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Chapter 1051: What Nonsense Are You Talking About?!

"Here, this is for you."

Taking a toy car out from the travel bag he casually carried, Luo Yanqing handed it to Xiao Loh En. As he saw the little guy extend his hand to take it, Luo Yanqing asked, "Still crying?"

Xiao Loh En shook his head, but couldn't stop crying; tears in his eyes were just as hard to control, making him cry both sadly and with grievance.

"Xiao Kang, come here, you and Little Luo sit here." Old Lady Li invited Kang Li and Luo Yanqing to take a seat on the sofa, saying, "I didn't expect you to come so quickly, thank you so much!"

Having called yesterday and arriving at Hu City today, it was undoubtedly by airplane; to be honest, Old Lady Li was quite moved by this.

Because this clearly showed that Kang Li and Luo Yanqing genuinely cared about Xiao En.

Elder Loh echoed, "Yes, Little Luo, Xiao Kang, thank you both!"

"Uncle Loh, Auntie, you're too polite. Xiao En is our son; hearing about his accident, how could Luo Yanqing and I sit still."

Patted Xiao Loh En's cheeks, Kang Li shook his head with a smile, frankly stating that Elder Loh and Old Lady Li need not be so courteous.

Luo Yanqing said, "After receiving Auntie's call, Xiao Li immediately started packing, hoping we could come over soon and Xiao En's condition would improve faster."

The four of them chatted for quite a while. During this time, Xiao Loh En stopped crying but didn't say a word, quietly sitting on Kang Li's lap, tightly clutching Kang Li's sleeve, occasionally glancing at Luo Yanqing, fearing that Mom and Dad might leave him again.

But perhaps the little guy hadn't rested well lately due to fear and anxiety, and unknowingly fell into deep sleep in Kang Li's arms.

Meanwhile, Old Lady Li took the opportunity to go to the kitchen with Kang Li to prepare lunch, while Luo Yanqing carried Xiao Loh En back to the room and placed him on the bed.

"I fear that Xiao En's situation might not recover anytime soon."

"After all, he's quite young, and what can your Uncle Loh and I do? These are small kids around three or four years old; how would they know their words could hurt Xiao En?"

"Xiao En's personality is a bit sensitive, which likely has a lot to do with his previous life in the foster home. But ultimately, it's my fault for not keeping Xiao En by my and Luo Yanqing's side."

"Don't say such silly things! You and Little Luo are not only great benefactors to our family but have also helped us tremendously. How could we possibly have the nerve to ask you to take a baby still in swaddling clothes home to raise?

Besides, you both have three kids to take care of and jobs to attend to. If we had made such an excessive request at the time, it would have been too shameless."

Old Lady Li said while stir-frying tomatoes and eggs.

Hearing this, Kang Li paused in silence for a moment, saying: "Luo Yanqing and I plan to stay for a couple of days to see if Xiao En's condition improves. If there's little progress, and both you and Uncle Loh agree, we want to bring Xiao En to live in North City for a while."

"Xiao Kang..."

Old Lady Li's voice suddenly grew louder. Hearing her voice, Kang Li hesitated while cutting noodles, looking at Old Lady Li with confusion: "What's wrong?"

"You... you and Little Luo genuinely want to take Xiao En to live with you?"

The gratitude in Old Lady Li's eyes almost overflowed; her voice trembled slightly, "Last night before sleep, your Uncle Loh and I discussed thinking if Xiao En's situation still hasn't improved when you arrive,

we'd ask you to see if you could bring Xiao En to live with you for a while. But we hadn't even mentioned it yet, and you've already thought of the worst-case scenario,

Chapter 1052: He Still Came

"And you've decided to take Xiao En to North City to live, Xiao Kang, I really don't know how to thank you!"

Hearing this, Kang Li smiled and said, "Auntie, you're being too polite again. I've already said that Xiao En is also mine and Luo Yanqing's child. Since we hold the identity of parents, we must take responsibility for the child. We can't just watch Xiao En develop psychological issues."

"It's not that I'm being polite with you, it's that you and Little Luo have good hearts and think everything through so thoroughly. Counting what Uncle Loh and I owe you both from before, I guess even when we're gone, we still can't repay your kindness."

Old Lady Li's words came from the heart.

Kang Li: "Auntie, you can't say anything inauspicious. You and Uncle Loh will live a long life, and you have to watch Xiao En grow up, marry, and have children!"

"Alright, alright, Auntie won't say those gloomy words anymore. Auntie will live well, and so will your Uncle Loh. While we're alive, maybe we can even help Xiao En with the kids."

Old Lady Li said with a smile, hearing this, Kang Li said, "When Xiao En has kids, there will be no need to trouble both of you elders to help out. At that time, you can just enjoy your family happiness!"

Lunch was tomato and egg noodles.

After it was over, Kang Li accompanied Old Lady Li to the kitchen to wash the dishes. After cleaning up the kitchen thoroughly, the two returned to the living room and joined Luo Yanqing and Elder Loh's chat.

As for Xiao Loh En, he was still asleep, but Old Lady Li said that when the little guy woke up, she would make fine noodles for lunch. Thus, during lunchtime, Kang Li didn't wake the child up.

"Auntie, you mentioned on the phone that Xiao En suddenly stopped being close to Comrade Xiao. What's that about?"

Sipping her tea, Kang Li asked Old Lady Li.

"I don't know."

Old Lady Li shook her head: "Both your Uncle Loh and I have thought about it carefully and even asked Xiao Xiao, but we don't know what the reason is."

"I feel something must have happened."

Kang Li's tone was firm.

Old Lady Li sighed: "But Xiao Xiao likes Xiao En, and both your Uncle Loh and I can see it. He never even lost his temper in front of Xiao En, let alone said a harsh word."

"Perhaps there is something that Comrade Xiao has overlooked."

Hearing Kang Li say this, Old Lady Li was silent for a moment. She looked at Elder Loh and then said, "I'll ask Xiao Xiao about it later."

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In the mid-afternoon, after waking up and eating tomato egg noodles, Xiao Loh En started his clingy mode again, staying close to Kang Li without saying a word.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

Someone knocked on the door.

"I'll get it."

Luo Yanqing stood up first, walking with his long legs to the door. When he opened it, he was momentarily stunned, then politely asked, "Comrade, who are you looking for?"

"I'm here to find Li..."

Xiao Shen and Luo Yanqing sized each other up, but before he could finish speaking, Old Lady Li's voice came from the living room: "Little Luo, let Xiao Xiao in!"

Luo Yanqing: "Please come in."

"Thank you."

Xiao Shen entered, went straight to the living room: "Teacher, Master."

He had mustered the courage to finally come at this time, wanting to ask about Xiao Loh En's parentage from his mentor and master, as well as... as well as reveal the incident that happened between him and Loh Xue before.

Since it involved personal privacy, when Xiao Shen saw Luo Yanqing and Kang Li, he was at a loss for how to begin in front of Elder Loh and Old Lady Li.

"Have a seat, let me introduce these two to you. They are Xiao En's godfather and godmother."

Chapter 1053: Fury

Old Lady Li introduced Kang Li and Luo Yanqing to Xiao Shen and then introduced Xiao Shen to the two:
"This is Xiao Shen, my student."

Luo Yanqing (Kang Li): "Hello."

Xiao Shen: "Hello to both of you."

At the instant Xiao Shen appeared, Xiao Loh En buried his head in Kang Li's chest, showing Xiao Shen only the back of his head and his little butt.

After greeting Kang Li and others, Xiao Shen directed his gaze to Old Lady Li and Elder Loh: "Teacher, Master, I... I want to ask you a question..."

Before speaking, his gaze towards Xiao Loh En was full of indescribable emotions, which were completely captured by the others in the living room.

"Uncle Loh, Auntie, Luo Yanqing and I will take Xiao En for a little walk downstairs."

Kang Li smiled gently as she spoke, and saw Luo Yanqing had already stood up, holding Xiao Loh En in his arms.

Elder Loh: "Alright, you all go ahead."

Old Lady Li nodded.

"Sit down."

The door opened and closed. Once Luo Yanqing, carrying Xiao Loh En and Kang Li, disappeared outside, Elder Loh invited Xiao Shen to sit on the sofa. Yet, after a while, Xiao Shen still hesitated to speak.

Looking puzzled, Old Lady Li asked, "Child, if you have something to ask, feel free to ask. Why are you hesitating?"

After a moment of pursed lips, Xiao Shen spoke with slight difficulty, "Xuexue was never actually married, right?"

"..."

The atmosphere in the living room instantly stagnated, and after a long while, Elder Loh asked, "What do you mean by that?"

Xiao Shen didn't respond and continued, "Is Xiao En's father unknown?"

With a "bang" sound, Elder Loh slapped the coffee table: "What do you mean by that? Xuexue has been gone for years, and now you're trying to defame her?"

Old Lady Li's eyes were filled with disappointment and disbelief: "Little Xiao, don't blame your master for being angry with you. You just stepped in and asked these two questions in a row. We truly don't know what you're thinking."

With a thud, Xiao Shen kneeled before Elder Loh and Old Lady Li, his eyes full of regret: "Teacher, Master, I... I suspect Xiao En is my child!"

"Impossible!"

Old Lady Li was instantly shocked and couldn't control her emotions; she stared at Xiao Shen: "Xuexue was much younger than you, and neither I nor your master ever saw her associate with you. And you were my student; I know the conduct of both you and my granddaughter better than anyone. How could you have done such a thing?"

Although Xiao Shen hadn't yet confirmed whether Xiao Loh En's ancestry involved him, based on Elder Loh's and Old Lady Li's reactions, he believed it was quite likely. His voice was somewhat hoarse as he revealed the accident between him and Loh Xue, finally saying:

"Teacher, Master, I've voiced my wish to take responsibility for Xuexue more than once, but Xuexue refused and demanded that I not tell you... I don't know what came over me—I was bewitched and agreed..."

Old Lady Li pointed towards the door: "Leave now and disappear from my sight, I don't want to see you!"

Kneeling without moving, Xiao Shen pleaded: "Teacher, I realize my mistake..."

Old Lady Li turned away, refusing to look at him, while Elder Loh spoke: "Xuexue disagreed, wouldn't let you tell us, so you didn't tell us? Bewitched? Are you sure you were bewitched, not just unable to let go of your deceased wife?"

"I admit... I admit that was part of the reason, but I genuinely wanted to take responsibility for Xuexue, and I never imagined things would happen between us. You know, I've always treated Xuexue like a little sister..."

Chapter 1054: Let's Not Meet Again

"On the anniversary of your wife's death, you had a few drinks too many, and then you did that to Xuexue? What do you take Xuexue for?"

"Elder Loh, you can hit me, scold me, even kill me if you want, but please don't be angry with Teacher, lest it brings harm to you both!"

"Leave!"

Elder Loh was so furious that he was past anger, and he only wished for Xiao Shen to disappear from his sight immediately.

Yet Xiao Shen still remained kneeling.

"Did you not hear me when I told you to leave, or are you deaf?"

Elder Loh's tone was calm, yet it carried an authoritative pressure.

"Your one mistake caused our Xuexue to fight for her life to give birth to the child in her womb, ultimately sacrificing her own life, and she died carrying a shameful reputation. You not only made a mistake, you practically took Xuexue's life!" Old Lady Li said painfully, "Please leave, and don't come back in the future, let's just consider our mentor-student bond at an end!"

Waving her hand, Old Lady Li wiped away her tears and drove Xiao Shen away.

"Teacher..."

Tears streamed down Xiao Shen's face, "I more than anyone wished for Xuexue to live well, but the mistake is already made. I came today to take responsibility for my error, and I will do whatever you and Elder Loh say."

"Just go, and let's not meet again in the future!"

Old Lady Li's demeanor was filled with pain.

Noticing that his mentors were both deeply angered by what he said, Xiao Shen hesitated for a long while before finally standing up, afraid that if he continued kneeling, the two elders might suffer from the stress.

He knew things couldn't be rushed, so slowly he turned around: "Teacher, Elder Loh, you don't want to see me now... So I will leave, but I will definitely take responsibility for what I must, goodbye."

Opening the door to leave, Xiao Shen moved like a puppet devoid of soul, stepping towards his residence.

"What on earth is all this?!"

Old Lady Li muffled her cries with her hand, saying, "How could he do that, how could he treat Xuexue like that? Didn't he love his deceased wife deeply, why then did he have that 'accident' he mentioned with Xuexue? I always thought he was a good student, upright in character, but is that how he repaid me?"

"Saying anything now is too late, he didn't tell us about it at Xuexue's request, partly because of his love for his late wife. But ultimately, the decision was Xuexue's.

Perhaps she saw things clearly, knowing Xiao Shen's heart was only for his deceased wife, and thus she wouldn't agree to be with him... As for that 'accident' he mentioned,

I'm afraid Xuexue was more at fault. Otherwise, she could have pushed Xiao Shen away, and if she couldn't, she could have shouted for help, but she didn't, indicating she had feelings for Xiao Shen, especially when he was drunk..."

Hearing Elder Loh's analysis, Old Lady Li shook her head repeatedly: "No, it can't be, Xuexue was a very self-respecting child, she would never ambiguously end up in such a situation with Xiao Shen."

"Think it over carefully, our Xuexue was simple and without scheming, but she was very determined, otherwise, she wouldn't have concealed that matter from us, or kept her pregnancy a secret for two or three months."

With that, Elder Loh sighed heavily, his expression weary as he said, "Xuexue liked that boy!"

"If she liked him, why didn't she tell us? Xiao Shen is my student, if she had told us, would I have stopped them from being together?"

"It's all been said, Xuexue knew Xiao Shen's heart was only for his deceased wife, she saw it too clearly, that's probably why she didn't say anything to us. Besides, when have you seen that boy showing interest in Xuexue?"

Chapter 1055: The Storm Begins

"What do we do now?"

"Just let it be. Xiao En is our Xuexue's child. He bears the Loh name and has nothing to do with that boy!"

"Not pursuing Xiao Shen's mistake?"

"How to pursue it? Xuexue protected it to her death. Though times have changed, if the affair between that boy and Xuexue is exposed, even if it ruins his reputation and leads to his dismissal by the university, what does it ultimately achieve?"

Besides, Xuexue's reputation would be ruined along with his. Do you want that? Moreover, we have to consider Xiao En. He might laugh now, knowing nothing,

but when he grows up and learns that his parents had him due to an accident, and that we ruined his father's future years later, are you sure he won't feel estranged from us?"

Elder Loh and Old Lady Li analyzed the entire situation, weighed the pros and cons, and considered carrying on as usual, pretending Xiao Shen never came today. Yet neither could have anticipated that by

the next day, the affair between Xiao Shen and Loh Xue had spread throughout the university, and Old Lady Li was called in for questioning by the school authorities.

"Professor Li, you are aware, right?"

Seeing Old Lady Li enter the office, the school leader opened with this remark.

"Yes."

With a slight nod, Old Lady Li was invited by the school leader to sit on the sofa.

"Teacher."

Xiao Shen had been summoned before Old Lady Li, and his gaze towards his mentor was filled with guilt.

With a calm look, Old Lady Li glanced past Xiao Shen, as the school leader continued: "What does Professor Li think of the rumors?"

"Rumors are rumors because they are false, created intentionally to sully my granddaughter Loh Xue and Xiao Shen. Loh En is indeed my granddaughter's child, but he has no connection to Xiao Shen. His father died due to an accident, I..."

Old Lady Li's words were cut off by the school leader: "Professor Li... the matters mentioned in the rumors can be considered private family matters, but Xiao Shen is our university's employee and he has lectures to give. His character and conduct must be unblemished, or it will damage his image in the students' eyes. So, I hope Professor Li can be truthful."

Pausing briefly, the school leader added: "Because of the tumult caused by the rumors, our university might arrange for an investigation into the truth."

"What I said is the truth. My granddaughter and Xiao Shen have no relationship whatsoever, and her child has no connection to him. My granddaughter died in childbirth, and her remains have been relocated to Hu City by me and Old Loh, buried in the cemetery in the eastern suburbs. If the university doesn't believe it, feel free to verify."

With composure, Old Lady Li remarked: "I find it strange. My granddaughter just had a child, who did she anger or provoke that they must involve her in such a scandal?!"

"Teacher..."

Xiao Shen was in a particularly complicated mood, knowing his mentor was protecting him, not wanting his future destroyed by this storm. Yet, the situation was at odds with what the teacher claimed. If the school indeed discovers something, there's no assurance it wouldn't create issues for the teacher's work.

"If the leader has no further questions, I'll take my leave." Rising, Old Lady Li looked at the school leader placidly.

"Professor Li may leave."

The school leader was very courteous to Old Lady Li and escorted her out of the office.

And until Old Lady Li left, she didn't glance back at Xiao Shen even once.

Chapter 1056: Retaliate Against You?

"Teacher Xiao, do you have anything to say?"

Coming to the school leadership office, Xiao Shen hadn't yet started to speak. Upon hearing this, he parted his lips: "Isn't it Doctor Mei who spread the rumors?" The school leadership was momentarily stunned, and without responding, seeing this, Xiao Shen continued: "Doctor Mei fabricated rumors with the purpose of revenge against me."

Doctor Mei is Feng Lu, but Feng Lu hasn't used that name for several years.

"Revenge against you?"

The school leadership was puzzled.

"She likes me, but I'm not interested in her, so I never agreed to her pursuits, it's been almost seven years. Recently, in the last two to three months, she saw me often accompany Professor Li's little great-grandson, who is my mentor's great-grandson, to play. She fabricated such rumors, presumably aiming to sever all ties between me and my mentor's family, forcing me to marry her."

After Xiao Shen finished speaking, the school leadership frowned deeply.

Doctor Mei is not young anymore, how can she still act like a little girl, causing trouble over romantic love? And causing a stir in their institution?

After a moment of silence, the school leadership said: "The school will investigate thoroughly; Teacher Xiao, you may leave."

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Old Lady Li came home, her expression didn't show any particular change, but Elder Loh, Kang Li, and Luo Yanqing all could see that her mood was bad.

Elder Loh: "What did they talk to you about?"

"They just wanted to confirm those rumors from me. I answered according to what we agreed before, and Xiao Shen was also called to the office."

Old Lady Li coldly said: "It's obvious that someone wants to destroy Xiao Shen through rumors. I don't know who he has offended."

Kang Li: "Auntie, will Comrade Xiao be in trouble?"

"It depends on the school's decision." Old Lady Li sighed and said: "The worst-case scenario is being dismissed."

The atmosphere in the living room became very gloomy.

"Knock knock knock! Teacher!"

Xiao Shen knocked at the door from outside.

"Why are you here? Isn't the situation chaotic enough?"

Opening the door and seeing Xiao Shen, Old Lady Li had a displeased look. Upon hearing this, Xiao Shen said: "I want to use the landline at the teacher's house to make a call."

"Come in."

Old Lady Li: "Go to the study and use the extension."

"Thank you, teacher."

Xiao Shen entered, greeted Elder Loh and Kang Li briefly, and stepped towards Elder Loh's study.

Approximately two to three minutes passed, a voice filled with restrained anger yet difficult to suppress came from the study.

"Uncle Feng, I have tolerated Feng Lu's constant meddling around me for years because of the relationship between our families. As you know, I have never had the slightest romantic feelings towards her, yet she constantly haunts me.

And Uncle Feng, you have indulged her disruptive behavior out of love for your daughter. Today, if she hadn't gone too far, I wouldn't be making this phone call!

Now I just want to ask you this: Will you handle Feng Lu's matter or not? If so, please immediately contact her and calm the waves she has stirred up. If Uncle Feng doesn't manage it, don't blame me if I reveal her faked death incident! A woman who abandoned her husband and child, where does she get the nerve to demand to be with me?! Fine, I'll wait to see this resolved!"

Ending the call, Xiao Shen came out of the study. He didn't hide it, revealing Feng Lu's long pursuit of him to everyone present in the living room, and disclosed that today's turmoil was stirred by Feng Lu.

"Using a fake death to escape identity and responsibilities, just to be with Comrade Xiao, it seems that lady really loves Comrade Xiao to her core. However, she and her family must have some problems with their minds to do such a deceitful thing!"

Kang Li expressed much bewilderment over Feng Lu's actions in pursuit of Xiao Shen.

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"It's indeed quite unbelievable." Old Lady Li agreed with Kang Li, frowning as she said, "That family must have a complicated background, right?" Her gaze fell on Xiao Shen, who nodded in agreement.

If there isn't a certain family background, without any power, how could someone stage a fake death to escape? And then use power to send the person directly to his side?

Xiao Shen did not understand why Mr. Feng indulged Feng Lu so much?

Is it really just because of affection?

But for someone who has long been in a high position, wouldn't he understand a simple truth—indulging a child is like harming them? Doesn't he know that feelings cannot be forced?

With lips tightly pressed, Xiao Shen's expression was very grave. He felt that Mr. Feng was either senile or simply pitied Feng Lu and his siblings for losing their mother at a young age, so he only thought of spoiling them, neglecting to teach them how to behave.

But why, although they are both his children, does Mr. Feng seem to particularly care little for the child born of his second wife?

Xiao Shen had heard a bit about the Feng family's affairs from his family.

For instance, Mr. Feng and the wife he married in his second marriage only doted on Feng Lu and his siblings, paying almost no attention to their own child, Feng Yi.

Not to mention long ago, just this year during the Spring Festival, he heard from family members that the youngest son of the Feng family, Feng Yi, had even cut ties with the Feng family, having not returned for several years and was even out of touch.

And what could prompt a young person to actively sever ties with their family in this way? It shows how deeply the Feng family must have hurt Feng Yi. Otherwise, why would Feng Yi choose to do such a thing without any good reason?

Doesn't he understand the principle of leaning on a big tree for shelter?

Xiao Shen shook his head inwardly; someone who can attend high school and has no issues with intelligence surely understands. He estimated that the young person must have been completely disheartened by his family, which is why he decisively left the Feng family.

"Using a fake death to escape existing identity and responsibilities, then running to Hu City under another name and identity to involve you for many years, it seems you've tolerated quite a lot too?!"

Elder Loh looked at Xiao Shen with a calm gaze: "Knowing about Doctor Mei and yet allowing her to stay by your side, I see you're not only tolerant but also very sentimental."

The tone was steady, but Xiao Shen detected a trace of sarcasm in Elder Loh's words. His mouth moved slightly, but he was speechless for a while.

"Since you are sentimental, how could you manage to hide the matter about Xuexue from us until now? Or is your sentimentality only directed at other women?"

Upon hearing this, Xiao Shen's face changed imperceptibly: "Master, I... I'm not sentimental about Feng Lu, it's because of the relationship between our family and the Feng family..."

Elder Loh waved his hand: "You don't need to explain, no matter what you say, that woman stayed by your side for many years, that's a fact you can't deny."

"I do care about Xuexue, Master!" Xiao Shen's eyes were filled with guilt and remorse: "I was just momentarily confused, and when I wanted to reach out to Xuexue again, you and the Master had already left Hu City with her."

Old Lady Li sat quietly on the side.

Meanwhile, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing were silent too, but no one noticed the change in Luo Yanqing's expression.

Deceiving the world?

Using a fake death to escape existing identity and responsibilities?

Abandoning husband and child?

These pieces of information, upon hearing them from Xiao Shen's mouth, Luo Yanqing thought of one person—his ex-wife.

As for the name Feng Lu, Luo Yanqing had no impression of it in his memory, but it seemed, perhaps his ex-wife's last name was "Feng."

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Mr. Feng is very decisive. After finishing his call with Xiao Shen, he immediately contacted his eldest son Feng Wei to set off for Hu City. He instructed him to deal with the chaos caused by Feng Lu and to bring Feng Lu back to North City, initially to be kept confined in a small courtyard left idle by the second son.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

The sound of knocking entered the room. Feng Lu felt both excited and smug, thinking Xiao Shen had come to soften his stance toward her. She spent some time tidying herself up in front of the mirror before going to open the door. But to her surprise, the moment she opened the door, she was frozen in place.

"What, it's not your big brother?"

Since Feng Lu faked her death and left North City, officially she wasn't part of the Feng family, and there were no dealings with her. However, secretly, her elder brother Feng Wei would visit her in Hu City once a year.

After all, they were siblings. Feng Wei could not let his sister be alone in Hu City, unable to return home!

Suddenly coming back to her senses, Feng Lu shook her head repeatedly, "Big brother, you've come so suddenly. Are you here on a business trip to Hu City?"

"Not inviting me in?"

Feng Wei didn't respond, he stepped inside the room. Seeing this, Feng Lu closed the door, poured water for Feng Wei, and asked, "Big brother, you haven't told me what you're doing in Hu City."

With no emotion as he glanced at Feng Lu, Feng Wei spoke, "Xiao Shen called dad."

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Stunned for a while, Feng Lu was puzzled, "Why did he call dad?"

Feng Wei's expression changed slightly, "You don't know?"

Feng Lu shook her head, "Xiao Shen didn't say anything to me, how would I know?!"

"Lu Lu..." Feng Wei rubbed his forehead, looking pained. He stared at Feng Lu, his deep voice tinged with a hint of helplessness, "When will you finally grow up?"

"What are you doing, big brother? As soon as you arrive, you start scolding me!" Feng Lu was unhappy, her eyes filled with resentment, "We haven't seen each other for about half a year, just maintained contact over the phone, and the most recent call was more than a month ago. Now you come and give me attitude. Has our sister-in-law been speaking ill of me in front of you, making you dislike me as your sister?"

"I'm talking to you, why bring up your sister-in-law?" Feng Wei frowned, "Lu Lu, you're thirty now, not a three or four-year-old child. How can you act without thinking?"

Feng Lu's spoiled temper flared up, "What did I do wrong?" Growing up, she never heard harsh words at home; her father and brothers treated her dearly. Yet at this moment, her elder brother was evidently displeased with her. Was he here just to make trouble?

But why?

"You know what you did. Everything was fine, but why spread rumors at the academy?! It's been years, yet you stubbornly like Xiao Shen. If you liked him so much, why did you marry another man back then?

To help you fulfill your wishes, dad used his connections for you, but in a few years, you asked the family to help you fake your death, abandoned your man and child, and chased Xiao Shen to Hu City.

Fine, you can't live without love; dad helped you, I as your big brother helped you. We cherished and loved you, wanting your life to be smooth. But don't you ever consider us?"

Feng Wei's face was dark and his voice carried no warmth, "You're always demanding, only thinking about what you want. Your outrageous actions make enemies for the family, and we have to use our connections!"

"You're my family, is it excessive to ask for a bit of help? You say I only know how to demand from you, but big brother, have you forgotten I'm the only daughter in our family? Aren't you supposed to pamper and love me?"

Feng Lu spoke with firm confidence.

A trace of disappointment surfaced in Feng Wei's eyes: "You think you should have it? Or do you think we owe you? If that's truly what you think, I believe Dad would prefer not having you as a daughter, and your second brother, fourth brother, and I would rather not have you as a sister to avoid cleaning up your mess as a debt collector!"

After pausing for a moment, Feng Wei gritted his teeth and said, "I'm here today to relay Dad's words. If you don't do as Dad says, the family will cut all ties with you! This isn't a scare tactic, this time Dad is serious. Neither he himself nor me or your second brother or fourth brother will help you with anything anymore!"

"You all..." Feng Lu suddenly felt flustered and uneasy, "What did Dad ask you to tell me?"

Feng Wei: "Immediately explain through the college broadcast that you are making things up, intentionally slandering Xiao Shen, and then personally apologize to Xiao Shen with me, and return to North City with me."

"I didn't spread rumors, it's the truth!" Feng Lu was unwilling to comply, she said, "That child resembles Xiao Shen around the eyes, he is most likely his son."

"Most likely? Where's the evidence?"

Feng Wei stared directly at Feng Lu's eyes: "Produce the evidence! You still want to be with Xiao Shen, could it be you're foolish enough not to realize what you've done? Offending people severely, do you think Xiao Shen and the Xiao family are easily bullied, allowing you to do as you please?"

Feng Lu: "I personally saw the granddaughter of Xiao Shen's teacher coming out of Xiao Shen's room."

Feng Wei: "Is this your so-called evidence?"

"When she came out, she was tidying her clothes and looked hurried, her face was very red, clearly showing they did that kind of thing!" Hearing Feng Lu say this, Feng Wei was amused and angry: "This can be considered evidence? Fine, let's say this is evidence, you caused Xiao Shen to lose his job, do you think he could marry you?"

Upon hearing this, Feng Lu's lips moved, she said: "If he is willing to marry me, I would refute the rumors, say those were my speculations and nonsense, then his reputation could be restored, and he could continue being a teacher at the college."

"Naive! No, you're not naive, you're both foolish and vicious!"

Feng Wei didn't spare Feng Lu any dignity.

"Big Brother! How... how can you say that to me? I'm your sister, you call me foolish and vicious, is this how a brother should act?" Feng Lu was so angry she cried.

"You don't think you're both foolish and vicious? Feng Lu, let me tell you, if I were Xiao Shen, or if it were any man, nobody would like a clingy, thoughtless girl like you!"

Feng Wei's words today were nothing short of venomous. Before coming to Hu City, he was reprimanded by his family's elder, who blamed him for helping his sister Feng Lu with job transfers,

moving Feng Lu yet again beside Xiao Shen, thereby fueling her arrogance, heedlessly fabricating rumors and spreading tales about Xiao Shen's improper conduct at the college where Xiao Shen worked,

causing him to be coldly criticized by a junior over the phone, saying he failed in raising his daughter, and be scolded door-to-door by old friends, ultimately, today, the family's elder was truly angered by his sister!

"I don't... I won't do it!"

Feng Lu shook her head.

"You don't have a choice!"

Feng Wei's expression was serious and stern: "If you refuse, once I step out of this room, I'll immediately go to your school leaders, help you resign from your current job, and then I'll return to North City. As for you... Dad's resolve is for you to fend for yourself!"

"You can't do this to me?"

Feng Lu's face turned pale, she said, "When I left North City, I signed the agreement. If I return now, it would mean breaking the agreement. How will you handle it then?"

"You don't need to worry about that, Dad has his ways!"

Feng Wei hadn't forgotten that the old man had already started arranging for his troublesome sister's exit procedures. This time, he came to take her back to the small courtyard of their second brother in North City temporarily. Once the exit formalities were done, she would be immediately put on a plane.

"I don't want to do that..."

Tears streaming down her face, Feng Lu said chokingly, "I've worked hard for so many years just to marry Xiao Shen. You're my big brother, and now you're asking me to put away my feelings, to fail after all my efforts—doesn't that make my years of effort a joke?"

"What have you worked hard for?"

Feng Wei looked at his brainless sister, "You've just been moved by yourself. In Xiao Shen's eyes, what you did is called unreasonable harassment. He's never used extreme measures against you because of the relationship between our families, not because he's afraid of you, got it?"

For a long while, Feng Lu said nothing. Feng Wei got up, "Seems you're planning to let things go by themselves, fine, I'm leaving."

"Big brother!"

Feng Lu grabbed her elder brother's arm tightly, "It's not wrong for me to like someone. Xiao Shen and I were betrothed since childhood, yet he would rather live in the countryside for Qin Zhen than marry me.

He didn't even want to marry me after he finally returned to North City. He ignored me and soon moved to Hu City for work. For him,

I had no choice but to ask Dad for help to leave North City in such a way... In these years in Hu City, I've often cared about him, all my heart was on him. Now you're asking me to give up, to stay away from him—it's like asking for my life!"

Unlocking Feng Lu's hand, Feng Wei walked towards the door, "No need to say more, I've conveyed every word Dad wanted me to tell you. If you don't want to do as Dad says, then whatever."

The door was pulled open, seeing Feng Wei about to leave, Feng Lu called out to him once again, "Big brother..." Without the family's backing, losing her job, what would she have left?

Nothing, she would have nothing left!

Feng Lu cried sorrowfully.

"Speak quickly, I'll give you two more minutes."

Feng Wei's voice was cold and deep, he didn't look back.

"I'll listen to Dad, I'll listen to Dad..." Take a step back first, and figure out a way to return to Xiao Shen later!

"If there's anything you need to bring, pack it up quickly. Afterwards, follow me to see your school leader, then head to the broadcasting room," Feng Wei said, turning to face Feng Lu, "Need my help?"

Wiping her tears, Feng Lu shook her head, "I'll handle it myself." She found a big suitcase and packed everything she considered valuable, which took about seven or eight minutes, and she said, "Done."

Feng Wei stepped forward, helping to lift the big suitcase, "Let's go."

Locking the door, Feng Lu followed behind her elder brother, lowering her head as they headed to the school leader's office.

Half an hour later.

The college broadcast sounded...

"This..."

Kang Li listened to the broadcast coming from outside the window, her eyes full of surprise. She looked at Old Lady Li and Elder Loh, "Looks like Comrade Xiao's call worked."

"This indicates that Xiao Shen's family background is no less than the Feng family's, otherwise these rumors today would not have had a small impact on him," said Elder Loh.

Old Lady Li said, "Times have changed. Even if Xiao Shen can't continue to stay at the college, he'll still seek development in other fields."