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Chapter 711: Follow Me

Wang Tianyu was momentarily stunned, then followed her gaze and saw that dirty construction worker.

Uncertainly, he asked, "Mr. Lin, is it that shirtless man?"

"It's him, go call him over."

Although Wang Tianyu didn't understand why Mr. Lin wanted to call over a construction worker, he still jogged over.

Lin Chuxia saw Gu Peng pause when Wang Tianyu called him, then after hearing something he said, he glanced in her direction.

Meeting his gaze, Lin Chuxia gave him a slight nod.

Gu Peng then turned his gaze expressionlessly, said something to Wang Tianyu, they exchanged a few more words, and Wang Tianyu ran back first.

"Mr. Lin, that guy might have a little problem with his brain. I told him you're looking for him, and he said he hasn't finished unloading the truck yet, and will only come over after he's done."

Wang Tianyu genuinely thought that guy was an idiot.

He made it clear that the owner of this building wanted to see him.

Did he even consider who he was working for, and whether meeting the owner would really delay his unloading work?

Lin Chuxia, however, let out a soft laugh.

No fool, he's just too shrewd.

He might be thinking, as a cement mover, why would an owner want to see him, questioning if this was some kind of trap.

"It's okay, we'll wait for him a bit; he seems almost finished."

Lin Chuxia simply found a clean spot that wouldn't obstruct and stood there waiting.

Wang Tianyu checked the time, "Mr. Lin, should those people from the engineering department still wait? They're all waiting in the office knowing you're here."

"No rush, let them wait a bit."

Lin Chuxia folded her arms, watching Gu Peng hoist another bag of cement, walking steadily inside.

In her past life, she wasn't in good health, let alone doing heavy work; even taking a few extra steps would make her feel utterly fatigued, growing more apparent with age.

At that time, she envied Gu Peng the most.

This man was always muscular, even in his fifties, still had broad shoulders and a narrow waist, enchanting young women in their twenties beyond measure.

Lin Chuxia used to suspect he refrained from marriage fearing he couldn't uphold the sanctity of it.

After all, no matter his age, this man remained flamboyantly charming.

When asked how he maintained such a good physique, this guy would nostalgically say it was all due to government reforming him, always expressing gratitude to the government.

Lin Chuxia would wonder why she, a law-abiding citizen, never achieved such a good physique.

Maybe her gaze was too focused; when the man picked up another bag of cement, he glanced her way.

Seeing his comical expression, Lin Chuxia softly arched her eyes.

The man merely lowered his eyes, turned indifferently, and went back to carrying cement.

Lin Chuxia: "..."

The unfamiliar Gu Peng wasn't cute at all.

Luckily, not much cement was left on the truck. In less than a quarter of an hour, Gu Peng finished unloading all the cement.

He didn't rush to meet Lin Chuxia but settled the money with the foreman first, counting it as he approached Lin Chuxia.

"How much do you earn unloading this truck of cement?"

Lin Chuxia looked at the small change in his hand and asked.

Gu Peng finished counting the money, sized Lin Chuxia up once, pulled up his shirt to wipe his face, and then replied, "A truck is 10 tons, 200 bags of cement, I get six cents per bag."

Watching him use his shirt to wipe his face, not only did he fail to clean it, but instead mixed dust and sweat, making his face dirtier.

She couldn't hold back a slight smile.

She dug out a handkerchief from her bag and handed it to him, "Use this."

Gu Peng stared at the handkerchief for two seconds before taking it, then wiped his face haphazardly.

The pristine handkerchief quickly became dirty.

Once he had wiped his face sufficiently, Lin Chuxia spoke up, "You only earn 12 yuan for moving 10 tons of cement. Would you be willing to follow me? I'll pay you 500 yuan a month, which is nearly equal to working a day unloading two trucks of cement."

Gu Peng's hand stopped mid-wipe, verifying her words, "Why?"

Lin Chuxia had anticipated his reaction.

Who would dare to accept such a large windfall easily?

But she also felt amused, in the past life he wasn't this verbose. Was it because the opportunity she offered wasn't as grand then?

"I watched you for a while just now and think you're quite capable. I need someone as hardworking and resilient."

Since Lin Chuxia proposed the idea, Wang Tianyu was left dumbfounded.

He constantly questioned if he messed up any work lately, disappointing Mr. Lin, which led him to consider someone else.

Hearing her words, the young man was so anxious he nearly jumped.

The implication: Mr. Lin, look at me, I'm capable too, and hardworking, don't replace me with him.

Lin Chuxia didn't notice Wang Tianyu's distress, her gaze calmly fixed on Gu Peng, awaiting his response.

Gu Peng considered only for a few seconds, "You mean what you say, 500 a month?"

Lin Chuxia nodded, "Yes, 500 a month."

"Alright, I'll work for you," he decisively accepted.

Lin Chuxia couldn't help but ask, "Don't you want to know what I'll have you do?"

Gu Peng apparently didn't care, "Why would a grown man be afraid? At worst, I'll just move cement."

Lin Chuxia laughed again, "Great, that settles it. Today, you will go with him to buy some new clothes, do you have a place to stay? If not, we'll arrange that too. The company has a dormitory. Oh, I forgot to ask your name."

Gu Peng raised his head, gave her a deep look, and uttered two words, "Gu Peng."

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Lin Chuxia handed Gu Peng over to Wang Tianyu, giving the latter some instructions.

Though Wang Tianyu couldn't understand why Mr. Lin suddenly took an interest in a construction worker, he still noted all of Mr. Lin's instructions.

Lin Chuxia still had to check out the construction site, so Wang Tianyu had to leave Gu Peng there for a bit.

Then he jogged to catch up with Lin Chuxia.

As Lin Chuxia proceeded inside, she spoke with him on various matters.

Wang Tianyu pulled out a little notebook, reporting something to her as well.

Until the two disappeared into the corner at the end of the corridor.

Only then did Gu Peng withdraw his gaze, lowering it onto the handkerchief.

He let out a soft grunt and casually tossed the handkerchief onto a pile of garbage and dirt nearby.

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Lin Chuxia had not finished dealing with the personnel from the engineering department before Wang Tianyu returned.

Lin Chuxia merely glanced at him and continued discussing work with the engineering department.

After handling everything, Zhuang Yang asked if she'd like to have lunch together.

Lin Chuxia, thinking about Qi Qi, declined.

Zhuang Yang knew she brought her child this time and didn't insist, directly escorting her to the construction site's entrance.

After Zhuang Yang left, Lin Chuxia asked Wang Tianyu, "Why did you come back so quickly?"

Chapter 712: Miscarriage?

Lin Chuxia wanted Wang Tianyu to see if Gu Peng needed any help over there.

The clothes he was wearing were in tatters.

I don't even know if the hard-earned money he made in a day is enough for food. Besides eating, is there enough to buy some decent clothes?

Also, where is he living now?

Perhaps he's still getting by under some broken bridge.

If that's the case, I'll take him to the dormitory first.

Both Xiyang Food Factory and Qin's Buns Shop have employee dormitories.

Wang Tianyu wore a bitter expression, "I did as Mr. Lin instructed and spoke to him, but he seemed to be wary of me. He wouldn't even say where he lived when I asked, and when I asked if he needed help, he just said no. I suggested buying him some clothes, he said he'd buy them himself, then he got fed up with me following him and just told me off."

By the end, Wang Tianyu was both frustrated and amused.

Not to mention, he's a grown man, with those tattered clothes and just a few dollars in his pocket—what's there for anyone to covet?

Wang Tianyu started feeling that Mr. Lin's decision was too hasty.

But as a subordinate, he certainly couldn't question Mr. Lin's decision.

He could only resolve inwardly: there's no way anyone can take my place.

He wants to become Mr. Lin's number one assistant, an irreplaceable existence.

Seeing Lin Chuxia walking towards the driver's seat of the jeep, Wang Tianyu quickly jogged over.

"Mr. Lin, let me drive."

He had gotten his driver's license last year and had been thinking about practicing a bit more before driving Mr. Lin, but he couldn't worry about that now.

The reason Mr. Lin wanted to make Gu Peng an assistant was because he valued Gu Peng's hard-working nature.

Thinking about the trip earlier, it was Mr. Lin driving and him in the passenger seat.

Which employer drives while the employee sits?

Mr. Lin hiring a hard-working person to be by his side—if this isn't a jab at him, then what is?

He absolutely couldn't let Mr. Lin think he wasn't able to endure hardship.

Lin Chuxia raised an eyebrow; she did know Wang Tianyu had a license, but today he seemed unusually eager to please.

"Alright, then drive a bit slower."

Lin Chuxia reminded him and then got into the back seat.

Since Gu Peng didn't need Wang Tianyu's help, it seemed she'd have to handle it herself.

There were other matters in the afternoon, so Lin Chuxia had Wang Tianyu accompany her back to Qin Family Village.

Not long after entering the village, they saw a person lying on the roadside, writhing in pain.

It was almost noon, and likely everyone was at home having lunch and resting, not a soul was on the road. Who knows how long that person had been lying there?

Wang Tianyu slowed down the car and glanced at Lin Chuxia in the rearview mirror.

After all, this was Lin Chuxia's village and he didn't know if Mr. Lin recognized the person.

Lin Chuxia did recognize the person. Wasn't it Ma Suyun? Her house was just beside.

She was right in front of her house, what was she doing lying there?

As the car got closer, Lin Chuxia's brows furrowed slightly, "Stop."

Ma Suyun was on the ground groaning in pain, with blood already seeping through her pants.

Had she fallen and miscarried?

Lin Chuxia asked Wang Tianyu to call for someone at Ma Suyun's home, and she got out of the car herself.

Wang Tianyu did a round of the house, then came out shaking his head, "Mr. Lin, there's no one at home."

A short distance ahead was her elder brother Qin Liang's house, so Lin Chuxia asked Wang Tianyu to call for them.

Ma Suyun was already semi-conscious, seeming to have been lying there for quite some time.

Before long, Qin Liang and his wife came over. Seeing Ma Suyun in such a state, Qian Chuncao clapped her thigh, "Oh dear, what happened? Where's Da Wen?"

"I don't know. There's no one at home. We should get her to the hospital first," said Lin Chuxia.

Qin Liang, being her brother-in-law, couldn't touch her, so Qian Chuncao and Lin Chuxia helped get her into the car.

Together, they took her straight to the county hospital.

Seeing Ma Suyun's condition, the doctor immediately concluded the baby couldn't be saved.

She was almost five months pregnant, and the miscarriage would be severely damaging to her body, requiring a D&C procedure.

Everyone helped get Ma Suyun to the maternity room.

After all the chaos, Qian Chuncao was distressed, "I said before, trying to have another baby so quickly was too rash. Look at the suffering now. Luckily, you encountered her; if not, Ma Suyun might have bled out lying there with no one to help."

Though the families had their grievances, they'd been sisters-in-law for many years, and no matter what, they couldn't just ignore her.

"Da Wen, where on earth did he go? Never see him doing anything proper. Doesn't take care of the children; leaves Da Ni with my mom for a whole day, and now even his wife is ignored..."

Qian Chuncao was still talking when the sound of hurried footsteps came from a distance.

It was Qin Wen striding quickly over, looking for someone, "Where's Suyun? Where did Suyun go?"

Qian Chuncao thought he was worried about Ma Suyun's condition, so she responded, "She's having surgery in there. The doctor said it was caught in time, but Suyun's in terrible shape. She'll need plenty of recuperation when she gets back..."

"What surgery?" Qin Wen cut her off with a wave of his hand.

If Qian Chuncao hadn't dodged quickly, she might have gotten hit in the face by his arm.

Qin Liang frowned disapprovingly, "What are you raving about? What surgery, you say? When there's someone like her at home, you don't take care, and here you are at noon running off. If it weren't for my sister-in-law encountering this, who knows how things would have turned out today."

Qin Wen's expression changed, and he stormed towards the operating room, "My son is perfectly fine. What surgery? You all are heartless, can't stand others being well. No one's touching my son..."

Qin Liang quickly pulled him back, "Be reasonable."

"I can't be reasonable," he suddenly turned his head to Lin Chuxia, "Is it you? You're always in cahoots with Qin Han and the others, resentful of my reporting Qin Han back then, so now you expose us too?"

Qian Chuncao finally understood what he meant, "Da Wen, what nonsense are you spouting? Chuxia saw Suyun fall at the doorstep and notified us to bring her to the hospital. No one reported you."

Qin Wen was about to say more when the doctor came out of the maternity room.

"Why are you arguing? Don't you know this is a hospital and loud noises are not allowed?"

Qin Wen grabbed the doctor's arm, "Doctor, is my son alright?"

"Your son? What are you talking about?" The doctor looked bewildered, glanced at Qian Chuncao and Lin Chuxia, "Everything was cleaned thoroughly, but the patient is severely malnourished and anemic, she needs proper nutrition and rest."

Qin Wen stood frozen for a moment as if only just realizing what the doctor said, then stormed toward the maternity room.

Soon after, a roar came from inside, and he rushed back out with bloodshot eyes, glaring at Lin Chuxia.

"Was it you? It must have been you. I know you hold a grudge against us and can't stand seeing us well. You have a daughter and can't have a son yourself, so you don't want us to have a son either. Lin Chuxia, how can you be so vicious?"

Chapter 713: Impossible

Qian Chuncao stood in front of Lin Chuxia, furious enough to slap Qin Wen, "Qin Wen, what nonsense are you talking? How can you be so confused about right and wrong?"

Wang Tianyu stepped forward as well.

Initially, he thought this was a matter for Mr. Lin's family, and it wasn't appropriate for him to get involved.

At this point, seeing the obvious misunderstanding, he stepped up to explain, "We saw your wife fall by the roadside, and that's why we helped take her to the hospital."

"Lin Chuxia is that kind-hearted? I bet she's the one who pushed Suyun down, then pretended to send her to the hospital to make us feel indebted to her. Only my brother and sister-in-law are gullible enough to be deceived. I, Qin Wen, am not so easily fooled. Lin Chuxia, you need to explain yourself today. If you don't give me back my son, I'll have no end with you."

Qin Wen moved to grab Lin Chuxia, but she was quicker, countering with a slap.

With a crisp "slap," the sharp sound of the slap stunned him.

"Are you going to keep acting crazy? If you want to continue, let's go outside; this is a hospital, don't disturb other patients, I'm willing to accompany you to the end."

Qin Wen knew Lin Chuxia had some skills, but he wouldn't just let it go. Impossible.

"Let's go then, don't think I'm scared of you just because you're the fourth wife's husband. If you don't explain today, I'll have no end with you..."

"Qin Wen..."

A woman's heart-wrenching voice sounded from behind, and they saw Ma Suyun stumbling out of the maternity ward.

She had just undergone an abortion operation, her face pale, and she was already so thin and out of shape that she looked like a ghost crawling out of the ground.

"Don't make trouble for sister-in-law. I fell by myself, it has nothing to do with her. If it weren't for sister-in-law and the others sending me to the hospital, I might not have survived."

After speaking, she turned to Lin Chuxia, "Sister-in-law..."

Before she could finish speaking, Qin Wen waved her aside, "What are you talking about? How could you just fall like that? That was our son; you gave up our son just to please her?"

The doctor nearby couldn't bear it anymore, "I don't understand what's wrong with you, comrade. Your wife had a miscarriage, and instead of taking good care of the patient, you're making a mess here? Your wife's physical condition was never suitable for pregnancy. To be honest with you, when she came to the hospital, the fetus had already passed. With over 20 years of clinical experience, I can tell you this fetus was doomed to die."

"Impossible..."

Qin Wen still wanted to argue, but Qin Liang grabbed him by the collar and dragged him out.

This younger brother was going mad, like a rabid dog biting whoever he came across. As the oldest brother, if he didn't teach him a lesson, he would be too ashamed to face others.

Outside, sounds of Qin Liang's scolding and Qin Wen's cries of pain could be heard.

Qian Chuncao grumbled in anger, then quickly apologized to the doctor.

The doctor nodded and told them to take good care of the patient, offering some precautions.

Lin Chuxia looked at the staggering Ma Suyun and reluctantly helped her back to the hospital bed.

Ma Suyun, with red eyes, looked at Lin Chuxia and finally finished saying what she had left unsaid, "Sister-in-law, thank you. I apologize on behalf of Qin Wen and myself. I... I really thought I was going to die when I was lying on the ground."

Someone saw her fall to the ground, yet ignored her then.

At that moment, Ma Suyun clearly realized what she had done over the years and why others were so indifferent in her time of need.

While lying helpless, she heard Lin Chuxia speaking beside her.

She thought Lin Chuxia must be laughing at her misfortune.

She opposed her all along, only to end up in such a situation.

Little did she expect Lin Chuxia not only called the brother and sister-in-law but also used her car to take her to the hospital.

She heard the sister-in-law tell Lin Chuxia her body was covered in blood, which would stain the car, suggesting they put something down first.

Lin Chuxia replied that saving a life was crucial, and they couldn't afford any delay, cars can be cleaned.

She didn't expect when her life was hanging by a thread, Lin Chuxia disregarded prior grievances to save her.

She even wondered if she were Lin Chuxia, would she do the same?

The answer was no.

She would only ignore and then secretly inquire about her situation, darkly hoping for a worse outcome.

At that moment, Ma Suyun clearly realized she couldn't compare to Lin Chuxia, not even to a single finger.

Lin Chuxia was beloved by many, not just because she brought benefits to villagers, but truly because she was a good person.

Lin Chuxia's goodness highlighted her own foolishness and ignorance over the years.

Lin Chuxia quietly looked at her, "Focus on recovering, don't overthink."

She naturally could see Ma Suyun's emotions, but didn't dwell on them.

She was still thinking about Qi Qi, asking Qian Chuncao if she wanted to go back together.

Qian Chuncao intended not to be involved, but Qin Wen was Qin Liang's real brother, so she stayed.

When Lin Chuxia got to the yard, she saw Qin Liang still scolding Qin Wen.

Qin Wen was now subdued, squatting with his head drooped.

Lin Chuxia glanced briefly and averted her gaze, leaving with Wang Tianyu.

In the car, Wang Tianyu couldn't help but sigh, "Thankfully, we called Brother and Sister-in-law Qin. Otherwise, we'd do a good deed and end up blamed, as if jumping into the Yellow River couldn't clear our names."

Lin Chuxia had anticipated Qin Wen's reaction; she even hesitated for a while upon seeing Ma Suyun.

Knowing their character, she didn't want to interfere.

Yet seeing her plight, she couldn't bring herself to ignore, so she asked Wang Tianyu to call Brother and Sister-in-law Qin.

She knew the character of Brother and Sister-in-law Qin well.

But she didn't expect Ma Suyun would also...

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Returning home, it was already past noon, and the Qin Family were still waiting to eat lunch with Lin Chuxia.

Seeing them return, Mrs. Qin asked Mr. Qin to watch the kids while she went to heat the food.

Lin Chuxia hurried to help, "Mom, you and Dad should eat on time from now on, no need to wait for me."

Her schedule was unpredictable.

Mrs. Qin didn't mind, "Your Dad and I ate late this morning; at our age, we don't get hungry easily. Waiting a bit doesn't matter. Leave it to me; go check on Qi Qi; she hasn't been seen in a while."

"Did Qi Qi make a fuss?" Lin Chuxia saw her daughter was already playing with Wang Tianyu and asked with a smile.

"No fuss; this little girl is easier to placate than Yaoyao was at that age."

Mrs. Qin finished speaking and asked about Ma Suyun's situation.

When lunch was ready but Lin Chuxia hadn't returned, she brought the child to the door to wait and heard about Ma Suyun.

"Did Da Wen give you any trouble? How's the child?"

"No trouble; Brother and Sister-in-law were there," Lin Chuxia didn't say much, just informed Mrs. Qin the child wasn't saved.

Chapter 714: The Pitiful Are Always Despicable in Their Own Ways

Mrs. Qin sighed upon hearing this, "Sigh, there's always something detestable about pitiful people, and this couple really is a match made in heaven."

She glanced at Lin Chuxia, "When Da Wen's wife was pregnant with their first child, they claimed they knew it was a boy from somewhere. Before the baby was even born, they were calling it a son everywhere they went. Everyone knew that this child wasn't easy to come by, thinking they were obsessed with having a son. But in the end, a girl was born.

If it were any other family having a girl, they'd accept it, maybe try for a second child in a few years. Da Wen isn't working right now, and his wife has a rural household registration, so they're allowed a second child after four or five years. In our village, many people would prefer their first to be a girl, bloom first, and then have a boy, so they can eventually have both.

But this couple couldn't wait. Their firstborn was just a few months old, and Da Wen's wife was pregnant again. She hadn't even recovered from the first premature birth, her body wasn't ready for it.

You could tell from her skinny frame, she struggled through the first pregnancy. The second one was even worse. I heard your aunt say this pregnancy was doomed from the start; she started bleeding shortly after conceiving. But that couple went crazy, determined to keep the pregnancy at any cost, taking meds and suffering, and in the end, what came of it?"

Last New Year, when Lin Chuxia saw Ma Suyun, she had already guessed the situation.

Their first child was a hard battle, involving numerous doctors and medicines.

In such cases, the mother's health is often compromised.

During her first pregnancy, Ma Suyun had a rough time. While other pregnant women gained weight, she only had a large belly.

Becoming pregnant so quickly with the second child might not have happened naturally.

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After having lunch at home and bonding briefly with Qi Qi, Lin Chuxia went out with Wang Tianyu.

She needed to resolve matters here quickly since her husband repeatedly told her to return soon before leaving yesterday.

Lin Chuxia noticed that Qin Yang was becoming increasingly clingy, especially after Qi Qi was born, reaching a new level of attachment.

Even Mrs. Qin often complained he seemed like a different person.

Meanwhile, Qin Wen's wife had just given birth, and Mrs. Qin wanted to visit and see her daughter.

When passing by Qin Wen's home, there was a tractor parked outside, indicating Ma Suyun had returned.

Though her situation looked risky, proper treatment didn't require hospitalization; she just needed to recover well at home.

Lin Chuxia only glanced briefly before looking away, uncertain about the scene inside.

"Brother, the doctor said Suyun needs to recuperate well, eat better. If you don't lend me money, how can I buy good food for her? If Suyun doesn't recover and can't bear a son, aren't you leaving me without an heir? You have two sons and don't care or want Jianshe to care for me in my old age?"

Before Qin Liang could respond to Qin Wen, Qian Chuncao responded with disapproval.

"Why should my son take care of you? You have your own child, don't tease your brother. We paid for Suyun's hospital bills, and you still have the nerve to ask your brother for money to buy meat? Lazybones, you don't work hard; look around Qin Family Village—whose life is as poorly run as yours?"

"I didn't want things to be this way, it's all because Lin Chuxia sabotaged us..."

Qian Chuncao sneered without hesitation, "Da Wen, be self-aware. You claim Lin Chuxia sabotaged you; exactly how did she do that? You really think you're important? Do you even see what makes you worth her attention?"

The harsh words made Qin Wen's face turn red.

"If she wasn't against me, why not give me a job? Your Jianjun and Jianshe all have work, even Second Brother benefits from her and runs a chicken farm as a manager. What makes me less capable than them?"

Qian Chuncao rolled her eyes, figuring out his scheme.

Too tired to argue with Qin Wen, she left directly.

Spending time arguing with him wasn't worth it compared to having a nap at home.

As for borrowing money, she controlled family finances; her husband wouldn't dare lend money to his brother without her approval.

Qin Liang also considered his brother a hopeless case. Having already beaten him up at the hospital, it didn't enlighten him; what else was there to do? Surely not beat him again.

"Your sister-in-law's opinion is mine. If farming doesn't work for you, ask me what to plant next. Or just plant what I plant, and stop thinking about jobs from Chuxia," he said, feeling embarrassed by his brother's words.

Leaving this message, Qin Liang left too.

With his brother and sister-in-law really not caring about him, Qin Wen's face darkened.

Ma Suyun heard the brothers' conversation.

She felt weak, her head was spinning, and there was a throbbing pain below.

But thinking about the past two years, Ma Suyun knew this couldn't continue.

She tried to advise, "Actually, Big Brother is right, if we farmed well, we could earn a lot. Look at our village neighbors; these years, with greenhouse vegetables, haven't they all made money? There's no need to insist on a job..."

Before she could finish, she met Qin Wen's cold gaze, "Can farming compare to a job? Do you think those who farm earn a lot compared to the effort? Look at others, Second Brother runs a chicken farm, Jianjun's a manager, even Qin Jianshe, that brat, drives in the market with bravado, yet I, as an uncle, get scolded at the market. How am I worse than them?"

"But earlier, what we did was wrong..."

Ma Suyun could now face her past mistakes calmly, but Qin Wen couldn't.

"Who's wrong? You tell me. Whose side are you on? I haven't settled today's score with you and you're accusing me? Be honest, did Lin Chuxia plan your fall today? She doesn't want me to have a son, trying to cut off my line."

"No, it has nothing to do with her..."

"If it's not her, then it's you? Did you not want this child and deliberately fall to lose it?"

His face was so intense it scared Ma Suyun into trembling.

Since losing his job at the Hardware Company, Qin Wen had been emotionally unstable.

Especially when it came to Qin Yang, Lin Chuxia, and having children, those were his trigger points.

Unfortunately, today both issues came together.

Chapter 715: Has He Really Fallen Out of Favor with Mr. Lin?

Ma Suyun couldn't hold back her tears and shook her head repeatedly, "I didn't do it on purpose, the doctor also said that this child couldn't be kept. Da Wen, I didn't fall on purpose, I couldn't support myself anymore. This child isn't meant to be with us, you know, the doctor initially advised against keeping this child, even if we managed to conceive, we likely couldn't keep it..."

"Nonsense, we conceived, then how could we not keep it? I raised you to give me a son, why raise a hen if she doesn't lay eggs? Let me tell you Ma Suyun, if you don't give me a son, we'll get divorced..."

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After finishing her work in the afternoon, Lin Chuxia saw it was still early and decided to check on Gu Peng.

Gu Peng had a specific place to stay, which he had already informed Wang Tianyu about in the morning.

Wang Tianyu was also curious and wanted to see what charm this man possessed to catch Mr. Lin's eye at first glance.

Just as he was about to get in the car, Lin Chuxia stopped him.

"You don't need to follow, the remaining matters I'll handle myself. You've been working hard these past few days, go home early today and rest. Tomorrow, I should be back in the city, you keep overseeing things here, and report to me timely if anything comes up."

Wang Tianyu paused, "What about Gu Peng, should I take him along?"

"No need, he's coming with me to Yan City."

Lin Chuxia said directly, not seeing Wang Tianyu's expression like the sky had fallen upon her words.

Even after Lin Chuxia drove off, Wang Tianyu stood dumbfounded at the original spot.

Mr. Lin got a new assistant.

Mr. Lin left him in Ancheng County and took the newly found assistant along.

Has he really fallen out of favor with Mr. Lin?

Or is it that his recent work was lacking somewhere, and Mr. Lin, considering his sister's sake, didn't want to say it directly, so found another assistant instead?

Wang Tianyu felt like crying but had no tears, deciding to call his sister to find out what's going on.

Even if he did something wrong, he should be given a chance to rectify, how can he be given a death sentence directly?

Lin Chuxia had no idea about Wang Tianyu's internal drama, she was already heading towards Gu Peng's residence as per the address he provided.

Located in a residential area not far from the Xiyang Building.

This area consisted of old family residential units from organizations like vegetable stations and grocery stores.

As these units fell into decline and closed down, the residential units were privatized.

Due to the age of these houses and their location on the city's edge, many people moved elsewhere, turning this area into rented spaces becoming a hub for the migrant population in recent years.

Gu Peng lived in the innermost alley of this area, cars couldn't get through, so Lin Chuxia parked by the road and walked over.

The more she walked in, the dirtier it seemed, with dirty water everywhere and discarded vegetable scraps.

Despite this, this place was still much better than the broken bridge in her past life where Gu Peng lived.

At least it was a place for people to live.

Before even reaching the place, she saw Gu Peng squatting beside the tap, washing clothes.

He wore a navy blue synthetic jacket washed so much that it had faded, with sleeves torn and a hole.

The jacket didn't fit well, obviously too big.

The trousers were of the same color but even older than the jacket.

He was washing what seemed to be military green pants, likely worn during the morning's cement unloading.

Lin Chuxia walked directly to his side; only when she stood there did Gu Peng slowly look up.

He glanced indifferently at Lin Chuxia and resumed washing clothes in the basin.

Lin Chuxia raised her eyebrows slightly. Meeting this indifferent Gu Peng again in this life, she was a bit unaccustomed.

She looked around, pulled a worn-out small folding stool over, and sat in front of him.

"How much did Tianyu tell you about the company? I purposefully returned here today, I don't work here; the business here..."

"I know, you're Xiyang's owner. The food factory and bun shop are yours, and the newly built building too."

Before Lin Chuxia finished speaking, Gu Peng replied lightly.

"Since you understand, it's easier to talk. I mainly live in Yan City now, with my work focus there. Your future job is to be my right-hand man, do whatever I ask. But the premise is you need to go to Yan City with me."

In the morning, Lin Chuxia only asked Gu Peng to work under her without specifying the details or mentioning leaving Ancheng County.

The habitual thinking from her past life made Lin Chuxia feel Gu Peng wouldn't refuse her. Seeing Gu Peng's indifferent demeanor, she thought it best to ask his opinion and see what he had in mind.

Gu Peng squeezed the clothes forcefully, shook off the excess water, and hung them on the clothesline.

He only asked one question, "When are we leaving?"

Just five words, but it reassured Lin Chuxia.

After all, he was still the same Gu Peng, she really thought he had changed entirely in this life.

"Tomorrow morning, I'll come to get you," Lin Chuxia glanced at the room behind him, "You can cancel the lease here, I'll arrange accommodation for you there, just bring any valuable personal belongings you have."

"No need."

"What?"

Gu Peng looked up, his tone earnest, "I said no need for you to pick me up, I'll wait for you at the Qin Family Village entrance."

After pausing, he added, "You're the boss, I'm just working for you."

Lin Chuxia smiled slightly, this guy, suddenly being so sensible, made her a bit unaccustomed.

It seems she can't always use her past life perspective to view Gu Peng again.

"Alright, see you at 8:30 tomorrow morning, at the Qin Family Village entrance."

After instructing Gu Peng, Lin Chuxia returned to Qin Family Village.

She told Mrs. Qin that things here were finished, and they could go to the city tomorrow.

Mrs. Qin was instantly happy.

Today her son-in-law called her and said Qin Juan and the child were doing well, but how could she be reassured without seeing her daughter personally?

Now it was alright, they could go tomorrow.

Mrs. Qin happily went to catch chickens.

Although Lin Chuxia had her own poultry farm under her, and Jia Liang managed the restaurant, there's no way they would lack tasty food anymore.

Mrs. Qin preferred raising a few chickens at home, always feeling her home-raised chickens tasted better than the poultry farm ones.

After catching the chickens, Mrs. Qin took a basket to the field.

Qin Han's greenhouse grew strawberries, and at present, it's strawberry season, Lin Chuxia loved eating strawberries, she should collect more for her daughter-in-law to take along.

Also, Qin Liang's greenhouse grew watermelons, Ningning loved eating watermelons the most, she had to bring two watermelons for her granddaughter.

After a busy session, the trunk was almost full with fruits, vegetables, and a hen.

Qin Han couldn't bear to see it and said he'd take the hen along when sending vegetables to Qin's Restaurant in the city tomorrow.

The next morning, Qin Han left early, while Lin Chuxia and Mrs. Qin cleaned up after breakfast before getting in the car.

Chapter 716: Advanced Salary Payment

Mrs. Qin sat in the back of the car holding Qi Qi, her face beaming with joy at the thought of soon meeting her daughter and her little grandson.

Lin Chuxia was driving the jeep. Just as she left the village entrance, she saw a figure squatting by the roadside from afar.

It was just 8:30, and she wondered how long this guy had been squatting there.

Pressing the brake, Lin Chuxia rolled down the window and stuck her head out to call, "Get in."

As the car slowed down, Mrs. Qin saw the man by the roadside.

Upon hearing Lin Chuxia tell him to get in, she quietly reminded, "Xiaxia, who is this person? He's not from our village."

The implication was that they shouldn't let strangers hitch a ride without knowing them.

Lin Chuxia smiled at her and said, "Mom, he's an employee from my company, like Tianyu, coming with us to the city today."

Gu Peng opened the passenger seat door and got in the car.

Mrs. Qin kept observing the man from the back seat.

The employee under her youngest daughter-in-law? He didn't quite look the part.

She had seen many of the employees under her youngest daughter-in-law, not to mention those in leadership roles, even those at Xiyang Food Factory, they were all clean and neat.

How long has it been since this man had a haircut? Though his beard looked freshly shaved.

And his clothes, was it picked up from some rubbish heap?

The youngest daughter-in-law said this man was like that Tianyu guy, where was the resemblance?

Lin Chuxia had already restarted the car and glanced at the mesh bag in Gu Peng's hands.

"Just these things?"

He was still wearing the same outfit from yesterday, and inside the mesh bag was the item he washed yesterday.

It was bulging with something rolled up.

There was also a half-new, half-old towel.

It was all very clear.

"Yeah," Gu Peng replied lightly, "No money, I'll buy after payday."

Such a matter-of-fact tone.

"I'll advance you 200 yuan from your salary to buy some basic living supplies and get yourself some proper clothes."

"Okay."

After the brief exchange, Lin Chuxia didn't pay further attention to Gu Peng, focusing solely on driving, occasionally chatting with Mrs. Qin in the backseat.

Mrs. Qin seemed a bit absent-minded, sometimes stealing glances at Gu Peng.

For some reason, she felt this man was different from the other employees of her youngest daughter-in-law.

Other employees were enthusiastic when they saw her youngest daughter-in-law, some even held admiration, and she herself had enjoyed the light of her daughter-in-law, being praised by those people.

Not that her daughter-in-law's employees had to flatter her specifically, but since this man got on the car, he hadn't greeted her, nor did he seem to be interacting with her daughter-in-law.

Though her daughter-in-law seemed to take particular care of him, noticing he wasn't well dressed and offering to advance his salary.

Where did she find an employee needing such care from the boss?

She had never heard of a boss preparing clothes for the employees before they started working.

Fortunately, they would soon reach the city; she had to ask her son if he knew about this.

Upon arriving in Yan City, Lin Chuxia took Gu Peng to the small courtyard where Qin Juan had previously stayed.

After Qin Juan married Jia Liang, Wang Tianxue bought her own house and moved out, leaving the small courtyard vacant.

It was then that Qin Juan realized the cheap little courtyard rented to her by Lin Chuxia was actually bought by Lin Chuxia.

At that time, she had just divorced and didn't want to trouble anyone in her family.

Lin Chuxia, respecting her feelings, rented the house to her at a very low price.

"Here's my home phone number and my business in this area. I'll give you two days off initially, look around and see what's needed for the house, familiarize yourself with the environment, and come find me for work the day after."

Lin Chuxia left him the address along with 20 banknotes.

Gu Peng said nothing, simply accepting the items.

Lin Chuxia was used to him being this way, having said everything necessary, and Mrs. Qin was still waiting for her in the car.

Gu Peng with one hand holding his mesh bag and the other clutching the items Lin Chuxia gave him, stood still watching the silhouette disappear into the alley.

As the back shadow vanished, he suddenly lowered his head and chuckled.

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After dropping off Gu Peng, Lin Chuxia directly took Mrs. Qin to the Jia Family.

Jia Liang went to work.

Qin's Restaurant used to have Qin Juan and Jia Liang each manage one shop.

Later, after Qin Juan became pregnant, two managers were appointed, and then Jia Liang took over centralized management.

He couldn't leave now as there were matters needing his attention there.

Nonetheless, the family didn't really need Jia Liang.

Since Qin Juan gave birth, Old Mrs. Jia has been like clockwork, taking care of both the child and daughter-in-law impeccably.

She acted like she never got tired.

When Lin Chuxia and the others arrived, Old Mrs. Jia was strolling around the place holding the eldest grandson, her face smiling so broadly it added two more layers of creases.

Seeing Mrs. Qin, she was overjoyed.

"Oh dear in-law, we've been so looking forward to seeing you."

Then she presented the child to Mrs. Qin like showing off a treasure.

Lin Chuxia had seen the baby when Qin Juan delivered.

She had really nurtured the baby well, born almost 7 pounds.

The newborn was round and chubby.

Now after two days, with the swelling and newborn redness fading, he appeared fair and clean.

The child noticeably resembled Jia Liang, with a sturdy and cute appearance, immediately likable.

There's not a grandparent who doesn't adore such a white, round, and sturdy headed eldest grandson; Mrs. Qin and Old Mrs. Jia went back and forth using every good word they could muster.

Qin Juan invited Lin Chuxia to sit down and wanted to pour her a drink.

Lin Chuxia hurriedly stopped her, "Big sis, don't rush about, you're in confinement."

Qin Juan felt quite helpless.

This was her second child, the delivery was quick, and she clearly recovered faster compared to when she had her first.

She now felt like a normal person, even thinking she could go to work.

But both Old Mrs. Jia and Jia Liang pampered her so much, they wouldn't let her do anything, not even allowing her to stand up.

With visitors at home now, she thought she could get up and move around, but Lin Chuxia had the same attitude.

"Everyone is just thinking of your well-being, women throughout life, inherently bear this additional hardship compared to men, giving so much of their essence to create a child, no matter how good your health is, it couldn't be without consequences. Aunt Jia and Jia Liang both care deeply for you, take the confinement seriously."

Qin Juan felt a little embarrassed by her words, but also genuinely felt her mother-in-law and husband's love for her.

Knowing Mrs. Qin would be visiting, Jia Liang came home early at noon.

Upon arriving home, he first checked on Qin Juan, then on the baby, before heading into the kitchen to cook.

Lin Chuxia also informed Qin Yang, who would come after work, bringing Ningning along.

Ningning went to see the little brother as soon as he entered, absolutely delighted over the new arrival.

Mrs. Qin laughed and told Old Mrs. Jia, "You can tell this little rascal has blessings upon him, with everyone in the family revolving around him."

Chapter 717: Tired of Looking?

Isn't that right?

Jia Liang got married and had children in his thirties.

Older men tend to be more nurturing, not just towards their wives, but they're also more patient with their children.

Not to mention Old Mrs. Jia, who naturally loves children, and as her oldest grandson, she expresses her affection abundantly.

And most importantly, there's Ningning, the older sister.

The whole family had a lively lunch.

Mrs. Qin planned to stay here for two days, even though her daughter was very capable and didn't need her care, she still wanted to show her heartfelt gestures.

Old Mrs. Jia was eager for this, as she always got along well with Mrs. Qin.

In the afternoon, Qin Yang had to go to work. Lin Chuxia and Qi Qi planned to go back with him.

While Lin Chuxia was speaking with Qin Juan, Mrs. Qin called Qin Yang aside.

If she didn't get to the bottom of this, she feared she wouldn't be able to sleep tonight.

Looking at her tall little son, Mrs. Qin lowered her voice and said, "Our second, your wife brought me here today, but also brought a man along. Do you know about this? She said he's her employee."

"Is it Tianyu?"

Wang Tianyu was Lin Chuxia's assistant, entrusted with many tasks by her.

Previously, Qin Yang felt uneasy about this pretty boy buzzing around his wife.

But with Wang Tianyu present, a significant portion of Lin Chuxia's workload was lifted, giving her more time with him and their children, easing his discomfort.

"Of course I know Tianyu. It's not him," Mrs. Qin said seriously, "That man looks much older than Tianyu, probably about the same age as you. Chuxia said he's similar to Tianyu, but I don't quite get how. In my eyes, there's no way that man and Tianyu could be alike. Whenever you see Tianyu, he's clean and crisp, reportedly a college student who speaks kindly, whereas that man was in ragged clothes with long hair, looking like a beggar picked up off the streets. Chuxia even said she's giving him a 200 yuan advance for clothes. I know Chuxia means well; she cared for both Jia Liang and Houzi back then. But one must always be cautious, right? A young girl dealing with a grown man is bound to be at a disadvantage..."

Mrs. Qin was worried her words might be resented, but she truly worried about Lin Chuxia.

Upon hearing this, Qin Yang frowned slightly but knew his wife was always prudent, "Mom, I understand. I'll give Chuxia a reminder later."

"Okay, talk it over well. Also, you need to stay aware; Chuxia is such a good girl, you can't let her down."

Seeing that man today, despite his shabby clothes and unmanaged hair, his face was still quite good-looking.

Mrs. Qin glanced at her own youngest son.

Hmm, maybe he was still a bit inferior to her son.

Though, if it drags on over time, perhaps they'll get tired of it, huh?

As her youngest son was about to leave the room, something suddenly struck her, "By the way, I heard Chuxia call that man Gu Peng."

Qin Yang's steps suddenly halted, and he turned back, "Gu Peng?"

Mrs. Qin nodded, "That seems to be the name."

"Alright, I've got it."

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On the way back, Lin Chuxia once again felt how her older sister marrying Jia Liang was the right choice.

Qin Yang now fully approved of her opinion.

As the saying goes, "Time reveals true character."

Since Jia Liang married her sister, he has always prioritized her, never letting her sister suffer any grievances.

Old Mrs. Jia treated her sister like her own daughter.

The Jia Family was simple, with little for her sister to worry about.

Thinking of her sister, Qin Yang thought of himself and casually asked, "I heard from mom that you brought a new employee back. Why recruit someone new in An City?"

"Oh, there's too much work under my charge; Wang Tianyu can't handle it alone. I plan to train a new assistant so I can have more time with you and Qi Qi."

Lin Chuxia played with her daughter's little hand in a playful manner. When she looked up and saw Qin Yang was gazing at her, she waved Qi Qi's little hand and mimicked a pitch, saying, "Have you been missing us lately? Was Minister Qin tossing and turning sleeplessly alone? Qi Qi also missed daddy, didn't you Qi Qi?"

Looking into her bright and sparkling eyes, and then at their daughter with similarly big eyes, Qin Yang chuckled softly.

He reached out to stroke her head and then the little head of their daughter, saying, "Good girl."

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Lin Chuxia gave Gu Peng two days off and took two days of rest herself at home.

On the third morning, Gu Peng showed up at the residential compound as agreed.

Lin Chuxia was in the yard playing with Qi Qi; Yuan Bao barked at the door upon hearing the noise.

"Yuan Bao," Lin Chuxia called out, noticing through the crack that it was Gu Peng, "Come in."

Yuan Bao was very obedient; as long as the owner gave the nod, even to a complete stranger, it would obediently let them enter, though it remained somewhat vigilant.

Lin Chuxia didn't pay it much mind, assessing Gu Peng as he entered.

This outfit was clearly newly bought, but...

"Where did you buy those clothes?"

Following her gaze, Gu Peng looked down, tugging at the collar.

"There's a market near where I live, selling all sorts of things, so I got everything together there," he added, "I think it's pretty good."

It was indeed much better than what he wore before.

Though that market sold only the lowest-grade clothing, with Lin Chuxia's current status, she definitely wouldn't be seen wearing those.

And for Gu Peng, who was to be by Lin Chuxia's side in the future, these clothes were inappropriate.

It's her fault she hadn't explained it clearly.

"Alright, it's fine. We'll first head over to Xiyang Clothing Factory to take a look."

Xiyang Clothing Factory now served as the core industry of Lin Chuxia in Yan City.

Over the past six months, both the factory's scale and achievements were outstanding.

The leaders of Yan City placed great importance on it, even considering it a key enterprise for the city.

Though the factory was managed by Wang Tianxue, there were many times she, as the CEO, still had to step in.

Lin Chuxia hadn't visited the factory for a while; a few days ago, Wang Tianxue called her to discuss this matter.

With no pressing business today, Lin Chuxia decided to bring little Qi Qi along.

The little one loved going out with mommy, every time they rode in the car, she was as cheerful as a little sun.

"Soon, I'll get you a mentor, and you can take some time to get your driver's license,"

Lin Chuxia said to Gu Peng while driving.

And Gu Peng sat stiffly, looking down at the child in his arms.

A tiny girl – her child.

Little Qi Qi was not timid at all, playing with the rattle in Gu Peng's arms and even offering her moist little biscuit to his lips.

Gu Peng was taken aback for a while, finally grasped her little hand, redirecting the biscuit back towards her own mouth.

Chapter 718: He Doesn't Like Children

Qi Qi didn't mind either, continued to chew, her mouth full of saliva, with a drop dripping down her chin.

She wore a small handkerchief around her neck as a bib.

The handkerchief looked familiar, identical to the one Lin Chuxia used to wipe his sweat the other day, presumably bought together.

Gu Peng quietly looked at the little girl in his arms, even missed what Lin Chuxia said to him.

Lin Chuxia gave him a puzzled look, "Gu Peng, what do you think? Is there any difficulty?"

Driving lessons shouldn't be a big deal for him, right?

Gu Peng finally snapped out of it, "What?"

Well, he hadn't heard a thing she said for a long time.

Seeing Qi Qi again in his arms, Lin Chuxia curled a smile, "What are you dazing about, have you never held a baby before?"

In her past life, she had no children, knowing it was her bodily issue. The Li Family looked down on her for not being able to bear children, and she herself felt inferior for not having kids.

Gu Peng held her in contempt for such thinking, forcefully changed her mindset.

Spoke with disdain towards children.

Consequently, he never married, only dated girlfriends, and refused to have children with those young girlfriends.

Remember a woman who spent a long time with him, though Gu Peng had clearly told her before they dated, he couldn't offer her marriage.

After one or two years, the woman began to feel dissatisfied, and wanted to use a child to tie him down, swap for a marriage.

The woman was careful, only revealed it to Gu Peng when she was nearly four months pregnant, unable to hide anymore.

The four-month fetus was formed, and it was Gu Peng's bloodline.

She thought, even if Gu Peng didn't want to marry, he would compromise for this blood connection.

Even if he truly didn't marry, having his child would make him take responsibility for her and the child, supporting them for life.

However, once Gu Peng knew, he didn't hesitate, directly took her to the hospital, watched the doctor abort the child.

The woman cried her heart out, Gu Peng didn't give her a glance once the procedure was done, turned and left.

In the past, the women broke up peacefully with him once tired of each other, even received some breakup fee.

Yet this woman got nothing but a cold stare.

People said Gu Peng was ruthless, not sparing even his own child.

He simply couldn't stand people touching his bottom line.

He didn't like children.

Lin Chuxia had asked Gu Peng why he didn't like children, he replied disdainfully.

"What's the point of having children? Like you, living a chaotic life, pulling a child into it as well? It's just because you can't have children, that old lady in the Li Family, Li Guangyuan's character, having a kid in such a family would be his greatest misfortune too. Lin Chuxia, has it ever occurred to you why you can't have kids? Maybe it's not your fault, maybe it's because the Li Family has done so many wicked things, fate intends to cut off their bloodline."

Though Lin Chuxia felt Gu Peng's comparison was inappropriate, her life was in chaos, while Gu Peng could clearly lead a good life, but he was just stubborn, caught in some fixation.

Perhaps he had faced something unbeknownst to her, casting a shadow on his perspective on children.

Lin Chuxia looked at him indifferently, with kindness in her eyes.

Qi Qi seemed to understand Mommy's words, looking up at the uncle above her, babbling baby talk.

Gu Peng got back to his senses, shook his head, then nodded, "Never held one."

Lin Chuxia chuckled softly, "Then you better hold her well for me, don't drop my daughter, this little girl cries loudly."

"Oh," Gu Peng answered again.

Such a silent Gu Peng was very uncharacteristic to Lin Chuxia.

She knew that for Gu Peng, they'd just met, and she was someone whose status was much higher than his as a boss.

Moreover, she was a female boss, hiring him as an assistant for no apparent reason, offering him a generous salary.

He never believed in good fortune dropping from the sky, thought there was a trap, guarded against her.

But Lin Chuxia didn't intend to change her attitude towards him.

At the garment factory, Wang Tianxue saw Lin Chuxia brought Qi Qi, held the beloved child in her arms, cherish her for a long time.

Lin Chuxia introduced Gu Peng to her.

Wang Tianxue proactively reached out to shake his hand, then deeply scrutinized him.

During this period, the garment factory's business was stable, several new styles produced were selling well in the market, post-holiday orders flooded in like snowflakes.

All production lines were bustling with activity.

Wang Tianxue asked the design department to seize the opportunity, drafted several new styles suitable for spring and summer.

This time, she invited Lin Chuxia to come over, wanting her to review the new design drafts.

Meanwhile, they aimed to launch their own clothing brand with unique designs in these new styles.

The two discussed the design drafts, Lin Chuxia knew Gu Peng wouldn't comprehend these, so she asked him to wander around the factory area.

Just now, when Wang Tianxue contacted the design department staff to fetch the design drafts, Qi Qi ended up in Gu Peng's arms again.

Upon hearing it, Gu Peng intended to take Qi Qi out, but Wang Tianxue stopped him.

"Go by yourself, leave the child with me."

Gu Peng handed the child to Wang Tianxue, upon exiting, Wang Tianxue fiercely glared at Lin Chuxia.

"What are you doing? So casually letting him hold the child, did you forget or something?"

Lin Chuxia teased her daughter, smiling back, "No worries."

In the past life, having spent decades together, she understood Gu Peng's character deeply.

Though he claimed to dislike children, and could mercilessly lead a woman carrying his child to abortion, that was simply because the woman violated their prior agreement, crossed his boundary.

In reality, Gu Peng was a thoughtful and compassionate man.

While insisting he didn't like children, he donated to welfare institutes, occasionally spending time at orphanages playing games with the children.

Even stray cats and dogs on the roadside received his goodwill.

Earlier in the car, it was evident he wasn't accustomed to handling kids.

Yet he tried his best to make Qi Qi comfortable in his arms.

Her daughter wasn't one to settle easily, should anything discomfort her, she'd cause a fuss.

Qi Qi didn't even fuss during the journey, gave her beloved teething biscuit to Gu Peng.

Children perceive intuitively, she could sense the kindness from this uncle.

Wang Tianxue didn't appreciate her relaxed attitude, "What do you mean by 'no worries'? How much do you know about this person? I heard from Tianyu you noticed him on a construction site, just randomly picking a man off the streets, handing over your child to him? Lin Chuxia, pay more attention."

"What do you mean by randomly picking a man off the streets?" Lin Chuxia laughed, "Making it seem like I'm pretty frivolous."

"So those things Tianyu mentioned are true?"

Lin Chuxia blinked, "What sort of look is that? Now what has Wang Tianyu told you?"

Chapter 719: He's Not That Kind of Person

Wang Tianxue sighed, "You don't know, the day before yesterday Tianyu called me, nearly in tears, saying he didn't know what he did wrong to disappoint you. He wanted me to plead with you on his behalf. If he really did something wrong, you should tell him directly. He's in his prime, full of energy, he'll learn and do better. So Mr. Lin, what exactly did Wang Tianyu do wrong? I'm not trying to plead for him. If there's an issue, just tell me. Don't let our sisterly bond make you shy away. Young people need training and challenges to grow."

"What are you talking about? Tianyu is growing fast and is very capable. He can handle things independently now. I put him in An City with complete confidence. How did it come to you thinking I looked down on him and sent him away?"

"Isn't it so?" Wang Tianxue looked at the door and lifted her chin, "If you don't look down on him, why did you find a rookie?"

Earlier, Lin Chuxia brought a man in and introduced him formally to her, even more formally than when she introduced Wang Tianyu.

It's not just her brother—seeing her manner just now, it felt like her younger brother was being abandoned.

"Gu Peng, huh?"

Lin Chuxia burst into laughter, feeling much better at Wang Tianxue's expression.

She wanted to tell Wang Tianxue that he, like her, was also her best friend, but such words would obviously not be convincing at the moment, and would only make Wang Tianxue more confused.

"He just fits well. I thought he seemed capable, and with my job shuttling between Ancheng and Yan City, Tianyu can't handle it all alone."

"Oh, I see," Wang Tianxue nodded, "As the big boss, naturally you need more people under you. Alright, later I'll tell Tianyu not to call me crying over trivial matters. I thought you were really going to fire him. But honestly, if anyone sees someone new by your side and holding such importance, they would feel insecure, right? How did you explain this to your family? Aren't you worried your man might get jealous?"

Qin Yang, jealous?

Lin Chuxia hadn't actually thought about this.

This is just normal work need, and between her and Gu Peng, it's purely a work relationship.

Just like her relationships with Jia Liang, Su Wensong, Wang Cheng, and Wang Tianyu, Qin Yang hasn't been jealous of any of them.

"No, he's not like that," Lin Chuxia affirmed.

"That's good then."

Wang Tianxue thought about the colleagues around Lin Chuxia. Yes, if Qin Yang got jealous whenever a man appeared around her, he'd be envious all the time.

The two had just settled work matters and were discussing where to eat for lunch when the office phone rang.

Wang Tianxue picked up the phone, it was from the mall. The next moment, the smile on her face vanished, "Where is he now... Alright, I understand... Mr. Lin is here with me too, we'll go over right away."

After hanging up, Wang Tianxue couldn't help but curse.

Lin Chuxia noticed her troubled expression, "What happened?"

"Yang Rui, that idiot, is on our mall rooftop now, trying to threaten me by threatening to jump."

With the situation urgent, Wang Tianxue and Lin Chuxia quickly called Gu Peng back, and the group headed straight to the clothing mall.

On the way, Lin Chuxia learned the details.

It turned out that Wang Tianxue had been harassed by Yang Rui quite a bit recently.

The story actually began when Yang Rui was transferred to the warehouse.

After Wang Tianxue divorced Yang Rui, Yang Rui lost the connections from her aunt as the Purchasing Department Head, and then got tricked in Rong City, leading to a decline in Department Store business, so Manager Wang transferred Yang Rui to the warehouse.

By then, Yang Rui had already married Tang Lili.

Tang Lili was attracted by Yang Rui's position as the Purchasing Department Head.

Being the head of the Purchasing Department was a lucrative position, with high pay and some gray income.

After Yang Rui was transferred to the warehouse, his income sharply decreased, and combined with having to pay the store's debts, even mortgaging the house, life was far worse than before.

To cover living expenses and satisfy Tang Lili's vanity, Yang Rui started moonlighting as a street vendor at the night market.

He initially sourced goods through connections, and later started siphoning products from the Department Store warehouse.

At first, it was minor, but as he assumed no one would notice, he became bolder until one day he got caught.

Manager Wang wanted to call the police, but Yang Rui played the victim due to hardships, begging Manager Wang for mercy and promising to cover the warehouse losses.

Manager Wang, aware of Yang Rui's prematurely born son's heart issues, showed leniency to his long-time subordinate.

Allowing him to compensate for the warehouse losses was lenient, but he still lost his job at the Department Store.

Now Yang Rui was burdened with debt, unemployed, and had an ill child.

Tang Lili, unwilling to endure such life, proposed divorce multiple times, but Yang Rui refused.

Eventually, Tang Lili abandoned the child, took all valuables, and ran away one day.

This wasn't Yang Rui's biggest shock—the real blow was discovering the child's blood type didn't match his during a check for the child's treatment.

"Yang Rui is blood type A, while the child is type B. Initially, he thought the child might have inherited the mother's blood type, but the doctor told him to find the child's biological parents, explaining that a B type child's parents couldn't both be A type."

As Wang Tianxue recounted this, her face was full of ridicule.

She had been pregnant at home when Yang Rui cheated.

Now he was experiencing the same betrayal from a cheating wife.

She had known about Tang Lili's affair even before that.

Once, while running errands with Lin Chuxia, she unexpectedly encountered Tang Lili near Yang Rui's rented house...

His wife cheated in their home, in their bed.

The disgrace Yang Rui felt was worse than what she had felt back then.

She never imagined that even the child wasn't Yang Rui's.

Yang Rui probably hadn't expected this devastating blow either.

He had cheated with Tang Lili initially because he wanted a son.

Everyone said Wang Tianxue was pregnant with a daughter, which led him to cheat with Tang Lili, hoping she'd give him a son.

Upon learning that Wang Tianxue gave birth to a son, Yang Rui wanted to end things with Tang Lili but couldn't extricate himself.

Tang Lili exposed everything to Wang Tianxue, who couldn't tolerate such behavior, swiftly divorcing him and taking the child.

He ended up losing everything, trying to gain more.

Later, he invested everything into Tang Lili, only to have her leave him, take the family's money, and have a child that wasn't even his own.

Chapter 720: Forcing You to Remarry?

In fact, Yang Rui regretted it long before Wang Tianxue divorced him.

Wang Tianxue was gentle and virtuous, decisive in her actions. Whether it was household matters or work, she could handle them all.

Although she was a bit forceful, being with Wang Tianxue made life truly carefree for Yang Rui.

Not only at home, but even at work, Wang Tianxue could assist him.

Not to mention, Wang Tianxue bore him a son.

The more chaotic life became with Tang Lili, the more Yang Rui remembered how good Wang Tianxue was.

After Tang Lili left, Yang Rui heard that Wang Tianxue was still alone, and his thoughts stirred.

He first went to Xiaolong's kindergarten secretly to watch him, buying toys and treats to please his son.

After being discovered by Wang Tianxue, she scolded him harshly and told the teacher to prevent Xiaolong from having any contact with this man.

Not only did Yang Rui not back down, upon seeing Wang Tianxue, he cried and begged for her forgiveness, claiming that Xiaolong could not be without a father and needed a complete family.

How could Wang Tianxue listen to such nonsense?

The second time Yang Rui sought Wang Tianxue, she immediately had security throw him out without a word.

She even reported it to the police once afterward.

After understanding the context, the police warned Yang Rui not to harass Wang Tianxue and her son again, or they would handle him according to the law.

This finally made Yang Rui quiet down for a while.

It was thought that he was afraid, but he was actually holding back a big move.

"So he wants to use his death to force you back into marriage?"

Lin Chuxia gritted her teeth.

What kind of filth dares to dream such spring and autumn dreams?

Wang Tianxue sneered, "He knows I wouldn't care about his life or death, but I wouldn't let the clothing market business be affected."

Furthermore, Yang Rui probably didn't know that she was no longer at the clothing market.

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The jeep hadn't even reached the clothing market when it got stuck.

The road was crowded with people flocking towards the clothing market.

Lin Chuxia had to park the car by the roadside. By the time she reached the bottom of the market building, customers inside had already been cleared out.

Before Qin Jianjun called Wang Tianxue, he had already called the police, and they had arrived on the scene, setting up a police line around the market.

Qin Jianjun first saw Lin Chuxia and hurried over, "Fourth Aunt."

"How's the situation now?"

"The person is on the rooftop, and the police have already gone up to negotiate. That person is very emotional and demands to see Manager Wang; otherwise, he will jump down. The police are still in a standoff with him."

"If he wants to jump, let him jump. Find a deserted place to do it. He's only going to ruin himself; does he have to drag others with him?" Wang Tianxue said angrily.

Apparently, Yang Rui took advantage of this mentality to run to the rooftop of the clothing building.

As flashlights flickered, Lin Chuxia saw a few people in the crowd holding cameras.

Qin Jianjun sighed, "This situation might be more impactful than we imagined. Reporters have already caught wind of it. I just received a call from the deputy mayor, telling us to stabilize the mood of the person at all costs to prevent him from jumping off the building, as it would affect the whole of Yan City. I think the police station also got such instructions," hence the long standoff.

"Let's go up and have a look," Lin Chuxia said.

Since they were here, they had to see what was going on.

Holding her child, Lin Chuxia looked at Gu Peng beside her, thought for a moment, and handed the child over to Qin Jianjun.

"Gu Peng, come up with us too."

Gu Peng nodded and followed closely behind Lin Chuxia and Wang Tianxue.

Qin Jianjun glanced at them with a bit more interest.

At the entrance of the market, several policemen stopped them.

After stating their identities and learning it was the market owner and the person the man upstairs was looking for, they were quickly let through.

One policeman led the way while explaining the situation upstairs.

Their clothing market only had three floors, and since the rooftop had a terrace where employees could relax and engage in activities, the door to the rooftop was always open.

However, this door was very hidden, so ordinary customers wouldn't come this way, yet unexpectedly, it provided a way for someone with intentions.

Lin Chuxia thought to herself that they should seal this door in the future, and as for employees' relaxation activities, they could be held in the plaza in front of the market.

As soon as they reached the rooftop, they saw the two sides in a standoff.

Several policemen stood not far from the rooftop door, while Yang Rui was at the edge of the rooftop.

Lin Chuxia couldn't help but sneer upon seeing his demeanor.

The perimeter of the rooftop was about one meter thirty high, and Yang Rui clutched the railing with one arm, threatening the police that if they moved another step, he'd jump over.

Wang Tianxue was even more direct. Upon seeing him, she shouted, "Yang Rui, if you're going to jump, don't jump here. Three floors down won't kill you, and you'll just disgust everyone when you're half-dead. Even if you die, no one will collect your body. Better buy a ticket to go feed the sharks at the seaside; it's clean and spare the disgust. If you don't have money, I'll buy the ticket for you."

Yang Rui was visibly agitated upon seeing Wang Tianxue, "Tianxue, you're finally here. I knew you wouldn't ignore me. Tianxue, I was wrong, I really know I was wrong. Please forgive me this time, and I'll be your servant for the rest of my life, never make you angry again, Xiao Long is getting older, he can't be without a father, he'll be looked down upon by classmates. I promise, I'll listen to you and treat you and Xiao Long well..."

"Yang Rui, you're mistaken. With a shameful dad like you, I'd rather Xiao Long have no dad. Being looked down upon by classmates only happens if he doesn't have a strong enough mom. With my current conditions, who would dare look down on my son? Even Xiaolong would despise someone like you."

Yang Rui's face stiffened, and suddenly he roared, "So you really want to watch me die? Wang Tianxue, I never thought you'd be so heartless. We were married for so many years, and there's always been affection. Except for the affair with Tang Lili, when have I wronged you? I just made a mistake every man makes, and you want to drive me to the end. You've sabotaged me at work and set me up to have nothing. I never blamed you. Isn't that enough? Even if I'm at fault, haven't you let off steam by now? I only want to acknowledge my son. Xiaolong is my son, my only son..."

The police saw that Yang Rui's emotions were getting more intense and quickly signaled to Wang Tianxue.

Wang Tianxue also knew that, regardless of the situation, they couldn't push Yang Rui to jump from here.

Taking a deep breath, she said, "What do you want? Reconciliation is impossible. I haven't loved you for a long time..."

"No, it can't be..." Yang Rui shouted excitedly, "You said you'd love me for a lifetime, you can't go back on your word. Even if love is gone, we can cultivate it again. If you agree to remarry me and change Wang Xiaolong's name to Yang Xiaolong, I'll obediently go with you, otherwise... otherwise I'll jump from here..."