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Chapter 1271: Agreement (2)

Ermao: "I'll also follow Big Brother's lead."

Qiangzi: "Since you all have made a decision, then I... then I'll be the same as you. Otherwise, what kind of brother am I?"

"Alright, let's do it this way!"

Huzi said as he reached out both hands, placing them on Junzi and Ermao's shoulders. Subsequently, Qiangzi joined in, and the four of them hugged each other's shoulders, forming a circle, cheering each other on: "Let's go!"

At that moment, the hooligan-like air about them seemed to dissipate considerably, and shortly after, the four of them linked arms and went to the lakeside to wash their faces.

Meanwhile, the man who parted ways with the four of them, upon walking a certain distance, took advantage of the fact that no one around was paying attention and opened the lady's handbag tucked under his arm. From inside, he took out a stack of US dollars and stuffed it into his pocket,

then took out the wallet inside, and subsequently stuffed several Great Reunion banknotes and Mao notes from the wallet into his pocket as well. Finally, the wallet was casually thrown back into the handbag by him,

as he then walked to a trash can, and with a clattering sound, the lady's handbag in his hand was gone without a trace.

"Dare treat my daughter like that, and still have the nerve to expect compensation from me?"

Thinking this, a hint of mockery flashed in the man's deep-set eyes.

Speaking of which, he was none other than Jiang Boya.

The words spoken earlier at the hotel when he gave Fang Su that stack of US dollars were actually Jiang Boya toying with Fang Su. After all, as a father, from Kang Li being raised on the knees of Captain Kang and his spouse since childhood, to Fang Su seeking a counterfeit to get benefits from him, it wasn't hard to deduce... Kang Li, his daughter, was very likely abandoned by that venomous woman Fang Su at birth.

Since Fang Su dared to be ruthless, don't blame him for retaliating.

Jiang Boya considers himself not a good person, and he always seeks revenge, especially protective of his own. Thus, upon hearing from Liu Jiacheng that Hao Jian helped Fang Su inquire about his whereabouts, and followed him to the vicinity of the hotel, he figured Fang Su would bring her fake daughter to seek him out.

Knowing what Fang Su was planning, Jiang Boya, after Liu Jiacheng left, schemed such an underhanded trick.

First, using Fang Su's hard work during ten months of pregnancy as an excuse to compensate with a large sum of money, then having punks steal Fang Su's handbag to retrieve that sum.

Jiang Boya didn't want to let Fang Su, that viper, have an advantage. He thought it might be better to donate that sum to the orphanage, as a blessing for his precious daughter and soon-to-be-born grandchild.

At this moment, Jiang Boya returned to the hotel and arranged for his assistant to anonymously donate the stack of US dollars he gave Fang Su, along with the Great Reunion banknotes and Mao notes from her wallet to the nearby orphanage.

"Hold on a second."

Calling out to the assistant about to leave, Jiang Boya took out another stack of US dollars: "Donate it all together."

The assistant reached out to take it, nodded, and left.

Approaching evening, accompanied by two assistants, Jiang Boya completed the check-in procedures at a hotel near the institute courtyard.

He did this undoubtedly to avoid Fang Su pestering him again.

The courtyard.

“Regarding what Comrade Liu said, what do you think?” Before bed at night, Cai Xiufen recalled what Comrade Liu Jiacheng had personally come over to discuss two days ago, and couldn’t help but seek Captain Kang’s opinion.

Upon hearing, Captain Kang replied: “You still need to ask me?! Didn’t Li Bao already call and tell us over half a month ago?”

Cai Xiufen frowned slightly: “But isn’t Yanqing still busy?”

“Li Bao doesn’t want to affect the son-in-law’s work. After all, it’s not too late to wait until he’s done with his tasks and then go over.” Thinking of Luo Yanqing, so busy that he barely has any time to rest, Captain Kang, as the father-in-law, couldn’t help but feel distressed for his son-in-law.

“Why not call the institute and ask Li Bao’s Godfather, perhaps Yanqing might be finishing soon.”

Cai Xiufen suggested.

“Alright, I’ll call at noon tomorrow.” Even if the son-in-law can’t join them, they should at least inform him, Captain Kang thought. After a moment, he asked: “Have you talked to Li Bao’s godmother?”

"I haven't gone to see Big Sister yet." Cai Xiufen explained: "Originally, I wanted to say something to eldest brother and his wife, to let them come over and stay with the three kids after we leave, but considering their store can't spare people, I'm hesitant."

Last year, Big Brother Kang and his wife opened a hotpot restaurant about fifty square meters after arriving in North City, and since the store isn't yet paid off, Kang Li, upon knowing about this, fulfilled her earlier promise without a second thought.

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Not only did he buy an exceptional hot pot base recipe through System Dwen Dwen as an investment, but he also provided Big Brother Kang and his wife with ample funds.

At the same time, Kang Li also drew up the interior and exterior renovation designs for the store and mailed them to Big Brother Kang.

In short, with Kang Li's wholehearted support, Big Brother Kang and his wife's hot pot restaurant has been booming since its opening.

It should be mentioned that Third Brother Kang and his wife's clothing store is also doing very well.

The renovation of their store is also credited to Kang Li's efforts.

However, Third Brother Kang and his wife have not yet considered moving to North City to develop.

As for Fourth Brother Kang, he has not yet resigned, which means he is still working at the county transportation company. But recently, Fourth Brother Kang is contemplating whether to resign, or more accurately, take a leave of absence without pay.

After all, the country is stimulating the economy and has begun issuing individual business licenses. Although being self-employed is not considered very respectable by many people now, without a stable "iron rice bowl" income, with the examples of Big Brother Kang and Third Brother Kang before him, Fourth Brother Kang knows that being self-employed has prospects.

To be specific, it brings in money quickly!

"So what are you thinking now?"

Captain Kang asked Cai Xiufen.

"I want the eldest couple to sleep on this side of the courtyard at night," Cai Xiufen said, pausing momentarily before continuing, "The eldest daughter-in-law will make breakfast, and Ruirui and the others will eat lunch and dinner at Li Bao's godmother's place. Does that sound okay to you?"

Captain Kang didn't answer immediately. He asked, "Who will pick up and drop off Ruirui and the others from school?"

"This..." Cai Xiufen thought for a moment and said, "Li Bao's godmother is not in good health, so it's fine for her to make two meals for the kids daily, but if she's responsible for picking them up from school as well, it might be a problem. Why don't you talk to Li Bao's godfather on the phone..."

Given the son-in-law's status, they previously arranged for three comrades to go abroad to take care of Li Bao. Now, needing someone to pick up and drop off Ruirui and her siblings from school, it can be arranged in the same way.

Captain Kang: "Alright."

Next day at noon.

"Okay, I'm heading to the gate now."

After hanging up the phone, Captain Kang got up from the sofa: "Mr. Jiang has arrived. I'm going to the gate to bring him in."

"Then hurry up, don't keep him waiting long."

Cai Xiufen said as she walked out of the living room with Captain Kang: "Are we having noodle soup for lunch?"

"You decide."

No matter what they eat, it's to fill the belly. Besides, although food isn't as scarce as it used to be, they're not yet at the point where they can be picky.

Captain Kang moved quickly. Before long, a black sedan drove into the courtyard, and Captain Kang was sitting inside.

Sitting beside him was Jiang Boya, undoubtedly.

This time, Jiang Boya only brought an assistant to visit Captain Kang and his wife.

The sedan was rented, and the assistant sat in the front passenger seat.

Originally, Jiang Boya wanted to buy a car, but private car purchases are quite difficult domestically, and since he was planning to leave the country again, he decided against it for now.

"Is this Lili and her partner's home?" The car slowly stopped at the gate of Kang Li's home, and Jiang Boya asked Captain Kang as he got out.

"Yes."

Captain Kang nodded and invited Jiang Boya to enter the courtyard.

"Please have a seat. I'll pour you some water."

As soon as they entered the living room, Captain Kang invited Jiang Boya, his assistant, and the driver to sit down, then took three glasses, washed them clean, and brewed tea for the three of them.

"No need to be so formal with me, older brother."

Jiang Boya smiled. After Captain Kang sat down, they chatted about Kang Li's childhood. Well, mostly Jiang Boya casually asked questions, and Captain Kang answered, completely unaware that Jiang Boya was subtly probing him to learn about Kang Li's childhood fun.

Predicting that Ruirui and the others would be out of school soon, Captain Kang got up: "I have to go pick up the kids from school. Jiang... Jiang Brother, please sit for a while on your own." Calling Jiang Boya "Jiang Brother" was a bit hard for Captain Kang to say.

Reason?

Jiang Boya stood in front of Captain Kang, looking far too young. Even when standing next to Big Brother Kang, he appeared much younger, but when Jiang Boya first saw Captain Kang, knowing his identity, he called him Engineer Kang and asked him to call him Brother Jiang.

After all, Captain Kang didn't know that Jiang Boya was Kang Li's biological father, but Jiang Boya was very aware that Captain Kang was his beloved daughter's highly respected foster father.

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To be recognized by his daughter, Jiang Boya knew clearly in his heart that he must lower his stance in front of the little girl's adoptive parents and simultaneously find ways to cultivate a closer relationship.

Otherwise, who knows when he would hear his daughter call him 'Dad,' it could be years away.

"How about I accompany Older Brother Kang?"

Jiang Boya said as he started to rise.

"No need, no need." Captain Kang waved his hands: "You take a rest, I'll be back soon." Saying this, Captain Kang called out to Cai Xiufen to chat with Jiang Boya in the living room for a while, while he quickly left through the yard gate.

When the three of Min Rui were brought home by Captain Kang, Jiang Boya seeing his precious daughter's stepchildren, instantly sighed inwardly at Kang Li's ability to raise kids.

Looking at those three kids, each appeared smart and polite, the eldest boy about eleven or twelve years old gave off such a mature vibe that standing there he resembled a straight white poplar.

After an introduction from Captain Kang, the three of Min Rui politely greeted Jiang Boya and the others.

Being addressed as "Grandpa Jiang" by his step-grandsons and granddaughter, Jiang Boya's feelings were nuanced; he liberally gave each of the three a big red envelope.

Though Jiang Boya felt a bit uncomfortable being called Grandpa Jiang by Min Rui, those three were also particularly embarrassed.

In their eyes, Jiang Boya was at most a little older than their dad, yet just because the elder referred to him as "Older Brother Kang," they had to call him "Grandpa Jiang," which did make them feel somewhat awkward.

But despite this feeling, the three of Min Rui understood what politeness was; since the elder introduced them that way, naturally they wouldn't be scattered over an appellation.

Lunch was minced-meat noodles.

Jiang Boya ate with great delight, frequently praising Cai Xiufen's excellent cooking skills.

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Close to one in the afternoon, Captain Kang took the three of Min Rui to school, and upon his return, Jiang Boya talked about the purpose of this trip.

"Li Li is expecting more than one, and you and old sister-in-law should know, although her due date is early next month, multiple pregnancies usually lead to early birth, so I plan to take the flight back tomorrow."

"We will go with you, but I have to inform my son-in-law." Captain Kang responded to Jiang Boya, then said: "Please wait a moment." He picked up the landline's handset and dialed Director Song's office phone.

Upon hearing Director Song's side connect, Captain Kang exchanged pleasantries with Director Song, then mentioned wanting to chat with Luo Yanqing.

"I'll go call Yanqing now, soon I'll have him call back home directly."

After hanging up, Director Song personally went to find Luo Yanqing.

Actually, Luo Yanqing was close to completing the project in hand, however, upon talking with Captain Kang, without even thinking, he agreed with Captain Kang's decision.

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"You don't have to worry too much, Li Bao is very strong; she will be fine."

Seeing Luo Yanqing place the handset back on the landline, Director Song patted his shoulder, giving a gentle reassurance.

"I know... but not being there during her pregnancy, now that she is about to give birth, if I still can't accompany her, I would feel unfit as a husband and a father."

Saying this, Luo Yanqing took steps to leave: "I'm going back to the lab." He needed to ramp up the effort, strive to complete the project on hand by the end of the month, so he might catch the child's birth.

Based on project progress, it's the final push now.

Without waiting for Director Song's response, Luo Yanqing's figure already disappeared outside the office door.

Courtyard.

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"You go and tell Li Bao's godmother, I'll go to the eldest's place."

"Okay, I'll go find the younger sister now."

Cai Xiufen agreed, heading out with Captain Kang.

Song Family.

"As I said, don't bother the eldest nephew's couple to hurry back and forth; with me here, the children won't miss a single meal."

Mrs. Qi, upon hearing Cai Xiufen's purpose, did not quite agree with Cai Xiufen asking Big Brother Kang's couple to rush daily to the courtyard to accompany the three of Min Rui.

Seeing Cai Xiufen about to say something, Mrs. Qi continued: "If you're worried about the night, I can come and stay with the children myself or let them eat and stay over at my place."

"Your health isn't good; you shouldn't overexert yourself."

Cai Xiufen reassured Mrs. Qi, and then said: "My eldest son and daughter-in-law are quite busy, but they definitely rest at night, also they have hired help in the store, the time my eldest daughter-in-law comes early shouldn't be a problem."

"Older sister, are you becoming distant with me?"

Mrs. Qi wasn't in high spirits: "Li Bao is the daughter of you and Older Brother Kang, but she's also my and Old Song's adopted daughter. My own daughter is about to give birth far overseas, as a godmother I can't go over, can't stay with her and help during confinement; can I not even do this much to take care of these three kids at home?"

"You don't think too much about it, I'm genuinely worried you'll get exhausted."

Patting Mrs. Qi's hand, Cai Xiufen said: "Xuan Xuan hasn't married and had children yet, if you're worn out, wouldn't that be my fault?"

Mrs. Qi: "My health isn't as bad as you say."

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After leaving the hot pot restaurant opened by Big Brother Kang and his wife, Captain Kang returned to the compound.

“Have you talked it over with the two of them?”

Seeing Captain Kang enter the door, Cai Xiufen casually asked.

“Yes.”

Captain Kang nodded.

“Did the elder one’s family make any faces?”

Cai Xiufen asked again. It wasn’t that she wanted to think ill of her eldest daughter-in-law, but the hot pot restaurant’s business was good. Even with hired help, when things got busy, there wasn’t a single idle person. With this in mind, Cai Xiufen couldn’t help but worry that Elder sister-in-law Kang might have complaints.

“Everything’s good. They agreed very readily and reassured us, saying she and the elder one will take good care of the three children.” Captain Kang spoke truthfully. Hearing this, Cai Xiufen finally relaxed. She said, “I also talked with the younger sister-in-law. Ruirui and their lunch and dinner will be at her place, but when I offered her money and coupons, she refused to take them.”

Captain Kang: “Mention it to our son-in-law later. He’ll repay this favor.”

"I thought the same as you."

Whether giving money or coupons, or buying something else as a gift, Cai Xiufen believed Luo Yanqing would repay this favor.

Captain Kang: "We are leaving tomorrow, so go pack up, don't end up in a rush before leaving."

"Does that even need to be said?!" Giving Captain Kang a sideways glance, Cai Xiufen said, "I already packed everything after coming back from younger sister-in-law's place. Tomorrow, when Mr. Jiang's car arrives, we'll leave right away."

"Think carefully again tonight, so you don't leave anything behind."

Captain Kang advised.

"What could we leave behind? Just a few changes of clothes for the two of us, and some chili sauce and pickles that Li Bao likes to eat." The pickles and chili sauce were made by Cai Xiufen herself. When they were home, Kang Li loved eating them. Therefore, when packing the things for tomorrow, the first thing Cai Xiufen did was fill some into jars she had washed and dried, for fear of forgetting them before leaving.

"Did you pack the little clothes, diapers, and small mats you made?"

Captain Kang asked.

“What unnecessary worrying!”

Cai Xiufen gave Captain Kang another sideways glance, saying, “I made those personally for our little grandson. Half a month ago, when Li Bao called back, I had already packed everything.”

Whether it was the little clothes or the diapers, she had washed them clean, dried them, and neatly folded them with the small mats in a big bag. Why would she need a man to remind her?!

“As long as it’s packed, that’s fine.”

Captain Kang didn’t mind at all the two sideways glances Cai Xiufen gave him.

After dinner.

Cai Xiufen cleaned up the kitchen and came to the living room to inform Min Rui and the three others about their going abroad tomorrow. Listening to what the two said, Min Rui responded seriously without hesitation: “Grandma, Grandpa, don’t worry, I’ll take good care of my younger siblings.”

“Good child, Grandma knows you all are very sensible, but without Grandma and Grandpa at home, if you have any issues, find your uncle and aunt or go directly to your god-grandma. Don’t keep it to yourselves if someone bullies you,” she said. Truth be told, after years of getting along, Cai Xiufen had grown fond of her three step-grandchildren. Suddenly having to leave for a good while, she truly felt a bit uneasy.

But no matter how uneasy, there’s no choice. She only has one daughter, who is now abroad and about to give birth. How could she, as a mother, not be there for her?

However, speaking of her three step-grandchildren, she had arranged everything for them and believed they wouldn’t have any problems.

“Grandma, you and Grandpa can go with peace of mind. My sister, my brother, and I have never initiated conflicts with others, but if anyone dares to bully us, we certainly won’t just stand there and take a beating.”

This was Ming Han’s voice.

“Grandma, my mom once told me and my older brothers that we shouldn’t initiate trouble, but neither should we fear it. If anyone dares to mess with us, we’ll make them regret it. Anyway, we’re not wimps and won’t suffer grievances for no reason.”

Ming Wei said fiercely, clenching her little fist.

“Your mother is right, but Grandpa hopes that if you can endure something, you should. If you can’t, find your uncles. It’s best not to impulsively get into fights with others,” Captain Kang said sternly.

“You’re all still young, and in fights, you don’t know when to stop. If someone really gets hurt, even small matters can become big problems; that’s not good.”

Hearing Captain Kang say this, Min Rui spoke up: “Don’t worry, Grandpa. We understand. My mom has emphasized more than once that we must not casually get into fights with others.”

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“That’s good.”

Captain Kang nodded, his eyes full of relief.

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The moonlight outside the window was as cool as water. Ming Han lay on the bed, tossing and turning, unable to sleep. He couldn’t help but softly call to his brother Min Rui, “Brother, can you come down and sleep?”

Min Rui asked, “What for?”

“I want to talk to you.” Ming Han sat up and was ready to climb up the top bunk. At this moment, Min Rui lifted his cotton blanket, “Alright, lie down, I’ll come down and sleep with you.”

Upon hearing this, Ming Han grinned, silently lay back down.

“Speak.”

Min Rui gently came down to the lower bunk and lay down beside Ming Han, “I don’t want to hear nonsense.”

“Brother, you’re really something. I haven’t even opened my mouth, and you assume I’m going to speak nonsense.”

Ming Han turned towards his brother Min Rui, lay on his side, blinked his eyes, and softly said, “Grandma and Grandpa are going abroad to see Mom tomorrow. Will Dad go over later?”

“Get to the point.”

Min Rui’s tone wasn’t great.

“Don’t you want to go see Mom?” Ming Han asked his brother Min Rui, but hadn’t heard a response for a while. He couldn’t help but speak on his own, “I want to go, I miss Mom very much, it’s been more than half a year since we’ve seen her. I wish I could fly to Mom right now.”

Min Rui: “Don’t you want to go to school?”

"I can take leave!" Ming Han's voice had a bit of nasal sound. He said, "Someone in our class started rumors saying Mom ran away with someone. I was really angry when I heard it. I said Mom went abroad to study, but some classmates didn't believe me. I really wanted to beat them up at that time."

"Are you stupid?"

Min Rui's eyes were full of disdain, but in the dim room light, Ming Han couldn't see him. He said, "Many people in our compound know Mom went abroad to study. Besides, Mom calls us every fortnight, and we receive letters every month, with photos inside. Don't you know all this?"

"I know."

Ming Han replied muffledly.

Min Rui: "If you know, why care about those idle talks?"

"But they speak ill of Mom, I feel uncomfortable hearing it." Ming Han sniffed, saying, "Actually, I'm also quite worried Mom will get close to someone else and not want me, you, and our sister, or Dad anymore..."

"Lucky you think of that." Min Rui pinched his brother Ming Han's ear, "Use your brain, don't you know how Mom feels about us?"

Ming Han rubbed his pain-stricken ear, saying with grievance, “I know, but Mom is young and beautiful, surely many men would like her. And Dad is not only several years older than Mom, but most importantly, he’s so busy that he doesn’t have time for Mom. Even if he finally has a holiday at home, it’s rare to see him smile. Do you think Mom is happy with someone like Dad?”

“You worry too much!”

Min Rui glared at his brother Ming Han without kindness, “Listen up with your ears, Mom and Dad have a great relationship. If you keep talking nonsense, watch out; I might hit you!”

“Dad is just a big ice block. Plus, there are three burdens with Mom. I think he’s not good at all. Why did Mom marry Dad back then?”

“Who are you calling burdens?”

“Aren’t I, sister, and you burdens?” Ming Han snorted quietly, “Marrying Mom is Dad’s good fortune, but he doesn’t know to cherish her, just busy with work. If I were Mom, I would... I would ditch Dad and find someone better to marry.”

“Save that talk for Dad.”

Young and constantly thinking strange things – one moment worrying about Stepmother getting close to another man, the next standing up for Stepmother – he really didn’t want to deal with his dumb brother anymore.

"Brother, here's what I'm thinking. When Dad goes abroad to see Mom, I'll ask Dad for leave and go with him. If Mom happens to get close to someone else, I'll help Dad win Mom back. What do you think?"

"Do you believe I'll tell Mom and Dad about what you said, and what awaits you is a double team beat-up?"

"..."

Ming Han curled up under the covers, "Brother, you didn't hear anything tonight, and I didn't say anything either."

"Every exam ranking first in age, with such brains, I really wonder how you got first."

Min Rui's tone was full of disdain, "If Mom thought Dad was not good enough and believed I, you, and Vivi were burdens, would she have married Dad?"

Would she always be so good to us? Besides, Mom is now pregnant with our siblings, like us also Dad's kids. Did you forget this?"

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"It was my imagination running wild, brother, I was wrong, don't be angry."

Ming Han admitted his mistake.

"I can't be bothered to get angry with a big fool." Min Rui continued to show disdain for his younger brother Ming Han, he said, "Whether stepmother is good or bad, let's not talk about it for now. Just think about the neighbor, Wen Yue and her sisters, what kind of life have they had these years? And think about what kind of life we have had.

After you figure it out, say whether those things you said before are fair to our mom. Luo Minghan, do you know what a white-eyed wolf is?"

"Brother, I really know I'm wrong! But can you not accuse me unjustly? I'm not saying mom is bad, I mean that mom is too good, so I have those worries."

"Now, no matter what you think, remember this from now on, if you dare to act like a white-eyed wolf, don't blame me for beating you to find your teeth all over the ground!"

Being warned by his brother, Ming Han didn't take it seriously at all, he said, "In our family, if someone loves mom the most, it has to be me, Luo Minghan. Even if one day someone threatens me with a knife to oppose mom, I would rather give up my life than do something that would make mom sad!"

Ming Han said this very seriously.

Even though he doesn't remember much about what happened when he was two or three years old, he has always sensed and seen mom's kindness towards him these past years.

That is absolutely from a genuine love for her son!

"Sleep now."

The stepmother's character can't be faulted. For years, it has basically been the stepmother who has guided him and his younger siblings. He believes his younger siblings are like straight-growing poplar trees and won't act like white-eyed wolves one day.

Of course, this includes himself.

After all, when the stepmother came in, he was already aware and knew clearly whether the stepmother's intentions towards them sibling were genuine or fake.

Thinking about this, Min Rui couldn't help but recall his biological mother; he already couldn't remember what she looked like, but he hadn't forgotten the suffering he endured at the hands of his biological mother.

It must be mentioned here that neither Min Rui nor the twins know that their biological mother is still alive, nor that she is a lunatic and a love-struck person, and without the family's knowledge, she has already boarded the plane returning to the country.

Time passes quickly, Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen have been on the plane with Jiang Boya for eight or nine hours.

Overseas.

Jiang family estate.

"Lili, your dad and your parents will land in two or three hours. Grandfather will arrange a car to go to the airport. Do you have any instructions for the driver?"

Kang Li and Allen were walking in the garden when the voice of Jiang Hongfa came from behind. She stopped and turned to look at him: "No."

What instructions could she have?

The Jiang family was wealthy, and when going out, guards followed. Just to pick someone up at the airport, Old Mr. Jiang even sent out three cars, which she thought was kind of a waste of resources.

"Alright, grandfather will instruct them to leave now."

Jiang Hongfa appeared amiable, nodded toward Kang Li, and then turned to speak to the butler following behind, after which the two gradually walked away.

"Why don't you want to say more?"

"I don't want to."

"Is there a reason?"

"No."

"Just purely not wanting to speak?"

"Hmm."

"But your mom wants you to talk, wants you to be like a normal child, you know that, right?"

"Hmm."

"Allen...I'm your sister by blood, I hope you can be happy and do what you want to do."

"I'm not welcome...shouldn't have been born..."

"It looks like you overheard what Mr. Jiang and your mom discussed during their meeting and kept it in mind."

The teenager didn't respond, which was considered agreement.

"Then you should know that you're not unwelcome, especially to your mom. If she didn't like you, why would she choose to give birth to you?"

As for Mr. Jiang...he didn't even know you existed at first, plus the affair between your mom and Mr. Jiang hurt his male ego,

so...after learning about you, he might be a bit reluctant. But it doesn't mean he dislikes you; otherwise, Mr. Jiang wouldn't have gone to the hospital for testing when your mom first approached him to save you."

Ming Han responded sullenly.

Min Rui: "If you know this, why do you care about those gossips?"

"But they said bad things about mom, it doesn't feel good hearing them." Ming Han sniffed and said, "Actually, I'm also quite worried that mom will get along with others abroad and then abandon me, you, our sister, and dad."

Chapter 1277:

"You're so imaginative," Min Rui tweaked his younger brother Ming Han's ear. "Think a bit, don't you know how Mom treats us?"

Ming Han rubbed his ear, which was sore from being pinched, and said aggrievedly, "I know, I know, but Mom is so young and beautiful, she must have lots of men liking her. And Dad is not only several years older than Mom, but the key point is that he's so busy with work that he hardly has time for Mom. Even when he finally gets a break, it's hard to see him smile. Do you think Mom is happy with someone like Dad?"

"You're really worrying too much!"

Min Rui glared at his younger brother Ming Han with annoyance. "Listen to me carefully: Mom and Dad are doing just fine together. If you keep talking nonsense, watch out or I'll smack you!"

"Dad is just a big block of ice, and with us three as extra baggage, I think he's not great at all. Why did Mom marry him in the first place?"

"Who are you calling extra baggage?"

"Aren't you, me, and little sister baggage?" Ming Han snorted. "Dad's lucky to have married Mom, but he doesn't cherish it, always busy with work. If I were Mom, I'd... I'd dump Dad and find someone better to marry."

"Save that talk for Dad."

Though young, he often worried about the stepmother and other men or felt wronged for the stepmother. He truly didn't want to pay attention to this silly brother anymore.

"Brother, this is my plan: when Dad goes abroad to visit Mom, I'll ask him to let me take a leave, and I'll go with him. In case Mom has fallen for someone else, I'll help Dad win Mom back. What do you think?"

"Do you believe I won't tell Mom and Dad what you said, and then you'll face a mixed doubles beatdown?"

"..."

Ming Han curled up in his bed: "Brother, you didn't hear anything tonight, and I didn't say anything."

"You always come first in exams, but with your mind, I really wonder how you got that first place."

Min Rui's tone was full of disdain: "If Mom thought Dad wasn't good enough, if she thought me, you, and Vivi were burdens, would she have married Dad back then?"

Think it through. Do you think your previous comments are fair to Mom? Luo Minghan, do you know what an ingrate is?"

“Brother, I really know I’m wrong! But can you not accuse me unfairly? I’m not saying anything bad about Mom. I mean Mom is too good, so I’m worried about that.”

“I don’t care what you’re thinking now. From now on, remember this: if you dare to be an ingrate, don’t blame me for knocking your teeth out!”

Being warned by his brother, Ming Han didn’t take it to heart at all. He said, “In our family, if anyone loves Mom the most, it’s me, Luo Minghan. Even if someone one day puts a knife to me and tells me to go against Mom, I wouldn’t do anything to make her sad, even if it costs me my life!”

Ming Han said this very earnestly.

Although he couldn’t remember much from when he was two or three, he could feel and see his mom’s love for him over the years.

That was absolutely genuine care and love for him!

“Sleep.”

There’s no question about the stepmother’s character. Over the years, she mostly taught him and his siblings. He believed that his siblings were growing up straight and upright like young poplar trees and wouldn’t one day become ingrates.

Of course, that included him.

After all, when the stepmother first came in, he was old enough to remember and knew whether her treatment of them was real or fake.

His thoughts turned to his biological mother, whom he couldn't remember the face of, but he hadn't forgotten the suffering he'd endured at her hands.

Speaking of which, it should be mentioned that neither Min Rui nor the twins knew that their biological mom was still alive, nor did they know she was a neurotic and love-obsessed person who was already on a flight back home without their family knowing.

Time passed quickly. Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen had been on the plane with Jiang Boya for eight or nine hours.

Abroad.

Jiang family estate.

"Lili, your dad, and your parents will land in two or three hours. Grandpa has arranged a car to go to the airport. Do you have any instructions for the driver?"

Kang Li was walking in the garden with Allen when she heard Jiang Hongfa's voice behind them. She stopped, turned around, and looked at him. "No."

What could she possibly instruct?

The Jiang family was wealthy, with bodyguards when they went out. It was just picking people up at the airport, yet Old Mr. Jiang dispatched three cars. In her view, it was somewhat wasteful of resources.

"Alright then, I'll tell them to set off," Jiang Hongfa said kindly. Seeing Kang Li nod, he turned and spoke to the butler following them, and the two gradually walked away.

"Why don't you want to talk more?"

"I just don't want to."

"There must be a reason, right?"

But then again, for the three free grandchildren, she had already arranged everything, thinking nothing much would happen to them.

"Grandma, don't worry, we never actively seek conflict, but if anyone dares to bully us, we won't just stand there and take it."

This was Ming Han's voice.

"Grandma, my mom has told us and big brother many times, we can't pick fights, but we shouldn't fear them either. If someone tries to mess with us, we'll make sure they regret it. We won't let ourselves suffer willingly."

Ming Wei said with a determined little fist.

"Your mom is right, but Grandpa hopes you can be patient if possible. If not, find your uncles; it's best not to get into fights impulsively," said Captain Kang solemnly. "You're still young. You don't know your strength; even a small matter can become big if someone gets hurt."

Hearing this, Min Rui said, "Don't worry, Grandpa, we know how to handle ourselves. Mom has repeatedly stressed that we're not to get into fights easily."

"That's good."

Captain Kang nodded, his eyes full of satisfaction.

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The moonlight outside the window was cool as water, and Ming Han lay in bed, tossing and turning, unable to sleep. He quietly called his brother Min Rui: "Brother, can you sleep down here?"

Min Rui asked, "For what?"

"I want to talk to you," Ming Han said as he got out of bed, preparing to climb up to the top bunk. At that moment, Min Rui threw off his blanket. "Alright, lie down. I'll come down and sleep with you."

Upon hearing this, Ming Han grinned and silently laid back down.

"Go on."

Min Rui quietly came down to the lower bunk and lay down beside Ming Han. "I don't want to hear any nonsense."

Ming Han lay on his side, facing his brother Min Rui. He blinked and whispered, "Grandma and Grandpa are going abroad to see Mom tomorrow. After a while, won't Dad also go over there?"

"Don't beat around the bush."

Chapter 1278

As time went by, it was almost the end of March, but Kang Li's belly showed no signs of activity. That day, Cai Xiufen couldn't help but ask, "Did you miscalculate the date?"

"..." Kang Li didn't react for a moment until she saw Cai Xiufen pointing at her high belly; then she understood what her mother meant. She smiled and said, "No."

"Then why is there still no movement?"

Cai Xiufen was puzzled.

"There's still more than a week until the due date!" Kang Li said, "I'm not in a hurry at all."

Upon hearing this, Cai Xiufen dotingly remarked to her darling daughter, "Do you think I'm the one who's anxious? I'm just worried you might have gotten the date wrong, and if something happens all of a sudden, we'll be in chaos."

Pausing for a moment, Cai Xiufen continued, "Besides, having a baby isn't something you can rush. I've given birth to several of you siblings. What don't I know?"

Kang Li grinned and said, "Yes, yes, mom, you're the best. You know everything, unlike me, just like a frog at the bottom of a well, clueless about giving birth."

"You're good at flattery." Cai Xiufen laughed and chided her lightly, then said, "Maybe the kids will wait until their dad arrives to be born."

Kang Li was initially stunned upon hearing this, then gave a gentle smile, "You know how busy your son-in-law's work is. I don't expect him to make it here when I give birth."

"Yanqing said he would come."

With this, Cai Xiufen paused and continued, "Ever since he knew everything was well with you here, Yanqing only took two days off during the Spring Festival, and has been busy with work ever since."

This time, before your dad and I came over, Yanqing said his work was nearing completion. It's been ten days since he said that, so maybe he's finished and is packing up to come."

Kang Li said, "Your son-in-law's work nature is unique. I imagine it's hard for him to come."

Cai Xiufen replied, "You never know."

"I'd be thrilled if he could come. But if he can't, I won't be disappointed either." Kang Li smiled calmly, but Cai Xiufen didn't believe her, "You're pretending. I bet if Yanqing doesn't come, you'll secretly grumble."

"Mom, you shouldn't talk about your daughter like that. I have the heart of a prime minister, broad and generous!"

Kang Li said with a playful smile.

Unexpectedly, Cai Xiufen didn't respond, instead switching the topic, "On New Year's Eve, Comrade Wen and his wife were talking about divorcing for some reason. Your sister-in-law and I overheard a bit in the yard."

"Comrade Wen is a nice person."

Hearing Kang Li say this, Cai Xiufen nodded, "Like Yanqing, he doesn't talk much, but he usually has a smile when he sees people, making him seem more approachable than Yanqing."

"Are you disliking your son-in-law?"

Kang Li raised an eyebrow.

Cai Xiufen glared, "No way, when did I ever dislike him? I just said that Yanqing doesn't smile often, which makes him feel a bit cold and unapproachable, making it hard to make friends."

"With work every day, does your son-in-law need to make friends?" Kang Li dismissively said, "Besides, with time to make friends, your son-in-law would rather spend it with your darling daughter."

"Your skin is getting thicker."

Cai Xiufen looked at her with affection and couldn't help but laugh.

"No way?! Your daughter is the shyest of all, which shows I have thin skin!" Saying this, Kang Li almost disgusted herself with her sickly sweet talk, hugged herself, shivered, and made a funny face at Cai Xiufen.

"You, how old are you, still like a child!"

Though it sounded like a scolding, the tone was full of tenderness.

"In front of mom, I'm still a child!"

Kang Li boasted proudly, seeing Cai Xiufen at her wit's end, she couldn't help but raise her chin, "Am I not?"

"Yes, yes, yes." Cai Xiufen said, both helpless and amused. She got up, "It's getting late, you should go to bed early."

It was already close to nine-thirty in the evening.

"Goodnight, mom!"

Kang Li waved her hand.

Cai Xiufen acknowledged with a hum and left Kang Li's bedroom.

In the country.

Around noon, Luo Yanqing finally completed the project he was working on.

"Are you sure you want to go?"

Director Song asked Luo Yanqing.

"We agreed on this from the start."

Luo Yanqing replied indifferently, locking eyes with Director Song, "You won't approve?"

"Not exactly." Director Song shook his head, his expression serious, "Your identity is quite particular, you know that without me having to say it."

Chapter 1279

"Xiao Li needs me." Luo Yanqing knew that Director Song meant well, but he believed that forging an identity would be easy for Director Song or, more accurately, for the relevant department comrades.

Moreover, when he goes abroad, someone will definitely accompany him, so what's there to worry about?

Staring directly into Luo Yanqing's eyes, Director Song remained silent for a while. He stood up from the sofa and walked over to his desk: "These are all the documents you'll need for your trip abroad."

Opening the drawer, Director Song took out Luo Yanqing's documents and placed them on the table, along with a plane ticket. He said, "The flight is at nine tomorrow morning with a sightseeing tour group departing from North City. When you return, remember to familiarize yourself with your new identity."

Luo Yanqing stood up and carefully put away the documents and the ticket, casually asking, "For how long?"

"Can't you check that yourself?" Giving Luo Yanqing a sidelong glance, Director Song finally mentioned the duration: "Two months."

"Got it."

Nodding slightly, Luo Yanqing prepared to turn and leave.

"Go home and get a good night's sleep, and make sure to tidy yourself up. Don't show up all scruffy in front of Li Bao, or you'll scare the little girl and her baby bump."

Hearing Director Song's slightly disdainful words, Luo Yanqing looked himself over from head to toe, then said expressionlessly, "I bathe every day, and I just changed my clothes this morning."

How was he scruffy?

Luo Yanqing muttered to himself and, ignoring Director Song, decisively turned and walked towards the office door.

"Don't forget to bring us good news as soon as possible."

Watching Luo Yanqing's figure about to disappear outside the door, Director Song quickly reminded him.

There was no response, but Director Song knew that Luo Yanqing must have heard him.

The compound.

After taking a shower, even though Luo Yanqing didn't want to fall asleep, he still lay down and had a good sleep. Since today was Saturday, once he woke up, he would go to the school to pick up Min Rui and the other two.

Not long after, at a little past six-thirty, Elder sister-in-law Kang came over with a fish, a pound of fresh pork belly, and some vegetables.

She cooked dinner, and Big Brother Kang also arrived at the compound around nine in the evening.

"Leaving early tomorrow morning?"

In the living room, Big Brother Kang asked Luo Yanqing.

"Yes," Luo Yanqing nodded. "The flight's at nine, so I need to head to the airport a little after six."

Big Brother Kang said, "When you get there, say hi to our parents and Li Bao for me and sister-in-law."

Luo Yanqing: "Will do."

"Then you'd better sleep early." Saying this, Big Brother Kang got up and went to the guest room.

Meanwhile, Luo Yanqing went to the room of Ming Rui and Brother Ming Han.

"Daddy..."

Ming Wei was sitting by her brother Ming Han's bed. She looked at Luo Yanqing and hesitantly asked, "Can I go abroad with you to see mom?"

"Luo Mingwei, I was going to say that!" Ming Han glared at his sister Ming Wei, then turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing and said pitifully, "Dad, can you take me with you? I miss mom so much; I can't sleep at night, I can't eat during the day, and I have no energy in class!"

"Big brother, you're so annoying! I was the one who asked Dad first to take me to see mom!" Ming Wei puffed her cheeks, her big round eyes looking like black grapes. "A daughter is like a little padded jacket for her mom, surely mom misses me, and the thought of seeing me would definitely make her super super happy!"

"What's all this fuss about?"

Ming Rui lost his temper: "Dad is going to see mom because she's about to give birth to our little brother or sister. What are you two going for?"

"Alright, stop arguing." Luo Yanqing said expressionlessly to calm down Ming Rui and the other two. "You both need to attend school. Do you think mom would be happy if you miss school just to see her?"

Ming Han and Ming Wei both fell silent.

"Study well, and I'll tell mom how much you miss her." Luo Yanqing said this and looked at Ming Rui.
"You're the eldest brother, so you have to supervise your younger siblings' studies. Once your mom has your little brother or sister, I'll call back."

Ming Rui nodded to show he understood.

"If you want to say something to your mom, you can write a letter now. I'll take it with me when I leave and give it to her when I see her."

Ming Wei was the first to speak up: "I'll go write a letter to mom now." Saying this, the little girl went back to her own room.

"I'll write to mom too."

That was Ming Han's voice.

"Luo Mingrui, what about you?"

Luo Yanqing asked his eldest son.

"I'll write it soon." Ming Rui was not much of a talker, but he wasn't any slower in action than his younger siblings. He went to his desk, took out stationery and a pen from the drawer, thought for a moment, and began writing seriously.

Chapter 1280:

Luo Yanqing saw the situation and quietly left.

But just as he walked to the center of the living room, the sound of a woman crying hysterically came from the neighboring Wen's family. However, the crying abruptly stopped, as if a tape recorder had been paused with a "click".

Wen's Family.

"Cry! Why aren't you crying anymore? You love being hysterical, right? Keep going!"

Wen Siyuan stared coldly at his wife Su Man. He never expected, actually, he should have expected, that Su Man's inconsistent attendance would lead to her being expelled.

Being asked to leave by the school was only a matter of time, but what he didn't expect was that when the school called home, he happened to answer the call. They just wanted to warn the family,

which is basically a warning. This time, this afternoon, he came home for a break and happened to receive another call from Su Man's school, asking him to come and take Su Man home.

“Why didn’t you help me?”

Holding back her anger and helplessness, Su Man stared intently at Wen Siyuan: “Watching me get expelled, are you happy? But this doesn’t bring any honor to my face, and does it bring any to yours?”

“How could I help you?”

Wen Siyuan’s cold gaze carried a hint of sarcasm: “Tell me, how many classes have you attended in the past two years, and how many exams have you taken?”

“But that’s not a reason for the school to expel me! Besides, is it even expulsion? They’ve directly canceled my student status, not allowing me to continue at school.”

Tears filled Su Man’s eyes: “And for whose sake did I neglect my studies? I did it for this family!”

“Don’t make it sound so noble.” Wen Siyuan’s tone was emotionless: “The household expenses and the children’s school fees are all covered by me. Have we spent even a penny of the money you earned from your street stall?”

Her lies exposed, Su Man’s cheeks flushed.

“You have a good university education, and I’m not so poor that I need your money for household expenses. Yet, all you think about is money, going to the South to buy goods during the holidays,

not satisfied with just running your business during regular class hours. When the school leadership called home earlier, I warned you to stop being inconsistent and study hard at school. How did you promise me?

Now you’re directly expelled, and I wonder how you’ll face people in the courtyard!”

Remembering the words of the school leadership when he fetched Su Man from school that afternoon, Wen Siyuan couldn’t help but blush and wish he could find a hole to hide in.

The school explained the reasons for expulsion clearly, yet Su Man shamelessly made a scene in the school office, asking why she was being expelled.

After understanding the situation, all he could think of were the words “embarrassing”!

The courtyard.

After showering, although Luo Yanqing didn’t want to sleep, he lay in bed and slept well. It was Saturday, and after waking up, he went to school to bring Ming Rui and siblings home.

Before it was six-thirty, Elder sister-in-law Kang came over with a fish, a pound of fresh pork belly, and some vegetables.

Dinner was prepared by Elder sister-in-law Kang, and Big Brother Kang arrived at the courtyard around nine in the evening.

“Leaving early in the morning?”

In the living room, Big Brother Kang asked Luo Yanqing.

“Yes.” Luo Yanqing nodded: “It’s a nine o’clock flight, so I have to head to the airport by six.”

Big Brother Kang: “When you get there, send regards to your parents and Li Bao from me and your sister-in-law.”

Luo Yanqing: “Okay.”

“Then you should get some rest early.” With that, Big Brother Kang stood up and went to the guest room.

Then Luo Yanqing went to the room shared by Ming Rui and Brother Ming Han.

“Daddy...”

Ming Wei was sitting by her brother Ming Han’s bed, she looked at Luo Yanqing hesitantly and said:
“Can you take me abroad to see mom?”

“Luo Mingwei, that’s supposed to be my line!” Ming Han glared at his sister Ming Wei, then looked at Luo Yanqing pitifully: “Daddy, take me please? I miss mom so much, I can’t sleep at night, can’t eat during the day, and have no energy for classes!”

“Second brother, you’re annoying. I was the one who asked dad to take me to see mom first!” Ming Wei puffed out her cheeks, her large eyes like black grapes bulging: “A daughter is her mom’s little confidante, mom must miss me, she’d be really, really happy to see me!”

“Why are you all making a fuss?”

Ming Rui snapped: “Dad is going to visit mom because mom is about to have a baby, what would you two do there?”