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Chapter 1321

"You've cursed and hit me, now can you leave?"

Su Man raised her head, looking at Father Su and Mother Su with a swollen face, her eyes filled with indifference.

"Divorce! You must divorce your son-in-law now. We've failed as parents to teach you properly, that's our fault, but we can't let you continue harming Siyuan!"

Mother Su clenched her teeth and stood firm in front of Su Man as she announced her decision.

Father Su naturally had no objections, as he didn't have the face to let his troublesome daughter continue in front of his son-in-law.

"Get divorced! To prevent you from losing the son-in-law's job, making Pengpeng unable to attend school."

"I won't divorce."

Su Man coldly looked at Father Su and Mother Su and stated indifferently, "Even if I die, I will die as Wen Siyuan's wife in this house. If you want me to divorce, it'll only be if my corpse is taken out of here one day."

"Have you thought it through?"

Father Su asked expressionlessly.

Su Man remained silent.

Father Su looked at Mother Su: "Let's go, from now on, we'll consider we have no daughter." Seeing Mother Su standing still, Father Su got up and pulled her by the wrist out of the room.

"His dad, you..."

Silent all the way until they walked out of the courtyard, Mother Su couldn't help but ask, "Aren't we going to do anything?"

"What can we do?"

Stopping, Father Su looked steadily at Mother Su: "What can you suggest? That stubborn girl is determined to go all the way down the wrong path, she doesn't want a divorce. We can't possibly tie her up and take her home; even if we do, she has legs, wouldn't she just run away?"

Mother Su was speechless: "..."

"The son-in-law's stance is that he's definitely getting a divorce, but for now, to prevent that stubborn girl from talking nonsense around the neighborhood, the divorce has to be postponed. Once he finds a proper way, he'll file for divorce."

"I feel like the son-in-law is afraid of Manman."

"He's not afraid, it's just that spreading rumors is easy, disproving them takes effort. The son-in-law doesn't have anything going on with Comrade Kang, but once that stubborn girl says something in the courtyard, what do you think the people around will believe?"

The scandal power of a wife saying her husband likes the neighbor is immense, as a woman, you understand that, don't you?"

"How did I give birth to such a troublesome girl!" Mother Su's eyes were full of disappointment, she said, "The son-in-law's work can't afford distractions, going forward..."

Father Su: "The housemaid left last month, the son-in-law plans to give the living expenses to Wen Yue, from now on Wen Yue will manage meals for the siblings at home, as for that stubborn girl, the son-in-law said he's not going to care. By telling me this, the son-in-law's meaning is clear: letting us be aware of that stubborn girl's actions, to avoid us going to seek justice on her behalf one day."

When he said "seek justice," Father Su's face turned red with shame!

"She's really ruined!"

Mother Su continued walking.

Father Su walked by her side: "Just act like she was never born."

Mother Su: "Do you really think that?"

Father Su: "Why not? Do you want a daughter who acts shamelessly? We've never wronged her, even compared to Qingqing, you and I favored that stubborn girl more. The marriage with the son-in-law was originally Qingqing's, yet it ended up being the stubborn girl who caught the son-in-law's eye, can you honestly say in this matter, the stubborn girl didn't play any tricks?"

"I..." Mother Su couldn't utter a word for a long time. Seeing this, Father Su said, "Though ten fingers are of different lengths, it's no big deal for parents to have favorites among children. But Qingqing is also our daughter, think carefully, don't you feel you've shortchanged her all these years?"

"Fine, I will follow your lead, just pretend you never gave birth to Manman."

Mother Su said this somewhat hesitantly; after all, Su Man was the flesh from her own body, she couldn't possibly act like she never gave birth to her.

"Don't get muddled, remember, you have more than just that stubborn girl as a child, if what that stubborn girl did gets out, the family's reputation would be finished!"

Causing trouble, getting expelled, fabricating lies... any of these things, once they spread to their family's courtyard, could ruin their family's reputation, making it impossible to uphold.

The courtyard.

After Father Su and Mother Su left, Su Man appeared in Wen Siyuan's study again: "Are you happy to see me like this?" Wen Siyuan didn't even raise his head, let alone look at her.

"What can I do about it? They can't do anything to me, I refuse to agree to divorce, I want to drag it out with you, once you forcibly make me file for divorce, I'll make sure you lose your job!"

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For a long time, Wen Siyuan made no sound, Su Man couldn't stand it, her face changed, she stepped forward, and swept the books off Wen Siyuan's desk to the ground: "I told you to read! I told you to read! Are you deaf or mute, didn't you hear what I said?"

Undoubtedly, the "other person" she referred to was Kang Li.

On the other side, Su Man returned to the master bedroom, like a victorious general, feeling strangely happy, but not long after, she felt deeply sad for herself.

To avoid divorce, using such sordid means, Wen Siyuan probably despised her even more, felt disgusted by her!

Lying on the bed, tears welled up in Su Man's eyes as she cried and laughed, but she made not a sound.

"How did I end up living like this?"

In her heart, she posed a soul-searching question, and suddenly covered her face, finally crying out loud.

Was it really as she thought, all because of that woman Kang Li moving into the compound?

No one gave an answer, indeed, no one gave Su Man an answer.

The next day, around eight or nine in the morning, Father Su and Mother Su came to the compound, they were called by Wen Siyuan.

"Sleep, sleep, all you know is sleep! Get up quickly, idly quarreling with your son-in-law, are you feeling bloated from eating?"

Entering the living room, seeing Wen Yue, Third Sister, and Wen Peng sitting there but no sign of Wen Siyuan and Su Man, Mother Su asked and learned Su Man was in the bedroom, and Wen Siyuan in the study. Exchanging a glance with Father Su, the couple split up, one headed to the study, and the other went to the master bedroom and started ranting.

Su Man lay on the bed with her back to the door, hearing Mother Su's voice, her body first trembled, then showed no reaction.

"I told you to get up, did you hear?"

Seeing Su Man lie there obliviously, Mother Su's anger rose, she approached with a grim face and pulled Su Man out of bed: "Speak, are you mute?"

But still saw no response from Su Man.

At that moment, Father Su walked into the bedroom with a dark face, closed the door, reached the bed in a few strides, pulled Su Man to stand on the floor, and slapped her twice.

"How did I end up with such a shameless daughter?!"

Mother Su was stunned on hearing this, not understanding Father Su's current state.

"Is son-in-law lacking money for you to make a living selling goods? In order to earn trifles, you disgraceful thing not only messed with other men but also got expelled from school, what were you thinking?"

Yet another two slaps.

Su Man had not recovered from the previous slaps, was slapped again, and her face visibly swelled with redness.

"What are you saying? Are you sure Manman was expelled from school? And Manman messing with other men... this, this, where did you hear this?"

"Clap, clap," Father Su slapped himself twice, then seemed to lose all strength, sighed deeply, squatted down and said: "Son-in-law told me."

Mother Su was shocked by Father Su slapping himself, and upon hearing his words, couldn't hold back anymore, she grabbed Su Man's arms with an angry face, demanding: "Speak up, is son-in-law talking nonsense?"

Even though her arms hurt from Mother Su's grip, Su Man gritted her teeth, lowered her head, and said nothing.

"It seems... son-in-law wasn't lying to your father..." Mother Su murmured, and the next moment, she started to hit Su Man: "Why are you so foolish? You had a good college, yet you chose to sell goods? Even selling goods, how did you even lose your student status and... and put a green hat on son-in-law, where is your shame?"

The son-in-law was infuriated, mentioned divorce again. The brat argued fiercely, refusing to agree, and even brought up the woman next door, leading to son-in-law getting beaten by the husband of the lady next door, and the brat herself got a good beating from the neighbor's sister-in-law.

As the saying goes, disaster comes from the mouth, but the brat didn't learn. To prevent son-in-law from filing for divorce, she first pretended in front of him, swallowed medicine attempting suicide, got timely rescue at the hospital, and after returning home, tried to manipulate him, even cutting her wrist with a cutter..."

Father Su rubbed his face vigorously then continued: "The cutter was snatched away by son-in-law, and do you know what this brat did next?"

With a cold expression, Father Su glanced at Su Man, then fixed his gaze on Mother Su: "The brat is selfish, doesn't care about Pengpeng's future, threatened son-in-law with fabricated stories, saying if he insists on divorce, she would spread rumors in the compound that he likes the woman next door."

Mother Su was dumbfounded, no, more precisely, Mother Su was stunned from the moment Father Su described those absurd actions of Su Man, never expected to have such a shameless calamity daughter.

After Father Su finished speaking, after a while, Mother Su regained her senses, again started hitting Su Man, her eyes red, continuously questioning: "What are you thinking? You had a good college, had a good life, yet kept acting up in front of son-in-law, are you out of your mind, or is your brain filled with shit?"

"You've scolded and beaten, now can you go?"

Su Man lifted her head, looking at Father Su and Mother Su with a swollen face, eyes filled with indifference and nothing else.

"Divorce! You should divorce your son-in-law now, we as parents didn't raise you well, it's our mistake, but we can't let you keep tormenting Siyuan!"

Clenching her teeth, Mother Su stated her decision to Su Man.

Father Su had no objections to this, as he also couldn't bear having this disruptive person continue in front of his son-in-law.

"Divorce! Before you continue ruining, affecting son-in-law's work and leaving Pengpeng unable to afford school."

"I will never divorce."

Coldly looking at Father Su and Mother Su, Su Man stated indifferently: "Even if I die, I will only die as Wen Siyuan's wife in this house, if you want me to divorce, only when my corpse is carried out."

"Are you sure?"

Father Su asked expressionlessly.

Su Man did not respond.

Father Su looked at Mother Su: "Let's go, from now on we'll act as if we don't have this daughter."
Seeing Mother Su standing still, Father Su got up, pulled her wrist and walked out of the room.

"Husband, you..."

Both walked out of the compound in silence, Mother Su couldn't hold back and asked: "Are we not managing this matter anymore?"

"How to manage?"

Stopping, Father Su steadily looked at Mother Su: "How do you propose to manage? The brat is determined to follow this path to the end, she doesn't want a divorce, we can't exactly bind her and take her home, even if we did, wouldn't she just run away?"

Mother Su fell silent: "..."

"Son-in-law's stance is that he is determined to divorce, but currently, to prevent the brat from spewing rumors in the compound, he is holding off on the divorce, planning to handle it once he finds a proper way."

"Why do I feel that son-in-law fears Manman?"

"Not fear, but it's easier to spread rumors than to dispel them. Son-in-law has nothing to do with Comrade Kang, but if the brat spreads something in the compound, how do you think people will perceive it?"

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Luo Yanqing wore a stern expression as he instructed his eldest son.

"Hmm."

Min Rui nodded heavily.

"What I just said, you two must also remember." Shifting his gaze to Ming Han and Ming Wei, Luo Yanqing said earnestly, "Learning is for yourselves. If you don't want to regret it in the future, you must set high standards in your studies."

"Dad, I know."

Ming Wei replied.

Ming Han nodded, "I remember."

As he was about to leave, Luo Yanqing suddenly thought of Austin and couldn't help asking the twins, "Are you friends with that kid named Jian?"

"Kind of."

This was Ming Han's voice.

"Dad, Jian doesn't fit in well. He usually doesn't play with classmates."

Ming Wei said with a frown, "However, that Han Qian in our class always likes to hang around Jian, and my good friend Xiao Ran says Jian looks like a doll. She says she loves dolls the most."

"You don't like Jian?" Observing the twins' expressions, Luo Yanqing asked again, and Ming Han quickly responded, "Dad, I don't dislike Jian; I just don't play with him much."

Ming Wei: "Dad, I don't dislike him either." She just felt Jian was a bit dull, always keeping things to himself, and he didn't seem very bright.

However, Jian's academic performance was as impressive as her second brother's; they both usually ranked first in the grade in exams.

"Alright, you go play."

Luo Yanqing said, turning to leave the room. After he was gone, Ming Wei blinked and quietly asked her brothers Min Rui and Ming Han, "Big Brother, Second Brother, why do you think Dad suddenly mentioned Jian?"

Min Rui remained silent.

Ming Han's eyes darted around, and after a moment, he said, "Maybe Dad met Jian's dad when he visited Mom abroad, and Jian's dad mentioned Jian to him, so Dad casually asked us about Jian."

"Second Brother, you almost convinced me; you sounded so convincing!" Ming Wei rolled her eyes at Ming Han, not knowing that what Ming Han said was quite close to the truth.

In fact, although Austin didn't mention Jian directly to Luo Yanqing, he did mention him to Kang Li, which is pretty much the same as mentioning it directly to Luo Yanqing.

After all, husband and wife are united, and Austin had asked Kang Li to find out about his ex-wife Shen Yun and son Jian through Luo Yanqing. As Austin's friend and Luo Yanqing's wife, Kang Li naturally told Luo Yanqing about Austin's request.

Indeed, Kang Li did talk about it with Luo Yanqing, but ultimately Kang Li dealt with the matter.

She informed Austin about Shen Yun's remarriage and Jian's situation.

Luo Yanqing wasn't bothered to deal with such trivial matters.

"Believe it or not, hmm hmm hmm..."

Ming Han made a silly face at Ming Wei.

"Childish."

Ming Wei crossed her arms, giving Ming Han a disdainful look like a little adult. She said, "You're not a little kid anymore, Second Brother. You better not act so immature anymore, or else don't say I'm your sister outside, lest I get laughed at with you by classmates."

"Who dares to laugh at me?" Ming Han arrogantly raised his chin, "I'm a tough guy. Anyone who dares to laugh at me should be prepared for a beating!"

Ming Wei pouted, "Look at you."

Min Rui: "Are you trying to fly?"

"Big Brother, since when have you been backing Luo Mingwei? You and I are supposed to get along like brothers wearing the same pants, but you're making me feel betrayed! Or are you just a fake friend to me?"

Holding his chest, Ming Han played the drama king, looking so pitiful.

Min Rui kept a straight face and threw out a line, "I think you should apply to the film academy."

"Applying to the film academy to be an actor is Luo Mingwei's dream, not mine. I've thought it through; I want to apply to the National Defense University and contribute to the country like Cousin Chen and Uncle Feng Yi. Isn't that impressive?"

Ming Han said, his eyes shining, and he looked full of energy.

"You want to be an actor?"

Min Rui didn't respond to his silly brother and turned his gaze to his sister Ming Wei.

"Yes." Ming Wei nodded; her tender voice spoke out, "I think being an actor is very fun."

Min Rui frowned, "You want to be an actor just for fun?"

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Ming Wei: "... Is it not allowed?

As if understanding her thoughts, Min Rui said earnestly, "Being an actor is also a profession. The movies and TV shows they make provide us ordinary people with spiritual and cultural life. Once you're in it, it's not just for fun."

"Big brother, I meant it's interesting because I'm interested in being an actor, not in the way you're thinking." Ming Wei felt a little wronged. "Mom said that all jobs, no matter high or low, are serving the people. When I grow up, I won't joke about work."

Upon hearing this, Min Rui nodded, indicating he believed what Ming Wei said, and then he spoke, "As long as you know."

"Big brother, what do you want to do in the future?"

Ming Han suddenly asked his brother Min Rui.

"..." He pressed his lips together and remained silent for a while. When Ming Han and Ming Wei thought that their brother Ming Rui wouldn't respond, Min Rui slightly opened his mouth and said, "Diplomat."

"Is it because of Mom?"

Ming Han hadn't forgotten that after his most beloved mother graduated from university, someone from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited her to work there and even kept her name on their list.

"I like the profession of a diplomat. Of course, part of it is influenced by Mom."

Min Rui spoke from the heart.

At this time, Ming Wei suddenly asked, "Big brother, second brother, do you think there's really someone in our courtyard gossiping about Mom?"

"There are all kinds of birds in a big forest..."

Before Ming Han could finish, he was interrupted by Min Rui: "What kind of talk is that?"

Ming Han defended himself, "I'm not wrong."

"What you mean isn't wrong, but is that something a child like you should say?" Min Rui's eyebrows almost knotted. "If Mom knew, she would definitely give you a talking to."

"Mom wouldn't do that!"

Ming Han snorted lightly, turned his head aside, and ignored his brother Min Rui, but still said, "The women in our courtyard are of all kinds of characters, especially those with less education—they might speak ill of Mom in front of us."

Ming Wei: "Auntie Su next door definitely will! She's always finding trouble with Mom!"

Ming Han chimed in, "She didn't even give birth to Wen Peng."

Ming Wei: "Oh yes, Auntie Su gave birth to Wen Peng..."

Min Rui: "Say as little as possible. Whether Auntie Su gave birth to Wen Peng or not, she's not good to Wen Yue and her sisters. Can our Mom be compared to her?"

"Big brother, I didn't say Mom is like Auntie Su. I'm saying Auntie Su would speak ill of Mom in front of us." Ming Wei, with her delicate little face, said seriously, "I dislike Auntie Su; she's too mean!"

Min Rui asked, "If she talks, will you listen?"

"Of course not."

Without a second thought, Ming Wei shook her head decisively.

"Then don't mention her." Min Rui said as he shifted his gaze to his silly brother, then looked at his sister Ming Wei, and said, "Dad talked to us, and I have no concerns because I know Mom always speaks from the heart."

Ming Han: "I won't be affected either. Besides, Bun and they are our younger siblings. I like little brothers and sisters, and I definitely won't let a few idle words affect my mood."

"I love Mom, and I trust her. I won't listen to anyone badmouthing her."

After hearing what Ming Wei said, Min Rui pressed his lips in quiet thought for a moment and then said, "Remember what we've just discussed. If anyone gets distracted and it affects their studies, I'll definitely deal with it."

"We promise to do as we say!"

Ming Han and Ming Wei stood up, standing side by side, with serious little expressions, making a promise.

Around three in the afternoon.

Cai Xiufen and Captain Kang took the three with Min Rui to the courtyard gate to see Luo Yanqing off, watching as he was picked up by a jeep.

"Grandma, Grandpa, I'll play outside for a while before coming back."

"Grandma, Grandpa, I'll play outside too."

Ming Han and Ming Wei spoke in turn.

"Alright, you play outside."

Cai Xiufen said, looking toward Min Rui with Captain Kang.

"I'll go home and read."

Min Rui said, following Cai Xiufen and Captain Kang into the courtyard gate.

"Vivi, did your Grandma and Grandpa come back from visiting your Mom abroad?!"

Under the old banyan tree, Wen Yi saw Ming Wei walking over and couldn't help but smile and ask.

"Yes."

Ming Wei nodded, smiling playfully, "Guess how many little babies my Mom had at once."

"Two!"

Wen Yi thought that since Ming Wei let her guess, then Aunt Kang must have had more than one baby, so she confidently gave her answer.

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"That's not right."

Ming Wei shook her head.

Wen Yi blinked and, a little unsure, said, "Not two, then it's three?"

"Correct!" Ming Wei's crisp little voice carried a smile as she said, "My mom gave me two little brothers and one little sister. My little brothers and sister are all really good-looking. Once you meet them, I promise you'll like them!"

But the smile on Wen Yi's face faded. She tugged at Ming Wei's sleeve, pulled her off to the side, and whispered, "Vivi, Aunt Kang has a new baby now, and it's three babies all at once. Will she stop liking you and your big brother and second brother?"

Ming Wei answered very seriously, and very firmly, “No! My big brother, my second brother, and I are also Mom’s children. Mom won’t stop liking us.”

“Vivi... you trust Aunt Kang that much?”

“My mom is the best mom in the whole world. Of course I trust her. Besides, my big brother, my second brother, and I are all very good. Mom has no reason not to like us.”

“Vivi, it’s not that I don’t believe Aunt Kang will be good to you and your big brother and second brother like before, but Aunt Kang has her own babies now. It’s like our Auntie Su at home—she’s not nice at all to me, my big sister, and my third sister, little Yu.”

After listening, Ming Wei blinked. “Sister Wen Yi, Auntie Su was already bad to you, Sister Wen Yue, and Wen Yu even before she had Wen Peng. She’s not like my mom at all. Don’t compare Auntie Su to my mom anymore, okay? Otherwise, I’ll get mad!”

“Sorry... Vivi, I was overthinking it.”

Wen Yi grabbed Ming Wei’s hand and shook it, saying, “Don’t be mad at me, okay? I just care about you, I didn’t mean to talk about Aunt Kang like that.”

“I’m not mad at you, but Sister Wen Yi, you really can’t compare my mom to Auntie Su anymore, okay?” Ming Wei still had a bit of baby fat on her face. She puffed out her cheeks, looking both good and not

cute at the same time. "Sister Wen Yi, I don't like hearing people say bad things about my mom, not even a little. In my heart, my mom is a Little Fairy, she's the best, best, best mom!"

Wen Yi bit her lip. After a while, she said, "Vivi, I've actually always been really jealous of you. Aunt Kang and our Auntie Su are both Stepmothers, but from the moment Aunt Kang became your Stepmother, she's been good to you and your big brother and second brother. Our Auntie Su pretended to be nice to me and my sister at first... but it wasn't long before she started losing her temper at us, hitting us and scolding us..."

"Does Uncle Wen know?"

Ming Wei tilted her head and asked.

"He knows, but it doesn't help."

Wen Yi was dejected. "From last year to this year, every time my dad comes home on leave, Auntie Su will fight with him."

"I've heard it before." Ming Wei frowned. "What Auntie Su does is wrong. Uncle Wen works so hard at his job, and it's not easy for him to come home and rest. But she still has to pick a fight with him. That's not right."

"Vivi, my dad wants to divorce Auntie Su!"

Wen Yi leaned to Ming Wei's ear and said in a voice only the two of them could hear, "But Auntie Su won't agree."

"Do you want them to get divorced?"

Ming Wei asked Wen Yi in the same mysterious, quiet voice.

"I don't know."

Wen Yi shook her head. "Auntie Su is Pengpeng's mom. If Auntie Su leaves, Pengpeng will be just like me, and won't have a mom by his side anymore."

"Then don't think about it!" Ming Wei sighed. "Grown-up stuff is so complicated. We're just kids, even if we rack our brains, we still won't figure it out!"

"Mm, you're right."

Wen Yi nodded. "If my dad had found us a Stepmother as good as Aunt Kang in the first place, I'd definitely be living happily every day like you are now."

"..."

Ming Wei didn't know what else to say to comfort Wen Yi. In her eyes, there really wasn't a second mom in the world as good as Kang Li.

Wen Yi said, "Vivi, I heard from my classmate that that girl Han Qian in your class says she wants to marry Jian when she grows up. Did you know that?"

Ming Wei shook her head. "I didn't know."

"We're still so little, and that Han Qian is already thinking about marrying Jian. She doesn't even feel embarrassed."

"Jian doesn't like her anyway."

"Really?"

"I don't think Jian likes Han Qian." As Ming Wei was speaking, she saw Jian following behind Xiao Tong, walking over. She quickly waved to Xiao Tong. "Tongtong! Tongtong, over here!"

Xiao Tong heard Ming Wei's voice and immediately smiled, calling Jian to keep up. In the blink of an eye she ran up to Ming Wei. "Vivi!"

Chapter 1326 (Part 4)

"You and Jian are out playing too?"

Ming Wei asked Xiao Tong.

"Yes. Dad kicked us out. He's worried Jian and I will turn into bookworms." Xiao Tong, a gentle little girl, replied softly.

Ming Wei: "My mom often tells my brothers and me that whether it's studying or working, we need to balance work and leisure."

"Yes, my dad says the same thing." Xiao Tong nodded and smiled.

Ming Wei turned to Jian: "Han Qian said she wants to marry you when she grows up. Do you like her?" Wen Yi felt a bit uneasy as she heard Ming Wei ask Jian about what she had said.

Jian's cheeks turned red, as he glared at Ming Wei: "I'm not familiar with her, and I won't marry her when I grow up!" He turned his eyes to Xiao Tong: "Sis, I'm going home."

With that, Jian turned and left.

"Dad told us to go out and play!"

Xiao Tong grabbed Jian's arm: "Are you mad at Vivi?"

"No."

Jian shook his head: "I just think playing outside is boring." His gaze fell on the hand Xiao Tong was using to grab his arm, and Jian stared at it steadily.

Xiao Tong, feeling his gaze, involuntarily let go.

After Jian walked away, Xiao Tong said: "Vivi, Jian isn't mad at you, don't be upset."

"I'm not upset." Ming Wei shook her head and asked Xiao Tong: "Why didn't you bring Xiao Xuan out?"
Xiao Xuan is Shen Yun's son with Xiao Jin, Xiao Tong's half-brother on her father's side.

Hmm, and he shares a mother with Jian, but has a different father.

Xiao Tong: "My grandma took Xiao Xuan to their compound yesterday."

Ming Wei responded "Oh," and then, with a few other little girls, started playing a game of sandbag toss.

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Shen family.

"You want to see Jian?" In the living room, Mrs. Shen sat on the sofa, quietly watching her previous son-in-law, Austin, for a while. She thought about what Austin had said, and after some time, she spoke to confirm his sudden appearance.

Truth be told, this was Mrs. Shen's first time meeting Austin, but she thought Austin seemed alright, believing that this previous son-in-law probably had no issues with his character.

But still, her daughter got divorced. She suspected that there were some exaggerations in the explanations given after returning home.

"Yes, I'm here partly for business and partly because I want to see Jian. Ever since Jian and his mother left me, I haven't seen him. I am undoubtedly an inadequate father to Jian."

Austin sat upright, his demeanor calm and composed, giving off a gentlemanly impression.

Wen Yi blinked, a bit uncertain, saying: "Not two, but three?"

"You're right!" Ming Wei's clear voice carried a smile as she said: "My mom had two brothers and a sister, they're all very good-looking, you'll definitely like them when you meet them!"

Unexpectedly, the smile on Wen Yi's face disappeared. She tugged on Ming Wei's sleeve, pulling her aside and whispered: "Vivi, Aunt Kang had a baby, and suddenly three of them. Would she stop liking you and your brothers?"

Ming Wei replied seriously and confidently: "No! My brothers and I are also her children, she wouldn't stop liking us."

"Vivi... do you really trust Aunt Kang that much?"

"My mom is the best mom in the world, of course, I trust her. Besides, my brothers and I are very well-behaved, she has no reason not to like us."

"Vivi, it's not that I don't trust Aunt Kang to treat you and your brothers like before, but now she has her own babies, just like Auntie Su in our house, she doesn't treat me, my elder sister, or little sister Xiao Yu well at all."

After hearing what Wen Yi said, Ming Wei blinked: "Sister Wen Yi, Auntie Su didn't treat you, Sister Wen Yue, or Wen Yu well even before having Wen Peng. She's completely different from my mom, don't compare Auntie Su to my mom, or I'll get mad!"

"I'm sorry... Vivi, I overthought it."

Wen Yi held onto Ming Wei's hand, shaking it gently, saying: "Please don't blame me, okay? I'm just concerned about you, I didn't mean to speak badly about Aunt Kang."

"I'm not blaming you, but Sister Wen Yi, you really shouldn't compare my mom to Auntie Su." Ming Wei's face still showed some baby fat, she puffed her cheeks, looking adorably annoyed: "Sister Wen Yi, I don't like hearing bad things about my mom, not at all. In my heart, my mom is my Little Fairy, the best mom ever!"

Wen Yi bit her lip, and after a while, she said: "Vivi, I've always been envious of you. Aunt Kang and our Auntie Su are both stepmothers, but Aunt Kang treated you and your brothers well from the moment she became your stepmother, while our Auntie Su pretended to be good to me and my sister at first... soon after, she started losing her temper at us, even hitting and scolding us..."

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Hmm, and he shares a mother with Jian, but has a different father.

Xiao Tong: "My grandma took Xiao Xuan to their compound yesterday."

Ming Wei responded "Oh," and then, with a few other little girls, started playing a game of sandbag toss.

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Shen family.

"You want to see Jian?" In the living room, Mrs. Shen sat on the sofa, quietly watching her previous son-in-law, Austin, for a while. She thought about what Austin had said, and after some time, she spoke to confirm his sudden appearance.

Truth be told, this was Mrs. Shen's first time meeting Austin, but she thought Austin seemed alright, believing that this previous son-in-law probably had no issues with his character.

But still, her daughter got divorced. She suspected that there were some exaggerations in the explanations given after returning home.

"Yes, I'm here partly for business and partly because I want to see Jian. Ever since Jian and his mother left me, I haven't seen him. I am undoubtedly an inadequate father to Jian."

Austin sat upright, his demeanor calm and composed, giving off a gentlemanly impression.

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"Are you playing dumb in front of me for fun?" Wen Siyuan glanced at He Wei, "Or are you saying you don't know how Teacher Shen feels about Group Leader Luo?"

Being asked this by Wen Siyuan, He Wei was taken aback for a moment, then his face showed embarrassment: "Old Wen, you're wronging me. I wasn't playing dumb,

it's just that I never expected that after so many years, Teacher Shen still hasn't taken back his feelings towards our group leader.

No kidding, I'm telling you the truth here. After all, Teacher Shen not only got remarried, but also had a child with her current husband..."

He didn't continue, believing that Wen Siyuan surely understood his meaning.

"You don't need to explain so much to me."

Wen Siyuan, expressionless, walked slowly forward, not looking at He Wei, yet feeling utterly disappointed in Shen Yun.

Clearly a high-caliber talent and a researcher, how can he be so blind when it comes to romantic feelings? Even so despicable and shameless that one can't help but despise him!

As his thoughts drifted, Wen Siyuan couldn't help but think of Su Man again.

Not to mention getting into college, nearly graduating, even as a high school graduate, she should have a certain level of dignity and moral outlook, right? And yet?

While he diligently worked at the institute, she shamelessly hooked up with a random man, cuckolded him, and blamed the bastard child in her womb on him, claiming that he agreed to have the child aborted.

Shameless!

Despicable!

A cold glimmer flashed across his eyes, followed by regret. He regretted divorcing his ex-wife, Song Ning, regretted being so ruthless about the divorce simply to have a son.

She was gentle, kind, diligent, and never argued with him. Every time he came home on leave, she wouldn't let him do anything, taking care of the home, him, and the child meticulously. Before he returned to the institute, she would fold his clean clothes neatly into his bag and pack various snacks so he could fill his stomach when work delayed his meals.

In contrast, Su Man was completely self-centered. Even when she first married into the family and appeared to manage the home well, as long as he was around, she would occasionally throw tantrums in front of him, needing to be coaxed with sweet talk like a child.

Then, he thought it was a couple's chemistry, but thinking back now, he was just being stupid!

His ex-wife treated him well, centering everything around him and the child, yet he was ungrateful. When he demanded a divorce and brought another woman into the home, look at how foolish he was, needing to coax her constantly with a smile, afraid of pleasing her.

Lest such a woman, who had no idea how hard he worked, didn't understand him. Before he went back to the institute after his leave, she'd casually toss his clothes into his bag, without even a word of care.

She never prepared any snacks for him to occasionally fill his stomach.

Thinking back to this, Wen Siyuan felt both indignant and bitter inside.

The indignation was caused by his current wife, Su Man.

The bitterness undoubtedly stemmed from reminiscing about his past experiences with his ex-wife, Song Ning.

Regret?

Yes, Wen Siyuan deeply regretted it now. He never should have forced a divorce with his ex-wife for the sake of a son.

"I'm not explaining, I just find it unbelievable."

He Wei's voice pulled Wen Siyuan back from his thoughts. He said, "Actually, thinking about it now, Teacher Shen is also quite shameless. Even if he had feelings for Group Leader Luo, she was already a couple with Comrade Kang before joining our institution, I can't believe he didn't know.

Since he knew, yet still tangled with Group Leader Luo, it was simply without any moral sense. Now, years later, he's taking advantage of Comrade Kang's study abroad to secretly stir trouble in front of Group Leader Luo, trying to ruin their marriage. He totally deserved it when Group Leader Luo lashed out at him!"

After hearing what he said, Wen Siyuan didn't express any opinion.

"By the way, Old Wen, what exactly caused you and your wife to go as far as divorce?" He Wei felt he was showing concern for Wen Siyuan, yet Wen Siyuan remained silent.

Seeing this, He Wei nudged Wen Siyuan with his shoulder, "Can't you tell your brother? Your wife is certainly something, threatening suicide in front of you. How much resentment does she have against you, causing everyone to talk about you behind your back?"

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He Wei walked into the dormitory building, put his lunch box in his own dorm room, and instead of lying down to rest, he knocked on Wen Siyuan's dormitory door.

"Why aren't you resting and made your way here to see me?"

After He Wei entered, Wen Siyuan casually closed the door behind him and asked him indifferently.

"As a good brother, I've come to offer you some warmth. You don't realize that now that you're back, your mental state looks really bad. If you continue like this, you're bound to make mistakes at work. At that point, even if you don't want to leave our current project team, I figure Group Leader Luo won't keep you on."

He Wei spoke seriously, without a hint of humor.

Wen Siyuan sighed at his words, "I know you mean well, but my problems aren't ones you can help with."

"How do you know I can't help if you don't tell me?"

He Wei frowned slightly.

“Su Man refuses to agree to a divorce. When threatening to take her own life didn’t sway me, she decided to tarnish my reputation to pressure me to abandon the thought of divorce.”

Wen Siyuan’s mouth twisted into a bitter smile, “If it was just ruining my reputation, that would be fine. After all, I haven’t done anything wrong and I’m not afraid of being investigated by the leadership,

but she... she actually wants to drag Comrade Kang into our marital conflict, saying I’m divorcing her because I have feelings for Comrade Kang. She says if I file a lawsuit with the court, she’ll spread rumors about my supposed feelings for Comrade Kang throughout the compound.”

“...” He Wei was stunned. After a while, he said, “Has your wife gone crazy? She has been reprimanded by Comrade Kang several times for making things up, and I heard she got a stern talking-to by Comrade Kang’s sister-in-law two months ago. How can she still dare to provoke Comrade Kang?”

Wen Siyuan said, “It’s not just that she’s gone crazy. She’s both stupid and venomous. I really can’t believe how blind I was back then to think she was a pure and kind woman, not realizing she has a mean spirit and a strong jealousy.”

He Wei said, “You’re saying she’s jealous of Comrade Kang?”

Wen Siyuan remained silent, but He Wei clearly got his answer.

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“Because she’s jealous of Comrade Kang, she targets her now and then, trying to ruin her reputation, and in turn, is now trying to ruin yours too?”

“It’s not ‘in turn’; this time I’m the one dragging Comrade Kang down.”

“Honestly, do you have feelings for Comrade Kang...?”

“Do you want a beating? Do you really think I’m that kind of person?”

“Comrade Kang is so outstanding...”

“Are you saying you have feelings for Comrade Kang? Do I need to go next door and chat with Group Leader Luo?” Wen Siyuan glared at He Wei, pretending to get up, which scared He Wei into quickly pressing him back down to the bed. He laughed nervously and said, “I was being a jerk. You’re a bigger person, don’t hold it against me.”

Wen Siyuan gave him a lukewarm look and then said, “Comrade Kang is indeed outstanding, a good woman, a good mother. Any man should genuinely admire someone like her.

And in the past, I was in a similar situation as Group Leader Luo. I have three kids at home and married a woman eight or nine years younger than me, as a second marriage. When I saw Comrade Kang taking good care of Group Leader Luo's three children,

I couldn't help but tell Su Man to learn from Comrade Kang, to see how she gets along with the kids. Guess what, she didn't listen at all...

Do you remember that incident at my house a few years ago? Wen Yu was so frightened by Su Man that she couldn't speak, Wen Yi almost lost her life, and Wen Yue was beaten by Su Man until her face was swollen...

In the end, I listened to everyone and thought Su Man's emotional outburst was just an accident and chose to forgive her, thinking it was just one slip. But now I know I was wrong; some people are inherently bad, just good at hiding it, preventing those around them from discovering their true nature early on."

He Wei sighed deeply and patted Wen Siyuan on the shoulder, "I'm sorry for your suffering, brother!"

Having heard about his family issues, He Wei couldn't think of a good way to help him and felt uncomfortable.

"I really can't think of a good way to help you either. Maybe... maybe you should inform Group Leader Luo about your wife's plans?"

"Do you think that's appropriate?" Wen Siyuan looked at He Wei as if he were a fool, "If you were Group Leader Luo, how would you react after hearing this?"

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He Wei blurted out, "Go straight to fists, make life difficult for you both."

"I really love my current job."

With just this sentence, He Wei understood Wen Siyuan's meaning, or rather his concern. He expressed deep sympathy for Wen Siyuan, "It looks like you'll just have to keep enduring that wife of yours!

However, in a way, that's for the best. Think of our jobs, sometimes we're busy for more than half a year, or even a whole year without rest, and your kids are still little. They can't be without adult supervision, especially Pengpeng. What would you do without their mom? Find someone else to marry into your house?"

At this, He Wei's expression turned a bit complicated, "Putting you and Group Leader Luo together, it seems like you have a rough lot. Same career, different fate. But then again, why didn't you let our leaders introduce you to someone back then?

Just look at Group Leader Luo, he handed over his marriage entirely to the leaders, not only marrying a Fairy Girl-like lady into his home, but she's smart, patient with the kids, and very diligent herself. Nowadays, who in our yard doesn't envy Group Leader Luo for marrying a great wife? Who doesn't praise Comrade Kang as a great wife and mother?

Honestly, my wife is a little jealous of Comrade Kang too, but she only grumbles a little to me before singing her praises.

Not only did she raise the kids to be smart, understanding, and well-behaved, but she's also winning honors for the country and aced a national exam... When I hear my wife talk about Comrade Kang, I almost suspect she likes her more than me!"

As he spoke, He Wei's tone turned sour.

"Your wife is completely normal; don't take your blessings for granted."

Wen Siyuan sighed inwardly, "Talking with you has made me feel a whole lot better; thanks for listening to me rant." Keeping it going, Wen Yue already proved reliable. With his instructions before returning to the station, he's confident Wen Yue can take good care of his two younger sisters and brother. He should just focus on work.

As for Su Man... let her do whatever she wants.

Maybe someday she'll find it pointless and ask for a divorce herself.

On the other hand, after finishing the phone call with Mrs. Shen, Shen Yun promptly sought leave from her project team leader and then headed straight back to the Shen family home.

"What are you doing in our country?"

As soon as she walked into the living room and saw Austin, Shen Yun's face turned cold: "Go back to where you came from. I don't want to see you!" She channeled all the anger from Luo Yanqing onto Austin.

Okay, she had heard from Mrs. Shen's call that her ex-husband Austin suddenly showed up, and she was already resentful, blaming him for what he did back then, which prevented her from returning to her country earlier and made her miss the chance with Luo Yanqing.

"Yun Yun, speak nicely."

Mrs. Shen felt a bit embarrassed. After all, no matter what, a guest is a guest, not to mention that they were once married, and now he has come all this way to their country, just wanting to see his son, which is not unreasonable.

"And what is he to me that I should speak nicely?"

Thinking of what Luo Yanqing had said, Shen Yun felt even more embarrassed, and the resentment in her heart rose higher, caring little about saving face for Mrs. Shen. She glared at Austin and spoke harshly:

"Back then, you signed an agreement with me, promising never to appear in front of me again. Now that you've suddenly shown up, are you trying to break that promise? But so what if you break it? It's all just words on paper..."

Planning initially to have a civil talk with his ex-wife, Austin found her immediately hostile upon seeing him, leaving him disinterested in conversation. His expression turned cold as he stood, speaking deliberately: "You have it in writing, but are you sure that paper has any legal effect?"

Hearing Austin's words, Shen Yun realized that the agreement they signed back then hadn't been notarized by a local court. Without an official stamp, it was legally worthless paper, no matter what it stated.

"You despicable!"

Glaring at Austin, Shen Yun was tempted to slap him: "If you weren't so shameless, would I have even married you? But of course, you promised all nicely during the divorce, yet used a worthless paper to deceive me. Get out!"

Pointing to the living room door, Shen Yun's expression distorted as she shooed him away.

"If I were really despicable, I wouldn't have let you take our son back then, wouldn't have stayed away from you and our son for all these years after you left." Austin's aura was intense, and his eyes were sharp and cold: "Originally, I just wanted to see my son, but now I've changed my mind. I will pursue legal action to take Jian away from you."

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Leaving this sentence, Austin turned his gaze to Mrs. Shen: "Sorry, I didn't expect things to turn out like this, disturbing you." He nodded lightly, saying goodbye to Mrs. Shen.

Watching Austin's tall and erect figure disappear outside the door, Mrs. Shen was so angry at Shen Yun that she was panting heavily: "What's wrong with you?"

Her gaze moved to Shen Yun, whose face looked very bad: "No matter what, that person is Jian's biological father. He just came here on a business trip and took the chance to see his son. Why did you act so crazy, not giving him a good face as soon as he came in?"

"Is it wrong for me not wanting to see him? We're divorced, he shouldn't appear in my life anymore!"

Shen Yun was utterly unapologetic, back-talking to Mrs. Shen: "If it weren't for him, could my life be what it is now? Do you know? As soon as I return to that so-called home of mine, I feel miserable, agitated, I..."

Before she could finish her words, Mrs. Shen slapped Shen Yun across the face.

"Mom! You hit me?"

Covering the half of her face that was hit, her eyes were full of disbelief.

"I'm waking you up!"

Mrs. Shen's eyes were full of disappointment: "Don't think I don't know what you're thinking, but let me tell you, kill that thought! Not mentioning how Jian's biological father is, just talk about Xiao Xiao, what has he done wrong to you?"

For you to say such words just now... The household expenses are all managed by Xiao Xiao, the kids are also looked after by Xiao Xiao, you rest at home, every time I go over,

you're either lying in bed, or sitting in the study reading, doing nothing, even for a sip of water, it's Xiao Xiao who brings it to your hands, what more do you want from Xiao Xiao?"

"Marriage isn't just about responsibility, it's not just patching up life together and that's it! At least not for me, I want a marriage where body and soul are in sync, can Xiao Jin give me that?"

He can't, he can't, he's just an ordinary man, being with him, I feel no passion, no romance between a couple, I..."

"Slap!"

Another crisp sound.

No doubt, it was Mrs. Shen's palm greeting Shen Yun's face once more.

"I suppose you drank too much foreign ink, forgot the duties of being a human, and lost your shame!" Passion? Romance? Talking about these to her, she very much doubted whether this daughter had been working diligently at the research institute... Otherwise, where did she find the time to think of such nonsense?

Tears welled up in Shen Yun's eyes, her eyes were filled with resentment: "Are you even my mom? Why are you always speaking for outsiders?"

However, Mrs. Shen didn't respond to that, instead saying: "The passion and romance you speak of aren't necessities in marriage. In marriage, more often, it's about responsibility and commitment, loyalty and trust,

and those basic qualities of respect for each other. But how have you been doing it? In the previous marriage, you said you and Jian's biological father don't get along, you said you miss home, so you chose to divorce. At that time, did you show responsibility to your family, to your child, did you fulfill your duties?"

"I don't want to hear your preaching!"

Covering her ears, Shen Yun sat on the sofa, not even looking at Mrs. Shen.

"You don't want to hear, but I still want to say it. Jian and Xiao Xuan are born, so you must take responsibility for them as brothers. Otherwise, you're letting down those two boys, and now you and Xiao Xiao are husband and wife, you naturally must bear the responsibility of the family, be kind to your marriage, respect Xiao Xiao, understand Xiao Xiao, you can't let Xiao Xiao pay all the time."

Seeing Shen Yun unresponsive, Mrs. Shen only felt exhausted, she tried to calm her mood, continuing: "When Jian's biological father left, he wasn't joking with you, think carefully about how you'll respond."

After Austin left the Shen family, he got into the car, gave the assistant instructions, and soon, the black sedan he was in drove away from the gate of the Shen family's courtyard.

"Do you think this is appropriate?" Wen Siyuan looked at He Wei as if looking at a fool: "Put yourself in Group Leader Luo's shoes, after knowing what I said, how would he react?"

He Wei blurted out: "Straight to the punches, making it hard for both of you."

"I love my current job very much."

Just that sentence, He Wei understood Wen Siyuan's meaning, or rather his concern, he expressed deep sympathy for Wen Siyuan: "Seems, you can only continue to endure your spouse!

But, in a way, it's okay, think about our work, sometimes it's so busy there's no break for half a year, even a year, and your kids are still so young, needing adult care, especially your Pengpeng, if there's no mom, would you marry another into the house?"

Speaking of this, He Wei's expression became somewhat complex: "Just putting you and Group Leader Luo side by side, I think you're pretty unlucky, completely different fates. Honestly, why didn't you let our leader introduce someone to you back then?

Look at Group Leader Luo, directly entrusted the lifetime event to the leader, not only did he marry a fairy-like woman into the family, but she also has a good personality, smart, patient with the kids, very diligent herself, now in our courtyard, who doesn't envy Group Leader Luo for marrying a good wife, doesn't praise Comrade Kang for being a good wife, a good mom?

To be honest with you, my wife is also quite jealous of Comrade Kang, but at most she complains a few words to me, yet hugely praises Comrade Kang's abilities.

Not only did she educate the kids to be clever, sensible, she herself brings glory to the country, topped the national exam... Listening to my wife talk about Comrade Kang's merits so much, I started suspecting my wife likes Comrade Kang more than me!"

Towards the end, He Wei's tone was sour.

"Your wife is the real normal one, don't know what's good within fortune."

Wen Siyuan sighed quietly: "Chatting with you for such a while, I feel a lot better inside, thank you for listening to my grumbles." Being so is being so, Wen Yue could already handle matters, with his instructions before returning to the institute, thinking Wen Yue would be able to take good care of the two sisters and brother, he should just focus on work.

As for Su Man... whatever she does.

Maybe one day when she feels it's boring, she'll propose divorce herself.

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