## **Record of Strange News in Northeast –**

## **Chapter 1**

As the old saying goes, "Drink cold water to fill your teeth, eat mooncakes to smash your heels, pull the cart across the ridge one step at a time". He was talking about me, I am an ordinary and plain young man, not fighting, not scolding, not teasing women, not bullying old ladies, but I am such a good young man, it is not easy to live this long, just two words to describe me, bad luck.

My mother told me that I should have had a twin sister, this sister, who almost took my life.

When my mom was pregnant, she did B-mode ultrasound, and when she saw that there were twins in her belly, it made my whole family extremely happy. Three generations of singles, my grandpa laughed so hard that he could pinch flies to death. He took a long drag from his cigarette and said, "If these two kids were together, it would be worth it for me to die." The whole family became even happier because of a single sentence from my grandfather. The next day, almost everyone in the village knew that there were twins going to be born in my house, and they also knew that the two kids that my grandfather said were worth it even if they killed him. Every day, when they saw my grandfather, they would tease him: "Old Sun, do you want your grandson or your life?" Every time, my grandfather would smile and say, "Yes, always."

With the birth of a baby in October, it was about to be a ripe day, but my mother did not move. The hearts of my family members were burning with anxiety. It was normal to go to the hospital, and he didn't do any B-mode ultrasound to see the fetus. It had always been the beginning of spring, which meant that my mother was sixteen months pregnant. These extra six months nearly scared the

whole family to death, but when she gave birth to her child, something even more outrageous happened.

It was said that in the maternity ward of the hospital, when the nurse carried out a child, my grandpa took it and my grandma eagerly waited for the second child, but the nurse only said, "It was just a child." The family's joy was gone. What about the other child? The two of them were clearly at home. After all, it was too bizarre. My grandfather took out the movie and watched it again and again.

That's right, it was obviously two children, how could there not be one. My grandma kept talking in a low voice. After a while, she suddenly said to my grandpa, "This matter, we don't understand.

Quickly go find Old Lady Liu. We can hold it in for so long, can we just suffocate to death?" My grandfather also said, "That's right, let's look for her. We don't have any more ideas, and only Old Granny Liu can bring our grandson back." As he spoke, he did not move. My grandma pushed him anxiously. "Then hurry up and go, what are you waiting for!" My grandpa also became anxious: "I actually think that my legs won't work anymore. Then, Tie Cheng should hurry. My grandfather told me when I grew up that he also knew that his other grandson couldn't be found, and that it wasn't as if he was lost. Where would I go to find him? However, when people were too anxious to find someone to rely on, Old Mrs. Liu would become the family's pillar of support.

My father walked for a long time but didn't come back. The whole family was looking forward to it. My mother said, "How about I go out and take a look? I'm so worried." As she was about to put on her shoes, my grandmother said, "Where are you going? I'll go take a look." While he was talking, his father came back with an old lady behind him. This was Old Mrs. Liu. She was rather short, slightly hunched, neither fat nor thin, an ordinary old lady from the countryside, but she gave off a different feeling.

My grandfather was on the verge of tears. "Big sis, you're finally here. Look at how my grandson is gone. I'm going to die from worry." Tears and snot ran down the faces of the entire family. Old Mrs. Liu waved her hand. "That's enough, let me see that child." My mother gave me to Old Lady Liu. She

took it and frowned as she said, "Isn't this a little too much? A granddaughter and a grandson." My grandfather hurriedly asked, "Big Sis, what are you talking about? Where's my granddaughter? My legs are too weak from anxiety. Don't speak nonsense." Old Mrs. Liu wasn't that old, but when the old ladies in the village saw her, they were all very respectful because she was really capable.

Furthermore, she was a good person, and she helped out anyone.

Old Mrs. Liu saw that my entire family was worried and pitiful, so she slowly said, "You guys, don't be anxious. There's no use in being anxious. We won't be able to find the granddaughter again. The little girl is in this boy's body." Who could understand this? The whole family was shocked. My mother said, "Aunt Liu, then what should we do? How can a girl like me not be able to come out?" Old Mrs. Liu said, "Even if she comes out, she's not your child. This girl lives in a boy's body. When she leaves, it's hard to say." As he spoke, he turned me over and pointed at my waist. "Do you see this birthmark? This is a birthmark. Since when did the girl send it away? This birthmark can fade. Hearing this, the entire family was relieved, but they were still depressed. After all, they were waiting for the two children, even my grandma sewed two underpockets. After sending off Old Lady Liu, my grandfather said, "This is fate. Don't be too sad about it. Don't you have a child? It's pretty good." My grandmother also said, "That's right, maybe this girl will be ours from now on." My parents have nothing to say, after all this is too weird.

I thought I was lucky to be able to follow Old Lady Liu's instructions. Who knew that since I was young, I have been through three calamities and eight calamities. He had just been born, so he should drink milk and pee himself. However, a hundred days had passed and something had happened.

Northeast people when the child is 100 days old, will invite relatives and friends. That day, there were a lot of guests at home. Many people knew that there should have been a pair of twins in my house, but they all knew that it was not a good thing. That day, my father drank quite a lot of wine. Since my grandfather couldn't drink anymore, he accompanied him in speaking, and the atmosphere

was very warm. Especially when he saw how white and fat I was, and how everyone praised me for my good looks, my grandfather couldn't stop smiling. My mother opened my clothes and looked at my back, but there was nothing wrong with my back. The birthmark on my waist was also normal, so I just lied down on my stomach, but after a while, I also cried on my stomach, and it was without any sound. But the whole family was scared, so my grandfather couldn't even pat my back, and my grandmother quickly said to my father, "Come on, look for Old Lady Liu." My dad hurried off and came back after a while. He entered the house and said in a sobbing tone, "Aunt Liu is gone."