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However, Uncle Xiao always stopped him in time.

In Xiao Shen's words, there's no rush; it's not too late to reveal the father-son relationship when Loh En is a bit older.

After all, having lived under the same roof for several years, "Dad" is just a title. He, as a father, can wait. Revealing suddenly to Loh En that he is his father might not be beneficial.

Even though Loh En is now a third-grade elementary student, he is still young. Moreover, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing have done an excellent job as parents, in life, education, and emotional growth, showing great care and fulfilling their responsibilities as parents, allowing Loh En to genuinely feel parental love and sibling affection.

In short, whether it was Xiao Shen, Elder Loh, or Old Lady Li, all were extremely grateful to Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, thankful to Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen, this pair of grandparents, appreciating every family member of the Kang Family.

This is because every member of the Kang Family treated Loh En no differently than they did Min Rui and his siblings, cherishing and loving Loh En as their own child.

"Xiao En is really sensible!"

Listening to Loh En, Xiao Shen patted his son's head, a faint smile on his lips.

Feeling embarrassed by the compliment, Loh En pursed his lips and said, "I want to learn from mom and my older brothers and sisters."

Elder Loh and Old Lady Li, and Xiao Shen: "..."

"Mom plans to stay with Great Grandpa Jiang and Grandpa Jiang for a while. I've been with mom all summer, and now that school is about to start, I must spend time with great-grandparents and Uncle Xiao, or I'll feel bad. I don't want to be a bad child."

At this point, Loh En paused, adding, "Mom said children should be filial."

Elder Loh and Old Lady Li looked on with comfort, and Old Lady Li kindly said, "Your mom is right, but our Xiao En has always been filial, your great-grandma, great-grandpa, and Uncle Xiao all know this!"

Gently shaking his head, Loh En's face flushed slightly, "I haven't done enough. Second brother acts like a little clown at home to make mom and grandma and grandpa laugh, but I can't do that."

Hearing this, Elder Loh couldn't help but laugh, "Your personality is different from your second brother's. Your second brother has known how to entertain since he was small. It's not your fault for not learning it, it's just that entertaining isn't suitable for you."

Outside, the moonlight was cool like water, and the sounds of insects occasionally echoed from the grasses by the wall.

Sitting on a chair by Loh En's bed, Xiao Shen smiled as he looked at the child lying on the bed, eyes not fully open, lost in thought, and couldn't help but ask, "Can you tell Uncle Xiao what you're thinking?"

"Bun, Tangyuan, and Guoguo are so smart. I'm wondering why they're so clever?! Anything they see or hear, they can mimic exactly, and they're only three years and a few months old. Their minds are really incredible!"

As he spoke, Loh En seemed to talk about his own matters, eyes sparkling, "Today, second brother played 'Unrestrained' on the erhu, and Tangyuan heard it once and then played it on the piano, without a pause, smoothly, and it sounded great."

"The song is called 'Unrestrained'?" Xiao Shen confirmed he hadn't heard it before and asked, "Do you know how to play it too?"

Loh En suddenly became excited, sat up, nodded, and asked Xiao Shen, "Does Uncle Xiao want to hear it?" Needless to say, the erhu, too, was taught by Kang Li.

"If you're not sleepy, Uncle Xiao would like to hear this 'Unrestrained.'"

With a smile in his eyes, Xiao Shen saw Loh En immediately get out of bed, take his erhu, and sit back by the bed. After a moment, Loh En tuned his instrument, and with focused expression, began to play. As the prelude started, Xiao Shen unconsciously became immersed in the erhu melody.

As time passed, Loh En finished the piece. Xiao Shen had yet to return to his senses, as Loh En blinked, and continued telling the story he had heard from his siblings. Finally, clearing his throat, he stood up, placed the erhu back, and in a poetic recital, declared "Brew a pot of bittersweet to mourn the youth, the bright moon remains, why the melancholy? Better to roam free through wind and waves, with a song echoing across the ends of the earth."

Snapping back, Xiao Shen's eyes shone brightly. He lightly applauded, asking, "Were the song, story, and your poem written by your mom?"

Loh En shook his head, and his young voice filled the room, "Mom said she heard it by chance. When she heard someone playing 'Unrestrained,' she felt it was particularly soul-stirring, a warmth amidst the sorrow and solitude, so she asked the person what the piece was, and from that person, she heard the story I just told."

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"Your mom is right. The piece you just played indeed carries a sense of warm melancholy, deeply moving people."

Xiao Shen nodded in agreement.

"Does it sound good?"

Loh En asked as he sat back on the bed.

"Yes." Xiao Shen nodded, "You played it very well."

"If we're talking about Erhu playing skills, I can't compare with my older brothers and sister. But my mom says I don't rely on playing Erhu for a living; it's just a hobby. Playing a tune to cultivate one's character is enough during free time." Loh En said, his face full of happiness, "Now, I can play the Erhu, piano, and flute. Among my classmates, I'm considered quite talented."

Xiao Shen found it amusing, "Look at you, so smug!"

"I'm just being honest. Doesn't Uncle Xiao think I'm talented?" Loh En raised his eyebrows, his eyes saying, "If you dare say I'm not, I'll cry right here."

In front of a trusted elder, children usually reveal their truest selves. Clearly, Loh En sees Xiao Shen as family; otherwise, he wouldn't be so relaxed and unrestrained around him.

Xiao Shen laughed, "Our Xiao En is like this!" Mimicking Loh En who often praised family members, Xiao Shen extended his right thumb, the smile in his eyes almost overflowing.

"Actually, I'm just okay." Loh En scratched the back of his head, feeling a bit embarrassed, "Uncle Xiao, you should go to sleep. Good night!" He flopped onto the bed, lying with his back to Xiao Shen, feeling his face warm.

Hearing the soft laughter from behind, Loh En grew more uncomfortable, "Uncle Xiao, I know you're laughing at me. If you keep laughing, I'll break ties with you until tomorrow morning."

"Alright, Uncle Xiao won't laugh anymore."

Walking to the bed, Xiao Shen bent down to help Loh En tuck in his stomach, then said "Good night" and left.

The door closed softly, footsteps gradually faded, and only then did Loh En let out a sigh of relief, turning to lie on his back comfortably.

Blinking, Loh En fell into deep thought: Uncle Xiao treats me so well, but why?

I might ask mom, maybe she knows.

The next morning, after breakfast, Kang Li drove Captain Kang and Ming Han to Second Brother Kang's base in North City. After dropping off the elderly couple and the child at Second Brother Kang's family housing, Kang Li stayed at their home for about half an hour before driving back to the compound.

After all, she still had to take a few family members to the Jiang family old house.

Bun sat alone in the child seat, Min Rui held Guoguo in the front passenger seat, Ming Wei held Tangyuan sitting next to Bun, and Kang Li drove out of the compound, heading straight to the Jiang family old house.

Recently, Jiang Boya hadn't been traveling but was staying at the old house for cultivation and relaxation. However, Jiang Boya was most looking forward to Bun and the other three coming to the old house to study.

Of course, for Min Rui's siblings and Loh En, Jiang Boya also liked all four of them from the heart, because every one of them is a good kid, and they all look good. As an elder and as Kang Li's father, Jiang Boya has no reason not to like his dear daughter's children.

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At this point, Loh En paused and added, "Mom says children should be filial."

Elder Loh and Old Lady Li smiled with comfort, and Old Lady Li lovingly said, "Your mom is right, but our Xiao En has always been filial. Great Grandma and Great Grandpa and Uncle Xiao all know that!"

Shaking his head lightly, Loh En's face turned slightly red, "I haven't done enough. Second Brother purposely acts like a monkey at home to amuse mom, grandma, and grandpa, but I can't do it."

Hearing this, Elder Loh couldn't help but laugh, "Your personality is different from your Second Brother's. He knew how to clown around from a young age; it's not your fault if you can't. It just means clowning isn't your thing."

Outside, the moonlight was calm like water, and the sound of insects chirping occasionally came from the grass at the base of the wall.

Xiao Shen sat on a chair at the side of Loh En's bed, smiled at the little kid lying there with eyes wide open, whose mind was clearly somewhere else. He then asked, "Can you tell Uncle Xiao what you're thinking?"

"Bun, Tangyuan, and Guoguo are so smart, I'm wondering why they're so clever! Anything they see or hear, they can express exactly as it is. But they're only three years and a little over a month old now; their minds truly are incredible!"

As he spoke, Loh En seemed like he was talking about his own affairs, eyes sparkling, "Today, Second Brother played 'Unrestrained' on the Erhu once, and Tangyuan just played it on the piano, smoothly and beautifully, without missing a beat."

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"You..." Upon hearing Jiang Boya say her face was full of wrinkles, Fang Su felt deeply struck. She looked at Jiang Boya incredulously, her lips twitching, and her voice trembling as she spoke, "Jiang Boya, you... how did I end up with a face full of wrinkles? Jiang Boya, you better explain clearly!"

Clearly, Fang Su was a bit incoherent.

Yet, Jiang Boya didn't respond to her but continued, "Listen carefully, in terms of upbringing, my child is much better than you, this old lady. If you don't want to embarrass yourself, you'd better stop following us."

His gaze shifted to the two bodyguards standing not far away. Receiving Jiang Boya's nod, the two bodyguards gave a slight nod, indicating they understood.

Yes, Jiang Boya had bodyguards accompany him when he went out shopping at the department store with Guoguo and Ming Wei.

As for why the two bodyguards didn't step forward to stop Fang Su following Jiang Boya at the time, it was because Jiang Boya had instructed them beforehand: since this is home, it's better to keep a low profile. In other words, don't follow too closely, and without his signal, don't act casually.

Thus, as Fang Su pursued Jiang Boya, the two bodyguards walked not too far away behind, not stepping forward at the first moment.

But now with Jiang Boya's signal, the bodyguards, whose job is to protect their employer, obviously wouldn't let Fang Su continue pestering Jiang Boya.

Seeing Jiang Boya holding the young girl in his arms and calling the girl beside him as they turned to leave again, Fang Su, in her urgency, reached out to grab Jiang Boya's arm. At that moment, the two bodyguards quickly appeared beside Fang Su, and with disregard for the onlookers, they grabbed Fang Su's arms, directly dragging her outside the department store's entrance.

Fang Su was stunned, unable to react for a moment, while the spectators and shop assistants around were equally shocked. By the time Fang Su recovered, she was standing at the bottom of the steps outside the department store.

"You..."

After realizing how she ended up standing there, Fang Su felt utterly humiliated. Her face turned pale with anger, her lips trembling as she pointed with her finger at the two burly men with sunglasses standing on the steps before her, saying, "Are you kidnappers? In broad daylight... pulling me out of the store, do you know this is illegal?"

Yet, the two bodyguards clad in black seemed to not hear what she said, as one of them spoke, "Lady, please have some self-respect, or we can just take you directly to the nearby police station!"

"Why?" Fang Su was overcome with fury, almost jumping and pointing at the noses of the two bodyguards, but after all, having been privileged for years, she didn't want her image as a lady to crumble, so she restrained herself from displaying any demeanor akin to that of a rural shrew. Her face turned icy as she gritted her teeth, saying, "It's clearly Jiang Boya who's wrong, on what basis are you saying such things?"

The bodyguard who spoke earlier, named Wang Yao, said methodically, "Simply because the lady is harassing my master in broad daylight, acting indecently toward him."

Upon hearing this, Fang Su almost fell back!

Indecently? Toward Jiang Boya? Indecently in broad daylight?

Is there any justice?

A woman toward a man... Fang Su stopped thinking further, feeling embarrassed and believing her reputation was being stomped underfoot by two uncultured brutes. After panting heavily for a while, she glared angrily, "Jiang Boya and I are acquaintances. I was speaking to him normally, and you'd better stop using foul language to ruin my name!"

Bodyguard Wang Yao replied expressionlessly, "My master said he doesn't know you."

The other bodyguard gave Wang Yao a glance and said blandly, "Don't forget what we're out here with the master for." Though cryptic, Wang Yao understood, his companion was disdainful of his extensive talking.

Thus, Wang Yao retracted his gaze from Fang Su and turned with his companion back towards the department store. But as he approached the entrance, he turned back to leave Fang Su with a remark, "The lady also looks like a decent person, so don't keep putting your face to the ground."

Noticing the surrounding people pointing and whispering, Fang Su's face turned unsightly, her embarrassment making her want to find a hole to disappear into.

Yet thinking of her rare chance to encounter Jiang Boya, she was truly unwilling to leave just like that.

With thoughts churning, Fang Su decided to find a secluded spot to wait for Jiang Boya to emerge from the department store, then sit down for a proper talk with him.

After all, regardless of anything, they had a past when young, and she had given birth to a child for him, though... though that child is now whereabouts unknown, possibly gone not long after she abandoned him back then. But the suffering of ten months of pregnancy is something she truly endured, and Jiang Boya, clearly not lacking in money, especially since before going abroad, he already had a wealthy family background, and after years abroad, his wealth might have reached astronomical figures.

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With all that money, thinking of completely dismissing her with that little money given before, no way!

Fang Su sneered inwardly.

She couldn't help but remember the scene when she brought her fake daughter, Xu Chunxia, to find the hotel and finally met Jiang Boya after so many years, and then remembered how embarrassed she was leaving the hotel, followed closely by being blocked in the alley by some punks and getting her bag stolen.

A large sum of money, not yet warmed in her hands, was stolen along with the bag, which caused Fang Su to harbor a deep resentment. Later, she didn't blame the punks who robbed her, but rather Jiang Boya for causing it, for causing her to be robbed.

At this moment, Fang Su made calculations in her heart, she wanted to settle old and new scores with Jiang Boya, and she wouldn't stop until she got a good piece of meat from him!

Time ticked by, and as Jiang Boya was still not seen coming out of the department store, Fang Su gradually showed impatience, especially when thinking about how she was outside sweating profusely in the heat, while Jiang Boya was inside the department store enjoying the cool breeze from ceiling fans and spending money lavishly, she couldn't help but feel even more resentful.

"Grandpa, it's enough, enough, no need to buy anymore, you bought so much that Guoguo can't finish wearing it all, and there are still many unworn little dresses at Guoguo's home!"

The two bodyguards were carrying lots of large and small bags, all bought by Jiang Boya for Guoguo and Ming Wei, as well as Bun and Tangyuan, and also Min Rui, Ming Han, Loh En.

There were clothes, shoes, as well as many study supplies.

"Yes, grandpa, you really don't need to buy us more things, my mom often buys us a lot of clothes and supplies." Ming Wei, also carrying many large and small bags in both hands, followed up on Little Cutie's childish voice, trying to persuade their grandfather Jiang Boya.

"Alright alright, grandpa listens to you, won't buy anymore, but, grandpa wants to buy a dress for your mom, hmm, and also a gift for your grandma and grandpa, do you think that's alright?"

Jiang Boya asked with a smile, looking at Little Cutie in his arms, and then at the beautiful girl Ming Wei walking beside him.

"Of course, it's fine!"

Guoguo nodded her little head: "Grandpa, buy it, the gift for mom and grandma and grandpa can be from Guoguo's New Year's money!"

"Did you bring your New Year's money?"

Jiang Boya raised his eyebrows slightly, looking amusedly at Little Cutie in his arms.

"It's at Guoguo's home, but Guoguo can bring it back for grandpa later, for now, can grandpa pay for Guoguo first, is that okay?" With big sparkling eyes blinking, Guoguo tilted her head and looked at her very handsome grandfather.

Faced with his little granddaughter's cuteness, Jiang Boya was utterly charmed, he smiled and nodded lightly: "Okay, very okay!"

After roughly ten minutes, all the intended purchases were finally completed.

"It's almost noon, 12 o'clock, we should head back."

Jiang Boya, holding little cutie Guoguo in one hand and several shopping bags of different sizes in the other, walked tall and handsome, with long strides alongside Ming Wei ahead, the two bodyguards followed closely behind, heading to the parking spot as soon as they left the department store.

Unexpectedly, just as Jiang Boya was putting Guoguo into the car seat in the back, Fang Su's voice suddenly rang out: "Jiang Boya! Jiang Boya, you can't leave, I need to talk to you!"

"..."

Straightening up, Jiang Boya motioned for Ming Wei to get in the car, seeing the young girl settled, he casually closed the rear car door, then slowly turned around, his gaze cold and steady, stared at Fang Su and said: "Are you done yet? I said I don't know you, do you want me to call the police?"

The bodyguards and Wang Yao, who were already in their car, quickly got out seeing Fang Su suddenly appear, hurriedly walked over, holding Fang Su's arms on both sides, and removed her from in front of Jiang Boya.

Only after Jiang Boya sat in the driver's seat, started the car, and drove some distance away, did the two release Fang Su, get into their car, quickly started it and followed.

Fang Su's eyes were red with anger, she wanted to catch up, but how could she catch up with four wheels with just her two legs? Furthermore, Jiang Boya had already driven far away, and Jiang Boya didn't give her a kind look at all, and with bodyguards following behind Jiang Boya's car, those two bodyguards didn't look like easy ones to provoke at all.

Considering these, Fang Su at this moment could only stare anxiously as Jiang Boya's car drove off into the distance.

It seems she missed today's opportunity!

With a complex expression on her face, but moments later, a glint of determination shot from Fang Su's eyes.

As long as Jiang Boya is in North City, running into him again is just a matter of time.

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But in her heart, there was still some unwillingness at this moment, so much so that she lost the desire to stroll through the department store. Thus, Fang Su returned to the Feng family with a cold face, not even coming out of her room when the little babysitter called her for dinner.

She lay on the bed under the fan, still unable to calm the emotional turmoil caused by Jiang Boya's words to her at the department store.

A face full of wrinkles?

Old grandma?

Just because that little brat called her an old grandma, Jiang Boya... Jiang Boya said she had a face full of wrinkles and hurled some harsh words at her...

Wait, why did she feel that those two troublemakers looked a bit familiar?

Fang Su suddenly sat up, her brow furrowed, thinking and thinking but unable to come up with a clue. Yet she felt they looked familiar, how is that possible?

Actually, it wasn't surprising for Fang Su to find them familiar. After all, Ming Wei's appearance bore five or six points of resemblance to Feng Lu, and Guoguo was a spitting image of Kang Li.

As a stepmother, Fang Su naturally wasn't unfamiliar with Feng Lu, but how could she have guessed the relationship between Ming Wei and Feng Lu? Especially since Ming Wei appeared by Jiang Boya's side, making it even more unlikely for Fang Su to associate Ming Wei with Feng Lu.

As for finding Guoguo somewhat familiar, it was simply because Fang Su had seen Kang Li more than once, and since Kang Li was indeed good-looking, even though she hadn't encountered him in the past two or three years, it didn't rule out Feng Lu remembering someone like Kang Li.

However, as mentioned above, Fang Su didn't link Guoguo to Kang Li.

Well, perhaps in Fang Su's mind, Kang Li was merely someone who sowed discord between her and Feng Yi and treated her poorly; he was someone she loathed, even wishing to crush like an ant. So, why would she keep him in her heart?

Not keeping him in mind naturally led to not realizing Guoguo was Kang Li's child and not knowing what kind of relationship Guoguo and she shared!

Jiang family old house.

"Dad, what's going on with you, Vivi, and Guoguo?"

With Min Rui helping out, Kang Li didn't have the chefs responsible for cooking in the kitchen today. He took the helm himself and prepared a table of dishes for the family, finishing just as the food was laid out.

Seeing Jiang Boya holding Guoguo, followed by Ming Wei and two bodyguards each carrying bags and parcels, Kang Li immediately smiled. But upon seeing the downcast expressions on Guoguo and Ming Wei, and Jiang Boya's unsatisfactory expression, he couldn't help but ask.

Before Jiang Boya could respond, Guoguo sighed like a little adult and said in a childish voice, "Mom, this world is too harsh for kids!"

"Hmm?"

Kang Li paused, her beautiful eyes full of confusion as she looked toward Ming Wei and Jiang Boya, seeking the meaning behind Guoguo's words.

"After dinner, Dad has something to tell you."

Ming Wei was silent, knowing that Jiang Boya surely recognized the middle-aged woman who stopped them today in the department store, but surely there was something going on between them, and being just a child, she definitely shouldn't speak out before grandpa Jiang Boya wanted to reveal anything.

After all, the affairs of the elders weren't something the juniors could interfere with or speak on.

Unexpectedly, Jiang Boya suddenly spoke.

Upon hearing this, Ming Wei quietly breathed a sigh of relief, knowing it wasn't related to her after all. But little Guoguo didn't play by common rules: "Mom, Grandpa and Sister and I met a grandma at the department store; she said Guoguo was ill-mannered, and Guoguo has been particularly unhappy ever since."

At this point, little Guoguo glanced at her super handsome grandpa and then raised her childish voice again: "That grandma looked about the same age as Grandma. Shouldn't Guoguo call her grandma?"

Ever since Cai Xiufen came to North City to help Kang Li with the children, she looked much younger, not only with vibrant spirit but also with skin seeming whiter and finer than when she was back home.

Plus, with Kang Li's taste in clothes and beauty tips, Cai Xiufen now didn't look like a rural old lady, but honestly, there is still a slight gap when standing next to Fang Su.

The reason?

Age advantage!

Put it this way, Fang Su is not yet fifty, having never done hard labor, and aside from her ten years as a major maid at the Jiang family where she learned some skills, her life afterwards was basically pampered.

Whereas Cai Xiufen is considerably older than Fang Su.

Even though she didn't do any hard labor while helping Kang Li with the children in North City and had her clothing taste and beauty tips fully upgraded, age still couldn't be denied.

In conclusion, standing together, Cai Xiufen and Fang Su could be said to be sisters with a ten-year gap, but not peers.

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But in Guoguo's eyes, even though Fang Su looked a bit younger than Cai Xiufen, she still belonged to the grandma category. So, inevitably, the child called her "old grandma."

Well, actually, Xiao Guoguo did it on purpose to some extent, adding "old" before "grandma" deliberately. If you really want to nitpick, it's because Fang Su didn't behave properly, stopping Jiang Boya to say some nonsense, and Guoguo noticed that grandpa was unhappy, so she couldn't help but vent for him. What's so bad about that?

"Dad, is that what Guoguo said?"

Kang Li listened to Xiao Guoguo and looked toward Jiang Boya, her bright eyes half-doubting. She didn't ignore the momentary discomfort on Jiang Boya's face.

"Hmm."

Jiang Boya avoided Kang Li's gaze and coughed slightly, looking a bit guilty.

"Mommy, mommy, Guoguo didn't lie! Guoguo is a good baby, always listens to mommy, and wouldn't be disrespectful to elders!" Xiao Guoguo pouted and said to Kang Li, "It seems like mommy doesn't believe what Guoguo said."

Kang Li wanted to say: You could just drop the words "it seems."

Jiang Boya laughed at this moment, "I'll take Guoguo to wash his hands."

"I'll go wash my hands too." Ming Wei quickly followed Jiang Boya's pace when she saw Kang Li looking at her and hurriedly left the scene.

Kang Li twitched the corner of her mouth and asked Min Rui, "Do you believe what Guoguo said?"

"Mom, Guoguo is just a child. She doesn't have any malice. Even if what she said just now was exaggerated, it's understandable."

Hearing Min Rui say this, Jiang Hongfa nodded beside him, "Lili, our Guoguo is smart and kind, and she's so cute. She definitely doesn't have any bad intentions. Rather, the elder in Guoguo's words was indeed excessive. How could she say our Xiao Guoguo is ill-mannered?"

Jiang Hongfa frowned, his expression clearly displeased.

"I think the 'old grandma' Guoguo mentioned isn't likely very old." As she spoke, Kang Li shook her head, "Forget it, I'll have a good talk with Guoguo later. Regardless of age, women hate being called old."

Min Rui frowned, "Mom, do you mean all women wish to be seen as younger?"

"Is there a problem with that?"

Kang Li raised an eyebrow.

Min Rui said, "But when a child sees a grandma in her forties, fifties, or sixties, shouldn't they call her 'old grandma'?"

"Big brother, that's a straight man's thinking!" Tangyuan and Bun entered the dining room, and Tangyuan said with a grin, "No matter how old a woman is, she likes to be called a beauty or a young lady."

Min Rui was taken aback, "...Have I seen too little of the world? Or am I out of touch with modern advancements?"

"Mom once told us that, brother, no need to find it strange." Bun said to Min Rui milkily, "But I think mom is right. Women are naturally fond of beauty. Even if she's seventy or eighty years old, if you sincerely call her a big beauty to her face, the old grandma would still be happy."

And for people around big brother's age, when you see an aunt in her thirties or forties, calling her 'sister' instead of 'auntie' makes them happier. As for me, Tangyuan, and Guoguo, even when we meet women in their twenties or thirties, calling them 'sister' would only make them happier."

After listening to Bun, Min Rui felt lost in thought.

To be polite and respectful to someone, shouldn't one address them according to their age?

For instance, when he sees a woman in her thirties or forties, is it wrong to call her 'auntie' or 'lady'? Must he call her 'sister' instead?

As if guessing what Min Rui was thinking, Bun said, "Big brother, there's nothing wrong with conventional addresses, but women always aspire to be young and beautiful. This fact will never change.

Oh, and maybe in the near future, men will care about their ages just like women do, caring about how others address them."

"Did you come up with all this, or did you hear it from mom?"

Min Rui asked with a smile.

"Part of it is from mom, and part is my own guess." Bun said as Kang Li lifted him into his special high chair.

"Ruirui, Bun's conjecture is quite reasonable. Perhaps in another ten or twenty years, people around your Little Uncle's and your brother's age will prefer little ones like Bun calling them 'big brother' instead of 'uncle.'"

Kang Li smiled as she spoke, serving rice into a bowl.

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Min Rui: "Mom..."

Kang Li: "Hm?"

"According to what you said, I think Guoguo calling 'old grandma' sounds a bit strange." As soon as Min Rui said this, Jiang Hongfa's sudden cough rang out, and seeing the old man wink at him, Min Rui realized something was amiss, and he quickly said to Kang Li: "Mom, you didn't quite hear anything just now, right?"

Kang Li laughed with an ambiguous expression.

Min Rui tugged at the corner of his mouth, chuckling awkwardly: "Actually, your dear eldest son didn't say anything, Mom..." He even brought out the hometown dialect, the "dear eldest son" phrase that Kang Li often uses, dragging the tone to unusually act spoiled, Kang Li, at this moment, no matter how many thoughts she had, suddenly they all vanished.

"The wind was loud just now, did your dear eldest son say anything, Mom? It seems like I didn't hear clearly."

Suppressing her laughter, Kang Li looked at her dear eldest son with interest.

"No, nothing, I didn't say anything."

Min Rui shook his head like a rattle.

Tangyuan chuckled upon seeing this.

Bun smiled slightly, eyes filled with laughter.

Even Jiang Hongfa, the old man, laughed out loud, feeling that the always steady and restrained Min Rui finally looked like a child.

"Remember what I said, do you two think Guoguo remembered?"

Kang Li said this to Bun and Tangyuan, and upon hearing it, they first paused together, then exchanged glances, and finally shook their heads in unison: "Don't know."

It seems Guoguo has upset mom, and it's related to this "old grandma" title.

The little brothers thought this and silently wiped cold sweat for their sister Guoguo!

They are very clear that Mom usually doesn't lose her temper, but if she gets angry with them, there will be no good fruit for them.

Tangyuan: Sister, you're on your own, Fifth Brother can't help you!

Bun: You're on your own, little sister, your Fourth Brother can't help you!

After having a harmonious lunch, Aunt Fu naturally called the hired help in the kitchen to clean the dishes, without needing Kang Li to do it herself. Thus, Kang Li was called by Luo Yanqing to the courtyard where he lived, and the two walked into the study one after the other, Jiang Boya pursed his lips as Kang Li sat down, remained silent for a while before asking: "Do you want to know about your biological mother?"

Kang Li: "...". How should she answer this? Truth be told, she doesn't want to know, since in her life, that so-called biological mother, whether she appears or not, wouldn't be kept in her heart.

—That person to her is just a stranger with some blood relation!

After a moment of silence, Kang Li began: "If Dad wants to talk, I'll listen; if Dad doesn't want to say, then I don't feel the need to know."

Her voice calm and indifferent, not a trace of emotion could be heard.

"Your grandmother should have told you some things about your biological mother during her lifetime..."

Jiang Boya's expression likewise showed no emotional fluctuation, he said slowly: "Let Dad tell you now, your biological mother's surname is Fang, her name is Fang Sumei, daughter of the housekeeper,"

"Your biological mother's mother was her father's legal wife, so, despite being born and raised in the Jiang Family as a maid, your biological mother actually lived a life not much different from those young ladies of small families."

No worries about food and clothing, she didn't seem at all like a maid, while I was in my rebellious phase, whatever your grandfather forbade, I insisted on doing."

When I heard your grandfather and grandmother were planning to find a match for me, I was particularly unwilling. Coincidentally, your biological mother was the senior maid in my courtyard at the time,

She was pretty, at thirteen or fourteen, she liked to be around me. Her gentle speech and keen perception left a good impression on me,

So when I heard your grandparents discussing arranging a marriage for me, I resolutely listened to your biological mother's words and chose to elope with her, thinking that once we had a child out there, there would naturally not be any marriage."

With a slight change in expression, Jiang Boya paused shortly, then continued: "Before eloping with your biological mother, based on the good impression I had of her, I've developed feelings for her, thinking even if I were with her for life, I'd want it, but both your biological mother and I knew the reality wouldn't allow us to be together,

Yet, our affair was discovered by your grandparents, your grandfather demanded us to break our ties, but I insisted on not agreeing... Thus, we secretly ran away,"

Chapter 1428 Kang Li Knows...

From North City all the way to the Great Northwest... I don't regret leaving North City with your birth mother. When we finally settled in a remote town in the Great Northwest, both your birth mother and I were very happy. One day, your birth mother told me she was pregnant, and at that moment, I was so overjoyed, like a fool, spinning her around several times."

After pausing briefly, Jiang Boya's deep, magnetic voice came forth again: "I was eighteen that year, and your birth mother was the same age as me. We were so happy about your arrival, eagerly anticipating your birth,

but little did we know, when your birth mother was about a month away from giving birth, I went to the street to buy her favorite pastries, not expecting... that's when your grandfather's men, who were sent to find me, happened to run into me. Without a word, they dragged me back to North City.

I told your grandfather about your birth mother and me, that we were already married, but he was resolute, not giving an inch on the matter. He locked me in a room and arranged for over a dozen people to guard outside the door and around the courtyard, to prevent me from escaping again.

Hunger striking was useless. Until one day I was so unbearably thirsty that I drank the tea a maid brought into the room... I woke up at sea. When I learned that your grandfather had drugged me with

the tea and taken me out of North City, almost forcefully sending me abroad, I tried several times to jump off the ship, but every time the people watching me stopped me in the nick of time..."

A bitter smile lifted the corner of his mouth: "The later parts of my story, you know. Due to circumstances, I couldn't return to China to find your birth mother and you, but I remained unmarried abroad, always thinking that one day our family could reunite..."

But who would have thought, when I arranged for a lawyer to return home to find your birth mother, and thereby find you, your birth mother not only used an impostor to pose as you to acknowledge me, but also soon after I was forcibly separated from her, she gave birth to you preterm and then abandoned you... and that same year married another man.

In fact, I should have expected it. Your birth mother, being so shrewd, would never wait for me with a newborn when she knew my situation.

I wasn't angry about her marrying someone else, after all, she's just a weak woman with a newborn, struggling to survive. What infuriates me is her abandoning you. Was it just because you were premature and deemed hard to raise by the doctor that she abandoned her own flesh and blood?

Even if she were to abandon you, why couldn't she leave you in a populated area, or at least at a crossroads somewhere? Why did she leave you in a trash bin in a restroom at the clinic? If she had any genuine feelings for me, she could have at least left you in North City with your grandmother, but she didn't... She was so selfish and cruel, letting you fend for yourself. With such a woman, I just hate myself for being blind enough to be with her."

In this moment, Jiang Boya's eyes were cold, his tone mocking, "Lili, how could she treat you like this, yet have the audacity to bring an impostor to find your father? You have no idea..."

He recounted being found in a hotel by Fang Su during his return to the country in the '80s and, how he had street thugs seize Fang Su's bag to inform Kang Li of it, Jiang Boya sneered: "Isn't your dad terrible? But that's exactly what I wanted to do. Why should I give money to a woman who abandoned my daughter? I'd rather donate it in my daughter's name to those in need than give it to her."

Kang Li was surprised: "Did you really donate it?"

"Yes." Jiang Boya nodded, "I donated it in your name and even added a bit more to it."

"That's my dad, really amazing!"

Kang Li, full of smiles, gave Jiang Boya a thumbs up in praise.

"With such an outstanding and amazing daughter, I, as a father, certainly can't be any less." Jiang Boya's mood visibly improved, he said, "Today, I took the two kids to the department store, and I ran into your birth mother. She suddenly appeared in front of me and looked at me as if I were a savior. Isn't it funny?"

Hearing this, Kang Li couldn't help but laugh out loud: "It wasn't you she saw as a savior, but your money." Teasing Jiang Boya, Kang Li said, "What Guoguo calls grandma must be referring to that person." It was not a question but a statement.

Jiang Boya nodded: "It's her. She changed her name a long time ago to Fang Su."

"Dad! What did you say?"

Kang Li's eyes were full of astonishment: "Fang Su? Did you say that person is called Fang Su?"

"Why, do you know her?"

Jiang Boya looked puzzled.

"If it's the Fang Su I know, then yes." Kang Li's expression returned to normal: "I know a kid named Feng Yi, and his mom is named Fang Su. Because of my little brother, I even slapped that woman once."

This time, it was Jiang Boya's turn to be surprised: "Are you sure you have..."

Kang Li nodded and said flatly: "That Fang Su tried to hit me without a word. I couldn't just stand still and let her, so as a natural reflex, I smacked her face."

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"Daddy's badass baby girl!"

Without even thinking, Jiang Boya gave Kang Li a like. Seeing that, Kang Li was stunned for a moment, then her beautiful eyes widened: "That's what you really think? You don't feel like I'm being unfilial and outrageous? I mean, no matter what, that woman did give birth to me, and she was your first love."

Before Jiang Boya could speak, Kang Li's tone was already showing some dislike: "Can't you just say I'm mighty and domineering? 'Badass' feels a bit crude to me, not very presentable."

"Hey! Who says so? In Daddy's heart, 'badass' means you're awesome, it's completely a compliment, especially when it's used on you. It doesn't have even the slightest negative meaning!"

Jiang Boya's refined, handsome face was full of smiles. His gaze was full of doting affection, and his voice when he spoke was like the sound of the finest cello—low, pleasant, and extremely nice to listen to.

"As for you saying you're being unfilial, that depends on whether she's even worthy of being called a mother. Since she was able to abandon you back then, and years later she came at you swinging without even figuring out what was going on, and got sent back with a slap from you, she has no one to blame. She had it coming!"

His voice suddenly turned cold. The smile disappeared from Jiang Boya's face, and his brows and eyes were filled with chill: "Back then when I was with her, there was no 'parents' orders and matchmakers' words', and we never had a proper wedding ceremony."

And the moment she abandoned you and married someone else, she was already completely unrelated to me. So even if one day she finds out you're the child she abandoned back then,

and wants to acknowledge you, just listen to Daddy: feel free to spit in her face if you're in the mood. Don't make things harder on yourself by recognizing this so-called birth mother who only gave birth but never raised you."

"Spitting in her face isn't necessary. I never planned to have even the slightest connection with that so-called birth mother anyway. As long as she doesn't show up in front of me spouting nonsense, I'll just treat her like a stranger. Otherwise, if she crosses the line with her words or actions, I still won't be polite to her."

Kang Li used the calmest tone to say the coldest words.

"That's how it should be." Jiang Boya was relieved. He nodded, then casually played dumb and asked, "You mentioned that little buddy of yours and your birth mother seem to have something going on between them?"

Hearing this, Kang Li didn't think much of it and directly told him what Fang Su had done to Feng Yi. In the end she said, "Every single one of them in that family is heartless. It's been years since Feng Yi last contacted his family.

His so-called mother acts like she never gave birth to this son. His so-called father and brothers just pretend there's no such person as Feng Yi in the family. They don't look for him and just live their own lives in peace.

If I were Feng Yi, faced with a family like that, I'd definitely make the same choice: cut off all ties and never have anything to do with them for the rest of my life!"

Jiang Boya wasn't surprised when he heard this: "That woman has always put her own interests above everything else. For her, being able to secure her footing in the Feng family and to win over the male head of the Feng family by pleasing his stepchildren while completely neglecting her own son—there's nothing more normal than that."

"Daddy."

Kang Li called out to Jiang Boya.

"Mm?"

Meeting Kang Li's gaze, Jiang Boya asked, "What is it?"

"That girl I accidentally saved overseas before... she's actually the daughter Lady Fang recognized for herself." Hearing this, Jiang Boya froze for a second, his expression turning grave: "Judging by your tone, you know her?"

Kang Li nodded: "Not only do I know her, we grew up in the same village. Her original name was Xu Chunxia. After Lady Fang recognized her as a daughter, she changed her name to Jiang Lei. Before I turned eighteen, she and I could be considered very good friends, but in the year I turned eighteen, because of something that happened, I cut ties with that Xu Chunxia."

Jiang Boya: "You don't happen to feel guilty, do you? Like it's your fault that girl got dragged into your birth mother's schemes and almost lost her life abroad?"

"I don't think that."

Kang Li shook her head and said, "Lady Fang recognized a daughter for herself out of selfish motives, and as I see it, Xu Chunxia almost died in a foreign country because of her own greed."

In our village, whenever someone has a baby and when exactly it was born, the whole village knows clearly in no time. Xu Chunxia was born by her mother right out in the fields.

This is something she must have heard the villagers mention. But after she came to North City, she suddenly went and recognized herself a new mom. I don't believe she didn't have a clue in her heart."

"Then you..." What are you getting at?

Bewilderment flashed in Jiang Boya's eyes.

"I just think it's a bit too coincidental that Xu Chunxia got recognized as a daughter by Lady Fang." Kang Li frowned slightly. "Why is it that Lady Fang randomly picks a girl to recognize as her daughter, and that girl just happens to be from the same village as me?"

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"You don't need to overthink. Dad does know a bit of the reason."

Kang Li informed Jiang Boya of what Jiang Hongfa had investigated through a friend: "It was your grandfather who asked an old friend in North City to find out that your biological mother accidentally found Xu Chunxia on the street, whether it was a sudden act of kindness or not,

she not only took the person to the hospital for treatment, but later when she learned she had nowhere to go, she brought her home to be a little maid. Unexpectedly, the lawyer arranged by Dad came to look for your whereabouts,

so your biological mother got the idea to recognize a daughter. Coincidentally, the girl from the same village as you came from the Great Northwest and was from a village under the town familiar to your biological mother,

so she devised a plan on that girl, using a casually fabricated story to make the girl believe her words."

After listening, Kang Li chuckled: "It seems like Zhou Yu beat Huang Gai!"

"With your words, combined with what your grandfather's friend found, they indeed count as one willing to hit and the other willing to bear."

Jiang Boya agreed.

"Each has selfish motives but didn't expect the plan to fall apart with you, I wonder how that fake mother-daughter pair is doing now."

"Want to know?"

"I'm not that free."

"If you really want to know, Dad can arrange for someone to find out."

"No need. I don't want to be involved with people who have mental issues."

Kang Li shook his head: "Xu Chunxia has changed a lot since coming to North City. I once persuaded her a bit as a fellow villager, but good words can't persuade a damned ghost. She was tricked by a man named Jack to go abroad..." Speaking of this, Kang Li paused, looking at Jiang Boya thoughtfully: "Dad, could Xu Chunxia's being taken abroad have something to do with Allen's mother?"

"..." Jiang Boya pondered and after a while, nodded and shook his head: "I can't be sure. But Lily Davis did inquire if I had any children in the country."

Kang Li was silent for a moment, and then faintly said: "Dad, that man named Jack must be from the Davis family, more precisely, he was directed by Allen's mother,

to come to our country to find me, but didn't expect Lady Fang to recognize a fake daughter. From this, it's inferred that when you arranged for the lawyer to return to the country, Jack was already ordered to keep an eye on your lawyer,

then learned that Xu Chunxia was your child, and deliberately got close to her, ultimately capturing her with his affections and smoothly taking her out of our country.

In fact, when Jack was taking Xu Chunxia away, I met them at G City train station and meddled to persuade Xu Chunxia again."

With the end of Kang Li's words, Jiang Boya laughed: "The other side didn't heed the advice, right?"

"Yes."

Kang Li wasn't embarrassed at all, she even innocently said: "Good words can't persuade a damned ghost, and it turns out that Xu Chunxia almost met her end abroad."

"Alright, let's stop talking about others, let's discuss Bun and the other two, you and Luo Yanqing really have no plans for the three kids?"

"Dad, feel free to speak."

"Okay, then I won't beat around the bush!"

Jiang Boya wore a serious look: "You know Bun and the others' intelligence, if they just go to school like other kids their age, it's not only a waste of their time but also unfair to the three children."

"They're not just following the regular path. Haven't I arranged for them to come to the old house on weekends and holidays, following your and Grandfather's arrangement, to study with a private tutor? Besides, Luo Yanqing and I have already promised them that after they finish their fifth birthday, we'll send them directly to third grade in elementary school. Do you think there's something wrong with this arrangement, Dad?"

With her beautiful eyes full of confusion, Kang Li tilted her head to look at Jiang Boya.

Her father's heart was touched by his darling daughter's cuteness, Jiang Boya took a while to calm down before he said: "But Bun and the others say they're really bored in kindergarten."

Kang Li frowned: "Dad, kids need a childhood. I don't want them to become learning machines. Yes, I know they are intelligent, and it's not okay to stifle their talents,

but I think my children must have the childhood they deserve. They need to interact with kids their age, otherwise, a premature exposure to society and the adult world, even if they are smart and capable, will surely lead to various issues when interacting with others."

Speaking of this, Kang Li sat up straight, a serious face: "Is it Bun and the others who asked you to be their spokesperson, demanding not to go to kindergarten anymore, right?"