai Hua had been leading a good life. Miao Jing was worried that Zhai Hua might forget about the previous unhappiness and pain. Miao Jing's only relief was that Zhai Hua had been married to Tian Dong for two years and Wei De did not show up or pester her daughter, causing her to do foolish deeds.

As long as Wei De did not show up, and the Tian family kept a watch on Dongzi, Hua Hua and Dongzi would be able to lead a good life in the future.

Zhai Hua nodded. She would remember her mother's words by heart. "Alright, Mom, let's not talk about me anymore. I am doing well now. Today is Qiao Nan's big day. Shouldn't we focus on Nan Nan?" It was rare that she was back at home to celebrate Qiao Nan's graduation. If her mother kept worrying about her, she might steal Qiao Nan's limelight when Qiao Nan should be the center of attention.

Qiao Nan leaned against Zhai Sheng. She did not mind at all. "It's alright. It is just a graduation ceremony. I have been through four graduation ceremonies from elementary school to college. It is not that special. There is no need for a celebration. All of you should not place too much importance on it."

Zhai Sheng pinched Qiao Nan on the waist secretly. "Are you serious when you said that you did not want anything?" Graduating from college was no simple feat. If Nan Nan wished for anything, he would try his best to fulfill her wish.

"What I am thinking right now is whether we could send the triplets to early childhood school in September." Qiao Nan glanced at the triplets who were having fun at the toy corner with a smile on her face. After she graduated, she would join the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a permanent employee. In the future, she would be occupied with work.

She could no longer skive like when she was doing her internship. There would be times where she had to report to work early in the morning but knock off late at night. Deng Wenchang had been keeping a close watch on her for the past one year. She had no wish for Deng Wenchang to get hold of her chink in her armor.

Qiao Nan would only be able to focus on her work if the triplets had found a suitable early childhood school and had confirmed their enrollment. Otherwise, as their mother, she had to put her attention on taking care of them.

Miao Jing could empathize with Qiao Nan. "I used to feel that no matter how tired I am taking care of the many children at home, I would be smiling in happiness. But right now..." The three children had turned three years old. It was an age where it was most exasperating for the adults.

Right now, Miao Jing did not dare to bring the triplets out for a stroll by herself.

She was worried that they might run off in different directions, and she would not be able to get them to come back.

#### Chapter 1390 Made It Sound As If It Was Real

She did not want to go out with three children only to end up coming back missing one or two of them.

The first time that such a situation arose, Miao Jing's back was already aching in pain despite only managing to get San Bao back. Her back was so sore that she could not straighten it. In the end, she had to muster all her strength to get the triplets back. This was the first time since her marriage to Zhai Yaohui that she had such a difficult time.

Bringing her grandchildren out for a stroll was twice as tough as the collective farming associations back then where everyone would farm and transplant rice seedlings in the spring. Miao Jing, who led an easy life all these years, felt as if she had returned to her younger days where she led a collective lifestyle. She was lost in thought.

Having been fooled once, Miao Jing was more cautious when she brought the triplets out for a stroll the next time. She would make sure that the auntie went with her. She would also get the family chauffeur to go with her. She would ensure that she had the same number of adults as the children before she would give in to the triplets' pleas to bring them out for a walk.

Otherwise, if she did not manage to get two or more adults to go with her, Miao Jing would not allow the triplets to have a walk outside.

“Mom, it has been hard on you.” Qiao Nan abandoned Zhai Sheng to sit next to her mother-in-law, massaging her shoulder and her waist to alleviate her backache. “After the triplets go to early childhood school, both of us will be freed. The three children are too energetic. Mom, should we sign them up for some interests classes?”

They had to find a way for the three children to expend their boundless energy so that by the time they fetched the triplets, they would be quieter and better-behaved, and they would not climb about like monkeys.

Now that the triplets had turned three years old, Qiao Nan and Miao Jing could not handle their boundless energy.

“Nan Nan, if you can bear to part with them, I can bring them to the camp during the summer break.” There were child soldiers in the army. Of course, Zhai Sheng would not be in charge of them. The child soldiers were much older than the triplets. However, Zhai Sheng had faith in his children. Although they were only three years old, they would be able to adapt to and survive the lifestyle in the army and participate in activities similar to a summer camp.

Qiao Nan rolled her eyes. “Haven’t we been through this topic? If the three children are interested, I will not interfere but support them no matter what they do. But they are still young and they could not tell what they really like. Therefore, I will not make the decision for them.”

“Is there any difference?” Zhai Sheng looked at his wife, feeling perplexed. It did not matter whether they joined the army one year earlier or one year later. Nevertheless, the children in the Zhai family would have to go to the army.

“Of course there is!” There was a pain in Qiao Nan’s eyes. “They have finally shed their baby fat and become taller. If they have a dark complexion like you and end up being tall and dark, it would be a pain to watch them.” She could not accept that her children, who had a fair complexion like the soft and tender bread, ended up to be as dark as the sorghum bread.

“Hahaha...” Zhai Hua slapped her thighs and broke out into laughter, disregarding Qiao Nan’s feelings. “This is an apt description. Like Qiao Nan, the triplets have a fair complexion and beautiful features. Zhai Sheng, if they stay in the army with you for a month, they will really become tanned.” It seemed that Qiao Nan was in a good mood today. She was unaffected by the Qiao family.



Zhai Hua turned gloomy at the thought that before Qiao Nan returned home, the Qiao family gave a call to the Zhai family.

After Qiao Zijin graduated, Zhai Sheng helped arrange a job for her. Qiao Zijin wanted to find a suitable husband, and so she gave a call to her childhood friends in Ping Cheng, telling them to make the introduction.

It had been a year since Qiao Zijin graduated from school. They would not interfere if she no longer wanted to work and wanted to be a housewife.

Qiao Zijin had agreed on a wedding date with her boyfriend and she immediately made a call to the Zhai family. One could tell from her tone that she was asking for her dowry.

The Zhai family already knew what kind of person Qiao Zijin and Ding Jiayi were. Ding Jiayi was not ashamed of asking for dowry from the Zhai family, but the Zhai family also knew to play dumb at times. They merely treated Ding Jiayi's words as a joke.

Would they take her seriously?

Of course not! Those who believed her would be fools!

Zhai Hua did not take Ding Jiayi's request for dowry seriously, but she still gave Qiao Nan a gentle reminder. "Nan Nan, didn't you say that there is someone by the surname of Deng who keeps targeting you at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs? You should know that you have a clean history except for your parental family. Would he rake up the past scandals about your parental family to get back at you? In particular your mom, you should know that she is a disaster."

Qiao Nan's smile vanished. "It is not that easy for him to make use of the Qiao family to get back at me. He has been targeting me like a game fowl for more than one year. I am someone not to be trifled with. Everyone is bound to have a few troublesome relatives at home. The Deng family is not much better than the Qiao family. If I want to look into it, the Deng family is more complicated than the Qiao family."

Ding Jiayi was used to mistreating and plotting against her. But she was timid and did not dare to do anything to outsiders. She was just a quail. She would not cause serious trouble.

Qiao Nan was not worried about Ding Jiayi, but Qiao Zijin would be an issue. If Qiao Zijin was to go against her, Qiao Nan had no idea how far Qiao Zijin would go to make trouble for her. “I remember that Qiao Zijin has a boyfriend and they have been together for more than a year. Did they say when they wanted to get married?”

She remembered that in the previous life, Qiao Zijin was pregnant and had decided on a wedding date with Chen Jun at around this time.

“She did mention it. It was around National Day.” Ding Jiayi came up with a very grand reasoning for choosing this date. She said that Qiao Zijin doted on the triplets, so she picked this date to hold her wedding. Qiao Zijin wanted her wedding anniversary to be a few days away from the triplets’ birthdays.

In that case, whenever she thought of her wedding anniversary, she would be reminded that the triplets were born at the end of September. The triplets’ birthday was a few days before her wedding anniversary.

Hehehe, she had such good intentions.

There were many people who chose to marry in October, around National Day. It was obvious that Qiao Zijin chose the date as National Day was round the corner. It had nothing to do with the triplets.

Zhai Hua could not understand how could Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin be able to come up with such a blatant lie, and they sounded as if they were telling the truth.