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Chapter 1161: Bath Time Independence

As for making materials, disregard whatever ideas Luo Yanqing came up with...

With the "water heater," it became much more convenient for Kang Li's family to take baths.

At least they no longer needed to use a heater or a big pot to heat water.

"Mommy, I can wash myself!"

Kang Li took off the short sleeves and shorts Xiao Loh En was wearing, and now he was sitting in the bath tub, his chubby face all flushed.

"Why do you suddenly want to wash yourself?"

Kang Li asked with a gentle smile.

"It's not sudden, it's Xiao En... Xiao En has grown up." Xiao Loh En blinked his big round eyes, with a somewhat innocent and shy expression on his face.

Seeing the thin blush on the little guy's face, Kang Li couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Upon hearing her laugh, Xiao Loh En felt even more embarrassed.

Second Brother said that when he was Xiao En's age, he had already started taking showers himself, so why wouldn't Mommy let Xiao En wash on his own?

"Oh! Our little Xiao En looks so tangled!"

Kang Li was amused by the little one's shy demeanor and laughed again: "Baby, you're so cute, Mommy loves you so much!" As she spoke, Kang Li leaned in and kissed the little one on the forehead with a smack.

"Mommy, Second Brother said he and Brother and Sister were all taking baths themselves when they were my age!"

Xiao Loh En's face turned as red as an apple after getting kissed by his mom.

He bowed his head, and under the light, his long eyelashes cast shadows on the eyelids like two small fans. To Kang Li, he looked so obedient and adorable, she couldn't resist wanting to rub his head.

In fact, that's exactly what Kang Li did; she rubbed the fluffy head of Xiao Loh En, then washed his head. In an instant, his watermelon-shaped head turned all wet.

"I see, Xiao En is feeling shy, right?"

"Yes. Mommy is a girl, Xiao En is a boy, and Xiao En has grown up, so it's not appropriate for Mommy to help him with bath time anymore!"

Having washed the little one's head, Kang Li began to gently clean his body with a soft towel.

Without needing to say more, Xiao Loh En followed Kang Li's instructions just like during any usual bath time.

Doing whatever he was asked to do.

"Now let's stand under the shower to rinse, and we're all done."

After rinsing off, Kang Li picked up the towel placed nearby and wrapped the little one, saying: "Starting tomorrow, I'll arrange for your big brother and second brother to help you take a bath, how about that?"

Immediately, Xiao Loh En responded happily: "Okay!"

"That's so good!"

Kang Li praised, carrying the little bun out of the bathroom.

"Ruirui, from tomorrow, you and Hanhan are responsible for giving Xiao En his baths." Placing the little one on the bed, Kang Li helped him put on a little vest and shorts, casually speaking to Min Rui and Brother Ming Han.

"Alright."

Min Rui responded.

Ming Han: "I can give Xiao En a bath all by myself."

"You're amazing."

Min Rui gave Ming Han a faint look, casually uttering the words.

"I am amazing after all!"

Ming Han scratched his head, making a funny face at his brother.

"Hanhan, Xiao En only refused Mommy's help with his bath because of what you said. I guess you have your own motives, admit it?"

Kang Li deliberately asked her clever second son.

"What motives could I have?" He just wanted his little brother Xiao En to become independent sooner, lest Mommy get too tired.

Furthermore, isn't taking care of one's own affairs the right thing to do?

Kang Li amusingly shook her head: "Your eyeballs could turn even faster." What a little rascal!

"Mommy, Xiao En wants to hear a story."

Xiao Loh En's voice rang out.

"Lie down properly, Mommy will tell you a story now."

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Kang Li smiled and started to tell a bedtime story.

Time ticked by, and after a few minutes, Xiao Loh En yawned, closed his eyes, and fell asleep.

"Ruirui, you shouldn't read for too long at night; it's bad for your eyes."

Rising from Xiao Loh En's bedside, Kang Li turned her gaze toward Min Rui. Seeing her eldest still sitting on the bed with a book, she couldn't help but comment.

"I'm done, going to sleep now."

Marking his place, Min Rui closed the book and placed it beside his pillow.

"Hanhan, what are you thinking about instead of sleeping?"

Her gaze shifted to Ming Han, and Kang Li watched her playful second son with a smile.

"Mom, I'm just about to sleep!"

Ming Han said as he closed his eyes, "Goodnight, Mom, I wasn't thinking of anything just now!"

"Goodnight."

Sneaky little fox, he must be thinking about playing tomorrow!

Kang Li smiled, shook her head, and left the room.

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Three days later, Third Brother Kang and Third Sister-in-law Kang arrived in North City; Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang went to pick them up from the station. Due to limited room at Kang Li's home, they had to set up bedding in the living room for the night.

However, Kang Li suggested that Third Brother Kang and his wife stay at the courtyard house, but they declined, saying it was just one night and there was no need to trouble themselves.

"Third Sister-in-law, you can sleep in Vivi's room. I'll have Vivi sleep in my room, while Third Brother and my younger brother can sleep on the floor in the living room."

"Aunt, I'll sleep on the floor too."

"Alright, I have no objections."

Kang Li glanced at Kang Yihong and then said, "Let's all go to bed early. We'll head out after breakfast tomorrow."

Third Brother Kang and the others all nodded in agreement.

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As the eastern sky lightened, Kang Li, Third Brother Kang and his wife, Kang Guoan, and Kang Yiyang finished breakfast and left the house.

"Sister Kang Li!"

Just as they reached the courtyard entrance, Kang Li heard Mo Yan's voice.

"Why didn't you come in?"

Kang Li approached with a smile and asked.

"I just got here," Mo Yan smiled back. "Are we heading straight to the train station now?"

"Yes," Kang Li nodded and casually asked, "Have you had breakfast?"

Mo Yan replied, "I ate at home before leaving." Then he turned his gaze to greet Kang Guoan and the others one by one.

"We're planning to visit Second Brother and Second Sister-in-law in G province during this trip."

Upon hearing this, Third Brother Kang and Kang Guoan had no objections.

Of course, Third Sister-in-law Kang didn't say anything either.

And Kang Yiyang was all for it.

This journey was rather long, especially in the height of summer. To avoid the various smells in the train carriage, as soon as they arrived at the train station, Kang Li took everyone's documents and bought sleeper tickets without hesitation.

Spending a bit more money meant at least some comfort on the journey.

But even so, traveling over twenty hours by train still felt far from pleasant.

Imagine, in the scorching summer, even in a sleeper carriage, but due to the times' limitations, there was no air conditioning on the train. In such an environment, once temperatures rose during the day, it was like being in a steamer.

However, the nights were somewhat better.

Opening the window let the night breeze flow in as the train moved, bringing a slight, refreshing coolness.

Arriving at the G-city station, Third Brother Kang and the others followed Kang Li to a hotel to check-in.

After a shower, feeling refreshed, it was time to address food and drink.

Then, with Kang Li leading the way, they strolled around, stopped occasionally, and learned about the clothing, electronics, and other market trends.

"People here conduct their business so openly; it's really great!"

Kang Yiyang commented while admiring the surrounding skyscrapers and looking at vendors on both sides of the street, holding various clothes, jeans, and electronic products up for sale.

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"As this goes on, other cities in the country will gradually become like this place."

This was Kang Guoan's voice.

Mo Yan nodded in agreement.

The group stayed in G City for two days before heading to Shen City for a tour.

When they returned to Shen City, they were either carrying large bags or shouldering bulging snakeskin bags.

"Sister Kang Li, you all go ahead, I'll stay at the hotel."

Early this day, upon learning that Kang Li and Third Brother Kang's couple, along with Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang, were planning to visit Second Brother Kang's home, Mo Yan voluntarily offered to stay at the hotel to prevent anyone from illegally entering their rooms to steal.

"Actually, there's no need; the hotel has decent security measures."

Kang Li was clearly implying she wanted Mo Yan to go with them, but Mo Yan insisted on staying at the hotel in the end.

With no other choice, Kang Li had to agree.

"Second Brother! Xiao Kai, Haohao!"

Having contacted Kang Guosheng, the second brother, in advance, Kang Li and the others followed Kang Guosheng's directions, riding a large truck from the base to arrive at Kang Guosheng's family's residence.

Outside the family compound, before Kang Li and the others got off the truck, Kang Guosheng approached, accompanied by his eldest son, Kang Yikai, and his second son, Kang Yihao.

"Auntie!"

Kang Yikai and his brother were very happy to see Kang Li, and they both called out to her, which made Kang Guoan a bit jealous: "You only see your aunt, not your Uncle Guo or your Third Uncle and Aunt?"

"We see you, we see you!" Kang Yihao laughed and said, "Hello, Third Uncle and Third Aunt, hello, Uncle, hello, Big Brother."

Kang Yiyang said, "Smart kid, you remembered to greet your big brother." He ruffled Kang Yihao's hair.

"Come on, let's go inside."

Kang Guosheng, usually stern-faced, now wore a gentle expression as he invited Kang Li and the others into the family compound, casually asking, "Are Dad and Mom doing well?"

"Dad's in great spirits!" Third Brother Kang replied, followed by Kang Li saying, "Mom is doing well too."

He Hui, having learned that Kang Li and the others were visiting today, had bought lots of groceries early in the morning and was busy at home.

"Second Sister-in-law!"

As soon as she entered, Kang Li saw He Hui busy in the kitchen and called out with a smile.

"You're here, come in and have a good rest." He Hui emerged from the kitchen, her face beaming with joy, "I can't tell you how happy I am that you're here."

With that, He Hui looked toward her youngest son standing by the bedroom door, "Why are you just standing there? Aren't you going to greet your aunt, Third Uncle and Aunt, Uncle, and Big Brother?"

"Our Chengcheng is still young, don't be harsh on him, Second Sister-in-law." Kang Li chuckled and waved to Little Bean, Kang Yicheng, "Come to Auntie, let me have a good look at you, Chengcheng." Little Bean was even younger than Xiao Loh En and seemed very shy.

Kang Yihao said, "Auntie, he's slow and doesn't like to talk; sometimes it even makes me anxious watching him."

As if he understood his brother was speaking ill of him, Little Bean trotted over to Kang Li, looking up at his pretty aunt who seemed like a fairy, and moved his mouth to complain, "Haohao's bad!"

"Who's Haohao?"

Kang Li picked up the little one and asked with a smile.

Little Bean replied, "Brother, Haohao is brother."

Kang Li said, "So our Chengcheng knows, but you can't just call your brother by his name!"

Little Bean: "..."

"A good child doesn't call their brother by his name." Kang Li's bright eyes curved into crescents, and upon hearing her words, Little Bean replied in his childish voice, "Chengcheng is a good child."

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"Yes, our Chengcheng is a good child, a well-behaved baby."

Kang Li smiled and nodded.

Little Bean, being praised, blushed instantly. He glanced at Kang Yihao: "Brother is naughty, Chengcheng likes Auntie!" Saying this, Little Bean planted a kiss on Kang Li's cheek and added, "Chengcheng likes Auntie!"

"Auntie likes our Chengcheng too!"

Kang Li rubbed her forehead against the little guy's, then bent down to place him steadily on the ground: "Auntie is going to the kitchen to help mom cook, Chengcheng stay in the living room and play with Uncle and Big Brother, okay?"

"Okay!"

Little Bean solemnly nodded his little head.

"Second sister-in-law, Third sister-in-law, let me help you."

Third sister-in-law Kang, having washed her hands, was already in the kitchen helping their second sister-in-law He Hui. Hearing Kang Li's voice, both He Hui and Third sister-in-law Kang looked at her: "Go and rest."

"I'm not tired."

Kang Li said with a smile.

He Hui: "How your health is, everyone in the family knows, be good, go sit in the living room, I'll just stir-fry a couple more dishes, and we'll be ready to eat." Seeing Kang Li standing still, Third sister-in-law Kang couldn't help but urge her on behalf of He Hui, "Li Bao, you've been busy all the way to G City and these past few days, you must be exhausted, go rest."

"Then I'll go to the living room and wait for the meal!"

Kang Li's words carried a smile: "You all spoil me so much, I feel like I'm about to float up to the sky."

"That won't do, what if you float up to the sky and mom comes asking us for her daughter, what do we do then?!" Once these words left Third sister-in-law Kang's mouth, He Hui immediately chimed in: "That's right, we can't find anyone like you to give back to mom."

Kang Li: "Second sister-in-law, you've turned bad, teasing me."

"You're already a Fairy."

That was Third sister-in-law Kang's voice, implying that He Hui was speaking the truth.

In the living room.

Kang Guosheng was chatting with Third Brother Kang and Kang Guoan.

As for Kang Yiyang, he had been taken to his room by Kang Yikai.

Kang Yihao was holding his brother Kang Yicheng and followed along.

"Second Brother, why aren't you surprised at all?" Kang Guoan told Kang Guosheng about Kang Li graduating early and earning double degrees, with perfect scores in all subjects of the two majors, and didn't see any surprise on the other's face, inevitably feeling puzzled.

Kang Guosheng just smiled: "Why be surprised? Li Bao was smart from a young age, we all know well what she's been up to these past few years. Her getting double degrees in a year and a half seems perfectly normal to me."

As he spoke, pride and joy were evident in Kang Guosheng's eyes.

"Second Brother, your composure is truly admirable!"

Kang Guoan gave a thumbs up to Kang Guosheng.

Third Brother Kang nodded in agreement. Back home, when he heard that his sister Li Bao graduated in only a year and a half and received double degrees, he was almost shocked to the point of his eyeballs falling out.

"It's you who's making a fuss over nothing. Either that or you don't know Li Bao well enough." Kang Guosheng chuckled and shook his head. Hearing this, Kang Guoan immediately defended himself: "I'm Li Bao's twin, how could I not know her? I just..." He didn't finish his sentence for a while, and Kang Guosheng raised an eyebrow: "Why aren't you continuing?"

"Second Brother, anyway, I know Li Bao just as well as you do." Kang Guoan locked eyes with Kang Guosheng: "By the way, Li Bao is now listed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as long as she's willing, she can steadily become a diplomat."

Kang Guosheng smiled: "That's my sister for you!"

Kang Guoan: "Li Bao is my sister too."

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Third Brother Kang: "I'm Li Bao's third brother, and she's my own sister."

Looking at Kang Guoan and Third Brother Kang, Kang Guosheng couldn't help but find it amusing: "I never said she wasn't."

Third Brother Kang scratched his head, showing a simple smile, then said: "Second Brother, Little Wu said Li Bao and her husband bought a big house for our parents in North City and that Li Bao even had it renovated."

Upon hearing this, Kang Guosheng was startled and then turned to Kang Guoan: "Didn't spend a small fortune, did you?" Houses in North City aren't cheap, especially buying a big one.

"I don't know exactly how much was spent, but I estimate at least ten to twenty thousand. Li Bao said it's a gift from her and her husband to our parents, and that with the courtyard house, anyone in our family now has a place to stay in North City. Honestly, after seeing the house, I felt quite ashamed, like I'd been outdone by her."

"From the way you put it, do the rest of us brothers fare any better?" Kang Guoan glanced toward the kitchen and said, "Seems like Li Bao is more filial than we are. She's planning to have our parents retire in North City!"

There was some distance between the living room and the kitchen, and Kang Li wasn't intentionally eavesdropping on the conversation among the three brothers in the living room. So, she didn't realize they were talking about her. At that moment, she came out of the kitchen and saw all three of them looking at her, making her feel slightly confused.

"Why is everyone looking at me?"

Blinking her clear, beautiful eyes, Kang Li's sweet voice spilled from her lips, filled with confusion: "Do I have something dirty on my face?" She touched her face but saw nothing on her hand and couldn't help but feel even more puzzled.

"Your face is very clean."

Kang Guosheng's eyes were filled with amusement: "Second Brother sees you as clever and filial, just like my Li Bao."

"Huh?"

What's going on? Why is the usually serious Second Brother suddenly showering her with compliments?

"Your third brother and little brother have been telling Second Brother, but Second Brother has long known that my sister Li Bao is the best!"

Upon hearing this, Kang Li quickly understood and awkwardly smiled: "It's just an early graduation, nothing much. As for buying the house for our parents, it was Luo Yanqing's idea. He said our parents have worked hard all their lives and always cared for me, so we should be more filial. Besides, it's just a small house, nothing worth mentioning."

"Brother-in-law is a good man. How can your filial piety be nothing worth mentioning? Compared to you and your husband, I feel like I'm lacking in filial respect towards our parents."

Kang Guosheng's words came from the heart, and upon hearing them, Kang Li replied with a smile: "How is Second Brother not filial? You can't be with our parents due to work obligations, and our parents understand that."

"Li Bao is right." Kang Guoan turned his gaze to Kang Guosheng: "Second Brother, don't start reflecting now, or else Third Brother and I will have to start some self-criticism too."

Kang Li chuckled: "No need for anyone to reflect. In my view, we're all very filial. After all, our parents raised us so well. If anyone wasn't filial, it would be such a disservice to our dear old parents!"

As she said that, Kang Li's tone carried a hint of playfulness.

Laughter filled the living room for a moment.

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Kang Li and the others didn't stay long at Kang Guosheng's house. Around four in the afternoon, Kang Guoan personally drove them back to the hotel. Before returning to base, he disregarded Kang Li's objections and slipped a stack of money and coupons into her bag.

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"Keep it, if you take it out, Second Brother will be angry."

"But I have it!"

"It's fine that you have it, but what Second Brother gave you is just a little token from me as your older brother."

"Alright."

Kang Guosheng heard this, gently ruffled Kang Li's hair, and then smiled, saying, "Second Brother knows you're smart, but you must not tire yourself out doing something; you have to know that Dad and Mom are most worried about your health. If something happens to you, it would definitely upset our parents."

"I know, don't worry. I'll take good care of myself and won't let Dad and Mom worry about me."

Kang Li, visibly moved, felt a warm flow in her heart, "Second Brother... take good care of yourself!"

Kang Guosheng nodded, "Mm, you too."

At the hotel downstairs.

As they watched Kang Guosheng drive away, Kang Li said, "Let's buy tickets back to North City tomorrow morning."

"Li Bao, your third sister-in-law suggests we shouldn't go to North City. We should head back to our place directly to avoid wasting all our time on the road."

"I was thinking of helping you sell clothes at the stall."

"No need, you've taught your third sister-in-law already, and I listened too. We won't end up selling at a loss."

Kang Yiyang, who was listening to the conversation between Kang Li and Third Brother Kang, couldn't help but say, "Aunt, if you're worried, how about I go back with Uncle and Aunt? I miss my parents too."

Kang Guoan: "I'll go too. It's been over a year; I should go back and visit."

Hearing this, Kang Li thought for a moment and said, "Alright."

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G City Train Station.

"Mo Yan, take care of Sister Kang Li on the road."

Third Brother Kang and his wife, along with Kang Yiyang, were already heading to the ticket gate with all their bags, while Kang Guoan couldn't help but worry about Kang Li's safety on her way back to North City. He reminded Mo Yan: "Your Sister Li Bao hasn't been in great health since childhood. Whenever there's luggage to carry, please help her out."

"Brother, I'm healthy, don't make it sound like I'm made of paper."

Kang Li shook her head with a slight laugh.

"Rest assured, with me around, Sister Kang Li will definitely return to North City safe and sound," Mo Yan responded to Kang Guoan. Hearing this, Kang Guoan looked serious, "I'll leave it to you then."

After speaking, he turned his gaze to Kang Li, "Don't meddle in other people's business. Make sure to get home safely."

"Am I someone who meddles in other people's business?"

Kang Li felt helpless, seeing Kang Guoan frowning, she finally had to say, "Okay, I know. Third Brother and the others are waiting for you, hurry and go to the ticket gate."

Waving to Kang Guoan, watching him go through the ticket gate, Kang Li withdrew her gaze and said to Mo Yan, "There's an empty spot on that bench over there; let's go sit and wait."

"Okay."

Mo Yan nodded.

Unintentionally, Kang Li caught sight of a familiar figure, but hadn't seen the person's face, so she couldn't confirm who it was.

"What's wrong?"

Mo Yan looked in the direction of Kang Li's gaze but couldn't make out anything, so couldn't help but ask.

"I think I saw an acquaintance. You stay here, I'll go check it out." Before Mo Yan could react, Kang Li quickly chased after the figure she had seen.

Not feeling at ease, Mo Yan followed with the items in his hand.

"Xu Chunxia!"

When she was less than three steps away from the figure, Kang Li softly called out, just in case she called the wrong person by being too loud.

Unexpectedly, the person actually stopped in their tracks and turned around to look over.

At the same time, another tall, well-built foreign man with blonde hair stopped and turned back to look.

"It's you!"

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As soon as his gaze fell on Kang Li, that turned figure's expression changed, and then he pulled the hand of the foreign man next to him and said, "Let's go."

"Don't you want to chat with that beautiful lady?"

"I'm not familiar with her."

"Chunxia, where are you heading to?"

Kang Li wasn't mistaken, she quickly took two steps and blocked Xu Chunxia's path: "Who is this man to you? Are you leaving with him?"

Honestly, Kang Li didn't expect Xu Chunxia to come this far.

And she couldn't understand why Xu Chunxia was in G City.

Nor why there was a foreign man beside her.

"You've got the wrong person, my name is Jiang Lei." Xu Chunxia said, urging the foreign man beside her, Jack, to leave once again.

However, Jack's gaze fell upon Kang Li's face, as if he hadn't heard a word Xu Chunxia said, he internally exclaimed: "Oh my God, is this Eastern lady an angel? She's even more beautiful than Miss Lily!"

In Jack's heart, his mistress Miss Lily was the most beautiful woman he had seen until today, but at this moment, Jack had to admit the Eastern beauty his eyes saw would overshadow his Miss Lily even if she stood here.

Xu Chunxia noticed Jack's abnormality, instantaneously feeling jealous, she glared fiercely at Kang Li:
"Vixen!"

"Oh! Dear, what are you saying?" Jack moved his gaze to Xu Chunxia: "How is that beautiful lady a vixen?"

Xu Chunxia pulled the corners of her mouth and said, "A vixen is a compliment for being good-looking, not an insult. Jack, let's go, didn't you say you're in a hurry?!" Wanting to maintain a good impression in Jack's heart, Xu Chunxia felt very frustrated.

"Dear, are you sure you don't know that beautiful lady?"

Jack stood motionless, asking Xu Chunxia.

"I don't know her."

Xu Chunxia lied without batting an eye.

"Alright then." A trace of regret swelled in Jack's eyes, he was about to say to Kang Li: "Beautiful lady..." Before the words left his mouth, he was pulled by Xu Chunxia past Kang Li and walked forward.

"Chunxia, the lady you know, Lady Fang, is looking for you, also I have a word of advice, you're already an adult, better know clearly what you're doing, don't make a false step and regret it later."

Having grown up in the same village, Kang Li thought it's better to give a warning if necessary.

It's not that she wanted to meddle, but having seen it, she couldn't just say nothing.

"A dog's meddling!"

Xu Chunxia's voice was neither too light nor too heavy, but clearly, she hadn't taken Kang Li's words to heart at all.

"Sister Kang Li."

Mo Yan stood beside Kang Li, watching the two figures, one tall and one short, walking away, he softly said: "That lady evidently chose to leave with the foreign man beside her on her own will."

"Yes, indeed it's voluntary."

Kang Li nodded, understanding Mo Yan's meaning.

Someone willingly leaves with another, it can only mean they know each other and share a significant relationship, if she held Xu Chunxia back from leaving, she'd really be meddling.

At the same time, it'd be too self-righteous.

Forget it, the legs belong to Xu Chunxia to walk with, whatever path she wants to take her own matter, it's better for her not to be disliked!

And just as Kang Li withdrew her gaze, another familiar figure appeared before her eyes.

The other was walking closely with a gentleman who was polite and looked quite handsome, both carrying bulging black bags in their hands.

She could see clearly, there was a hint of romance between the two.

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"Sister Kang Li, let's go sit over there."

Mo Yan spoke up at this moment.

"Okay."

Kang Li responded.

"What's wrong?"

"I saw someone I know."

"Are you worried about being misunderstood?"

The man speaking was named Xu, full name Xu Wei. The woman walking beside him was none other than Su Man, another person Kang Li recognized after Xu Chunxia.

No mistake, the woman was indeed Su Man.

She wore a recently popular new dress from G City, wore light makeup, her hair was styled in big waves, tied back with a pretty handkerchief and draped down her back.

Compared to how she looked when Kang Li saw her six months ago, Su Man had not only lost a lot of weight but also had a paler complexion.

At first glance, she seemed very gentle, but upon closer inspection, her mannerisms showed a touch of pretentiousness.

"She lives next door to me, and we've never gotten along."

Saying this, Su Man's eyes were filled with gloom.

"What do you plan to do now?"

Xu Wei had a liking for Su Man. The two met around this time last year. To be specific, they met on a trip to G City to restock inventory around this time last year.

Over a year had passed, and their relationship gradually changed.

So far, aside from not crossing the final boundary, they've done everything else. To mention, Xu Wei is currently single, but despite knowing Su Man is married, he still engaged in an affair with her.

He had once suggested to Su Man to divorce, then the two of them could get married. Unexpectedly, Su Man refused, saying it wasn't the right time.

In short, their relationship is close, on the path of cheating on Wen Siyuan.

"It's okay, let's sit there."

Su Man walked ahead, followed by Xu Wei.

They sat on a bench not far from Kang Li and Mo Yan. After a moment, Su Man stood up: "I'm going over to say a few words." She never intended to divorce, thus she absolutely couldn't let Wen Siyuan know she had other intentions.

"Looks like you and I are in the same boat!"

The spot beside Kang Li was empty. Sensing someone sitting down, she turned to see the person next to her was Su Man.

Hearing the other's words, Kang Li looked at her as if she were crazy, and said coldly, "Are you out of your mind?" What does "you and I are the same" mean?

"Let's speak frankly. If you tell Teacher Wen what you saw, then Professor Luo will learn from me what I saw today."

Su Man threatened Kang Li, her voice was not loud, but her eyes were as venomous as a snake, making one feel nauseated.

"If you're sick, go take medicine." Fool, she was just guessing before, but now, this person came over to confirm her suspicions.

At this moment, Kang Li truly didn't know what to say to Su Man.

"You better accept the toast instead of the punishment."

Su Man whispered through clenched teeth, loud enough only for Kang Li to hear.

"Get lost!"

Kang Li spat the word lightly from between her lips and teeth.

"You..."

Su Man's face flushed with anger, so enraged that she nearly wanted to strangle Kang Li's neck. She calmed the fury in her heart and, through clenched teeth, said once again, "If I end up divorcing Wen Siyuan, you'll die a horrible death!"

"Didn't you hear me tell you to get lost?" Kang Li's clear, sharp gaze was cold and indifferent: "Stop threatening me here. If you want to go say something to my lover, be my guest. Right now, go back to wherever you came from, because just looking at you makes me sick!"

Su Man was so infuriated by Kang Li's words that she was gasping for breath: "You're just ungrateful. Fine, just you wait." With that, Su Man got up and returned to her original seat, her face clouded with anger.

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"Sister Kang Li, are you okay?"

Mo Yan vaguely heard Kang Li and Su Man talking about something, but didn't catch it fully. Seeing Kang Li's face looking a bit off, she couldn't help but show concern.

Kang Li lightly shook her head in response to Mo Yan.

As time went by, the train heading to North City was notified for ticket inspection.

"Let's go."

Kang Li stood up, "Let me carry one."

"No need."

Thinking that the summer vacation was idle anyway, Mo Yan also wholesaled some clothes and electronic watches this time, planning to sell them at a stall upon returning to North City.

Others thinking the same way naturally included Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang.

However, the two took the items they wholesaled back to their hometown to try selling them. If they couldn't sell them all, they would bring them to North City to get rid of them.

After all, the goods were cheap, the profit from reselling was considerable, so losing money was impossible.

Going back to the city was also in a sleeper car.

Sitting on the green train, listening to the "clunk-clunk" sound by their ears, Kang Li and Mo Yan arrived in North City after more than twenty hours again.

"Sister Kang Li, I'll send you back to the compound first."

"There's a bus directly to your place, why go through the hassle? Besides, it's not like I don't know the way, and I'm just carrying this medium-sized bag, getting on and off the bus is very convenient."

Kang Li refused Mo Yan's offer to escort her to the compound, after all, Mo Yan was carrying a bulging snakeskin bag and a bag much bigger than hers. If she escorted her, not only getting on and off the bus would be troublesome, but also needing to transfer. If the bus wasn't crowded it would be fine, but once it was crowded, it would be quite uncomfortable.

Besides, Mo Yan got on the bus from the train station at the starting stop, where there were seats available. Why bother on the road just to escort her?!

"Are you sure you don't need me to escort you?"

Mo Yan looked at Kang Li for confirmation.

"Alright, don't dawdle. The bus you're supposed to take is about to leave. Hurry up. If you're any later, you'll have to wait again." Kang Li gently pushed Mo Yan, "If you need any help, just remember to call me."

Mo Yan nodded in response, then jogged with the snakeskin bag and large package in hand towards the bus that had already started not far away.

Two or three dozen meters behind Kang Li, Su Man and Xu Wei stood together.

"Let me escort you."

"Better not."

Glancing at Kang Li's back, Su Man shook her head, her face very somber.

"Actually, you don't need to worry too much. Although we walked together, who said regular social interaction between men and women is not allowed?! Besides, we're in the same industry, just happened to come back together from sourcing in G City."

Xu Wei tried to comfort Su Man, so she wouldn't appear distracted and let others sense something amiss.

Unbeknownst to him, Su Man had already exposed herself in front of Kang Li.

"Let's not meet again this summer."

Caught off guard hearing Su Man say this, Xu Wei's face changed slightly, "Are you trying to cut ties?"

"I didn't mean that, I'm just saying let's not meet for now this summer. When this phase is over, I'll come find you myself."

Su Man knew how dangerous the path she was on was. Yet, women have their vanities, and although Xu Wei wasn't as good-looking as Wen Siyuan, he was not bad either,

Moreover, Xu Wei was really nice to her, not only helping her find a cheap supply channel, but also teaching her how to run a business. Most importantly, whenever he saw her unhappy, he would tell jokes to make her laugh.

In contrast, Wen Siyuan, except for being nice during early marriage, later either showed a cold face directly or criticized her this and that.

Making her feel she was nowhere near as good as Kang Li, that vixen.

But to divorce Wen Siyuan, she...she never thought about it...

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"Manman, you know my feelings for you. Since we're mutually in love, why won't you agree to marry me?"

Xu Wei looked at Su Man, his eyes filled with unmistakable affection: "Before meeting you, I had never been in a relationship. Now, I just want to marry you, and spend our lives together. Don't you want that too?"

"You know I can't."

Su Man bit her lip, lowering her eyes, avoiding Xu Wei's passionate gaze.

"Why can't you? Isn't it just a divorce? If you're worried about your son, you can bring him with you. I promise to treat your child as my own."

However, after hearing Xu Wei's confession, Su Man wasn't moved; instead, she shook her head: "Don't push me, or we won't even be friends anymore."

Saying this, she picked up the goods she had brought from City G, avoiding looking at Xu Wei's expression, and quickly headed for the bus she was going to take. Kang Li was already seated on the bus, looking out the window, pretending not to see Su Man.

Choosing to ignore a good life, playing with fire, and not worried it might actually burn her someday.

Kang Li shook her head internally, utterly disapproving of Su Man's actions!

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The bus arrived at the big courtyard stop, and Su Man followed behind Kang Li to get off.

"Wait!"

Seeing the distance growing between them, Su Man couldn't help but call out.

"I told you to wait, didn't you hear me?"

Carrying her goods, Su Man caught up to Kang Li, panting: "Although we don't get along well, there's no deep-seated hatred. I was wrong to say what I did before, please forgive me. But I'm just friends with that person, we met while buying goods, don't misunderstand anything."

"Comrade Su, there's no need to explain. I don't have the time to meddle in others' affairs."

Kang Li's tone was calm, and with that, she quickened her pace slightly.

"Mom, you're back?!"

Xiao Loh En and his brother Ming Han were playing marbles under the old banyan tree outside the courtyard. Suddenly seeing a shadow appear, they looked up, and in the next moment, Xiao Loh En smiled gleefully.

At this moment, Ming Han also saw Kang Li and was equally overjoyed.

"Mom, did you buy us toys?"

"Of course, I did."

The two little ones followed her into the courtyard. Xiao Loh En ran to the living room: "Grandma, Grandma, Mom's back!" Min Rui and Ming Wei heard Xiao En's voice and immediately came out of their respective rooms.

"Mother."

Kang Li stepped into the living room and softly called out to Cai Xiufen, then said, "My younger brother and Yangyang went back with my third brother and sister-in-law to our hometown."

"It's good for them to visit."

Cai Xiufen said, pouring Kang Li a glass of cool water: "Drink this, you look hot."

Taking the glass, Kang Li drank more than half of it in one breath.

Cai Xiufen: "Go take a shower, it'll help you cool down."

"Okay." Kang Li nodded, shifting her gaze to Min Rui: "The things I bought for you all are in that big bag over there. You can open it and look with Grandma, your brother, and sister."

Min Rui: "Let's wait for Mom to finish her shower, then we'll open it."

"That works too."

Kang Li smiled, curving her lips, then went to her bedroom to get a clean set of underwear and a light blue dress, and headed to the bathroom.

About half an hour later.

Kang Li returned to the living room feeling refreshed. She opened the large package on the floor, took out the gifts she bought for the four children, handed them to each one, and then took out a lightweight yet non-transparent, intricately made short-sleeved shirt and handed it to Cai Xiufen: "Mom, this is for you. You should try it on later to see if it fits."