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Chapter 265 1: College Entrance Exam (1/3)

For most Chinese students, the college entrance examination is the most important day of their lives.

Whether it's the carp leaping over the dragon gate or fading into the crowd, it all depends on the results of this exam.

To put it dramatically, once an ordinary person gets into college, the classmates and professors he meets in college are basically the highest level of people he can interact with in his lifetime.

Within the ivory tower of the university, class barriers are leveled to the greatest extent, and differences in identity are infinitely narrowed.

The person teaching you might be a top scholar in a certain field.

Your classmates might be future stars, tycoons, or scientists.

If you study hard and further yourself during this period, you'll make the greatest and fastest progress of your life.

If you choose to waste and slump during this period, then this is your most carefree time before entering society.

Therefore, at the critical moment of the college entrance examination that almost determines one's future, even the busiest parents choose to stay by their children's side.

Li Hao would, of course, be no different.

When Li Hao walked out of the examination hall, finishing his two-day college entrance exam, he immediately saw Li Yun standing at the school gate, waving her arms excitedly.

Behind Li Yun, Li Jian Country and Jiang Xin were also looking at Li Hao with excitement.

It was clear that all three had dressed up carefully, wearing newly bought clothes.

As Li Jian Country put it, your mom never dressed us up so carefully, even during the New Year.

"How did you do on the test? Did you leave any questions blank?"

Until Li Hao reached them, Li Yun, who could no longer hold back, immediately grabbed his arm and asked in a low voice.

Although she had great confidence in her little brother, she couldn't ignore Li Hao's past mishaps.

Afraid he might mess things up again, Li Yun tightly held his arm, ready to give him a lesson if necessary.

"No blank questions, I finished them all."

Feeling a bit helpless, Li Hao glanced at Li Yun before turning to speak to his parents.

"Well, this time the exam score should be above 630 points, so I can get into most of the universities on my list."

Hearing Li Hao's assurance, Li Jian Country and Jiang Xin breathed a sigh of relief.

They didn't doubt Li Hao's judgment at all; if he said above 630, it would definitely be above 630.

As for a higher score?

It's not that Li Hao couldn't achieve it, but there was simply no need.

In this small city, a score of 630 was already impressive, and going higher would only bring unnecessary trouble to the family.

To put it in a more pretentious way, scoring high isn't the impressive part; being able to control how high you score is what makes you truly skilled.

"By the way, Teacher Lv has already helped me apply for a student loan."

"Once I go to university, I'll strive to get the national scholarship."

"So you don't need to worry about my tuition; after all, I'm not like someone else."

As he said this, Li Hao deliberately glanced at Li Yun.

"You brat! Are you looking for a beating?"

Pulling Li Hao over with a smile, Li Yun flicked his forehead.

"Hinting that I'm a worry-maker, you think you're any better?"

In this noisy atmosphere, the family of four walked out of the school.

"We have to go to a restaurant today and eat something nice; I'll pay for this meal!"

In the midst of the din, Li Jian Country's deliberately bold voice could be heard.

"Oh? When did you save up some secret money again?"

This was Jiang Xin, with a half-smile as she wrapped her arm around Li Jian Country's, deliberately lowering her voice.

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After a family dinner, Li Jian Country and his wife were already planning where to set up a graduation banquet and which teachers and relatives to invite.

As the real protagonist—Li Hao only smiled and nodded from time to time, without expressing any personal opinion.

Because he knew that in matters like these, he had no say at all.

Only after his parents had finalized everything did Li Hao gently put down his chopsticks.

"Dad, Mom, I want to do a part-time job this summer."

Looking at the slightly surprised couple, Li Hao earnestly spoke again.

"I've already found a place for a part-time job. The boss there said he could pay me 2500 yuan a month."

"But the condition is I must stay there for more than four hours a day. If I work overtime, they'll pay me extra."

In this small city, getting paid 2500 yuan for part-time work is quite a favorable deal, not to mention the extra pay for overtime.

However, because the pay seemed too favorable, it made the three people present hesitate.

Especially Li Yun, who was not going to hold back and directly questioned.

"Did you encounter a scammer? What part-time job pays 2500 yuan?"

Faced with Li Yun's, or rather the family's skepticism, Li Hao voluntarily explained.

"I taught myself some software recently, and it happens that the boss of the part-time place can use it."

Still squinting her eyes, Li Yun, somewhat skeptical, continued to ask.

"What software?"

Shrugging slightly, Li Hao had anticipated this.

"Some software related to design; there are too few people who know it here."

"So even if I'm just part-timing there, the boss is willing to pay me 2500 yuan."

Li Yun wanted to continue questioning, but Li Jian Country suddenly interrupted her.

"Son, I know you're sensible, and I trust what you say."

"But this might be the most relaxed summer vacation in your life. Are you sure you want to do part-time work?"

Confidently nodding, Li Hao looked into Li Jian Country's eyes with determination.

"To me, doing a part-time job there is also something very interesting."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Xin, who had been keeping silent, finally spoke.

"You can do the part-time job, the family agrees with your choice, and won't intervene much."

"But we need to know what you're doing, and if that boss has any other intentions towards you."

At this point, Jiang Xin paused briefly.

"Later, your dad and I will go to your apartment and help you move your things back home."

"Your sister doesn't have to go; you take her to see your part-time place."

"After all, she has studied outside and seen quite a lot..."

"As long as she thinks the part-time place is okay, you can go there."

This was Jiang Xin's bottom line, and it was non-negotiable.

"Okay, I understand."