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Chapter 1041: How Could I Possibly Be Hallucinating?

After all, such an excellent girl has never lacked admirers since childhood. In this situation, someone targeting her early and adding her to the family's household registration is not too unusual!

"I understand."

Li Xuefeng gathered his thoughts, adjusted his facial expression, and spoke apologetically, "I'm sorry, just pretend I didn't say anything just now." As soon as he finished talking, without waiting for Kang Li's reaction, Li Xuefeng turned around and quickly walked away.

Kang Li stared at his departing figure, with no unusual emotions showing on her face.

"I heard everything!"

This was Wang Pan's voice: "Did you expect it, seeing Li Xuefeng confess his feelings to you?"

"Are you sure you weren't mishearing things? Classmate Li just happened to meet me on this path and casually asked me a question he didn't understand in class. Don't misunderstand Classmate Li."

After having lunch, Kang Li rested for about half an hour in the two-story small building she lived in with Luo Yanqing. Then, after tidying up a bit, she walked out of the courtyard gate. Unexpectedly, on the

way to the classroom, she encountered classmate Li Xuefeng, who looked nervous as he met her gaze. He immediately expressed his liking for her and asked if they could date.

Honestly, she was stunned for a moment, and that was all; there were no other emotional fluctuations.

Thus, she could only state the fact of being married.

Maybe he would feel down because of her words, but she believed her response was very responsible and did not hurt Classmate Li's self-esteem.

"How could I be mishearing?"

Wang Pan's eyes widened: "This path is secluded, and there aren't many people passing by. I was just leaning against that tree reading a book. I heard Li Xuefeng's voice, looked up, and saw you two standing face to face.

Then I heard him confess, and you replied, 'Sorry, I'm married.' Kang Li, how could you answer so directly? I saw Li Xuefeng instantly turn pale, looking utterly defeated."

"As a classmate, I think you'd better forget what you saw and heard just now."

Kang Li continued walking, her voice soft and light as she said, "I don't know what just happened."

Wang Pan: "Are you worried I'll tell someone and hurt Li Xuefeng's self-esteem?"

"..."

Kang Li paused for a moment, looked quietly at Wang Pan, finally nodded lightly, and said, "Everyone cares about their reputation. If you unintentionally share what you saw and heard with other classmates and it reaches Classmate Li, his mood definitely won't be good."

"Alright, just like you, I don't know what just happened."

Wang Pan found Kang Li's words made a lot of sense, she smiled, indicating her stance. Then, she asked Kang Li, "Don't you think your response was a bit too direct?"

Kang Li's expression was calm: "If I'm not direct, should I string someone along while already being married?"

"Makes sense."

Wang Pan nodded, seemingly understanding.

"Do you know what 'green tea', 'white lotus', and 'sea king' mean?"

Kang Li glanced at Wang Pan, not expecting her to respond, and explained on her own. As she finished speaking, Wang Pan's expression was as surprised as possible, "Your explanation is so fresh, I've learned something new!"

Kang Li: "And the reason I was so direct is because I don't want to be that kind of person. Understand?"

"Yes, yes, yes."

Wang Pan nodded repeatedly.

"The biggest taboo in feelings is being ambiguous. If you don't like someone, just don't like them. Don't create ambiguity with the other party, causing them to mistakenly think you like them. In my view, that is playing with someone's emotions, which is disrespectful to feelings!"

Chapter 1042: Why Do You Think That?

Kang Li paused briefly and said, "And I'm clearly married. In that situation, it's only natural to say so honestly; otherwise, with my partner's jealousy, it wouldn't be easy to calm them down."

With a playful smile, Kang Li finished speaking, her lips curling into a faint arc.

“Seeing you smile like that, I bet you’re thinking of your partner, right?”

Wang Pan looked at Kang Li with a gossiping face and upon hearing this, Kang Li nodded: “Yes, my partner seems like a high mountain flower, but when they’re jealous, it’s a whole different story.”

“I’m so envious of you!”

Wang Pan’s eyes sparkled: “You and your spouse like each other; your daily life together must be sweet as honey!”

Kang Li laughed and said, “You’ll also meet someone you like who likes you back; there’s no need to envy me.”

“You know what I think, my friend!”

Wang Pan’s mood changed swiftly, and compared to a moment ago, her whole demeanor was like a wilted eggplant. She said, “I thought about what you previously told me and decided to slow down in pursuing your little brother, hoping my sincerity will touch him.”

Not hearing Kang Li speak for a while, Wang Pan glanced at Kang Li: “You don’t think I have a chance, do you?”

“I never said that.”

Kang Li shook her head.

Wang Pan: “I like everything that’s good-looking. Do you think I’m shallow?”

“Why think that way?”

Kang Li said, “We humans are typical visual creatures, but unlike ordinary animals, we have wisdom. When looking at things, we make final judgments about others and things using our brains based on visual input.

Moreover, everyone has a fondness for beauty. I don’t think liking good-looking people or beautiful objects is wrong, nor do I find it shallow.

But everything is relative. For example, if you like a person’s face without considering anything else, only pursuing this person’s looks to satisfy your visual enjoyment and other personal desires, I find this unacceptable.”

“I learned something!”

Wang Pan said earnestly, and seeing this, Kang Li laughed: “I’m just casually sharing my thoughts, and you’re casually listening. If I said something wrong, I won’t admit it!”

“Ah! You have such a beautiful smile!”

Wang Pan exclaimed at Kang Li’s smile and said, “What do you mean by casually listening? Let me tell you, I listened carefully, and when I get the chance, I’ll definitely show off using your words!”

Kang Li chuckled: “Just my personal opinion.”

“By the way, why do I feel like Professor Luo really enjoys asking you questions? Could it be...” Her eyes turned, and Wang Pan looked at Kang Li with a thoughtful expression: “Could it be you and Professor Luo are relatives?”

At that moment, Kang Li was startled, then hearing Wang Pan mention Luo Yanqing, Kang Li’s heart almost jumped to her throat, and with Wang Pan’s final words, Kang Li’s heart settled again. This roller-coaster feeling made Kang Li find it quite amusing. She raised an eyebrow: “Do I look like a relative of Professor Luo?”

“Then I really need to take a good look...”

Wang Pan rubbed her chin and seriously, meticulously scrutinized Kang Li. After a moment, she nodded: “Like! Very much alike! But I’m not saying you look alike, it’s the feeling you both give me that’s very alike.”

Though she didn’t consider the “couple resemblance” aspect.

Kang Li stifled her laughter with an “oh.”

Chapter 1043: Maybe She Thinks I’m Not Good Enough for You

Wang Pan’s eyes were full of gossip: "Right, right? You and Professor Luo must be relatives, right?"

Kang Li shook her head, then cleared her throat and said, "Professor Luo and I are not relatives as you said." We’re actually a married couple!

"So, does Professor Luo like to call on you to answer questions in class just because you have a genius brain? Or is it because you look like a Fairy Girl?"

Upon saying this, Wang Pan suddenly shook her head: "No, no, you have a husband, and Professor Luo seems to be such a decent person. He would never do something immoral, so it looks like he’s in the habit of calling on you to answer questions purely because he appreciates your talent. Yes, that’s definitely it."

Kang Li didn’t even need to say anything; Wang Pan just filled in her own reasonable explanation.

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After finishing a day of classes, on the way to the elementary school where Min Rui's three kids studied, Kang Li said to Luo Yanqing, "Our relationship almost got discovered by Wang Pan today. Do you find that surprising?"

Luo Yanqing, holding the steering wheel and originally looking straight ahead, couldn't help but glance at Kang Li when he heard her words, then he curved his lips into a smile: "What were you two talking about that actually connected me with you?"

"What do you think?"

Side-eyeing him, Kang Li adjusted herself into a more comfortable position in the passenger seat. Her beautiful eyes were brimming with laughter: "Wang Pan said you particularly like calling on me to answer questions in class. She asked if we were relatives and even analyzed it logically. For example, she pointed out that we look very alike, and it's not about our appearance but a certain feeling we give off."

Luo Yanqing's eyes glimmered as he glanced at Kang Li again: "And how did you answer?"

"I naturally said we weren't. If we were really relatives, how could I have married you?"

Kang Li teased.

Luo Yanqing chuckled softly.

"What are you laughing about?" Kang Li glared: "I didn't even tell a joke."

Luo Yanqing: "What your classmate said about looking alike should be 'husband and wife resemblance'."

Kang Li: "Of course, I thought of that, but before I could say anything, she filled in the blanks herself, saying you're decent and would never ruin my marriage, and that you're 100% about appreciating talent, which is why you like calling on me in class."

"I'm decent and would never ruin your marriage?"

Luo Yanqing emphasized the words "your marriage" a bit heavily.

"Don't overthink it."

Kang Li's lips curled into a faint smile: "I told her I'm married, so she made that analysis, thinking that you're decent and wouldn't intrude on someone else's family."

Laughing softly, Kang Li continued, "Wang Pan is something else though. She never imagined that you, Professor Luo, are actually my husband."

Pressing his lips together, Luo Yanqing was silent for a while, his tone a bit disappointed: "Maybe she thinks I'm not good enough for you."

"Maybe she thinks I'm not good enough for you, Professor Luo!"

Kang Li's bright and beautiful eyes were full of laughter: "You're a professor and so handsome, while I'm just a freshman. The gap between us is like ten thousand miles. I guess Wang Pan truly believes I can't match up to you, the great Professor Luo."

"No, it's me who's not worthy of you."

With one hand on the steering wheel, the other hand tightened around Kang Li's hand resting beside him, Luo Yanqing said, "Your classmate likes hanging around you a lot."

Kang Li: "Maybe she feels a connection with me, but after meeting my brother, Wang Pan suddenly wants to be sisters-in-law with me."

Luo Yanqing: "She likes your brother?"

Kang Li gave a soft "mm" and smiled: "She chased after my brother for some time, saying that whenever my brother sees her, he either doesn't speak or just asks, 'What's up?' Anyway, it makes her feel really awkward."

Chapter 1044: How Did It End Up Like This?

"Your family must have great genes, generation after generation."

"Yeah, I think so too. You've met my grandparents; although they're old, you can tell from their facial features that they were quite good-looking when they were young. Then there's my mom and dad, they're good-looking too, and us siblings, and the nieces and nephews below us. I feel like there's no one in my family who's not good-looking."

"If we have a child, whether it's a boy or a girl, we don't have to worry about their appearance at all."

"Does worrying help?"

"It doesn't help, but with our foundations here, the little one will definitely be good-looking."

"It's been years, and we haven't done anything to be safe."

"No rush. Even if it never happens, it's okay. I just said it casually, don't overthink it."

Hearing this, Kang Li shook her head: "I'm very open-minded about having kids." Before coming to this world, she hadn't even thought about dating or marriage.

Unlike here, where everything fell into place at eighteen.

She has a husband now, has a child, and doesn't even have to give birth herself. It's great!

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Time flew by to the end of April, it happened to be a Saturday. Kang Li and Luo Yanqing were at home, and as evening approached, the landline suddenly rang.

"Hello..."

Picking up the receiver, Kang Li was about to ask who the caller was looking for, but then Old Lady Li's voice came through. Without needing to listen closely, Kang Li could hear something unusual in her voice. She instinctively thought something might have happened to Xiao Loh En, and before she could ask, Old Lady Li revealed that indeed, Xiao Loh En was not in a good state.

"Aunt, don't worry, I'll come over in the next few days. It's okay, my classes aren't tight, I can catch up. Okay, that's settled, I'll come directly to the house... All right, bye!"

After putting the receiver back on the phone, Kang Li heard Cai Xiufen asking: "Whose call was it?"

Kang Li: "It was Aunt Li."

Luo Yanqing: "You're going to Hu City?"

"Yes." Kang Li nodded, looking serious, and said: "On the phone, Aunt Li said Xiao En hasn't wanted to go to kindergarten for a week, often waking up crying at night, and during the day doesn't want to interact with people, just hides himself without saying a word."

"How did it turn out like this?"

Cai Xiufen's eyes were filled with anxiety and concern.

"It was one of the kindergarten kids, not sure who started it, saying Xiao En is a wild child without parents, saying Xiao En must be naughty or his parents wouldn't want him. Xiao En got angry,

and retorted to the kids that he does have parents, and said he has older siblings, but the kindergarten kids didn't believe him, thought Xiao En was lying, then Xiao En started fighting with the kids in class,

and after that he didn't want to go to kindergarten anymore. At first, Uncle Loh and Aunt Li thought Xiao En was just sulking and would get better soon, so they didn't call us,

but unexpectedly, a week passed and Xiao En's situation showed no sign of improvement. As soon as he hears he's going to kindergarten, he starts crying, struggling, and shaking his head!

Also, Xiao En originally liked hanging out with Aunt Li's student with the surname Xiao, but for some unknown reason half a month ago, he started resisting Comrade Xiao, as soon as he sees Comrade Xiao he hides."

Following Kang Li's words, Luo Yanqing spoke up: "I'll go with you."

"You have classes!"

Kang Li shook her head, refusing, and after a moment of silence said: "I'll take the plane, it'll be quick round-trip."

"Xiao En calls me dad, I think it's necessary for me to go with you."

Luo Yanqing's attitude was serious: "We'll leave first thing in the morning, I'll call the school." Adjusting the schedule isn't a big deal.

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Hearing Luo Yanqing say this, Kang Li no longer had any objections. She nodded, "Alright, we'll set off early tomorrow morning."

Having made the decision, to avoid rushing when leaving, Kang Li greeted Cai Xiufen and returned to the bedroom to pack some change of clothes for herself and Luo Yanqing.

After she left, Cai Xiufen sighed deeply, saying, "Children are most prone to lacking a sense of security, especially when their parents aren't around. Whenever they hear people gossip, they'll become anxious and scared."

Luo Yanqing, hearing this, was stunned for a while, then nodded lightly with a "Hmm," expressing agreement with Cai Xiufen's words.

Because when he was young, he first lost his father, and then... was abandoned by his mother. At that time, he felt the world was shrouded in darkness, especially when his mother abandoned him. No matter how hard he tried to chase, that woman... the mother who once loved him, sat on the back seat of another man's bicycle, not even glancing at him, let alone jumping down from the seat.

Falling to the ground, he got up and continued to chase, but could never catch up.

Falling again, he would get up once more, ignoring the pain from scraped knees and hands, continuing to chase, yet still failing to make that woman stay.

Not even a tender look did she give him!

The world in front of his eyes turned gray, leaving him unsure of where to go or what to do in the future. It was then his grandparents took him in, but the good times did not last. The grandparents who gave him warmth passed away one after another...

Later, his uncle and aunt treated him as if he were a plague, handing him over to the government, and subsequently, he was sent to Langcheng Welfare Institute.

Though all that happened feels a long way away, whenever he recalls it, all he faced in childhood causes him heartache.

It could be said that insecurity and fear accompanied his entire childhood.

Afraid of losing family members, only to lose them one after another.

His aunt disliked him, often cursing him as a bringer of bad luck, blaming him for being a jinx to the family. So, after his grandparents passed, his uncle, without hesitation, listened to his aunt and threw this “jinx” out.

Lest his entire family be “cursed to death”!

Living at the welfare institute, worried he might not be sensible enough and be disliked by the adults there, leading to being kicked out, he insisted on doing everything to the best of his ability.

Studying diligently, single-mindedly focusing on his studies, avoiding contact with others, naturally not engaging in laughter or conversation.

Over time, he viewed everything with indifference.

In other words, neither sad nor happy.

Perhaps it was because of this energy that fostered an unlikable personality, until his young girl, after spending some time with him, remarked that his gaze was too indifferent and detached.

Cai Xiufen urged: "When you and Li Bao go over there, do talk with Xiao En."

"Hmm."

His thoughts brought back, Luo Yanqing nodded gently.

Cai Xiufen: "Why couldn't that girl, Loh Xue, endure when she gave birth to Xiao En? If she had been alright, wouldn't she have awaited good days?!"

Hearing this, Luo Yanqing remained silent.

Not because he didn't know what to say, but because he felt it might not be the case.

After all, Loh En's mother was born out of wedlock, and if someone were to reveal this, the consequences could be unpredictable.

Taking a step back, the current social environment is much better than years ago. But if a woman gives birth out of wedlock and it becomes known to people around, although no one would directly kill her with gossip, the woman who gave birth would find it hard to lift her head up and live.

“Alas!”

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Cai Xiufen suddenly sighed and said, “Thinking about Xiao En, that child is really pitiful. His father is unknown, and his mother died early, in fact, she died due to complications while giving birth to him. When Xiao En grows up and learns of this, he might feel very upset.”

Luo Yanqing said calmly, “Xiao Li and I will take good care of the child.”

“I know you and Li Bao will be good to Xiao En, but ultimately, you’re just his Godfather and Godmother, and you have Ruirui and the others to take care of. You surely can’t spare much extra energy for that child...”

Before Cai Xiufen could finish her sentence, Kang Li’s voice sounded, “If Xiao En’s situation is serious, I will discuss with Uncle Loh and Aunt Li to see if we can bring Xiao En back to live in North City for a period of time.”

“...Have you thought it through?”

Cai Xiufen looked at Kang Li but didn't immediately voice any objection.

Upon hearing this, Kang Li didn't immediately respond to his mother, but instead turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing: "Shuimu University has an affiliated kindergarten. We can take him there in the mornings when going to school, and then bring him back to the compound in the afternoons. This way, Xiao En can spend more time with us and also with Ruirui and them. Gradually, he will surely return to how he was before."

"I have no objections."

Luo Yanqing nodded.

"If we really bring Xiao En back, I don't think it needs to be as complicated as you said." Cai Xiufen said, "Just send him to the kindergarten Ruirui and the others attended before. I can pick him up in the afternoon, isn't that quite convenient!"

Kang Li thought for a moment and said, "We'll see at the time."

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Hu City.

“Is Xiao En asleep?”

“Yes, he just fell asleep.”

“I don’t know if Xiao Kang coming over will help improve Xiao En’s condition.”

Elder Loh sighed, took off his glasses, placed them on the desk, and got up to go to the study door, “Let’s go, it’s not early anymore, let’s go back to the room and get some rest.”

“Okay.” Old Lady Li nodded. She had come over after putting her great-grandchild to sleep to call her husband to go back to the room to rest.

To prevent the old man from staying up late and affecting his health.

“Why do you think Xiao En suddenly stopped being close to Xiao Xiao?”

Lying in bed, Elder Loh voiced his doubts.

“How would I know?”

Old Lady Li's voice carried a hint of weariness, she said, "We can all see that Xiao Xiao is very fond of Xiao En, and likewise, Xiao En enjoyed spending time with Xiao Xiao. No one could have expected that Xiao En would suddenly not want to be close to Xiao Xiao anymore."

"Didn't you find out anything from Xiao Xiao?"

"Xiao Xiao said he really likes Xiao En, and in front of the child, he has never said harsh words, nor has he ever spoken loudly."

"What could it be then?"

"Not sure."

"Xiao Xue wasn't one to talk much before, but she never clammed up like a mute gourd like Xiao En." As he spoke, Elder Loh sighed, "I think Xiao En might have encountered something or overheard something while being with Xiao Xiao, which is why he doesn't want to continue associating with Xiao Xiao. Then there's that incident at the kindergarten, which still makes me upset."

Old Lady Li: "I feel the same way, but children never mean what they say, and the other child's parents have already apologized to us. If we keep holding onto this, do we really want to argue with a group of three or four-year-old kids?"

"If the upper beam isn't straight, the lower beam will be crooked. If it weren't for the adults at home speaking improperly, how would the children know that Xiao En is without a father and mother?" Elder Loh frowned deeply, his expression quite displeased.

"What else can we do? When people ask about Xiao En's background, we can't just hem and haw and say nothing, can we?"

Old Lady Li's tone was full of helplessness.

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"But when people ask us, we say Xiao En's parents have passed away, how can they say Xiao En is a wild child abandoned by his parents?"

"How can children understand what adults say? They probably see Xiao En without parents picking him up and start saying those things, maybe they don't know those words would hurt Xiao En."

"Are you sure they don't know?"

"..."

Old Lady Li couldn't be certain. Nowadays, kids are all sharp-minded, and if their parents have low quality, it's inevitable for the kids to turn bad.

"Alright, let's not talk about it. Hopefully, once Xiao Kang arrives, Xiao En can go back to how he was before."

Sighing deeply, Elder Loh felt a bit powerless.

Old Lady Li: "If possible, let Xiao Kang take Xiao En to live in North City for a while."

"Is that okay?"

Just after closing his eyes, Elder Loh opened them again and turned over, lying on his side to look at his wife: "Xiao Kang and Little Luo have three kids to take care of. One of them needs to attend classes, and the other is a professor, just like you, they have to teach students. Do they have time to take care of Xiao En?"

"Shuimu University has an affiliated kindergarten, Xiao Kang only needs to send Xiao En there, picking him up morning and evening, it shouldn't have a big impact on their life."

Although Old Lady Li felt it would be a bit thick-skinned of her if she really did this, she couldn't help but consider her great-grandson's psychological development.

If the child continues not speaking or refusing to go to kindergarten, it's hard to guarantee he won't develop what medicine refers to as autism.

"You're worried about Xiao En's psychological condition."

Elder Loh wasn't asking, he was stating it.

"Yes." Old Lady Li said: "In medicine, there's a psychological disorder called 'autism'. Looking at Xiao En's current condition, if he continues not speaking, unwilling to go to kindergarten, reluctant to talk to people, he might eventually get used to living in his own world, in other words, he would be avoiding everything outside."

"..." Elder Loh was momentarily stunned, then he came to his senses and asked: "Could it be this serious?"

Old Lady Li: "I said if Xiao En continues like this, it's highly likely he'll develop autism. Moreover, he might already be wondering whether he's really strange, which is why his parents didn't keep him by their side."

Elder Loh: "It's our fault for not correcting Xiao En's way of addressing Xiao Kang and Little Luo from the start."

"Last year when we received Xiao En, he was just over two years old, what could he know? We said Xiao Kang and Little Luo were his godfather and godmother, and in Xiao En's mind, that means parents, after all... he hasn't met his own biological parents!"

Saying this, Old Lady Li's eyes felt a bit sore: "Don't let me find out who did that to our Xiao Xue, otherwise, I'll make them pay!"

The latter half of her sentence was almost spoken through clenched teeth by Old Lady Li.

"You don't need to do anything, I'll definitely stand up for our Xiao Xue!"

Elder Loh was equally repulsed by the man who ruined Loh Xue.

She was such a good granddaughter, just because she was bullied by an unknown man, she endured through her pregnancy until she lost her own life...

"I guess that person must be someone Xiao Xue knew, and... and she liked him very much, otherwise, she wouldn't have been so foolish to hide everything from us, wanting to give birth to Xiao En."

This was what Old Lady Li had speculated back when Loh Xue refused to remove the child in her womb, but alas, her granddaughter's mouth was like a clam shell, impossible to pry open.

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"You..."

Elder Loh was at a loss for words for a moment. After a long sigh, he said, "I actually think the same as you. Although Xiao Xue is a bit introverted, she knows quite a few classmates at school,

and judging from Xiao En's birth date, she must have been involved with someone before we left. Later, she found out she was pregnant with Xiao En but refused to tell us who the man was,

and she didn't want to terminate the pregnancy. I guess she didn't want to trouble the other person."

Old Lady Li wiped the corner of her eye, "Silly girl, she's so sentimental, but he might have long forgotten about her. Now it's poor Xiao En who suffers, without a dad or mom, getting bullied by kids at school."

"Alright, let's not talk about that. I agree with your previous idea. When Xiao Kang comes, let's talk to her and see what she intends to do. If Xiao Kang is willing, I'll see if I can find a way to transfer us to work in North City."

Upon hearing this, Old Lady Li was first stunned, then much relieved. She said, "Shuimu University should accept me."

"It's unlikely they'll let people go easily here."

"Our family situation is special. I'll explain it well, and it shouldn't be much of a problem."

"Then let's do it this way, but don't rush, take it slowly."

"I know."

As they talked, they gradually fell asleep, not knowing how much time had passed.

However, there's someone who's been experiencing insomnia lately.

The person in question is none other than Xiao Shen.

He couldn't understand why, for no apparent reason, a cute little cub would stop liking him and even hide whenever he appeared.

Why is that?

Xiao Shen pondered this question but never found an answer, leading to frequent insomnia recently.

The night lingered on, and it wasn't until much later when Xiao Shen, utterly exhausted, finally closed his eyes without realizing it.

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The morning light filtered through the curtains into the room. Xiao Shen casually covered his eyes, then rubbed his forehead and sat up, looking out the window before getting up to wash up.

After breakfast and a little tidying, Xiao Shen planned to head out to his mentor's home.

They all lived in the faculty housing, making visits very convenient.

But just as Xiao Shen opened the door, a figure came in uninvited and closed the door right in front of him.

"Where are you going?"

The visitor was someone Xiao Shen knew. She was carrying breakfast and looked at him with grievance, saying, "I came to bring you breakfast, yet you're heading out. What do you mean by this?"

"Can you stop making trouble out of nothing?"

Xiao Shen's expression turned icy the moment he saw who it was.

"I'm not making trouble out of nothing. I came to bring you breakfast, something I personally made, yet you're leaving now. What do you expect from me?"

It was Feng Lu, indeed, the person Xiao Shen least wanted to see.

"Did I ask you to bring me breakfast? Besides, I was going out anyway, not because I saw you coming! Also, I've told you more than once, don't appear in front of me again, why do you keep pretending not to hear and insist on doing as you please?"

Xiao Shen's eyes were full of impatience. "Now, please leave. I need to go, I don't have the time, nor the inclination to argue with you here!"

"Are you going to play with that little brat again? He's a Loh, not a Xiao, so why bother liking that little bastard?!" As Feng Lu finished her sentence, she received a heavy slap across her face.

Xiao Shen shouted angrily, "Watch your mouth!"

"Did you hit me? You actually hit me?"

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Throwing the meat bun in his hand to the ground, Feng Lu began to hit Xiao Shen, but Xiao Shen grabbed her wrist and flung her away with force. He coldly said, "Xiao En has parents. He is my teacher's great-grandson, not the bastard you call him. Feng Lu, if you keep running your mouth, I'll treat you the same way!"

Feng Lu was pushed away by Xiao Shen, stumbling backward and falling to the ground. After hearing Xiao Shen's words, she got up and lunged forward again, only to be directly pushed down by Xiao Shen this time.

Tears streamed from Feng Lu's eyes, her expression almost feral: "I'm running my mouth? Am I really running my mouth? In my eyes, that little thing is a bastard, a bastard that Loh Xue bore for you! Otherwise, why would he look like you? Why would he be so close to you? Why would you like that bastard so much?"

Xiao Shen was stunned.

"Having nothing to say now, eh?"

Feng Lu got up from the ground, crying and laughing simultaneously: "Died parents, what nonsense! It's clearly Loh Xue, that shameless wench, who bore the bastard for you. Her grandparents told everyone the bastard was born posthumously, but I don't believe it. I don't believe a single word! The bastard's eyebrows and eyes are exactly like yours. With his mother being shameless, what else should I call him other than bastard? Tell me!"

"Slap!"

The sound of a slap echoed through the room once more.

Undoubtedly, this was bestowed upon Feng Lu by Xiao Shen.

Stars seemed to burst in her eyes, her ears ringing. Feng Lu stumbled backward again, and as she steadied herself, her eyes brimmed with pain and hatred as she looked at Xiao Shen: "You forbid me to speak, but I still want to speak. You forced me to do this!"

Xiao Shen's expression was exceptionally grim: "Get out!"

Yet, Feng Lu stood motionless, staring at him with intense hatred and reluctance.

"Get out!"

Xiao Shen's voice was utterly devoid of warmth as he told her to leave again.

At this moment, he realized something—realized why Xiao En had suddenly become distant, why he would hide from him... The little guy most likely overheard their fight, where the madwoman mentioned Xiao En, so Xiao En heard and believed that it was his fault, and thus no longer let him play with him.

He remembered that day was also a weekend. Xiao En had played until he was tired at his place, and he had put the little guy to bed in the bedroom. When he came out, the door was half open. What was he doing afterward? Right, he was sitting on the sofa reading a book. About half an hour later, there was a knock at the door... Upon opening it and seeing it was Feng Lu, he immediately wanted to close it but was still barged in without invitation.

They didn't exchange more than two sentences before they started arguing. Feng Lu accused him of treating Xiao En better than her, accused him of having time to play with Xiao En but not having time to walk with her.

Though their argument wasn't as fierce as today's, it wasn't much different.

Estimating from their argument waking Xiao En, letting their fight reach the boy's ears... Thinking of this, Xiao Shen was filled with self-recrimination.

He opened the door, ignoring the hatred in Feng Lu's eyes and pushed her out.

"Xiao Shen!"

Like he hadn't heard anything, Xiao Shen closed the door, shutting out Feng Lu's devouring gaze.

Sitting on the sofa, his expression gradually became a bit dazed.

Do Xiao En's eyebrows and eyes resemble his?

Is Xiao En his child, born from that one time with Xuexue?

Is it true?

If not, why does he feel affection the moment he meets Xiao En? Can it really be just because Xiao En is the teacher's great-grandson, because he is Xuexue's child?

Moreover... After spending just half a day with him, Xiao En became fond of sticking to him, later liked being close to him, extending tiny arms for a hug whenever he saw him, calling him "Uncle" in a sweet, tender voice.

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Xiao Shen is feeling very conflicted right now!

If Xiao En is indeed Xuexue and his child, then how should he explain it to his teacher? He hasn't forgotten what the teacher said. All of a sudden, the teacher knows he might be Xiao En's father, yet he hasn't given Xuexue an explanation and is the culprit responsible for Xuexue's tragic childbirth death. Can someone like him earn the teacher's and the master's forgiveness?

His eyes filled with regret and self-reproach, Xiao Shen wished he could kill his past self. Why, when he wanted to take responsibility for Xuexue, did he agree when Xuexue said to pretend nothing happened and forbade him from saying a word to the teacher and the master?

Was his so-called responsibility nothing but hypocritical words?

He carries the memory of his deceased wife in his heart, yet because of the unexpected relationship with Xuexue, he wanted to avoid tormenting his conscience by taking responsibility for the young girl. Then Xuexue said no need, and also wanted him to keep it from the teacher and the master, and he... he despicably agreed?

Is that how it is?

Not knowing how long he'd sat on the couch, Xiao Shen got up. He didn't want to avoid the issue, didn't want to be a coward, and especially didn't want to dodge the responsibility he should bear... He wanted to go to the teacher and ask clearly, to tell the teacher about that accident, regardless of how the teacher and the master might treat him, he would endure it!

But as he was about to go out the door, he sat back on the couch.

Xiao Shen is afraid, afraid that once he speaks up about the incident with Loh Xue, it will bring a heavy blow to the teacher and the master, afraid something unfortunate might happen to the two elders.

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Nearing noon at twelve o'clock, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing appeared in the hallway of the apartment building allocated to Old Lady Li by the school.

"Comrade Luo, Comrade Kang?!"

Shen Yunxiu came out of the house, saw Kang Li and Luo Yanqing at a glance, thought he was seeing things, and quickly took off his glasses to wipe them clean, put them back on, confirmed he wasn't mistaken, and greeted them.

"Comrade Shen, are you going out?"

Kang Li and Luo Yanqing nodded at Shen Yunxiu as a response, then Kang Li asked Shen Yunxiu a question.

"Yes, I'm going downstairs to get some soy sauce." Shen Yunxiu carried a soy sauce bottle and said, "You're here to visit Uncle Loh, Aunt Li, and Xiao En, right? They're all at home!"

"Yes, we came to Hu City to handle some things, so we dropped by on the way for a visit." Kang Li smiled lightly, "Comrade Shen, go ahead with your errands. We're already at the doorstep, so we won't take up your time."

Shen Yunxiu nodded: "Goodbye."

Kang Li: "Goodbye."

After Shen Yunxiu walked away, Kang Li knocked on the door: "Uncle Loh, Aunt, are you home?"

Just across from the door.

"Old man, I heard Xiao Kang's voice, is she knocking on the door?"

"It's Xiao Kang!"

Elder Loh, talking, hurriedly got up from the couch to open the door.

"Xiao En, your daddy and mommy are here to see you, are you happy?" Old Lady Li held Xiao Loh En, smiling as she asked the little guy in her arms, yet, Xiao Loh En didn't respond to her words. Instead, his gaze had already been drawn to the doorway.

As Elder Loh opened the door, at the moment he saw Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, Xiao Loh En's eyes first slowly filled with grievance, then he opened his mouth and "wah" cried out loudly!

At the same time, the little guy reached out his hand toward Kang Li, repeatedly crying out "Mama."

The mixed crying tone of the little voice was so heartbreaking.

Kang Li couldn't bother to greet Old Lady Li, quickly reached out to take the child over, and gently soothed him, "Mama's here, why is our Xiao En crying? Okay, okay, don't cry, alright? If you keep crying, our Xiao En's going to have red, rabbit-like eyes!"

