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"Why don't you go and take a look at the office?" Cai Xiufen suggested.

Nodding slightly, Kang Li picked up the bag on the sofa: "I was thinking the same." She got up and added, "Mom, I'm going out for a while."

Cai Xiufen: "Go ahead."

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A certain hospital.

Kang Li walked out of the ultrasound room, looking visibly somewhat dazed.

She cast her eyes down at the ultrasound report in her hand, fearing she'd made a mistake, she rubbed her eyes and carefully looked it over several times. Even then, she couldn't quite believe it, and she sat on the bench outside the ultrasound room, trying hard to adjust her emotions to calm down. Then, once again, she fixed her gaze on the ultrasound report.

Uh...

No mistake, she wasn't mistaken.

She was certain, and very sure she hadn't made a mistake. In the next moment, she pressed the ultrasound report against her chest, and shortly after, covered her mouth with one hand, her bright and beautiful fox-like eyes curving into a smile that was unmistakable.

By now, it was almost five in the afternoon, and Kang Li had finally managed to calm her excitement.

Standing up, she walked out of the outpatient building with a light step.

"Kang Li!"

Hearing a familiar female voice behind her, Kang Li stopped and turned to look, and saw Su Man staring at her, not looking well.

Thinking there was nothing to say to the other person, Kang Li averted her gaze and started walking towards the hospital entrance.

"You're following me, aren't you?"

Su Man's face was a bit pale, looking quite unwell, she quickened her pace and caught up with Kang Li outside the hospital entrance, blurting out this line.

"..."

Kang Li felt utterly perplexed.

"Why? Why are you following me?" She had been extremely cautious before coming to the hospital, scared of running into someone she knew, but who could tell her how this unexpected encounter had happened?

Especially thinking that Kang Li knew her secret, Su Man couldn't help but feel that Kang Li must have deliberately followed her here.

"Do you realize how absurd you are?"

Kang Li looked at Su Man with indifferent, detached eyes and said, "The hospital is a public place. If you can come, why can't I? I came here and bumped into you, does that mean I'm stalking you? How is that logical? And you should realize one thing, you called out to me, not the other way around."

Hearing this, Su Man thought for a moment, suspicion coloring her gaze: "You... you're sure you didn't follow me here?"

"You're ill, but I'm not."

Kang Li's expression turned slightly cold.

"If you're not sick, what are you doing at the hospital?"

Her heart, which had just been set at ease, became uneasy once more. Su Man's eyes were full of vigilance.

"None of your business!"

Kang Li's voice carried a hint of chill: "Comrade Su, if you keep bothering me so absurdly, don't blame me for being rude to you!"

Having a disease and not taking medicine, but coming out to bother people, it's simply absurd!

A flicker of impatience passed through her beautiful eyes, and Kang Li prepared to leave, but before she walked away, she warned Su Man again: "We're not familiar at all, so in the future, wherever we meet, please don't call out to me and speak nonsense."

With those words, Kang Li walked towards the nearby bus stop.

Su Man stood in place, her facial expression changing repeatedly. She watched Kang Li's retreating figure until Kang Li boarded the bus, only then did she reluctantly look away.

The discomfort coming from her abdomen made Su Man sway, almost falling to the ground.

At this moment, she couldn't care less about why Kang Li was at the hospital, filled only with regret.

Just once...she and Xu Wei, just once, and unexpectedly...

Closing her eyes, the scene from the afternoon a week after she returned from G City last month flashed through Su Man's mind... She was setting up her stall to sell clothes at the usual spot when suddenly, the fair weather turned gloomy, looking like a precursor to a heavy rainstorm.

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"Why don't you go to the office and have a look?" Cai Xiufen suggested.

Kang Li nodded lightly and picked up her bag from the sofa: "I was thinking the same thing." She got up and said, "Mom, I'm going out for a while."

Cai Xiufen: "Go ahead."

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At a certain hospital.

Kang Li walked out of the ultrasound room, looking visibly a bit dazed.

She lowered her head to look at the ultrasound report in her hand, afraid she might be seeing things, and rubbed her eyes to look it over several times carefully, yet still found it hard to believe. She sat on the bench outside the ultrasound room, trying hard to calm herself, then once more fixed her gaze on the report.

Uh...

She didn't see it wrong; she didn't see it wrong.

She was certain, absolutely certain she hadn't seen it wrong. The next moment, she pressed the ultrasound report against her chest, and after a moment, covered her mouth with one hand. Her bright, beautiful, fox-like eyes curved into crescents, clearly filled with smiles.

It was around five in the afternoon when Kang Li finally calmed her excited heart.

She got up and walked lightly out of the outpatient building.

"Kang Li!"

Hearing a familiar female voice from behind, Kang Li stopped and looked back, seeing Su Man looking at her with an unpleasant expression.

Thinking she had nothing to say to the person, Kang Li withdrew her gaze and continued walking towards the hospital's entrance.

"You're following me, aren't you?"

Su Man's face was somewhat pale, looking unwell and uncomfortable. She sped up and caught up with Kang Li outside the hospital entrance, opening with such an accusation.

"..."

Kang Li felt baffled.

"Why? Why are you following me?" She had been careful before coming to the hospital, afraid of running into acquaintances, but who could have told her she would suddenly encounter such an unexpected incident?

Especially the thought that Kang Li knew her secret, Su Man couldn't help but feel Kang Li had probably intentionally followed her here.

"Do you know how inexplicable you are?"

Kang Li looked at Su Man with indifferent and distant eyes and said, "The hospital is a public resource. If you can come, why can't I? I came here and met you by chance, so now I'm following you—what kind of logic is that? And besides, you should get one thing straight: you were the one who stopped me, not the other way around."

Upon hearing this, Su Man thought for a moment, her eyes tinged with suspicion: "Are you sure you didn't follow me here?"

"You're the one who's sick, not me."

Kang Li's expression grew slightly cold.

"If you're not sick, then why are you at the hospital?"

Her heart, which was about to settle, rose again as Su Man's eyes filled with vigilance.

"Mind your own business!"

Kang Li's voice carried a hint of coldness: "Comrade Su, if you keep provoking me without any reason, don't blame me for being rude to you!"

Not taking her medicine yet coming out to cause trouble, utterly inexplicable!

A trace of impatience flickered in her beautiful eyes as Kang Li prepared to leave, but before going, she warned Su Man again: "We're not close at all, so in the future, don't stop me and say random things to me, no matter where we meet."

With that, Kang Li walked toward the nearby bus stop.

Su Man stood rooted to the spot, her expression changing repeatedly as she watched Kang Li's back until Kang Li boarded the bus and slowly withdrew her gaze.

The discomfort from her abdomen caused Su Man's body to sway, nearly making her collapse to the ground.

At this moment, she didn't care why Kang Li appeared at the hospital, only feeling a deep sense of regret.

Just once... It was just once with Xu Wei, and she ended up with this...

Closing her eyes, Su Man's mind flashed back to that afternoon a week after she returned from a supply trip to G City last month... She was selling clothes at her usual spot when suddenly the weather turned gloomy, a clear sign of an impending heavy downpour.

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At that moment, she packed up her stall, fearing that the torrential rain would fall and soak the unsold clothing, but she hadn't yet found a place to shelter from the rain with her large bags in hand.

Raindrops as big as beans came crashing down.

Just as she was about to cry with impatience, Xu Wei's voice reached her ears, saying his house was nearby.

"Your legs are long, help me carry the bags to your house first..."

She didn't mind getting soaked by the rain, but the goods in her bags couldn't afford any mishaps; otherwise, all her hard work would go to waste, right?

This was what Su Man thought at the time. Having learned the Xu family's address from Xu Wei, she urged him to hurry up.

Later, both of their goods were fine, but Su Man was drenched like a wet chicken in the rain.

"I made some hot water for you, go to my room and dry off and change clothes, so you won't catch a cold and feel uncomfortable. By the way, there's no one else at my house, it's just the two of us."

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The unexpected happened just like that.

After the event, Xu Wei said he originally just intended to add some hot water for Su Man, but couldn't control his feelings at the moment...

Su Man naturally felt a bit overwhelmed, she cried and hit him, but eventually, Xu Wei calmed her down. However, she never imagined she would get pregnant.

When her period didn't come on time that month, Su Man knew something was wrong. She didn't dare tell Xu Wei, fearing he might do something uncontrollable.

So, after days of anxiety, she gritted her teeth and went to the hospital today.

After a doctor's examination confirmed her suspicion, she decided to proceed without thinking twice.

When she walked out of the operating room, the weight in Su Man's heart was just relieved, but unexpectedly, as she was about to leave the hospital, she saw Kang Li, and that led to the conversation mentioned earlier with Kang Li.

The courtyard.

"Mom, you look so happy!"

Kang Li walked into the courtyard gate, and upon raising her eyes, she saw Ming Han, followed by the little guy saying that. "Do I?" Kang Li uncontrollably curled her lips: "You must have been mistaken, I'm no different from usual."

"But I'm not mistaken!" Ming Han blinked his bright black eyes, tilted his head, and looked at Kang Li for quite a while, his childish voice sounded again: "Mom, not only your eyes are smiling, but your mouth is smiling too, and the smile on your face is particularly obvious!"

Ming Wei came out of the living room, the little girl looked at Kang Li curiously, and after a while, nodded her small head and said in a little adult way: "Mom, I think you are totally happy!"

"You guys are so smart. Before entering the door, I remembered a joke, so I felt very happy. I didn't expect your keen observation to catch all of mom's emotions."

Kang Li said with a smile, giving a thumbs up to the twins: "Awesome!"

Ming Han and Ming Wei, a bit embarrassed by the praise, Ming Han said with a grin: "Mom, you're exaggerating!"

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Before going to bed at night, Kang Li specifically went to Cai Xiufen's room.

"Mom, I'll tell you some good news when I come back from the institute tomorrow!"

"Can't you tell me now?"

"Tomorrow, I mean tomorrow. Don't worry, Mom, what I'm going to say is definitely good news, and after you hear it, you'll be 100% happy!"

It's not that Kang Li wanted to keep it a secret, she just wanted to share this good news with her Professor Luo first. After all, without Professor Luo's efforts, she wouldn't have today's good news, and besides, her Professor Luo has been longing for this for years. She wanted to see what he would be like when he heard the good news.

Of course, this doesn't mean her mom holds a lesser place in her heart than Professor Luo; it's just a little selfishness as a young woman, wanting her Professor Luo to be the first to know this good news!

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"Alright! Mom is waiting for your good news."

Cai Xiufen looked indulgent yet helpless: "Did you come to my room just to tell me this?"

"Yes, yes, yes." Kang Li beamed, nodding repeatedly: "Ruirui and the others saw how happy I was this afternoon, did you notice, Mom?"

"I saw you were so happy you seemed ready to fly up to the sky."

Being teased by her mother like this, Kang Li smiled warmly, saying in a soft voice: "I feel so light and airy!"

Cai Xiufen looked at Kang Li with loving eyes: "Mom loves seeing you happy."

"I love seeing you happy too, always cheerful."

"Your mouth is getting sweeter!"

"I didn't eat any candy."

"Well, who knows?"

"Mom, I really didn't eat any candy."

"Alright, alright, you didn't eat candy."

After joking with Kang Li, Cai Xiufen said: "Go back to sleep, you'll be busy early tomorrow."

"I'm leaving then."

She was planning to bring some dried meat and oil tea for Luo Yanqing, all of which needed to be prepared early tomorrow. Thinking of this, Kang Li said "Goodnight" to Cai Xiufen and returned to the master bedroom.

Little did she know, at this time point, Luo Yanqing had just walked out of the laboratory.

"Director..."

"Come to my office."

"It's this late, aren't you resting?"

"Quit the nonsense."

Director Song glared at Luo Yanqing and stepped towards the office.

Truth be told, he was deliberately blocking the laboratory door because not only Kang Li felt Luo Yanqing has been acting strangely for the past month, but Director Song also noticed it.

Luo Yanqing stood silently outside the laboratory. Maybe not hearing footsteps behind him, Director Song paused and turned back to look at Luo Yanqing: "What are you standing there for? Follow along!"

"..." Luo Yanqing's mouth twitched, but he eventually said nothing, stepping towards Director Song.

The two entered the office one after the other.

Director Song: "Shut the door."

Luo Yanqing tightened his lips and casually closed the door, asking: "What does the Director want to say to me?" With a blank expression, Luo Yanqing stood in the center of the office.

"Sit down and talk."

Director Song pointed at the sofa.

"No, please speak directly."

Luo Yanqing shook his head.

"What on earth is wrong with you? You're the one who requires your project group members to rest for two days a month, so why the sudden noncompliance on your part?"

And you haven't been going home to rest, shouldn't you at least call home to let them know? But you haven't, and even when Li Bao called, you uncharacteristically didn't answer, making excuses that you were too busy.

You cheeky kid, I know you're busy, but surely you can spare a minute to take Li Bao's call, can't you? Especially since Li Bao calls during non-working hours..."

Before Director Song could continue, Luo Yanqing lowered his eyelids, making it hard to read his emotions, he said: "I'm indeed very busy, you know, the project I'm handling now is very important."

"Which project you've managed over the years wasn't important?" Director Song felt Luo Yanqing's words were just an excuse—a convenient excuse of being busy to avoid going home and avoiding Kang Li's calls.

But he just couldn't guess the reason.

"If there's nothing else, I'll head back to the dorm to rest."

Luo Yanqing spoke as he tried to leave.

Seeing him turn away, Director Song suddenly slapped the desk, saying sternly: "Hold on! Call your home immediately!"

"Everyone at home is asleep by now."

Implying that it was inappropriate to call at this time.

Director Song: "It's not even half-past nine, if you call, Li Bao will definitely pick up."

However, Luo Yanqing stood still. Seeing this, Director Song picked up the handset: "If you don't dial, I'll help you dial."

Unexpectedly, upon hearing this, Luo Yanqing walked towards the door without hesitation, and under Director Song's stunned gaze, he opened the door and went out.

Watching the office door open and close, Director Song was filled with complicated emotions for a moment. He really wanted to pry open Luo Yanqing's mind to see why he had become so abnormal recently.

Luo Yanqing pressed his lips and returned to the dormitory. After washing up, he didn't go straight to bed; instead, he sat on the chair in front of the desk, quietly gazing at the moonlight as silver as it appeared outside the window.

Gradually, his phoenix eyes, as if dyed with ink, revealed a hint of pain, and the corners of his eyes became moist.

It wasn't that he didn't want to go home, or that he didn't want to call his family, or that he didn't want to answer the call from his little girl. It's just...he doesn't know how to face her now...

Since a month ago, he had gone to the hospital and had to consider many things.

He picked up the originally used book on the desk, and in a short while, took out a diagnosis slip from the middle of the pages. Looking at every word on it, he felt an extraordinary heartache.

He does not fear death; what he cannot bear is that he will never see his little girl again, never be able to continue his career... But the reality is, regardless of his reluctance, life continues counting down day by day.

That night, Luo Yanqing almost sat at the desk until the latter half of the night. After lying in bed for less than three hours, he got up, tidied himself up, and headed straight to the laboratory.

As if he completely forgot he hadn't had breakfast.

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Kang Li arrived at the research institute a little after eleven in the morning. She confidently made her way to Luo Yanqing's dormitory door and directly took out a key from her bag to open the door.

"Indeed, as always, clean and tidy. Not bad."

Upon entering, she scanned the living conditions of Luo Yanqing's place. Kang Li's beautiful eyes curved into a crescent moon, nodding in satisfaction. Then, she placed the bulging travel bag in her hand on the chair and hung the bag from her shoulder on the coat rack.

With about fifteen minutes left before the end of work, Kang Li sat by the bed for a while, feeling a bit bored. She couldn't help but pick up a book from the desk and browse through it. Just then, something fell from the middle of the pages.

Kang Li was taken aback, bending down to pick up the paper that had fallen to the floor.

The paper was folded, and it looked somewhat familiar.

More accurately, it resembled the paper often used by doctors for prescriptions.

With doubts in her mind, Kang Li unfolded the paper in her hand, and in the next moment, she was completely dumbfounded.

"Dwen Dwen!"

Apart from periodically summoning the "System" Dwen Dwen to inquire about rewards, Kang Li usually didn't interact much with Dwen Dwen. Suddenly being summoned, Dwen Dwen came online immediately: "Hey there, sis! I'm here!"

"Help me read the content on this paper and tell me word for word."

"Got it!"

Soon after, Dwen Dwen conveyed the information it had read word for word to Kang Li, and instantly, Kang Li lost her footing, taking a step back.

"So I wasn't seeing things..." She looked dazed, murmuring: "He hasn't gone home to rest in the past two months, hasn't called home, hasn't picked up my calls—is it because of this?"

Feeling heartache, Kang Li's eyes filled with a sourness: "The pressure in his heart must be immense, and very painful, right? Fool... how can he silently endure such a massive issue alone? Or is it that he still considers me an outsider?"

Shaking her head, Kang Li forced away the moisture from her eyes: "No, he doesn't treat me as an outsider. He's likely not wanting me to worry, yes, that must be it!"

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Dwen Dwen was a bit worried about Kang Li: "Miss, are you okay?"

"Thank you... thank you for your concern, I... I'm fine..." Kang Li replied, then thought of something and asked, "I've never asked you how many points you have, can you check now?"

Soon, Dwen Dwen provided the accurate points number, and then rather sheepishly said: "Miss, I'm sorry, your points are already enough to exchange for that pill or the gene modification fluid I mentioned, and after the exchange, there's still quite a few points left, but not enough for another pill."

Kang Li: "The pill you mentioned can cure illnesses and strengthen the body when there's no illness, right?"

Dwen Dwen: "Yes, Miss."

Kang Li: "Can my partner take it?"

Dwen Dwen: "He can."

Kang Li: "Are you sure it can restore his health?"

Dwen Dwen: "Don't worry, Miss, once ingested, it will definitely cure the disease completely!"

"Okay, exchange one now." Kang Li picked up the thermos and poured half a cup of water into Luo Yanqing's cup placed on the desk, then she folded the diagnosis sheet neatly and tucked it back into the book she had picked up earlier.

Dwen Dwen: "Miss, open your palm."

Kang Li did as instructed.

Seeing the milky-white pill suddenly appear in her palm, emitting a faint elegant medicinal fragrance, Kang Li decisively put it into Luo Yanqing's cup, watching the pill quickly dissolve in the water.

Dwen Dwen: "Miss..."

Kang Li: "Hm?"

Dwen Dwen: "You gave this pill to your husband, what about you?"

"I'm not in a hurry." Kang Li's chest didn't ache anymore, her eyes were full of smiles: "I just want my partner to be okay now."

Dwen Dwen: "Then keep it up, Miss, once you accumulate more points, you'll be able to exchange for a pill yourself."

Kang Li: "Don't I do tasks every day?"

Dwen Dwen: "I know, Dwen Dwen is just encouraging you, that's all!"

"What do you usually do?"

Perhaps out of boredom, Kang Li became a bit nosy towards the System.

"Watching movies or TV, or hanging out in our System groups."

"You watch movies and TV? You guys have groups?"

"Miss, watching movies and TV is keeping up with the times. As for System groups, they've long existed in our Unified Realm, where everyone can share task experiences and learn from each other!"

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"Are you sure this is the truth?" Kang Li tucked away her smile, her demeanor swiftly shifted from relaxed to graceful and dignified. She approached Luo Yanqing, stopped two steps away from him, her gaze fixed on his indifferent and distant eyes, and said unhurriedly, "You can think it over before answering."

Unexpectedly, Luo Yanqing didn't take a moment to think, directly repeating, "I'm very busy." The implication couldn't be more clear.

Kang Li: "Do you really not want to see me?"

"You know very well, considering the nature of my work, I can't be a good husband... These years of marriage have made me feel immense pressure; I often get distracted at work... Kang Li, let's get divorced! You deserve a better man to accompany you, and I don't want any matters outside of work to hold me back..."

Uttering these words against his will, Luo Yanqing could almost feel his heart bleeding, yet, he had no other choice.

Kang Li remained calm: "From what you said, am I the one causing you a lot of pressure?"

Luo Yanqing remained silent, which was tacit approval.

Indeed, the thoughts in his heart were: No! That was merely an excuse I fabricated, wanting you to leave me without any regrets and live your beautiful life.

After waiting a while with no words from Luo Yanqing, Kang Li pursed her lips, eyes cast down as if grieving, making Luo Yanqing feel an intense ache.

He wished he could hold her close, wanted to say everything was a lie, not to believe the nonsense he spewed, yet his hands that hung at his sides remained motionless.

"You're excellent, I don't want to hold you back, similarly, I'm passionate about my work and hope no one or nothing will disturb it." Luo Yanqing's voice was deep and crisp, still devoid of any warmth.

Kang Li lifted her gaze, she once again stared into the man's indifferent and distant eyes: "Luo Yanqing, are you hiding something from me, aren't you?"

"No."

The response was too quick, with a hint of suspicion.

"After the spring began, you returned to the office; in April you went home to rest, saying you would do so for two days every month from then on, and you indeed did, but in the past two months, you've been completely out of character—not only haven't you come home, but also haven't proactively called, and even stopped answering my calls, what does this suggest? It suggests you're definitely hiding something from me, Luo Yanqing, tell me the truth, okay?"

Fool! Did he think she didn't know why he proposed a divorce?

Just worried she'd become a widow...

"I said no." Luo Yanqing took a step forward, bypassing Kang Li, he walked to the desk and looked out the window saying, "I want to dedicate all my future time to my work, and I ask you not to make wild guesses." If something malignant were to grow in his brain, the result would inevitably be fatal.

If possible, he surely wouldn't want a foreign object growing in his brain, but the fact is it exists, and has started to manifest in his work.

Recalling a month ago while immersed in his experiment, unexpectedly the world went black before his eyes, although brief, it's a fact.

Originally thinking it was due to excessive work stress, hoping some rest would solve it, yet a few days later, the darkness reappeared at work.

Couldn't see anything!

The duration was similarly brief.

He couldn't ignore it anymore, harboring anxiety, he went to the hospital for an examination.

Only to be informed... a foreign object appeared in the brain, but to determine if it's benign or malignant requires further testing... however, with eyes and a mind, it's not difficult to discern some clues from the doctor's expression.

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Most likely, that thing in his brain is malignant.

Faced with such a situation, he forced himself to stay calm and inquired the doctor about the details... which led to the subsequent decision!

"Luo Yanqing, look me in the eyes and speak."

Kang Li was a bit angry; she hadn't expected this man to be so stubborn, insisting on an idea and going all the way to the end with it.

"You go back, and I'll find time later to finalize the divorce procedures with you."

With his back to Kang Li, Luo Yanqing was striving to control his emotions. He said, "I'll give you all the savings from home, and whatever you want from the house, you can take with you."

Hearing this, Kang Li laughed in anger: "Turn around and look at me, I have a few questions to ask you, and once I get the answers, I'll leave immediately." Luo Yanqing's heart skipped a beat at this, and his expression changed slightly.

His hands hanging at his sides slowly tightened, and Kang Li noticed this clearly.

After a while, he turned around, looked into Kang Li's clear eyes that showed no sign of disturbance, realizing she was serious. At that moment, Luo Yanqing's lips turned a shade paler, a hint of panic flashed in his ink-black eyes, and he murmured, "You... ask away!"

Kang Li: "You once said you liked me, is this true or false?" She stared into the man's eyes, her expression serious and grave.

"..." Luo Yanqing wanted to say it was false but didn't want to hurt Kang Li, so he said, "It's certainly not false; but compared to liking you, I love my work more."

Ignoring Luo Yanqing's latter half of the sentence, Kang Li continued to ask, "Do you still like me now?"

With tightly pursed lips, Luo Yanqing felt very nervous under Kang Li's gaze. He was silent for a moment, then shook his head slightly, saying, "Right now, I just want to focus on my work." That way, she shouldn't get too hurt, right?

Noticing that Kang Li's eyes were even more calm and indifferent than before, Luo Yanqing felt increasingly panicked inside. He unintentionally leaned closer to Kang Li, only to see her step back.

Luo Yanqing's eyes became instantly red, a trace of pain spread from the depths of his eyes.

Yet, Kang Li pretended not to see it, she asked again: "You just want to focus on work, then after divorcing me, have you thought about what will happen to Ruirui and them?"

"...I'll hire a nanny to take care of them. If they don't want that, they'll have to manage on their own."

"You once hired a nanny, what was the result?"

"That was an accident..."

"Ruirui and they are a few years older than before, but they are still children, are you confident they can take care of themselves?"

"Rest assured, someone will look after them."

If he suddenly passed away due to the foreign object in his brain, the organization wouldn't ignore Luo Mingrui and his siblings.

As for Loh En, Elder Loh and his spouse would take care of him, without him having to worry excessively.

"Yes, of course, I should be reassured. After all, what kind of person is Professor Luo? You're an outstanding researcher; how could there be no one to help look after your children?"

The words Kang Li said made Luo Yanqing's face turn a shade paler, despite the unbearable heartache, he wished he could take back everything he said, but knowing he couldn't let his efforts go to waste, he painfully endured.

"I'm sorry."

"What does Professor Luo have to apologize for? Nothing, Professor Luo's character is noble. During the years we were married, you handed over the family's finances to me and accommodated everything, enduring bullying from me without complaint. You haven't wronged me at all, instead, I caused you to bear heavy burdens."

"You..."

"Luo Yanqing, I understand now."

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"Xiao Li..."

"I understand exactly what you mean."

"Xiao Li, I..."

"I agreed to you, but I can give you a month to change your mind. If you still insist on divorcing me by then, I'll grant you your wish."

When Kang Li said this, Luo Yanqing became at a loss.

His eyes were red, full of panic and fear, as if he'd been severely bullied.

Looking at the man intently, Kang Li suddenly wanted to hold him, rub his head, comfort him, tell him... those words were just said casually, tell him she wasn't fooled by his lies, tell him no one could separate them, even he himself, without her consent, divorce was out of the question!

But she didn't walk toward him, didn't act on what she felt inside. She wanted him to learn a lesson, to see if he dared to mention divorce again.

Of course, she caught every emotion in the man's eyes.

He was scared, panicking, regretful...

Clearly wanting to be near her, yet stupidly holding onto his resolve.

Idiot!

He cares so much about her, likes her, loves her, why does he not think to tell her the truth, to face it with her?

Does he think divorce is for her own good?

But does she need him to decide what's good for her?

Kang Li sighed quietly and walked to the desk, picking up a cup of water and handing it to the man, "Drink up. Once I see you finish it, I'll leave." Her expression was unchanged, and seeing the man hesitated to take the cup, she added, "Don't want to drink? I poured this especially for you."

"I'll drink."

Taking the cup, Luo Yanqing finished it in one gulp.

"You get on with your work, I'm leaving now."

Saying this, Kang Li started walking toward the door.

Luo Yanqing's lips twitched, wanting to call back his little girl, reaching out a hand to stop her, but no words came, and he didn't step forward, just watched Kang Li's figure disappear beyond the door.

Yet he was mentally timing it, thinking about where Kang Li would have walked to, while Kang Li was also timing it, wondering if someone would come after her.

She walked neither fast nor slow, until she stepped outside the dormitory building, hearing hurried footsteps from behind. Her lips curved slightly, and her pace involuntarily quickened.

"Xiao Li!"

Luo Yanqing was running from the dormitory.

"Xiao Li..."

"You... mm..."

Kang Li was caught off guard as the man pulled her into his arms, and warm lips touched hers.

Not allowing Kang Li to struggle, Luo Yanqing blocked all her unspoken words.

His eyes were wet, one hand wrapped around her waist, the other gently holding her nape, kissing her softly yet cherishingly...

Kang Li came to her senses and immediately bit the man's lip.

The sharp pain cleared Luo Yanqing's impulsive mind, as if shocked, he withdrew his hand.

Seeing the red blooming on her lips, Kang Li thought she might have been a bit harsh, but recalling the anger this man brought to her that hadn't subsided, her initial intention to wipe the blood vanished.

"You can go."

Luo Yanqing returned to his cool and indifferent demeanor, his gaze distant, looking at Kang Li as if she was a stranger.

This invisibly provoked Kang Li again.

Ha! Was he playing with her?

One moment talking about divorcing her, urging her away without hesitation, the next chasing after her, kissing her without a word, now showing indifference again—did he think she wouldn't get angry?

Collecting her thoughts, Kang Li's expression was equally indifferent. Her red lips parted slightly, "Goodbye!" As the words fell, she withdrew her gaze from the man's handsome face, turned, and walked toward the entrance without looking back.

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At the moment she turned around, Luo Yanqing's eyes were filled with pain.

"I never thought the romance between Professor Luo and his partner could be so enchanting!"

One wearing a white shirt with black pants, tall and dignified.

One in a pure white, sleeveless dress with a round neck, simple and elegant design, accentuated with a black woven belt, creating a stunning and fairy-like impression!

The woman, graceful and willowy, embraced by the man, the image couldn't be more beautiful!

"Professor Luo is usually so aloof!"

"It depends on who he's with."

"Exactly, I agree."

"Comrade Kang Li is as beautiful as a Fairy Girl, and she is so outstanding that Professor Luo instantly transforms from cool aloofness to down-to-earth, not surprising at all."

Luo Yanqing watched Kang Li's departing figure, unaware that several female researchers had witnessed his previous actions.

Well, it's lunch break now, just moments ago, Luo Yanqing embraced and kissed Kang Li, not only noticed by those female researchers.

Several male researchers, including Wen Siyuan and He Wei, also saw it clearly.

"Envious of Group Leader Luo!"

He Wei, holding a lunch box, didn't hide the envy in his eyes.

"You can only envy!"

Wen Siyuan replied, continuing to walk toward the cafeteria.

He Wei caught up: "Don't you envy them?"

"Why should I envy?" Wen Siyuan glanced at He Wei, his heart naturally full of envy, but what can envy change?

"That's no fun," He Wei laughed, "Just based on Comrade Kang's fashion sense, I think it's necessary for our other halves to learn, so we might also..."

Wen Siyuan: "You'd better keep dreaming."

"Why? Who are you looking down on? My wife... My wife might not be particularly attractive, but she's still quite a beauty. If she could dress like Comrade Kang, who knows, she might become a stunner."

"Are you willing for your wife to spend a lot of money on herself?"

"Of course I am."

"Stop bluffing, if your wife really spends all the money on herself, wouldn't you feel heartache? Besides, Comrade Kang is not short on money."

"True, every time Comrade Kang participates in major events and wins a gold medal, the country issues rewards; I've heard you mention, Comrade Kang seems to receive manuscript fees every month, it's truly remarkable."

"What do you mean by seems? Comrade Kang receives considerable manuscript fees every month; it's only you in the institute who might not know."

As Wen Siyuan spoke, suddenly recalling something, he said to He Wei, "During my recent vacation home, I heard someone saying Comrade Kang Li has graduated from university and obtained dual degrees."

Upon hearing this, He Wei was first stunned, then showed surprise, "Are you sure?"

"Why would I lie to you? Comrade Kang obtained dual degrees in a year and a half, she and Group Leader Luo truly deserve to be a couple!"

Luo Yanqing had once graduated in two years with dual degrees; this was no secret in the institute.

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As she stepped out of the research institute, Kang Li pursed her red lips, her expression not great, heading towards the bus terminal two miles away.

She wasn't unmoved by proposing divorce to Luo Yanqing, but aside from being moved, she was more angry.

That duplicitous guy, she was curious to see if in a month, he'd really go with her to handle the divorce paperwork.

After walking about a mile, Kang Li suddenly realized she'd forgotten something, stopped walking, furrowed her brow in deep thought, shortly remembering she hadn't shared the good news she learned yesterday with Luo Yanqing, and then remembered another matter.