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Glancing at Kang Yiyang, Kang Guoan picked up Xiao Loh En.

"Grandma, what surprise is my aunt going to give you?" Kang Yiyang turned to ask Cai Xiufen. Unexpectedly, Cai Xiufen shook her head: "Your aunt didn't say."

"Let's go."

Kang Li locked the courtyard gate and said with a smile while carrying her bag: "It won't take more than an hour by bus."

"Aunt, what surprise are you going to give Grandma?"

Kang Yiyang, holding the twins, leaned next to Kang Li and asked.

"You'll find out soon."

Since it's a surprise, it naturally can't be blurted out casually.

Without transfers, the group got off the bus in about forty minutes, then were led by Kang Li onto a street that wasn't too crowded and was clean and tidy.

"It's just ahead."

Raising her hand to point forward, Kang Li's bright eyes, shining with a smile, curved into a crescent moon: "Five or six more minutes at most." This street may not be as wide as the main street, but it's not narrow, and cars can come and go without any problem. Moreover, the ginkgo trees planted on both sides have grown tall and shady.

It's summer now, but come autumn, walking under these golden ginkgo trees will inevitably give people a poetic and picturesque feeling.

"Aunt, this..."

Seeing Kang Li stop in front of a courtyard gate and take out a bunch of keys from her bag, Kang Yiyang's eyes were full of surprise: "Are we going in?"

"Of course, I'm opening this door to go in. What do you think? Do you think your aunt opened it to play around?" Kang Li looked at Kang Yiyang with amusement, then she unlocked the door and pushed open the heavy courtyard doors.

"Come on, let's go in and take a look."

Kang Li said with a smile as she introduced, "This is a two-courtyard house, divided into the front and back courtyards... There are the main house, east and west wing rooms... Altogether, there are twenty-six rooms of various sizes..."

After touring the front and back courtyards and main houses, Kang Li handed the bunch of keys she was holding to Cai Xiufen, and then took out a housing deed from her bag to show Cai Xiufen: "Mom, today I'm handing over this courtyard's deed and keys to you. From now on, this is your and Dad's home, our family's home in North City."

Kang Yiyang was full of surprise: "Aunt, is this... is this the surprise you're giving Grandma?"

"Don't you think it's a surprise? Or do you think this surprise isn't big enough?" Kang Li looked at her nephew and said, "I bought it two months ago, had it well renovated, and only delayed until today to give this gift to your grandma. If you dare to throw cold water on this, watch out, I might hit you!"

Feigning fierceness, Kang Li made a fist with her right hand and shook it at Kang Yiyang.

"How would I dare?!"

Kang Yiyang put on a smiling face: "Aunt, you're amazing, gifting such a big present to Grandma and Grandpa. This is definitely a surprise, but it makes me feel so ashamed!"

"Why are you ashamed?" Kang Guoan casually knocked on the back of Kang Yiyang's head, then said: "The one who should be ashamed is Uncle!"

"Li Bao, you keep the deed. Mom can't accept this."

Cai Xiufen pushed the keys and deed back into Kang Li's hand: "We have a place to live back home. Besides, if your dad and I need a home here in North City, it should be your brothers' responsibility, not yours as a sister to bear the cost!"

"Mom! If you say that, I'll be unhappy!" Kang Li feigned grievance: "Aren't I also your child? Besides, this courtyard was bought for you and Dad after discussing it with Luo Yanqing. This way, when my elder brother and the others come to North City to develop, they'll at least have a place to stay. Moreover, buying this courtyard didn't cost much, so please just accept it."

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Cai Xiufen did not take the keys and house deed from Kang Li's hand. Seeing this, Kang Li said, "Then I'll hold onto it for you for now. After all, this courtyard was bought for you and my father, and that fact can't be changed by anyone."

Turning her gaze towards Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang, she added, "Little brother, don't think too much of it. I am now able to show filial respect to my parents. Later, when you get the chance, you can buy such a courtyard in North City,

whether it's a single or double-entry courtyard—as long as you have the money, buying it is an investment, and I can guarantee you that its value will definitely rise in the future, and by a substantial amount."

With that, Kang Li looked back at Kang Yiyang. "Trust your aunt, just remember what your aunt has said."

Kang Yiyang nodded.

Speaking of which, when Kang Li bought this double-entry courtyard, she also purchased a two-entry courtyard and a single-entry courtyard through the introduction of this courtyard's owner. However, those two courtyards haven't been renovated yet.

Kang Li calls this an investment.

In reality, Kang Li is indeed investing, as the future appreciation of these old courtyards is quite promising.

She's even considering purchasing more when the right opportunity comes.

Around noon, the group returned to the big courtyard.

After a brief rest, Kang Li went to the kitchen to make lunch, with Kang Yiyang following closely behind, saying he wanted to help her.

"Aunt, what are we having for lunch?"

“Steamed cold noodles.”

“Just instruct me on what to do.”

“Wash the cucumbers clean and slice them into strips...”

While Kang Li spoke and busied herself, Kang Yiyang promptly set to work upon hearing her instructions.

“How are things with Lin Dan?”

“...All right!”

“You hesitated. Come on, what’s the matter?”

“Aunt...”

“Hard to say?”

"It's nothing hard to say. Just that Lin Dan hasn't been paying much attention to me this past week."

"Have you considered what might be the issue?"

"I can't figure it out."

"Think carefully. Maybe it's something that doesn't seem significant to you but might make Lin Dan think more deeply about it."

"But I... My coursework at school is always tight. I don't have time to do anything unrelated to studying, yet she suddenly started to get upset with me. When I asked what was wrong, she said I should know myself."

"I think Lin Dan might be jealous. Are you sure you haven't interacted with any other girl in the past week?"

Kang Li glanced at her nephew. "Think carefully."

Kang Yiyang was silent for a while before suddenly speaking. "Could it be because..."

"Because of what?"

Kang Li asked.

“I previously met a female comrade while filming a movie. Her name is Wang Min, and she’s a good friend of Lin Dan. Lin Dan herself has mentioned that Wang Min is her confidante.

Four days ago, in the afternoon, I ran into Comrade Wang at the Medical University. She said she was looking for her cousin and didn’t expect to bump into me, so...”

“All right, you don’t need to continue. I can roughly guess why Lin Dan is upset with you.”

“Huh?”

Kang Yiyang was utterly confused.

“Most likely, Lin Dan came to find you that day and inadvertently saw you and Comrade Wang Min standing together talking. Maybe your expressions or actions at that time led her to misunderstand, so she became upset with you. Meanwhile, you haven’t realized that the problem lies with you, and you wonder why Lin Dan wouldn’t be mad at you?”

“But nothing happened between me and Comrade Wang.”

“That’s what you think, but in Lin Dan’s eyes, it’s different. Besides, think carefully, did Comrade Wang have any physical contact with you?”

Kang Li fixed her eyes on her straightforward nephew.

Kang Yiyang: “I did help Comrade Wang a bit...”

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Kang Li: “You see now how the misunderstanding came about? But, why did you help that Comrade Wang?”

“Comrade Wang said she just rushed to finish filming a movie and didn’t get a chance to rest, so...” At this point, Kang Yiyang’s expression became somewhat complicated: “Aunt, do you think Comrade Wang was pretending to faint?”

Kang Li took the cooled steamed rice skin out of the pot and dipped it into cold water to cool it further. She then poured another round of batter into the steaming tray and put it in the pot. Afterwards, she said: “I wasn’t there, how can I be certain?! But... there’s a possibility, or perhaps... that Comrade Wang saw Lin Dan, so she pretended to faint in front of you on purpose.”

Upon hearing this, Kang Yiyang frowned: “She knows I’m dating Lin Dan.”

“Is she interested in you? To be clear, was there anything between you two when you were filming a movie before?”

Kang Li was analyzing her nephew on the motivations behind Comrade Wang Min's "fainting."

"...Comrade Wang Min once confessed to me, but I rejected her then, and there wasn't any further interaction after that..." Hearing Kang Yiyang say this, Kang Li made a judgment on whether Comrade Wang Min was actually fainting or pretending: "It's quite clear now. Comrade Wang was likely pretending to faint; you should explain things to Lin Dan."

Kang Yiyang nodded: "I understand."

"Go on, call Lin Dan now; since it's summer break, she must be at home. Resolve any misunderstandings immediately, don't drag it out, or it'll only get worse and let others take advantage." Kang Li gestured towards the kitchen door, indicating Kang Yiyang could leave.

Meanwhile, at the Lin Family.

"You're on summer break now, why do you look so down?" Wang Min had been resting at home for the past couple of days, and knowing Lin Dan was on summer vacation, she came specifically to the Lin Family to hang out with Lin Dan. She was sitting in Lin Dan's room at the moment.

"Am I?"

Lin Dan felt uncomfortable inside, yet she forced a smile: "Like you said, I'm on summer break, I can eat and drink at home, how could I be in a bad mood?!"

Hearing this, Wang Min felt a bit awkward. She smiled and said: "I guess my intuition was wrong then."

Lin Dan suddenly asked: "When will you return to the film set?"

"Have to wait for the notice."

Wang Min replied.

"Yiyang and I will register for marriage after graduation, and then we'll invite you to our wedding. You definitely have to come." Lin Dan was being intentional, carefully noting the subtle changes in Wang Min's expression, she indeed noticed some oddities.

For a moment, Lin Dan felt repulsion towards this good friend and confidante.

She never expected that even knowing she was in a relationship with Kang Yiyang, the other party would still try to sabotage her relationship.

"...Have you two already made plans?"

Wang Min also felt uncomfortable inside, but she kept smiling.

Lin Dan: "We decided when we were first dating."

"You're really lucky to be with Kang Yiyang." Wang Min's eyes showed envy, then she said: "Almost forgot to tell you, I went to Medical University to visit my cousin a few days ago, unexpectedly met Kang Yiyang. Compared to when we were filming, he seems much more mature now, but whether past or present, he's always been charming."

"I agree with you; Yiyang is indeed especially charming. At Medical University, many girls confessed to him directly, but he always dismissed them with 'I have a girlfriend.'"

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Lin Dan spoke with her face full of happiness.

Wang Min's tone was a bit sour: "Kang Yiyang actually tells you even about things like this?"

"Yes, ever since he and I started dating, he hasn't kept anything from me." Lin Dan's eyes sparkled: "Of course, I do the same, I wouldn't deliberately hide anything from him."

"Kang Yiyang is truly considerate. That day I ran into him unexpectedly at the Medical University. I was probably very tired after finishing a movie and almost fainted in front of him. Luckily, he caught me in time, or I would have taken a hard fall. By the way, please don't misunderstand that there's anything between Kang Yiyang and me because of this!"

"How could I?! Yiyang is my boyfriend, and you are my best friend. How could I possibly misunderstand you two? Besides, Yiyang already told me about this, and I didn't take it to heart at all."

As Lin Dan finished speaking, the landline in the living room rang, along with Mother Lin's voice: "Dandan, go answer the phone. My hands are busy!" Mother Lin was kneading dough in the kitchen when she heard the phone ringing and couldn't help but call out to Lin Dan.

"Got it!"

Lin Dan responded and then said to Wang Min: "You can sit here for a while. I'll be back after answering the call, and we can continue chatting." As she finished speaking, Lin Dan's figure had already disappeared outside the door.

At this moment, Wang Min's face turned somewhat unpleasant.

She had also taken the winter college entrance exam two years ago, but unfortunately, she had a weak foundation. Even though she graduated from high school like Lin Dan, her academic performance in school was incomparable.

As a result, she failed the entrance exam two years ago.

She planned to retake the exam last year, but who would've known... who would've known that during the last Spring Festival, Lin Dan happily told her that Kang Yiyang agreed to date her. At that moment, her heart felt icy cold, and she lost all motivation to review. Coupled with her acting work, she completely gave up on retaking the exam.

She thought that missing out on Kang Yiyang would be just that. After all, he had been accepted to the Medical University, and like Lin Dan, they were both college students, while she fell behind. Getting closer to them would only bring humiliation.

But matters of the heart are truly hard to explain. The more she tried not to think about Kang Yiyang, the more she couldn't help but think about him. Because he was the first person to make her heart flutter, the man she wanted to marry.

Yet she didn't want to interfere with someone else's relationship, especially not that of her good friend. So she kept suppressing her emotions, but recently, she couldn't hold back anymore and showed up at the Medical University.

By chance, she ran into Kang Yiyang and unintentionally saw Lin Dan looking for him. For her own selfish reasons, she pretended to faint... just to create misunderstandings between Lin Dan and Kang Yiyang.

But what did she hear just now?

Kang Yiyang actually told Lin Dan about the day she almost fainted. How... how could he tell Lin Dan everything?

Biting her lip, Wang Min's mood was really bad at the moment, and she even felt resentment towards Kang Yiyang.

"...I understand. No... don't overthink it, I'm really not angry. Fine... that's it, goodbye!" Picking up the receiver, hearing Kang Yiyang's voice, and listening to him talk about the day he caught Wang Min, saying there was absolutely nothing between them, Lin Dan's mouth curved into a subtle smile, and her mood improved almost instantly.

Returning to the room.

"So happy, could it be that Comrade Kang Yiyang just called you?"

Seeing the smile on Lin Dan's face, Wang Min felt incredibly bitter. She knew the call Lin Dan just answered was most likely from Kang Yiyang, yet she still sought discomfort for herself, enduring the sourness in her heart and asked to confirm.

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Sitting back in the chair, Lin Dan nodded, her smile bright and happy: "It was a call from Yiyang."

"What did he say to you?"

Wang Min pretended to be very gossipy, smiling as she asked Lin Dan.

"Nothing much."

Lin Dan shook her head lightly, naturally not wanting to tell Wang Min about how Kang Yiyang cleared up the misunderstanding over the phone, lest her so-called best friend in front of her would take the opportunity to say something gossipy.

"Oh come on, Dandan, you're keeping secrets from me now? We're good friends, besties, and I know Kang Yiyang too. What he said to you, I really can't be in the know?"

Wang Min smiled, her words filled with a teasing tone, but unfortunately, Lin Dan didn't take the bait. Instead, she "fought fire with fire," responding with equal sarcasm: "Minmin, you're the most considerate and gentle, always understanding others. How could you possibly pry into what Yiyang and I, as a couple, say? In my heart, you're nothing like those gossiping women, am I right?"

Blinking, Lin Dan's eyes were full of innocence, and her smile looked so natural that it was hard to tell it was fake.

"Gossip?" Wang Min was first taken aback, then showed an awkward expression: "Of course not, I'm your good friend, your bestie, how could I be a gossip?! If I were, according to birds of a feather flock together, wouldn't that make you one too?"

Forcing a slight smile, Wang Min responded to Lin Dan's words, not forgetting to drag Lin Dan into the mud.

"That's right, we're not gossips. After all, Minmin, you're beautiful and kind-hearted, always praised by the elders as a good girl." Lin Dan seemed to have missed Wang Min's jab and laughed: "We're not young anymore; I'm looking to marry Yiyang as soon as I graduate and get our marriage certificate. What about you? Haven't you found anyone in the acting crew?"

Wang Min casually replied: "I would love to, but I haven't met the right one, so I can only envy others."

"Is it that your standards are too high?"

Lin Dan's eyes were filled with laughter, her words carrying a hint of jest: "Or maybe you're just too picky? I mean, someone as stunning as you should be more selective than ordinary people like me, but let's make sure we don't become the kind of women who break up others' relationships. Otherwise, it would definitely negatively affect your acting career."

Clearly, Lin Dan was subtly warning Wang Min not to think about stealing her partner.

Picking up on the deeper meaning in her words, Wang Min's smile faltered. She stood up, giving Lin Dan a cold look: "Dandan, if you have something to say, just say it directly, there's no need to beat around the bush."

Lin Dan also dropped her smile and stood up, the two looking into each other's eyes.

"Fine, I'll be straightforward."

With a cold gaze, Lin Dan no longer suppressed herself: "Earlier, both of us liked Kang Yiyang, which we both knew very well. But now, Kang Yiyang is my boyfriend. I don't want to see you appearing in front of my boyfriend under any pretense. Also, if you don't want to continue being friends with me, from today on, we'll just consider each other strangers."

"You..."

Wang Min didn't expect Lin Dan to be so blunt. Her lips moved slightly, and for a moment, she didn't know how to respond.

"I didn't want it to come to this point. It's your actions that forced me to make a decision."

Lin Dan's expression looked unusually serious: "Not long after Yiyang and I decided to be together, I told you about it, and even though you knew we were in a relationship, you still thought about stealing my partner. Wang Min, what kind of friend does that?"

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"I didn't."

Wang Min denied it flatly. She said, "You and I are friends, why can't you trust me? Besides... Comrade Kang Yiyang likes you. Even if I wanted to steal your guy, I'd have to be able to do it first."

"Since you know it won't work, why did you do such a thing? Trying to disgust me?" Lin Dan was a bit sharp-tongued at this moment: "If you act so shamelessly, you will lose all your friends sooner or later."

Pointing towards the door, Lin Dan said, "You can leave now. From now on, we have nothing to do with each other."

"Aren't you going too far?"

Wang Min stood still, looking upset: "Accusing me of wanting to steal your boyfriend for no reason, I've never seen anyone so wronged before."

"You think I'm blind?!"

Lin Dan was expressionless: "That afternoon, you pretended to faint in front of my boyfriend on purpose. I saw it with my own eyes. You must have seen me too, so you put on a show to make me misunderstand Yiyang. But you didn't expect your plan to fail. How could I possibly doubt Yiyang's feelings for me over such a trivial matter?"

Hearing this, Wang Min felt quite embarrassed. She clutched her shoulder bag tightly and spoke quickly: "I have something to do, I won't talk much with you. Goodbye."

Before Lin Dan could react, Wang Min's figure had already vanished from sight.

"Where's Minmin?"

Mother Lin, also known as Yuan Li, called Lin Dan to eat after preparing the meal. Not seeing Wang Min, she couldn't help but ask.

"She's gone."

Lin Dan helped carry the food to the table, speaking without much emotion: "I've had a fallout with her. We won't be friends anymore."

Sitting down at the dining table, Yuan Li was momentarily stunned upon hearing this. After regaining her composure, she frowned slightly: "You've been friends since middle school, how could you suddenly have a conflict?"

"She wants to take your good son-in-law. Do you think I should cut ties with her?"

Lin Dan tightly gripped the chopsticks in her hand, looking angry.

"What?" Yuan Li exclaimed immediately, then asked, "What exactly happened?"

"Wang Min also likes Yiyang."

Upon hearing this from Lin Dan, Yuan Li asked again, "When did this happen?"

"When Yiyang was filming a movie."

Lin Dan replied.

"What does Yiyang mean?" Yuan Li's expression was stern: "Tell me the truth."

"Don't misunderstand Yiyang. Back then, when Wang Min confessed to Yiyang, he rejected her right away, and that's also when I knew he wasn't interested in early relationships."

Lin Dan spoke honestly.

But Yuan Li still frowned: "So what's happening now?"

"I thought Wang Min would give up unrealistic ideas about Yiyang knowing we were together. But who knew... who knew that after several years, she suddenly appeared at the Medical University a few days ago and pretended to faint in front of Yiyang. I happened to see this, and I can deduce with my little toe that she wanted to create misunderstandings between me and Yiyang to break us apart."

"Are you really that smart?"

"Mom! What are you talking about? Who says I'm not smart?" Lin Dan puffed up her cheeks, pretending to be aggrieved: "On that day, I happened to go to the Medical University to find Yiyang, and Wang Min must have seen me, so she acted for me to see in front of Yiyang. But how could I possibly let her have her way?!"

Unexpectedly, Yuan Li didn't fully believe her daughter Lin Dan. She said: "With your naive nature, it's likely that you really misunderstood Yiyang, right?"

"No."

Lin Dan shook her head decisively.

"Avoiding my eyes, clearly guilty." Yuan Li smiled helplessly and then said:

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"So you had a misunderstanding with Wang Min, and then you and Yiyang had a quarrel. That call before was from Yiyang trying to clear things up with you, right?"

Putting down her chopsticks, Lin Dan covered her face, "Mom, can you stop talking? I feel so stupid, and childish!"

Yuan Li chuckled at her words, "Alright, there's nothing to be ashamed of! Remember to use your brain more in the future, and don't jump to conclusions over small things and misunderstand Yiyang. Otherwise, you won't need anyone else to break you two apart; you'll do it on your own."

"I won't."

Lin Dan replied very firmly.

"That's not necessarily true." Yuan Li said, "Feelings can't stand suspicion. If you like someone, you first need to trust them. If there's any doubt in your heart because of something, you should sit down and talk it out to clear things up, not sulk alone."

"I just... I just ignored him for two or three days, it's nothing major!"

Lin Dan mumbled as she poked the noodles in her bowl with her chopsticks.

"Do you think you still have the right to be upset?"

Yuan Li raised an eyebrow.

"No." Lin Dan quickly shook her head, "It's my fault, I'll... I'll apologize to Yiyang later, is that okay?"

With a soft sigh, Yuan Li looked at her with affection and a tinge of helplessness, "Remember, you were the one who pursued Yiyang, asking him to date you. From the perspective of feelings, you're clearly at a disadvantage. If you can't offer enough trust in daily life, do you think your relationship will be stable?"

"Mom, I..."

Lin Dan felt that she was just simply dating, but when her mother talked about it, things became so complicated that her mind felt overwhelmed.

"But maybe you're just blessed with luck even in your silliness..."

Before Yuan Li could finish her sentence, Lin Dan interrupted, "I'm not silly!"

"Alright, alright, you're not silly." Yuan Li suppressed a laugh and said, "Through over a year of observation, both your father and I can see that Yiyang is truly sincere with you. You shouldn't be so capricious and casually quarrel with Yiyang like before. If you feel wronged, just ask Yiyang directly in person to see what he says, okay?"

Lin Dan nodded vigorously, "Okay."

"When it comes to matters of the heart, your mom can't help you much, nor can I help you directly. I can only teach you some simple truths about getting along with others in daily life. I hope it helps you."

Looking at her daughter, Yuan Li's gaze was both gentle and loving.

"My mom is the best. I learned a lot from what you just said, thank you!" Lin Dan thought about the quarrel with Kang Yiyang from another perspective, imagining if it was her in his shoes, and because he had a bit of physical contact with some other female classmate, then ignored her for several days, just thinking of that made her feel terrible.

This shows that Kang Yiyang probably hasn't had an easy time these past few days. But how did he know she started ignoring him because of a misunderstanding?

Yuan Li, not knowing what Lin Dan was thinking, suddenly brought up Wang Min's case, "If Minmin really has the intentions you mentioned, it might be best to keep some distance from her in the future."

Lin Dan's wandering thoughts were brought back by her mom's voice, and she pouted, "Even if she didn't admit it, I've made things clear to her. If she tries any tricks again and I catch her, I definitely won't be polite to her."

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"Let's eat, since it's already in the past, don't think about it anymore." Yuan Li naturally didn't think there was anything wrong with what her daughter said. Besides, she couldn't stand Wang Min's behavior, being good friends with her Lin Dan, how could she do such a despicable thing as snatching a friend's partner?

If it were her, she would definitely draw a clear line with the other person too. Better to guard against such a person being around than to get bitten one day without knowing it.

But there's a saying: for a thousand days a tent can be a thief, but you can't guard against a thief forever!

After taking two bites of noodles, Lin Dan said, "Mom, I think the reason Yiyang called me to clear up the misunderstanding is probably related to his aunt."

Yuan Li immediately responded without thinking: "That's not surprising."

"Why?"

Lin Dan was puzzled.

"Even though Kang Li is younger than you, she seems to live with such clarity and understanding." Hearing her mother's words, Lin Dan felt aggrieved: "I get it, you're saying your daughter is a muddlehead."

Yuan Li: "Good that you know."

Lin Dan: "Mom!"

"Alright, alright, you're the wise one, not the muddlehead." Yuan Li said with a smile.

"I'm not that smart, but I'm definitely not the muddlehead you said."

Lin Dan said and snorted.

Yuan Li laughed and said: "Quickly, eat your meal!"

The yard.

"Chenchen can't make it, the school has arranged something, just like last year, he has to go for mountain training." After lunch, Min Rui went back to his room for a nap, and Kang Li contacted Kang Yichen to share her plan, got a response, and casually mentioned it to Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang.

Kang Guoan nodded to show they understood, and then, Kang Li chatted with Kang Yichen for a bit on the phone before ending the call.

"Aunt, are you going to ask Kang Yihong too?"

It was Kang Yiyang's voice, and upon hearing it, Kang Li nodded: "I'll contact Yihong in a bit." As she finished speaking, she dialed Feng Yi's number.

Speaking of which, Feng Yi attends the same command school as Kang Yichen.

"Sister, I really want to go see the world with you, but I have to go mountain training, so I definitely can't go." Called out from the dorm by the dorm manager when he heard it was Kang Li calling, Feng Yi quickly went to the duty room, picked up the receiver and listened to what Kang Li said, feeling very sorry.

"It's okay, there will be plenty of opportunities in the future. Be careful during training, I'll bring you a gift when I return!"

"No need."

"Saving money for me?"

"Sister, every time you go out of town over the years, you always bring me a gift, but I've hardly given you anything..."

"Don't be so bothersome, I'm your sister, what's wrong with giving my own brother a gift? Okay, go back to your dorm to rest, I've got things to handle now, bye!"

"Alright, goodbye. But sis, you really don't need to get me a gift."

"Okay, okay, why have you become so chatty as a young man? Bye!"

After hanging up, Kang Li found the Yan family's number in the phone book and dialed.

"Hello..." Kang Yihong's voice came from the receiver: "Who is this?"

Kang Li curved her lips: "It's me."

"Ah? Aunt, is there something you need from me?" Kang Yihong asked with a voice full of confusion.

Upon hearing, Kang Li acknowledged with a sound, shared her plan to go south, and then asked Kang Yihong: "Do you want to join?"

Kang Yihong: "Is Uncle and my brother going too?"

Kang Li confirmed.

On the other end of the phone, Kang Yihong was silent for a moment, then said: "Aunt, I'm not going, I have to stay and help Yan Rou with the kids."

Actually, taking care of the children was just an excuse because Kang Yihong knew he was different from Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang. He was still a student and didn't have much money. If he agreed to go with Kang Li,

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It would be necessary for his aunt Kang Li, or uncle Kang Guoan, or older brother Kang Yiyang to cover his travel expenses and buy train tickets for him.

But he couldn't say that, even though he knew that neither his aunt, uncle, nor brother would hold it against him. However, he couldn't justifiably let his family go out of their way to spend money on him.

"Isn't there a nanny to help take care of the children?"

"The nanny has some personal matters to attend to, so she took leave a couple of days ago and won't be back for half a month."

"Is that really the reason?"

"Yes."

"Okay, I got it."

Kang Li said, and after chatting with Kang Yihong for another minute or two, the two of them said goodbye and then hung up the phone.

"Kang Yihong's not going?"

Kang Yiyang asked Kang Li.

"He has to stay home to help Yan Rou look after the children. He said the nanny at home had some issues and is on leave for half a month." Kang Li thought this was probably an excuse from Kang Yihong, with the underlying reason being that he didn't want her covering his expenses.

Kang Yiyang: "If he's not going, then forget it. Is aunt going to call Mo Yan next?"

Kang Li: "You really know me well."

"Who in our family doesn't know that you consider Feng Yi and Mo Yan as family!" Kang Yiyang felt a bit aggrieved: "Every time I hear them call you 'sister,' my heart feels cold."

"Could it be that you feel like you're being demoted a generation?"

Kang Li asked with a laugh.

"Aunt, you know it yet you still say it?!" Kang Yiyang put on a bitter face: "They're obviously my age, but just because they call you 'sister,' it makes me a generation younger than them."

Kang Li laughed out: "But they never asked you to call them 'uncle.'"

"They wouldn't dare!"

Kang Li intentionally grinned.

Seeing this, Kang Guoan and Cai Xiufen both burst out laughing.

A few minutes later, Kang Li contacted Mo Yan, and, just like with Kang Yichen, Feng Yi, and Kang Yihong's earlier conversation, she heard Mo Yan say over the phone: "I'll go."

"Then I'll contact you again before you set out."

"Alright. By the way, Sister Kang Li, congratulations on graduating early!"

"Thank you!"

"Sister Kang Li... you're amazing!"

"You are too."

"I can't be compared to you, Sister Kang Li."

"No need to be modest, I've heard that in your department, you've been first in every exam since the beginning of the semester. You're genuinely a top student!"

"You're making me a bit shy with all these compliments. If there's nothing else, I'll hang up now."

"Okay, goodbye."

Ending the call, Kang Li returned the receiver to the landline.

"Mom, go take a nap in your room. If you're tired, you and Yangyang should take a nap too," Kang Li said softly, looking at Cai Xiufen, then glancing at Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang.

Cai Xiufen stood up from the sofa: "I really need to take a nap, you young people do whatever you want." With that, Cai Xiufen returned to her room.

Kang Yiyang: "Aunt, you go rest. Uncle and I can chat for a bit."

Kang Li nodded with a smile: "Alright, you two chat."

In the large living room, only uncle and nephew, Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang, remained.

"Uncle, on the way back from visiting that courtyard, you said that Aunt already graduated... are you sure you're not pulling my leg?" asked Kang Yiyang in a low voice.

"Do I have a reason to?"

Kang Guoan looked askance at Kang Yiyang, his voice also very low: "Your aunt not only graduated early but also received a double degree."

"..."

Kang Yiyang was amazed, his eyes wide open: "This... this is incredible!"

"To most of us, it is incredible, but when it comes to your aunt, it's not a big deal."

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Kang Guoan said sourly, "Two specialties, more than twenty courses, your little aunt scored full marks in every subject, which spread throughout our school's departments and caused quite a stir."

Brushing his face hard, Kang Yiyang said bitterly, "In front of my little aunt, I'm always the one being crushed."

Kang Guoan rolled his eyes, “Who isn’t?! All along, in terms of academic performance, Li Bao, his good sister, has always been crushing him, and easily at that.”

“Uncle, feeling the pressure?”

“What do you think?”

“Alright, I get it now.” Kang Yiyang slightly pursed his lips, and after a moment, he said, “If my little aunt chose to study medicine, I fear it wouldn’t take long before she becomes a big shot in the medical world.”

Kang Guoan then said, “The people from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs came to our school specifically wanting your little aunt to work there. Do you know your little aunt is proficient in several languages?”

Hearing this, Kang Yiyang blankly shook his head, only to see Kang Guoan casually show a number with his fingers and say, “She’s self-taught in most of them.”

After a slight pause, Kang Guoan spoke again, “Speaking of which, your uncle also graduated early back then, but it took him half a year longer than your little aunt. Besides, your uncle is also very strong in foreign languages but is ultimately a bit behind your little aunt.”

Kang Yiyang came to his senses and softly said, “Uncle, what do you think if my little aunt and uncle have a child, how smart would my little cousin brother or cousin sister be?”

Also, considering my little aunt and uncle's appearance, I guess my little cousin brother or cousin sister would be born looking like a little fairy child. What should I do? Now whenever I think about my little aunt and uncle's child, I can't help but feel excited."

Hearing Kang Yiyang say this, Kang Guoan couldn't help but imagine Kang Li and Luo Yanqing's child, fantasizing about his little nephew's (niece's) intelligence and looks. His heart suddenly felt like boiling water, scalding hot.

But then he thought about Kang Li's health condition, and the excitement in his heart quickly calmed down.

"Don't talk about kids in front of your little aunt."

Kang Guoan advised Kang Yiyang.

Hearing this, Kang Yiyang was first stunned, then seemed to think of something. He nodded with an "um" but after a brief silence, he whispered, "Sometimes you can't completely believe what the doctors say. Besides, I've heard my parents mention that the doctors only said my little aunt would have difficulty having her own child, it doesn't mean she won't ever have one."

Kang Guoan said nothing.

"Little Aunt is a Fairy Girl, and Uncle is strikingly handsome, so if they don't have a child, it would truly be a pity!"

Kang Yiyang sighed.

“You and your partner aren’t bad-looking either, plus you both attended prestigious universities. Naturally, your intelligence is decent, so after marriage, have more children.”

“Uncle, why bring it back to me?”

“So that you don’t keep envying your little aunt and uncle.”

“Is there anything wrong with envying? Besides, your suggestion is good, but my partner and I can’t compare with my little aunt and uncle. As for children, just one is enough.”

If there are too many children, and they all misbehave, wouldn’t it make you go gray early with worry?

Thinking about it is terrifying!

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“Mom...”

As the night slowly descended, in the bathroom, Xiao Loh En clutched the shorts and T-shirt he was wearing, blinking his bright black eyes, a soft, cute voice spilling from his mouth.

“Hmm?”

Kang Li was running water into the tub.

It must be mentioned here that two years ago, prompted by Kang Li’s suggestion and in collaboration with Luo Yanqing, they designed a model akin to a modern bathroom water heater.

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