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Chapter 1181:

Bag!

Empty-handed, she realized she left her bag in someone's dormitory.

Turning around, Kang Li was just about to head back to the institute when suddenly a sharp pain hit the back of her neck, and she lost consciousness. Just before she blacked out, Kang Li realized she was knocked out from behind.

She also knew that the person who knocked her out most likely got out of that black car by the roadside...

Alright, Kang Li figured it out!

"Do you really think it's not too rough to treat Miss Kang Li like this?"

"The Master said, as long as Miss Kang Li isn't hurt, the means don't matter. Besides, the Master also mentioned that Miss Kang Li doesn't want to acknowledge her kin."

"Still, you didn't have to hit Miss Kang Li like that. Covering her mouth with a handkerchief would've knocked her out just the same."

“If there’s any residual effect from making Miss Kang Li faint, would you take responsibility?”

“Alright, alright, I won’t say anymore, okay? We need to quickly get Miss Kang Li to the pier now.”

“Then why are you still blabbering? Start the car, quickly.”

“To take Miss Kang Li away without anyone knowing, we’ve had quite a difficult time these past few days.”

Abroad.

Jiang family estate.

“Stubborn boy, when the young lady is brought to you, you have to wake up. Otherwise, you’ll sleep forever until brain death...”

Looking at his motionless son lying in bed with an oxygen mask, Jiang Hongfa’s eyes were filled with tears: “If it weren’t for the doctor’s timely rescue back then, you would be gone...”

Recalling the time from half a month ago when the heart monitor alarm went off, he was so frightened that he almost fainted. Luckily, he'd arranged for a medical team to stay at the estate, living in the villa next to this one, just to prevent accidents and rescue his son in time.

Although they managed to save him, the doctors also informed him that they must find a way to awaken the patient. Otherwise, once the organs show signs of failure, brain death wouldn't be far away.

Having no other solution, he had to secretly arrange for people to go to the country and bring that girl named Kang Li over here since, before the accident, his son kept mentioning he wanted to go back home to find his mother and little girl.

However, Wanqiu was already gone, so it was impossible to bring her to his son. Thus, he could only pin all his hopes on that little girl. But Lawyer Wang had said the little girl didn't want to acknowledge their relationship, which forced him to use some means to bring her over here.

As to whether the boy would blame him upon waking up, Jiang Hongfa said he couldn't care less.

"I'm not afraid of you throwing a tantrum at me. To wake you up, I've had people force that little girl out of the country. If you really are angry with me, just open your eyes and scold me!"

Wiping the tears from the corners of his eyes, Jiang Hongfa seemed to have aged more than ten years in just two or three short months.

His hair was silver, his face was full of wrinkles, and he looked utterly exhausted, but he knew he couldn't fall. He needed to witness his son waking up!

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When Kang Li woke up, she found herself lying on a soft and comfortable bed. Sitting up, she rubbed the back of her neck and looked around the room she was in; simple, like a standard hotel suite.

Looking towards the window, Kang Li was instantly stunned!

What did she see...endless ocean? How did she end up at sea?

Getting out of bed, Kang Li walked to the window and looked outside through the glass to see the vast ocean. However, she didn't panic. She summoned the System through her mind: "Dwen Dwen."

"Sister, I'm here."

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Dwen Dwen came online in a flash.

"I..." Before Kang Li could continue, she felt a wave of nausea rising in her throat. Not caring about anything else, she rushed to a small door on the side.

Pushing it open, inside was the washroom. Kang Li swiftly went in and dry heaved over the toilet.

After a while, feeling a bit better, she turned and walked out of the washroom, but before she could continue her conversation with Dwen Dwen, she found herself rushing to the washroom again, dry heaving over the toilet once more...

“Miss, are you seasick?”

“Half of it, I guess.”

Before coming to this world, she never had motion sickness or seasickness.

Dwen Dwen was puzzled: “Miss, what do you mean by half?”

Kang Li: “I reckon it’s the baby in my belly causing trouble.”

Dwen Dwen’s round eyes widened instantly: “.... Baby? So Miss means, she has a baby in her belly?! Is that right?”

Dwen Dwen held back its urge to jump up and down, confirming with Kang Li, “Miss, are you saying you’re pregnant?”

“Yes.”

Kang Li replied, “But you know my physical condition, I’m just afraid I can’t keep them safe.”

“Them? Miss... don’t tell me you have more than one baby?”

Dwen Dwen’s eyes sparkled.

As the childcare system, it naturally loved babies the most. If Miss gave birth to a few, with its help in raising them, its mission would definitely be accomplished incredibly well!

Kang Li: “Yes, more than one. I had an ultrasound done. But you should be able to scan too, right?”

“Yes, yes, yes, I can. Miss, wait a moment...” Dwen Dwen activated its scanning function, shortly after, it joyfully jumped up and down, “Wow! Miss, you’re amazing! Really, it’s not just one baby! But although Miss’s body has been conditioned with medicine, bearing the health of these babies will be very difficult!”

With a slight frown, Kang Li: “Then what should we do? By the way, I’m on a ship, right?!”

“Yes! Miss is currently on a large cargo ship.”

“Cargo ship?! How did I get here?”

“Miss... when I noticed something wrong with your condition, I called out to you, but you wouldn’t wake up. Then, when I noticed the person bringing you onto the cargo ship meant no harm, I stayed to guard you to prevent other situations.”

“Was I knocked out and put into a car, then brought to this ship?”

“Yes.”

“How long has it been since I was taken from North City?”

“It’s been about twenty-seven hours.”

“What time is it now?”

“A little past three in the afternoon.”

Kang Li: "So it's now the second day, a little before four in the afternoon."

Dwen Dwen: "Yes."

Kang Li lay back down on the bed, planning to wait for someone to come and negotiate with her before discussing anything else.

After all, with babies in her belly, she couldn't afford any mishaps.

"Miss..."

"Hm?"

"Do you want to run a tab with me? What I mean is, for the sake of the babies in your belly developing well, I can... I can extend you a body strengthening pill first, but you must promise me to repay the points you owe."

Dwen Dwen was also doing its best to pass the assessment!

Kang Li curved her lips: "Sure, I'll complete more tasks and strive for you to be at the top in your Unified Realm assessments."

Dwen Dwen: "Thank you, Miss!"

Kang Li: Silly, it's she who should thank it.

Besides, she mentioned being pregnant on purpose earlier just to get a body strengthening pill from the system to ensure the steadiness of her babies' growth, now that she achieved her wish, she felt a bit guilty towards the silly thing!

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However, she promised to take on more tasks, and she wouldn't go back on her word.

Calming her thoughts, Kang Li conveyed her gratitude through her mind: "I should be the one thanking you."

Dwen Dwen blushed: "No need to be so polite, big sis." Then it asked Kang Li to open her palm: "I'll give you the pill now."

"Alright."

As Kang Li responded, a body strengthening pill suddenly appeared in her palm.

"Big sis, quickly take it, so you won't feel nauseous anymore!"

"Thank you!"

Kang Li thanked Dwen Dwen again, then she took the familiar, mildly fragrant pill.

"How do you feel?"

"It melts in the mouth."

"What else?"

"My whole body feels warm."

"That means the pill is working, big sis, you should take a bath later!"

"Bathe here?"

"No need to worry about safety, big sis. I'll be in the room guarding, won't let anyone come in while you bathe."

"Okay."

At that moment, voices were heard outside the door.

"Is the young lady awake?"

"I was just about to check inside the room."

"Are these the clothes prepared for the young lady?"

"Yes. All newly bought, washed, and sun-dried, as the master instructed before departure."

"Take good care of the young lady, remember, no mistakes are allowed. Answer truthfully if she asks anything, don't make her angry."

"Understood."

"Alright, go in then, if the young lady needs anything, just tell me. Ah Xiang will bring some refreshments later."

By this time, Kang Li was already sitting up. She could hear clearly that it was a man and a woman speaking outside, and at this moment, Kang Li guessed why she was on the cargo ship.

The door opened, and a girl in a maid's uniform with a Chinese face, seemingly about seventeen or eighteen, walked in.

She held a pile of clean clothes, including underwear and a nightgown, as well as outerwear like pants and skirts, all in a simple elegance but of obvious quality.

"Y-young lady, you're awake?!"

This maid was named Ah Lan. Her ancestors went abroad for labor due to livelihood needs, and over time, settled in Guoan.

In Ah Lan's generation, although her family could barely make ends meet, there were quite a few siblings. To ease the family burden, Ah Lan sought work outside the slums, fortunately getting hired at the Jiang family estate.

This time, she was chosen because of her diligence and honesty, yet smart, to accompany another maid named Ah Xiang, following the designated person by Jiang Hongfa, to take care of Kang Li's living needs on the journey home.

"Why am I here?"

Despite her guess, Kang Li needed confirmation.

Ah Lan: "In response to the young lady, we are following the master's orders to bring you home."

Kang Li: "We?"

"Young lady, the master arranged six people to come to bring you back. Knowing you don't want to return, the master... the master had Brother Wang use some minor means, but neither the master nor we mean you any harm."

"Who is your master?"

"Young lady, our master's last name is Jiang, he is your paternal grandfather."

"My grandfather is back in my hometown, and my current home is in North City."

"Young lady, you are the master's biological granddaughter. As to why you've been living in the mainland, when you return to the estate, you can ask the master in person."

"Do you know that what you're doing is illegal?"

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Upon hearing Kang Li's words, Ah Xiang pursed her lips tightly without speaking.

"And, you just took me away like this, did you ever think about what would happen if my family couldn't find me?"

"We're just following the master's orders." As she spoke, Ah Xiang looked at Kang Li for a moment and asked, "Little Miss, would you like to take a bath first?"

Reminded by Ah Lan, Kang Li immediately caught a whiff of a stench and lowered her eyes to see a thin film of black-gray covering her exposed skin, glistening with an oily sheen.

Furrowing her brows, before Kang Li could feel disgusted with her own appearance, she heard Dwen Dwen's voice in her mind: "Don't be afraid, little sister. That layer of grime on you is the impurities accumulated in your body over the years. Because you took the body strengthening pill, these impurities were expelled through your pores."

Kang Li ignored Dwen Dwen and said to Ah Xiang, "I'm going to take a bath."

"This is what the master instructed Aunt Fu to prepare for the little miss before we set off." Ah Lan placed the stack of clothes gently on the bed and said, "The little miss just woke up and must be feeling uncomfortable. Let Ah Xiang assist you with your bath."

"No need."

Kang Li waved her hand and said, "Prepare some food for me. I'll call you if I need anything later." With that, Kang Li picked a set of underwear and a dress from the stack of clothes and quickly entered the bathroom.

It's not about being careless, but Kang Li really couldn't stand being all dirty and grimy.

Moreover, with Dwen Dwen promising to guard the room and saying no outsiders would barge in, it wasn't making baseless claims.

After about half an hour, Kang Li came out of the bathroom feeling refreshed and much lighter, as if a burden had been lifted off her shoulders.

"Did you notice any changes in yourself, little sister?"

Dwen Dwen whirled around happily.

"Notice what?"

Kang Li was puzzled.

"Your skin is whiter and more delicate than before!" Dwen Dwen, being a huge admirer of looks, always liked Kang Li's "heavenly beauty." Seeing her after taking the body strengthening pill and bathing, looking even more radiant, made it overjoyed.

"It's just a shell!"

Kang Li was indifferent and even took the opportunity to blame Dwen Dwen: "You didn't tell me it would be so smelly, you know? I nearly got fed up with myself."

"Being stinky for a while to have a healthy body, isn't it worth it?"

Dwen Dwen felt a bit aggrieved.

Kang Li's eyebrow twitched: "It's worth it, absolutely worth it." It sounded like coaxing a child.

Dwen Dwen immediately beamed with joy.

"I wonder what my family is up to now." Kang Li murmured as she walked out the door, and the sea breeze blew her soft hair and skirt, fluttering them gently.

"I can't help with that, little sister."

Dwen Dwen hung its head, being a simple system for living and childcare, it couldn't perform special operations.

"Don't blame yourself." Kang Li comforted, "You helped a lot by giving me that pill on credit." If she were still seasick, given her health condition, the baby in her womb would most likely not survive.

After all, reaching the same destination by ship would take much longer than by plane. In other words, she might be stuck on this freighter for a while.

North City.

Courtyard.

"Ruirui, your mom went to visit your dad yesterday and didn't come back, nor did she call home. It's already late afternoon today, and there's still no sign of her?"

Cai Xiufen lamented to Min Rui while sitting on the sofa, "Should we call your dad and ask?"

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Ming Han and Ming Wei were playing outside the courtyard under the old banyan tree with Xiao Loh En. Min Rui was originally in the room reading, but upon hearing Cai Xiufen's voice, he couldn't help but come to the living room and said, "Just make a phone call."

"Is it appropriate to call at this time?"

Picking up the receiver, Cai Xiufen put it down again: "It's not off work time yet."

"The phone book has Grandpa Song's office landline number."

Min Rui said as he took out a small hard-covered notebook with recorded phone numbers from the drawer under the coffee table. He found Director Song's office landline number and picked up the receiver to dial a series of numbers.

After about two or three minutes, Director Song's voice came through the receiver, "Hello! Who would you like to speak to?"

Min Rui first reported his name, then without any hesitation, asked about Kang Li, and heard Director Song say that Kang Li didn't stay long at the station and went back to the compound yesterday. Immediately, Min Rui was stunned.

"Ruirui! Ruirui, what's wrong with you?"

Seeing Min Rui frozen and speechless, Cai Xiufen became anxious, quickly took the receiver from Min Rui's hand and asked Director Song, "Her Godfather, what did you say to Ruirui? The child seems very not right at the moment!"

"Old sister-in-law, Ruirui asked me whether his mother left the station, I told him..." Director Song was speaking when suddenly he stopped, his expression changed, and he was silent for a moment.

Cai Xiufen felt strange, "Her Godfather, why did you stop talking? Did Li Bao leave or not? She didn't come back last night and didn't call home..."

"Old sister-in-law, I have a bit of business to attend to, I'll hang up now!" Director Song hung up the phone, immediately got up, thinking of going to the laboratory to ask Luo Yanqing, but before he walked out of the office, he stopped.

Going in such a rush, what if it's just a mistake, wouldn't it affect that young man's work?

After walking back and forth in the office for two rounds, Director Song picked up the receiver, dialing his home landline number.

Receiving Director Song's call, Mrs. Qi finished the call with a solemn expression, and didn't delay a moment leaving her home.

"Old sister-in-law!"

"Little sister is here, quickly have a seat."

Seeing Mrs. Qi walk into the living room, Cai Xiufen quickly invited her to sit down, then said, "You look at Ruirui, I don't know what his Grandpa Song said to him on the phone, and he's become like this."

Min Rui sat dazed on the sofa, pressing his lips together, tears welling up in his eyes, yet not saying a word. If you look closely, it's not hard to see panic and unease in his eyes.

"Where is Li Bao?"

This is what Director Song asked Mrs. Qi to come and inquire about.

"She went to the station at noon yesterday to see Yanqing, she hasn't come back yet. It's already late afternoon, I'm worried something happened to her on the way.

I thought I'd call the station to ask Yanqing, but feared disrupting Yanqing's work, so Ruirui helped me call his Godgrandfather's office..."

Cai Xiufen babbled on, while Mrs. Qi's heart sank further with each word she heard. She asked, "Older sister-in-law, are you sure Li Bao didn't return yesterday?"

Almost instantly, Cai Xiufen sensed something was wrong with her question, "Her Godmother, what do you mean by that? Could it be that Li Bao already..." Before finishing her sentence, Cai Xiufen felt dizzy and fainted on the sofa.

"Old sister-in-law! Wake up!"

Mrs. Qi looked anxious, hurriedly pinching Cai Xiufen's philtrum.

Min Rui also came to his senses, the young boy saw Cai Xiufen fainting, and opened his mouth shouting for Grandma.

In a daze, Cai Xiufen opened her eyes, disregarding her current physical condition, sat up quickly and grabbed Mrs. Qi's hand, urgently asking:

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"Did Li Bao's godfather call you, saying Li Bao left the Institute yesterday?"

Mrs. Qi didn't want to nod, but she had to, and then she said, "Sister-in-law, don't worry yet. There might be something going on. Let's call my husband, Old Song, and ask him to find Yanqing and ask around."

"Something happened to Li Bao! No, it can't be, my Li Bao can't be in trouble..." Cai Xiufen's eyes flushed red as she shook her head repeatedly and urged Mrs. Qi, "Her godmother, hurry and call, call Li Bao's godfather!"

Mrs. Qi nodded, her eyebrows full of anxiety and unease, as she picked up the receiver and dialed the office number of Director Song.

"Grandma! Grandma, don't worry, my mom will be okay, my mom is so strong, she won't have any trouble!"

Even as he said this, the unease and fear in Min Rui's eyes were unmistakable.

The Institute.

Director Song was waiting for Mrs. Qi's call, and when the phone suddenly rang, he quickly picked up the receiver. A moment later, as if all his strength had been drained, he placed the receiver back on the phone in a stupor and then pulled himself together, getting up briskly and walking out of the office.

"Director..."

He knocked on the door of the lab where Luo Yanqing's project team was. Before Director Song could speak, the researcher who opened the door greeted him.

"Please have your Group Leader Luo come out."

"Alright."

Three minutes passed, and Director Song hadn't seen Luo Yanqing come out, so he knocked on the door again.

"Director, Group Leader Luo is busy..."

"Just tell him I'm looking for him."

"I told him."

"Go tell him again. Say I have an urgent matter to ask him."

"Alright."

Unexpectedly, after another three minutes, the researcher returned to the door with a troubled look: "Director, I told him, but Group Leader Luo seemed not to hear it. You'll probably have to wait until our leader finishes his current work..." Before the researcher could finish, Director Song stepped directly into the lab and walked straight to Luo Yanqing's side: "Put aside your work, I need to ask about Li Bao."

He spoke in a lowered voice but ensured Luo Yanqing could hear him.

Indeed, upon hearing the name "Li Bao," Luo Yanqing's hands visibly paused, his expression dazed.

"Let's talk outside."

With those words, Director Song was the first to leave the lab.

Luo Yanqing instructed the researcher next to him to record the experimental data and then quickly followed.

As the laboratory door closed, the two stood in the hallway. Director Song stated bluntly, "Li Bao didn't return to the compound yesterday. Your mother-in-law called my office just over ten minutes ago, asking if Li Bao had left our Institute.

I sensed something was wrong, so I had your godmother drop by your house to check, and then she told me on the phone that Li Bao indeed hadn't gone back. Tell me, did you have some conflict yesterday, is that why Li Bao didn't return to the compound?" His expression was solemn as he met Luo Yanqing's eyes, "I hope that's the case, but I'm afraid..."

He didn't finish, but he knew Luo Yanqing would understand his meaning.

If it were because of a conflict between the two, Kang Li didn't want to worry the elders and children at home, so she didn't go back to the compound and found a place to clear her mind, then the situation would be indeed serious!

Just imagine, a person goes missing in broad daylight, and they only discovered it now. With such a long interval, where could she have been taken? It's all an unknown.

And whether she's in danger is equally unknown!

At this moment, Luo Yanqing only felt a heat rising in his throat, and he spat out a mouthful of blood as soon as he opened his mouth.

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This scared Director Song: "You brat! Don't frighten me, let's go to my office first." Seeing Luo Yanqing staggering slightly, Director Song quickly reached out to support him and led him toward the office. Unexpectedly, on the way, Luo Yanqing spat out two mouthfuls of blood and collapsed on the ground again.

For a moment, Director Song was in a flurry, shouting for help while he carried Luo Yanqing on his back and rushed forward.

Three days later.

Luo Yanqing woke up in the hospital room. Yes, Luo Yanqing had been in a coma for three full days. On the day he fainted, Director Song hurriedly took him to the nearest hospital, where doctors diagnosed him with blood vomiting and fainting due to acute stress.

"Old Song! Old Song, Yanqing is awake!"

This is Mrs. Qi's voice.

Director Song stood by the window, looking solemn. Upon hearing Mrs. Qi's shout, he quickly turned his head toward the hospital bed, only to see Luo Yanqing getting up to leave the bed.

"Why aren't you lying quietly? What are you getting up to do?"

Speaking in a low voice, Director Song sat on a chair beside the hospital bed: "Ask me anything you want to know, and I'll tell you."

Luo Yanqing's face was pale, looking bloodless. He pursed his lips, expressionless, as if he hadn't heard Director Song's words.

"Is it related to the thing that was diagnosed in your brain?"

Pressing Luo Yanqing back onto the bed, Director Song said: "When you fainted, I took you to the hospital and happened to run into a doctor named Meng. He recognized you and asked if you were here for further testing. Only then did I learn you had been to this hospital for an examination. Tell me, what's going on? Your eyes had problems, and something foreign was found in your brain. Why didn't you tell me about such a serious matter? Ignoring my position as your superior, just from a personal relationship, I'm your elder, your godfather with Li Bao, but you take everything upon yourself!"

Pausing briefly, Director Song continued: "Now listen to me, there's nothing in your brain. You've been in the hospital these days, and those above have specially communicated with the hospital, conducting a full-body examination for you, revealing that the thing originally diagnosed in your brain has disappeared. Besides this, all other indicators of your body are normal, with no abnormalities."

"Where's Li Bao?"

Luo Yanqing showed no reaction to Director Song's words. He opened his mouth, his voice coming out hoarse.

Director Song: "... " Not knowing how to respond.

"Godmother, where's Li Bao?"

Turning his gaze to Mrs. Qi, Luo Yanqing's eyes were full of pain. With Mrs. Qi not responding for a long time, he asked: "How many days have I been lying in the hospital?"

"Yanqing... we still haven't found Li Bao, but all of us believe Li Bao will be alright. You need to take care of your health first, and there are dedicated people looking for Li Bao!"

Mrs. Qi said, turning away, wiping the corner of her eyes.

"I need to find Li Bao!"

Ignoring Director Song's change of expression, Luo Yanqing got out of bed, put on shoes, and walked out of the hospital room without even changing out of the hospital gown.

"You stay put!"

Director Song shouted, then strode forward, grabbing Luo Yanqing's arm to pull him back into the room. He said solemnly: "Li Bao is not just your wife; she's also a highly regarded athlete by the nation. Disappearing without a trace, can the state not pay attention?"

"It's me... I harmed Li Bao... She must have been in trouble because I proposed a divorce to her, it definitely has to be like this!" Luo Yanqing said, covering his face and bursting into tears. His tears flowed through his fingers, making him look deeply engulfed in pain and self-blame at this moment.

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Director Song and Mrs. Qi stood frozen in place.

After a while, Mrs. Qi, with tears welling in her eyes, incredulously said, "You proposed divorce to Li Bao? Yanqing, did Li Bao do something to wrong you, making you want to divorce her?"

"I don't want to drag her down! A month ago, I suddenly lost my vision at work, thinking it was due to the intense workload. But after a few days... my eyes had problems again while working,

so I went to the hospital for a check-up and was told there was something in my brain... If it turns out to be malignant, I might only live another two to three years, or maybe less... just half a year. If I really go, should Li Bao have to take care of the kids alone?"

Luo Yanqing squatted down, holding his head. The sobs coming from his mouth were both sorrowful and suppressed. He said, "In these years of marriage, I've owed Li Bao so much,

how can I... how can I let her keep bearing the burden for the family after I'm gone? She's only in her twenties, still young, and deserves a better future..."

"Did Li Bao agree to it?"

Mrs. Qi asked.

Director Song stood silently next to Mrs. Qi.

"No." Luo Yanqing shook his head. "Li Bao said to give me a month to think about it. If I still insisted on divorce, she would go through the procedure with me."

Mrs. Qi asked again, "Did Li Bao quarrel with you over this?"

Luo Yanqing shook his head once more.

At this moment, Mrs. Qi looked at Director Song, "Li Bao's disappearance... it's most likely intentional."

"That's the conclusion. We are currently looking for eyewitnesses along the way from the office to the compound these past few days," Director Song said. Seeing Luo Yanqing standing up and preparing to leave the hospital room, he said, "Get back to bed!"

Luo Yanqing: "I need to find Li Bao!"

Director Song: "Without clues, where will you look?"

Luo Yanqing remained silent, his bloodshot eyes filled with determination. Seeing his resolute demeanor, Mrs. Qi said, "Maybe you should change your clothes first." With that, she walked out of the hospital room. "I'll wait outside. Let's head back to the compound first. With such a big incident happening, I wonder how the sister-in-law and the kids have been these last few days."

With a wipe at the corner of her eyes, Mrs. Qi left the hospital room.

Luo Yanqing quickly changed his clothes and, without stopping for a moment, got into Director Song's special car. Accompanied by Director Song and his spouse, they returned to the compound. Upon entering the house, he felt only silence and oppression.

Director Song and Mrs. Qi followed Luo Yanqing into the courtyard. As Luo Yanqing stepped into the living room, before he could look up, he was met with a heavy punch.

"Where is Li Bao? Tell me where Li Bao went? If it weren't for going to the office to see you, would anything have happened to Li Bao? If you'd been on normal leave and gone home, would Li Bao have gone to the office to visit you? She went because she was worried about you,

getting up early to make you something to eat and bringing it over, yet Li Bao went missing, and you didn't know. What kind of man are you, what kind of husband?"

With the commencement of the new school year from elementary to university, Kang Guoan had no mind to sit in the classroom and listen, as his beloved younger sister was missing. These days, he was either out searching for Kang Li or staying by Cai Xiufen's side, fearing that his mother might get overly anxious.

Kang Yiyang and Kang Yihong also didn't attend classes, staying by Cai Xiufen's side, helping to look after Min Rui and the twins, while taking turns going out to search for Kang Li.

As for Xiao Loh En, he was taken home by Elder Loh and his spouse and is now studying at the Shuimu University Affiliated Kindergarten.

To avoid causing more chaos at the compound.

Luo Yanqing let Kang Guoan hit him without trying to fight back.

"Xiao Kang, with Li Bao in trouble, Yanqing is suffering more than any of us. Otherwise, he wouldn't have vomited three mouthfuls of blood upon hearing Li Bao hadn't returned to the compound that day, and then fainted at the hospital for three whole days."

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Seeing Luo Yanqing getting harshly beaten several times by Kang Guoan without retaliating, Director Song couldn't bear it anymore and couldn't help but put in a good word for Luo Yanqing.

"He feels bad? If he hadn't stirred up trouble, would Li Bao have had an accident just because she went to see him?"

Kang Guoan gave Director Song some face and stopped hitting Luo Yanqing, but his expression remained extremely grim.

"It is indeed my fault that Li Bao got into trouble, it's right for you to hit me, also right for you to say that, I..." Before Luo Yanqing could continue, Director Song interrupted him, "Enough, none of us wanted to see Li Bao get into trouble. It's no use regretting now, we need to find a way to locate Li Bao as soon as possible. That's what's important."

The reason Director Song stopped Luo Yanqing from continuing was entirely because he was worried that Luo Yanqing would keep taking punches from Kang Guoan.

After all, everyone had seen how devoted Kang Li was to the family, and how well she treated Luo Yanqing and the Min Rui siblings. If Kang Guoan or any other member of the Kang Family knew that on the day Kang Li went missing, Luo Yanqing had brought up divorce... even if there was a reason, the members of the Kang Family, young and old, probably wouldn't show him a nice face.

Especially Kang Guoan and a few older brothers, they would likely take turns dealing with Luo Yanqing.

"Elder sister-in-law, any news come back?"

Mrs. Qi sat down beside Cai Xiufen, glanced at the landline, and asked Cai Xiufen.

However, Cai Xiufen seemed not to hear her. Her eyes were swollen and red, and she just stared blankly out the living room door.

"Granny Qi, we haven't received a single phone call today."

Kang Yiyang responded to Mrs. Qi.

"I'm going to pick up Ruirui and the others from school."

At this time, Kang Yihong stood up, said a word to everyone, and then stepped out of the living room.

"Mom, you can hit me, scold me, it's my fault, causing Li Bao's disappearance..."

As soon as Kang Yihong left, Luo Yanqing moved in front of Cai Xiufen, directly knelt down, with undisguised pain and guilt in his eyes.

"Will hitting you or scolding you help?"

Cai Xiufen's gaze was still outside the living room door, she did not look at Luo Yanqing, murmuring, "Little Wu was right, if you had taken your leave on time like others and come home, would Li Bao have gone to the station to see you? If she hadn't gone, how would anything have happened? She was worried about you, afraid something would happen to you... but this is also my fault, my fault for reminding her to go see you..."

Tears welled up at the corners of her eyes, and Cai Xiufen's voice was mixed with obvious pain.

"Mom, don't be like this, Li Bao has always been lucky since she was little, she will definitely be okay!"

Kang Guoan comforted Cai Xiufen.

"But there's still no news of Li Bao coming back, how can I be at ease?"

Cai Xiufen said, wiping her tears, "That day I was the one who brought up letting Li Bao go to the station, it was me who mentioned it!"

"Mom, it was just an accident... If you keep on like this, the kids will notice something's wrong, then what will we do? You know, Li Bao cares a lot about the three kids at home, if they find out Li Bao got into trouble, they probably won't even go to school."

These few days Cai Xiufen had cried a lot, so her eyes appeared significantly swollen, but when the twins asked, she always made excuses to get by.

But Cai Xiufen knew in her heart, Min Rui knew everything, he just didn't want to add chaos to the adults at home, didn't want his younger siblings restless and crying, so he pretended nothing had happened.

"Ruirui knows..."

Hearing this, Kang Guoan was immediately stunned.

Kang Yiyang: "Uncle, Ruirui knows but doesn't show any obvious abnormality, he just doesn't want Hanhan and Vivi to know about Aunt's matter."

Kang Guoan nodded in agreement.

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Time trickled away, and the atmosphere in the living room was frozen and suffocating.

"Get up, Li Bao cares about you, you can't afford anything to happen." Cai Xiufen finally turned her gaze to Luo Yanqing: "It was my fault earlier, I shouldn't have taken it out on you."

“Mother, don’t say that, the fault is indeed mine!”

Luo Yanqing said painfully: “I’ll leave the family in your hands, I will definitely bring Li Bao back!” He got up and turned to walk out of the living room.

“You foolish boy, can’t you stop acting on impulse?!”

Director Song’s face was dark, stopping Luo Yanqing, his expression as gloomy as ink: “Where do you say you can find her? Didn’t I tell you already, there are professionals searching for Li Bao, as soon as there’s news, we will be informed, you... either recuperate at home or go back to your laboratory!”

“Sister-in-law, Yanqing has been in a coma these past few days, just woke up before we came back to the compound, then got up and wanted to look for Li Bao. If it weren’t for my Old Song stopping him in time, who knows if he would have even made it out of the hospital doors before fainting again. After all, these days on the hospital bed, aside from IV fluids, he hasn’t had a drop to eat!”

As she spoke, Mrs. Qi also had tears falling from her eyes: “I think Guoan is right, Li Bao is a blessed child, and she’s smart, she surely wouldn’t put herself in danger.”

Cai Xiufen did not respond.

“Godfather... if I can’t find Li Bao, how can I be at peace in the laboratory?” Luo Yanqing said painfully: “I will personally search for clues from our place to the compound, I can’t just sit at home waiting for news!”

Director Song: “There are professionals searching for her! And there’s plenty of manpower!”

“I want to personally find Li Bao!”

Luo Yanqing’s eyes were full of determination, he bypassed Director Song and walked decisively towards the door, but unexpectedly, Director Song chopped him on the back of the neck, knocking him unconscious.

Catching Luo Yanqing’s body, Director Song looked at Kang Guoan, and before he could speak, Kang Guoan came over and helped him carry Luo Yanqing into the bedroom.

“Yanqing cares deeply for Li Bao, if he goes out searching like this, even if nothing else happens, he might faint from hunger by the roadside.” As they laid Luo Yanqing on the bed, Director Song said to Kang Guoan: “I know his temperament, once he’s fixated on something, he won’t remember to eat, drink, or rest until it’s done.”

Kang Guoan remained silent for a moment, then said: “By right, Li Bao is not only strong, but she also knows a little martial arts, it’s unlikely for an ordinary person to harm her... moreover, Li Bao hasn’t had conflicts with anyone in North City, so how did she suddenly disappear?”

In a lowered voice, Director Song said: “The authorities suspect it might be related to espionage.”

Hearing this, Kang Guoan was taken aback, then shifted his gaze to Luo Yanqing, saying nothing, but his meaning was clear. Director Song nodded: "The project Yanqing is working on is very important right now, but what I just told you is merely conjecture from above, there's no confirmation that it's the work of spies."

"I don't think so." Kang Guoan suddenly shook his head: "If what you say is true, there were plenty of opportunities for them to make a move, why choose that particular day?"

Director Song, hearing this, couldn't help but ponder for a moment, then nodded: "You have a point, Yanqing's project started in early April and there's been no significant progress so far. Besides, the entire project is highly classified, it's nearly impossible for outsiders to learn any information."

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On the vast sea, Kang Li was unaware that Luo Yanqing had coughed up blood and fainted, unaware that everyone at home was worried about her safety, and unaware that a professionally trained and highly skilled mysterious team was secretly conducting a thorough search for her.