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Watching Xiao Shen enter the compound, Feng Lu shifted her gaze to Kang Li and the group of people with him. She stood behind an electric pole on the roadside, her expression complex. Especially when her eyes fell upon Min Rui and the twins, that complexity morphed into anger and hatred!

Feng Lu didn't expect that after many years, she would encounter in Hu City, and in this place, the few people she never wanted to see in her life. Yet, here they were, and every single one of them, big and small, seemed to be doing exceptionally well.

Why?

Why should they live better than her, happier than her?

Luo Yanqing!

She wouldn't mistake it; the man holding the little boy was Luo Yanqing, her ex-husband. Walking beside Luo Yanqing... was the first offspring she bore, and the boy and girl holding hands with that woman, were the other two offspring she bore!

Because of them, all because of these three offspring, she was tainted, despised by the person she liked, unable to be with Xiao Shen!

The bus they were to take hadn't yet arrived at the station. Kang Li and Luo Yanqing were chatting casually at the platform. Unintentionally, Kang Li noticed Feng Lu looking in their direction with an expression like she wanted to eat them alive. She softly said to Luo Yanqing, "Look at that woman standing behind the electric pole; is she looking at us?"

Luo Yanqing followed Kang Li's gaze. After a moment, his brows furrowed: "She seems to be looking at Luo Mingrui and the others." At that moment, Min Rui was holding hands with the twins, standing in front of Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei, the three whispering among themselves. Perhaps Feng Lu's predatory gaze was too intense, causing Min Rui to involuntarily glance toward the electric pole not far away, coincidentally meeting Feng Lu's eyes.

Momentarily stunned, Min Rui withdrew his gaze. Just then, the bus Kang Li's group was to take arrived. Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei picked up the twins and, once the bus was stable, boarded ahead and behind.

"Ruirui, we're getting on the bus."

Kang Li shielded Min Rui, the mother and son walking ahead, Luo Yanqing following behind, the three joining Zhou Heng and the others on the bus.

Since the bus was only one stop away from the starting station, there were still plenty of empty seats, but the twins didn't take seats. The two were held in the laps of Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, while Min Rui sat beside Kang Li, noticing his little face furrowed with concern, Kang Li asked softly, "What's wrong?"

Min Rui shook his head, indicating he was fine.

Who is she?

Why was she staring at him and his younger siblings like that?

Recalling the auntie he saw before, Min Rui felt inexplicably familiar. Unfortunately, the person was wrapped tightly, and he could only see her eyes, not knowing what she looked like. Otherwise, he might have recognized the person, who knows.

Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei stood, their professional abilities needless to say, undoubtedly noticing Feng Lu's hostile gaze at Min Rui and the three. But they couldn't comprehend why these three little children, on their first visit to Hu City, would catch someone's attention?

After exchanging glances, they decided to take some time later to inform Luo Yanqing and Kang Li about their findings to see if they could learn anything from them.

To avoid the day when Min Rui and the three encounter danger, they wouldn't even know who was behind it.

"Why do you think that woman was staring at Ruirui and the others?"

Kang Li asked Luo Yanqing.

"I don't know."

Luo Yanqing shook his head.

In the last row of seats, only Kang Li's family sat, but to avoid their conversation disturbing other passengers on the bus, Kang Li's voice was very low.

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Upon hearing this, Kang Li remained silent, lost in her thoughts.

There was no reason for someone to stare at her children like that; although it wasn't a big deal, Kang Li inexplicably felt uncomfortable. Her beautiful brows furrowed slightly as she unconsciously tightened her grip on Ming Han's arm. She glanced at her younger son, Xiao Loh En, who was sitting in Luo Yanqing's lap, and then at her elder son Ming Rui, seated next to her. Seeing that all three children displayed no unusual expressions, she felt somewhat relieved.

Meanwhile, Feng Lu continued to stand by the utility pole. She watched the bus carrying Kang Li's family drive away, her gaze filled with anger and hatred, refusing to waver.

After a while, Feng Lu's face turned grim as she pursed her lips and crossed the street to board the same bus route back to college.

She opened the door, walked into the room, and casually closed the door behind her.

Throughout the journey, Feng Lu kept replaying what she had just witnessed, confirming it over and over... She was certain she hadn't mistaken it. Even though she hadn't seen what Ming Rui's three children looked like, Luo Yanqing's demeanor and face were too distinctive. Despite the passage of time, he still looked exactly the same as when she had first married him.

True, Luo Yanqing hadn't worn a mask when he went out today, so his appearance was completely exposed. The combination of him with Kang Li and the three children clearly looked like a family. In Feng Lu's eyes, it wasn't hard to guess what she wanted to deduce.

For instance, the relationship between Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, and the relationship between Ming Rui's three and Luo Yanqing. Feng Lu even thought that Xiao Loh En, in Luo Yanqing's arms, was a child born to him and Kang Li, his second wife.

Sitting on the sofa, Feng Lu's expression shifted repeatedly, and finally, she stood up and headed to the school clinic.

This was because the school clinic had a landline, and she worked there.

With keys on hand, Feng Lu entered the clinic without a hitch. She walked straight to the desk, picked up the landline handset, and dialed a series of numbers without thinking.

"Hello..." The voice from the other end wasn't who she was looking for, and Feng Lu's tone instantly turned sour: "Let me speak to my dad."

Soon after, someone else took over the line.

"Dad... it's me..." Before she could finish, tears streamed down Feng Lu's face like rain as she gripped the handset tightly: "Dad, I miss you so much..."

However, there was no sound from the other end for a long while.

Feng Lu stopped crying and asked: "Dad, are you still mad at me? I just liked someone too much. I don't think I did anything wrong back then. Dad, you're my real dad; you supported me at that time, didn't you? Surely you don't think I was wrong now?"

"After so many years, you've forgotten what I said when you left?"

"No... I haven't, but I'm your daughter!"

"When you left everything behind to make that decision, my daughter was already dead. You're aware of that, and you yourself signed that written agreement back then. The family even issued a death certificate, canceling your records. So now, years later, why have you suddenly called back?"

"I... I saw him in Hu City..."

"Who?"

"Luo Yanqing. I saw Luo Yanqing! Dad, when did he remarry?"

"Why do you want to know this?"

"I just want to know. Dad, please tell me!"

"Almost three years after you left."

"..." Feng Lu remained silent for quite some time, then asked: "How have the three children I left behind been all these years?"

"Don't tell me you're concerned about them? If you really cared, would you have made that decision back then?"

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Upon hearing her father's stern voice on the phone, Feng Lu's expression turned extremely unpleasant. She held herself back repeatedly and asked, "I casually asked, did Luo Yanqing and the woman he remarried have a son?"

"I haven't heard."

"I saw it myself, Luo Yanqing was holding a two or three-year-old boy..."

"So what if they do? You haven't had any relationship with them for a long time, you'd better make that clear!"

"Dad... can't you speak to me properly? These years in Hu City haven't been good for me,"

Tears welled up in Feng Lu's eyes again as she expressed her grievances, "Xiao Shen has never relented. He always gives me a cold shoulder, and sometimes even scolds me. Dad... how can he treat me like this?

I'm his fiancée, yet he'd rather be with that petty Qin Zhen than with me. After Qin Zhen died, I followed him to Hu City,

and worked at a high school, but he still treats me coldly... Now he's been transferred to teach at a university. To be closer to him, I... tried every means to get into the same university,

Dad, my feelings for him are such, is his heart a stone? Why can't he treat me better?"

"Did you ask your big brother to help you?" Before Feng Lu could respond, her father's voice came through the phone again: "Do you know that doing so would cause trouble for your big brother?"

Tears streamed down Feng Lu's face, but her expression showed indifference, "What trouble? I just asked my big brother to use his connections to get me transferred to the university where Xiao Shen teaches. Besides, I'm earning my salary through my own abilities, not slacking off."

"If you care about your big brother, don't let him owe favors for your matters! Furthermore, I made it clear to you a long time ago: your engagement with Xiao Shen was merely an offhand remark from us as parents, and Xiao Shen himself doesn't like you. Why must you cling to one tree? Isn't Luo Yanqing better than Xiao Shen?"

"Even if he's excellent, what of it? I don't care at all!"

"Then why did you beg me to help arrange a marriage with Luo Yanqing after bumping into him unexpectedly?"

"I..."

Feng Lu knew she couldn't reveal the real reason, otherwise her father would surely hang up and never care about her affairs again.

Her lips twitched, and after a while she squeezed out a sentence: "I thought he was somewhat like Xiao Shen and wanted to marry him, but I didn't expect him to be a cold-blooded animal. Dad... you don't know, in our marriage, his gaze lacks any emotion, he never smiles at me, and when I'm angry, he doesn't know how to soothe me..."

"If I were to believe this, then I've lived my life in vain! Come on, why did you call home exactly? If you don't say, I'll hang up."

Feng Lu racked her brain, at this moment, casting aside the matters concerning Luo Yanqing and Min Rui. Speaking full of grievances in her tone, she pleaded, "Dad, can you talk to Uncle Xiao and Aunt Wei, ask them to directly tell Xiao Shen to register and get the certificate with me? Dad... I really like Xiao Shen, marrying him is my only wish in this lifetime, I can't live without him!"

"I can't help you with this."

"Why?"

"Because I'm embarrassed!"

"How am I embarrassing?"

Feng Lu's voice was tinged with tears.

"Your fake death escape, not many people knew about it initially, but once you chased Xiao Shen to Hu City, do you think the rest of the Xiao Family doesn't know that you aren't dead?"

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"If they listened to Xiao Shen, do you think they could accept having you as a daughter-in-law?"

Feng Lu defended her past actions: "I... I didn't have a choice back then!"

"If you want to marry Xiao Shen, either find your own way or live by yourself for the rest of your life. Remember, it's best if you don't come back to North City. Otherwise, the doors of the house won't open for you! After all, on the household register you're already considered dead!"

"I never said I wanted to go back. I just want you to help me. Besides, you helped me out before, what's one more time?"

Feng Lu spoke with justification.

Unexpectedly, the sound of a hang-up came from the other end, and in an instant, she was so angry she almost smashed the phone.

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Loh family.

Xiao Shen came to visit his mentor with gifts. Naturally, there was a good deal of catching up. After about twenty minutes had passed, he casually asked, "Teacher, how has Xuexue been all these years?"

As soon as he said that, he noticed the faces of his mentor and Elder Loh change immediately.

His heart skipped a beat, and Xiao Shen showed his concern: "Did something happen to Xuexue?" After a while, he finally saw his mentor, Old Lady Li, nod: "Xuexue is gone."

"How... how is that possible?"

Xiao Shen's expression was filled with disbelief: "Teacher, you must be joking, right?" Old Lady Li shook her head, but Xiao Shen didn't believe it. He turned his gaze to Elder Loh: "Master, you and Teacher are joking with me, right? Xuexue is fine, she's so young, how could anything happen to her?"

Shaking his head, Xiao Shen found it hard to accept the truth.

"Xiao Xiao, Xuexue... Xuexue is indeed gone!" Holding back her own grief, Old Lady Li said: "This kind of thing is not something a teacher would joke about."

Upon hearing this, Xiao Shen's facial expression changed repeatedly. After a while, he asked, "How did Xuexue pass away?"

"Childbirth complications..."

Old Lady Li's eyes grew a little wet: "She passed away due to childbirth complications."

"... Did Xuexue get married?" Xiao Shen asked.

Hearing this, Old Lady Li first paused, then nodded slightly with hesitation.

However, Xiao Shen didn't notice the momentary hesitation his mentor showed.

"The child..."

Xiao Shen wanted to ask if the child was born, understanding his implication, Old Lady Li said: "The child is fine."

Since he did not see any children at his mentor's house, Xiao Shen couldn't help but ask: "Is the child living with his father?" Old Lady Li shook her head: "The child's father was an orphan and died in an accident, so my husband and I brought the little one back to Hu City." At that point, Old Lady Li paused for a moment, then continued: "Before you came in, his godfather and godmother had taken him out to play."

Xiao Shen's emotions were exceedingly complex at this moment. He found it hard to believe that the gentle yet spirited girl in his memories had completed her life's journey at such a young age. Especially thinking about the time he and the girl accidentally shared such an intimate relationship, and her cause of death being identical to that of his late wife, his whole mood involuntarily plunged into melancholy.

But Xiao Shen never considered the possibility that the child could be his. He believed Old Lady Li's words, thinking Luo Xue had complications during childbirth after marrying someone else.

"Teacher, please take care, both you and Master. From now on, I will take good care of you, and I will help look after the child Xuexue left behind."

With a serious expression, Xiao Shen said word by word: "I will treat that child as my own and care for him with all my heart!"

"No need, no need."

Old Lady Li waved her hand repeatedly: "You have your own life; it shouldn't interfere with your normal social interactions because of us."

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"What kind of person am I? You and Godfather should know that well!"

Xiao Shen adjusted his mood, smiled, and said, "Being able to stay by your and Godfather's side is a great joy for me, not to mention having the little one to keep me company. I think my future life will surely be colorful."

"It's good that you come to visit us often; it makes the teacher happy. But don't let us and Xiao En delay your own life."

Hearing his mentor say this, Xiao Shen looked puzzled, "Delay my own life?"

Old Lady Li said, "You can't stay single like this forever, right? Take a teacher's advice: while you're still young, find someone for yourself, and consider having a child, so you can have a complete family."

"I haven't thought about looking for someone else." Xiao Shen displayed no unusual expression and casually said, "I've been living well on my own. Now that I have the teacher and Godfather, and also Xuexue's child by my side, just thinking about it, I can imagine my future life being very fulfilling. By the way, that child is called Xiao En, right?"

"Yes, I mentioned him to you just now."

Old Lady Li smiled and nodded.

At this moment, Xiao Shen couldn't help but recall the family he encountered before entering the courtyard, and he asked, "Was Xiao En wearing a red puffer jacket that looked like a loaf of bread and a goose-yellow earflap hat today?"

"Did you see Xiao En?"

Old Lady Li looked surprised, and before Xiao Shen could respond, she continued with a smile, "Indeed, that's how Xiao En was dressed. Both the clothes and the hat were bought by his Godmother, and Xiao En loves them!"

Elder Loh asked, "Did you meet them at the courtyard gate?"

Xiao Shen nodded, "Um," he said, "I was really envious of that family at the time! The father was tall and striking, clearly of no low educational level at a glance, holding a young son in his arms, with the elder son by his side, walking ahead of the father, and the mother holding another pair of children. The entire family's attire was particularly eye-catching, and walking together, they gave off a very warm feeling."

Old Lady Li said, "Xiao En's Godfather is a researcher, and his Godmother is extraordinary — not only an outstanding athlete but also last year's national full-score champion in science of the college entrance examination. They both really like Xiao En and planned to take Xiao En out to enjoy Hu City during these few days, so after breakfast, they took several children out."

Upon hearing this, Xiao Shen said, "Is Xiao En's Godmother Kang Li, the same Kang Li who has brought much glory to the country?"

"Yes." Old Lady Li nodded with a smile, "Isn't she amazing? A girl from the Great Northwest coming out so excellent is not something ordinary people can compare to."

Xiao Shen exclaimed, "Kang Li is indeed amazing! I've read her name in the newspapers quite a bit before."

Old Lady Li said, "Their family produced five college students in last year's college entrance examinations, and each got into good universities in North City. Especially Xiao Kang and her twin brother; both siblings were admitted to Shuimu University. The eldest brother in their family, altogether there are four kids, three of whom, like their young uncle and aunt, are also college students. One was

admitted to a medical university, and another to a command academy... Even in their village, let alone their Commune or County City, it's hard to find another family that produced five college students at once!"

"I think it's hard to find another family like that in the entire country."

In one family, producing five college students in one go is such an honorable and remarkable achievement; finding another family like that would be really difficult!

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Elder Loh: "That's right, finding another family like Xiao Kang's across the country is no easy task."

Upon hearing this, Old Lady Li laughed: "Come to think of it, it really is! After all, having five family members enroll in college at the same time is incredibly rare!" Saying this, Old Lady Li looked at Xiao Shen again: "Have you ever seen or heard of a large family that consistently only has boys for three generations, rarely producing girls?"

Xiao Shen shook his head: "Never."

Old Lady Li: "In Xiao Kang's family, during her grandfather's generation, there were no sisters. When it came to her father's generation, there were no sisters apart from the three brothers. It wasn't until Xiao Kang's generation that, after having four sons,

they finally managed to have a pair of twins, one of whom is Xiao Kang. As for Xiao Kang's uncles, both families only have sons. Continuing on, Xiao Kang's brothers and cousins have gotten married,

and so far, every family has only had sons; not a single girl has been seen. Isn't that strange?"

"It's extremely rare!" Xiao Shen exclaimed: "Only one girl in three generations; I can only imagine how spoiled Kang Li must be in her family!"

Elder Loh laughed: "There's no need to guess; Xiao Kang has been called Li Bao by her family since she was little. Even the villagers and townsfolk call her Li Bao when they see her, which shows how cherished she is."

Old Lady Li: "If we had such a daughter, wouldn't you cherish her?"

Elder Loh responded without hesitation: "Of course, I'd keep her safe in the palm of my hand, afraid she'd fall, and keep her warm in my mouth, afraid she'd melt!"

"It's a pity you don't have that fortune!" Old Lady Li chided, and upon hearing this, Elder Loh sighed: "Indeed, I don't have that fortune!" Their only son is gone, the only granddaughter left for the couple is gone too, and now they only have Xiao En as a great-grandson...

Kang Li and her family were out shopping until mid-afternoon, carrying large bags back to the compound, while Xiao Shen left Old Lady Li and her husband soon after at around two in the afternoon, so he didn't encounter Kang Li's group at the Loh family.

With the start of the school year approaching, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing had agreed to stay in Hu City for at most two days, ensuring that during this time, they spent most of their time accompanying Xiao Loh En.

Time passed quickly, and by tomorrow morning, they'd have to head back to North City. Kang Li heard from Old Lady Li that they'd be moving to the school-assigned residence, so she decided to help Elder Loh and Old Lady Li move today.

After all, they have a larger group of people, which makes moving things and tidying up the house more convenient.

Unable to refuse Kang Li's offer to help, Old Lady Li and Elder Loh could only nod.

It's now around one-thirty in the afternoon, with Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei as strong laborers, moving Elder Loh and his wife's household was a breeze.

"Xiao Li, the food is back!"

Luo Yanqing and Zhou Heng walked in with food purchased from the state-run restaurant, noticing Kang Li holding a cloth, wiping the dining table, Luo Yanqing commented.

"Oh." Kang Li responded, then shouted towards the direction of the study: "Uncle Loh, Auntie, Luo Yanqing brought the food back, wash your hands and let's eat!"

Having tidied up the bedroom and guest room, Elder Loh and his wife were now in the study, putting books from the compound side onto the shelves. Hearing Kang Li's voice, they both responded in unison: "We'll be right there."

Kang Li then said to Min Rui: "Ruirui, take your younger siblings to wash their hands."

"Mommy, Xiao En can wash his hands!"

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Xiao Loh En walked over to Kang Li with his short little legs, looking up at his mom. Hearing this, Kang Li squatted down and looked at the little guy with a smile, "Our Xiao En is amazing, come, mommy will give you a kiss as a reward!" With that, she planted a kiss on his chubby cheek.

Xiao Loh En instantly felt shy, but still said in his baby voice, "Xiao En wants to give mommy a kiss too."

"Okay."

Kang Li brought her left cheek close to the little guy, "Go on."

Xiao Loh En blushed and gave his mom a light kiss, "All done!"

“Mommy feels so happy!” Kang Li exaggerated her expression on purpose, seeing this, Xiao Loh En grinned widely, “Being kissed by mommy, Xiao En is happy!”

Just then, Min Rui came over and picked up Xiao Loh En, “Come on, big brother will take you to wash your hands.”

Knowing that Old Lady Li moved over to the school today, Mrs. Shen and Shen Yunxiu of course lent a hand, since the two families lived across from each other and got along well. Staying idle at home would undoubtedly feel distant.

Therefore, when it was time to eat, Old Lady Li specifically went to the door to invite Mrs. Shen’s family over to eat together, but Mrs. Shen politely declined, saying that they had already eaten.

With Mrs. Shen saying so, Old Lady Li had to let it go.

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Around three thirty in the afternoon, Kang Li greeted Elder Loh and Luo Yanqing, then headed out alone, calling Cui Xiaokui out from the Shen family’s house, “I’m leaving Hu City tomorrow. If you’re free now, let’s go for a walk.”

“I’m free, Sister Kang Li, wait a moment, I’ll go put on my scarf,”

Cui Xiaokui said, then turned and rushed back into the house. Soon, she reappeared in front of Kang Li, "Sister Kang Li, let's go."

"Mm."

Kang Li nodded.

The two walked out of the residential area, slowly strolling through the university campus.

"How has Comrade Shen Yunxiu been treating you and the kids these past few days?"

"...Not bad."

"Have you thought about taking this year's summer college entrance exam?"

"Before coming to Hu City, my dad mentioned it to me. I... I want to try, but I don't know if I can get in."

Cui Xiaokui saw Kang Li stop, unconsciously halting her steps too. She pressed her lips together and looked at Kang Li, "Being able to come to Hu City, giving the two kids a complete home, it's all thanks to Sister Kang Li, thank you!"

As she finished speaking, Cui Xiaokui bowed to Kang Li.

Her actions were so sudden that Kang Li didn't have time to dodge.

"No need to thank me, we're all from the same village, and when Uncle Cui told me about you, I just happened to think of Aunt Li, so I agreed to Uncle Cui,"

Kang Li said calmly, her gaze steady as she met Cui Xiaokui's eyes, "I called you out because I wanted to tell you not to take emotions too seriously, especially when the other person doesn't know how to cherish them. The first thing you need to do is love yourself. Remember not to let the other's words and actions easily sway your emotions, it's not good for you or your children."

"Mm, I'll listen to Sister Kang Li."

Cui Xiaokui nodded.

Kang Li continued, "Also, your mother-in-law is a professor at this university. If you encounter difficulties while reviewing your coursework, you can seek her guidance more often. Just... don't panic, as long as you calm down, there will always be solutions."

Cui Xiaokui's eyes became wet, "I will remember."

“Your hair is black and shiny, and you look good. Compared to city girls, it’s just that you lack some grooming. Find a barbershop, ask the stylist to trim your two long braids a bit shorter. This way, you can tie it into a high ponytail, or style it like mine. Don’t be reluctant to make new clothes for yourself. As the saying goes: the tailor makes the man, like the horse makes the saddle! This phrase holds some truth.”

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“I... I understand!”

Cui Xiaokui knows that Kang Li speaks for her own good. In front of Kang Li, she feels particularly humbled. The reason is simple: she and this girl from the neighboring brigade were actually born in the same year, only a month apart. But while she’s living a certain way, what kind of life is the other living?

Even though she was rejected from marriage, even though she married a second-marriage man, and even though she became a stepmother to three children, she still lives smoothly. Not only is she loved deeply by her husband, but she is also genuinely respected by her three stepchildren, who wholeheartedly accept this mom. Through her personal efforts, she won glory for the country in sports events and achieved perfect scores in last year’s college entrance examination...

Thinking about this, Cui Xiaokui feels that while both are girls, she is just revolving around a man, completely forgetting that she should have her own life and pursuits.

Although she outwardly says she wants her two children to have a complete home and doesn’t want to separate from Shen Yunxiu, in reality... she can’t let go of her feelings for Shen Yunxiu.

The more she thinks about it, the more ashamed she feels. Now her mind is quite clear, and she knows she can't continue as before, with Shen Yunxiu being the only thing in her heart, neglecting other things, like her own future and her children's future.

In other words, she needs to stand up for herself!

She can't keep living muddle-headed and weak because of Shen Yunxiu.

She needs to make a change, whether it's internally or externally, she must change.

Externally, she needs to learn to take care of herself. Internally, she needs to enrich herself with knowledge. In this way, maybe one day she can live as confidently as Kang Li?

By then, what would Shen Yunxiu mean to her in her heart?

"Good to hear." Kang Li's voice is clear and gentle, with a faint smile in her transparent, foxy eyes: "You and I are both farm kids, but I don't think there's anything wrong with our background. Want to know why?"

Cui Xiaokui nods.

Kang Li: "Background doesn't determine the future. As long as you're willing to work hard, you can rewrite the life you thought you had. So keep pushing! I believe with hard work and studying, you will someday support yourself and your children!"

This inspirational talk felt a bit cheesy, but Kang Li genuinely hopes this fellow village girl Cui Xiaokui won't keep fixating on love.

Moreover, that man never truly loves her. If she keeps revolving around him and ends up being abandoned once more, turning crazy, it would be too foolish!

Indeed, it's not an exaggeration to call it "extremely foolish!"

In short, as a fellow villager, consider it meddling on her part. She's given the reminders and warnings needed, and how things turn out depends entirely on Cui Xiaokui's thoughts and actions!

"Sister Kang Li, I'll do my best!"

Cui Xiaokui's eyes are firm as she earnestly nods.

"Mm."

Kang Li smiles and nods: "Let's go, accompany me for another walk around this university."

Cui Xiaokui: "Mm."

The two walk slowly, observing the snowy scenery as Kang Li quietly shares with Cui Xiaokui her understanding of this renowned Hu City university, acquired before she came to this world.

But just as Kang Li and Cui Xiaokui pass by a rockery, they hear a conversation between a couple.

"Why? You said you would like me in this lifetime, that you would always treat me well. Why are you treating me like this now?"

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"I did say those things, but you know very well that it was before I went to the Northwest. And when I was about to be sent to the countryside in the Northwest, it was you who proposed to break up with me in person. From that moment, we had no relationship at all.

Now, many years have passed. You got married and have your own children. I also have a family and my own kids. Moreover, my feelings for you faded long ago. When I returned from the Northwest last year, I didn't make any promises to you. I hope you won't say things that could cause misunderstanding."

"But you came back and didn't tell me that you got married in the Northwest and even have two children."

"Why should I tell you all of this out of nowhere?"

"Then why... why did you pay attention to me when I looked for you? And why were you so nice to Wenwen?"

"I responded to you out of politeness. After all, we grew up together. Even though we didn't become a couple, the friendship from the past remains.

As for being nice to Wenwen, it was purely overthinking on your part. In our family courtyard, whenever I see any acquaintance's child, I show kindness to them, not just your daughter."

"Are you really willing to spend your life with a village woman?"

"Xiao Kui gave birth to my children, she is their mother. Spending a lifetime with her is a very normal thing. To me, there's no question of willingness or unwillingness."

"You're so excessive! You'd rather choose a village woman over me. I... I must have been blind to have liked you before! Sob sob..."

"Perhaps we were both blind. Otherwise, when you found out about the trouble in my family and that I had to go to the Northwest countryside, you wouldn't have broken up with me, saying that you always considered me just like an older brother you grew up with, without any romantic feelings."

"You..." The woman's sobbing stopped. After a moment, with her voice tinged with pain, she asked, "Aunt Lu said you registered your marriage with that village woman. That's a lie to me, right?"

"My mother didn't lie to you."

The last shred of hope shattered, and the woman hit the man, "I hate you, Shen Yunxiu! I hate you! I struggled so hard to escape back here with Wenwen from that small village in the South, and you no longer want me..."

"Show some respect!"

"I despise you, Shen Yunxiu!"

"If that's the case, then let's just be strangers from now on!"

Footsteps sounded from behind the rockery, and once the footsteps moved away, Kang Li glanced at Cui Xiaokui and gestured in another direction with her hand.

Cui Xiaokui understood and followed Kang Li's steps onto the path that Kang Li pointed out.

"We weren't eavesdropping; we just happened to overhear the conversation while passing by."

This was Kang Li's voice.

Hearing this, Cui Xiaokui was initially stunned, then nodded: "Sister Kang Li is right."

"As long as you understand. Never mention it in front of Comrade Shen Yunxiu, okay?"

Kang Li, seeing that Cui Xiaokui understood her point, advised her: "In such matters, everyone, regardless of gender, has pride. Furthermore, you heard it yourself; it was that woman who wanted to reconcile with Comrade Shen Yunxiu.

Judging from Shen Yunxiu's words, he has no such intentions. Since he's willing to hold you and the kids in his heart and intends to live a good life, just pretend you know nothing."

Cui Xiaokui nodded lightly: "I understand."

"In fact, to put it another way, whatever happened between Shen Yunxiu and that woman was before he joined us in the countryside. We, as modern women, have no reason or need to dwell on whom people liked when they were young, right?"

To prevent any lingering discomfort in Cui Xiaokui's heart, Kang Li comforted her.

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"Sister Kang Li, you don't need to worry that I'll overthink. Even if he doesn't like me now, I won't mind, as long as he can be a good father, that's enough for me!"

Upon hearing this from Xiao Kui, Kang Li couldn't help but be surprised. She glanced at Xiao Kui, "Have you really gotten over it?"

"There's nothing I can't get over."

Xiao Kui was being watched by Kang Li, and she smiled a bit shyly, "Being able to leave me and the child to return to Hu City, it's clear that the child and I don't weigh much in his heart.

As for my mental breakdown before coming to Hu City, it was only because I was unwilling... unwilling to be abandoned by him, unwilling to become the village's joke because of him,

unwilling that my child is wronged because of him, labeled by other kids in the village as a fatherless stray! But at the time, I didn't know what to do, didn't know how to find him, so..."

"Alright, alright, let's not talk about those things anymore." Seeing that Xiao Kui's expression turned bitter and hurt, Kang Li waved her hand to stop her from continuing, smiling gently, "We need to look forward, not always look back, that way you'll find life getting better and better."

Xiao Kui wiped the corner of her eyes, a hint of a smile on her lips, "Sister Kang Li, you really know how to comfort people!"

"It's not that I'm good at comforting people, it's just that I've been through it and come to terms with it earlier than you."

Kang Li's expression was calm as she said, "You've probably heard about what happened in my old home. Back then... when the Zhou Family came to break off the engagement, to be honest, I was really upset inside.

I couldn't understand why Zhou Weimin wanted to break the engagement, especially since it was their family that came to propose in the first place, settling the marriage between me and him. Just as we were about to proceed, their family used a known excuse to firmly propose breaking it off.

I felt hurt, but I hated the Zhou Family's betrayal even more, and didn't want my parents to worry about me. So, I went through with the annulment and soon found out that Zhou Weimin had gotten close with a fellow intellectual in our village,

which was the real reason he insisted on breaking off the marriage with me. Knowing the specific reason, I no longer felt hurt—in fact, I felt relieved I didn't marry him, because if he could be unfaithful once, who could guarantee it wouldn't happen again?

Later, through someone my father knew, I met my current husband. He's very good to me, and for that, I'm somewhat thankful to the Zhou Family for breaking off the engagement, otherwise, my husband and I probably wouldn't have had the chance to be together."

"Comrade Luo is indeed great. During our journey to Hu City, I could tell he genuinely likes you, and those three kids, they all love you as their mom."

As she said this, Xiao Kui clearly showed an expression of envy in her eyes.

Kang Li smiled, "I love my three kids too, they are all well-behaved, sensible, and very considerate." They chatted as they walked, wandering outside for about thirty minutes before Kang Li and Xiao Kui returned to the staff quarters.

The next day.

After breakfast, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing didn't let Elder Loh and his wife see them off. With Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei accompanying them, the family headed to the train station and boarded the train to North City.

"Granny! My aunt and uncle are bringing Ruirui and them back!"

Kang Yiyang and Kang Guoan were at the gate of Kang Li's home, talking. Occasionally, Kang Yiyang saw Kang Li's family approaching with bags from afar, and immediately called out towards the courtyard gate.

"Hey, brother."

Kang Guoan took the big and small bags from Kang Li's hand. She smiled warmly while calling out to Kang Guoan and noticed Kang Yiyang approaching with a wide grin. Her eyes couldn't help but sparkle slightly as she teased: