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Upon hearing this, Kang Li didn't hide the incident with Cai Xiufen and Mrs. Qi. She began to narrate what happened with Guoguo in kindergarten today. After listening, both Cai Xiufen and Mrs. Qi frowned.

"In North City, the only family with a background worth mentioning is the Gao Family. I never thought their daughter-in-law would be so arrogant!"

That was the voice of Mrs. Qi. Her expression was stern: "Your Godfather's credentials are on par with that Gao family's. I used to think only that the Gao family were a bit too slick in their dealings,

I don't particularly like interacting with them. Today, I've realized that the Gao Family marrying such an obstinate and extremely arrogant woman must have some underlying interests involved."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li pondered for a moment, then shook her head: "It shouldn't be related to interests."

After a slight pause, she said: "According to what my father said, that woman truly lacks quality, and to raise such a daughter, the family's standards can't be very high either... In this case, aside from a romantic connection between a man and a woman, I really can't think of a reason why the Gao family would marry her."

Cai Xiufen quietly listened to the conversation between Kang Li and Mrs. Qi without interrupting.

"Judging by what you said... you're implying that the Gao family boy and his wife just liked each other, and there are no interest entanglements between the families?"

As these words left her mouth, Mrs. Qi thought carefully and found that this made sense.

After all, the wisdom in marrying is about choosing the virtuous. The Gao family is known for being shrewd and valuing power. Even if they prioritize profit, they wouldn't be foolish enough to bring a troublesome and ignorant person into the family.

After all, in some matters, no matter how beneficial they may seem, the Gao family would surely conduct a risk assessment; otherwise, how else would they be called old foxes?

"Yes."

Kang Li nodded lightly: "That's exactly what I think. Being able to live in the mansion you mentioned, Godmother, their status is definitely not simple. It's easy to deduce that they would have a long-term perspective, which ordinary people might not, otherwise, where would their ability to reach such heights and achieve today's glory come from?"

"Well said, none of those old foxes are simple. Their minds have countless twists and turns, and when faced with issues, they only think deeper and wider. If someone thinks they can predict their next moves from a few words, it would definitely be self-insulting in the end."

Looking at Kang Li, Mrs. Qi was full of gratitude, her voice was gentle: "Don't worry, leaving other things aside, in public, the Gao family is known for managing their affairs well. If he knows about the foolish thing his daughter-in-law did today, he definitely won't let it slide easily."

"I don't care about that. I only know with my dad's temperament, it will be difficult to brush past what happened today! Especially considering how much my dad cares about Bun and them, I'm most aware of it."

Speaking of this, Kang Li smiled: "All right, let's not talk about this anymore. Godmother, you and my mom can continue chatting, I'll go check to see if there's any laundry to wash in the yard."

At this moment, Cai Xiufen said rather helplessly: "Since when do you get to wash the dirty clothes?"

Kang Li smiled awkwardly: "Mom..."

"How old are you and still acting like a child?!"

Doting Darling Daughter, Cai Xiufen shook her head and said: "I know you're busy at school. Every time Ruirui and the others change out of dirty clothes, they wash them themselves. I never get the chance to help wash a thing, and where would you get the chance? As for your dad's and my dirty clothes, I never let them pile up."

Ever since returning from abroad, Kang Li rarely did household chores. Not that she didn't want to, it's just that the family big and small hardly gave her the opportunity.

Especially when Luo Yanqing was home, he almost wanted to help Kang Li wash her face and brush her teeth, refusing to let her delicate fingers touch a drop of water.

Mrs. Qi smiled warmly: "At school, you have to work hard to substitute teach, and also take care of Bun and them. Naturally, your mom and Ruirui wouldn't want you to tire yourself out, and wouldn't let you have the chance to showcase your skills in household chores at the mansion. This is happiness for you!"

"I know."

Kang Li nodded with a smile.

Twenty to thirty minutes later, Mrs. Qi got up to leave.

Kang Li walked her to the courtyard entrance, watched Mrs. Qi go far away before she withdrew her gaze, and turned to walk back into the courtyard.

"Having such a daughter-in-law must have brought no shortage of trouble to the family!"

Seeing Kang Li enter from outside the living room door, Cai Xiufen expressed her sentiments.

"Not sure. But with someone like that in the family, daily life can't be without turmoil." Kang Li actually hit the nail on the head. Just because the Gao family had Wang Xiaohui as a daughter-in-law, the sister-in-laws often had cold stares three to five times, causing quite the headache for the family men and Old Master Gao.

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As for Old Lady Gao, she directly resorted to scolding.

Wang Xiaohui, well aware of her mother-in-law's temper, returned home holding her daughter Gao Xinyue and tactfully downplayed the situation. She explained that Gao Xinyue accidentally fell while playing and insisted on crying for her mom. After receiving a call from Teacher Su, she had no choice but to go to the kindergarten and bring her child home.

She didn't mention a single word about the trouble she caused at the kindergarten.

Old Lady Gao didn't completely trust Wang Xiaohui's explanation, but seeing her precious granddaughter nodding, she didn't think much more about it. Little did she know, on the way home, Wang Xiaohui repeatedly emphasized to her daughter Little Moonlight not to mention the incident of her hitting a fellow kid at home.

Yes, she was arrogant, relying on the Gao Family's status to look down on ordinary people outside, but that didn't mean she wasn't afraid of her in-laws, especially her father-in-law. If he were to know about her behavior outside, he would inevitably treat her coldly.

And then, Gao Qiming would likely raise a fist at her.

Therefore, the incident at the kindergarten today was something Wang Xiaohui decided to keep under wraps. She could tell that Jiang Boya wasn't the kind of ordinary person she assumed, especially since Jiang Boya knew Elder Xi and mentioned to him that he'd just returned from abroad.

This led Wang Xiaohui to understand... she might have really caused trouble.

But for her to admit fault, to acknowledge her mistakes in front of the kindergarten teacher and all the children—Wang Xiaohui knew she couldn't do that, especially apologizing to a little brat. That would be slapping herself in the face.

Not wanting to become a joke, Wang Xiaohui could only rely on her own obstinacy and defiance when Jiang Boya made demands!

Time passed quickly, and in the blink of an eye, the afternoon was gone.

Xi Family.

After dinner, Xi Guobang sat in the living room chatting with Elder Xi.

"I don't think it's likely."

"That's because you don't know Boya well enough, nor your Uncle Jiang."

"It's just a minor conflict between children, Brother Boya... Brother Boya is a person with a big picture perspective; how could he simply cancel the investment because of this matter?"

"Firstly, Guoguo was not at fault, and moreover, Guoguo was helping Little Yu testify, but was unfairly accused by the Gao Family's girl, saying that Guoguo, Little Yu, and the Jhiang's home's girl bullied her. Secondly, the young daughter-in-law of the Gao Family couldn't discern right from wrong and repeatedly tried to hit Guoguo. If it were you, seeing someone irrationally trying to hit your child, what would you do?"

"I'd smack her side of the head!"

Without a second thought, Xi Guobang responded like a ruffian, his expression growing dark as he spoke.

"Listen to yourself, you immediately considered resorting to action. Clearly, you can imagine how angry you were facing such a situation. However, your Brother Boya merely asked for an apology to Guoguo, yet the opposite side neither admitted fault nor apologized.

Instead, she brought up your Uncle Gao, using family status to oppress others. At that moment, I saw Boya's face was calm, yet there was a storm brewing in his eyes. Just wait, your Uncle Gao is likely to be dragged heavily by his family's young daughter-in-law this time."

The events at the kindergarten today, Elder Xi had told Xi Guobang in full detail. Now he shook his head lightly, sighing: "Back when Qiming wanted to marry his wife, your Uncle Gao and his spouse disagreed, feeling that her family was of low standing and she was full of petty airs. But the old couple couldn't

handle their youngest son and, since the deed was done, they finally agreed to the marriage begrudgingly. Now it seems Qiming truly married the wrong woman!"

"Gao Qiming's first child seemed to be born prematurely, wasn't it?"

Xi Guobang suddenly asked.

Elder Xi was momentarily stunned, then said, "Not premature, she was conceived before marriage."

Xi Guobang expressed disdain, saying, "Even as a child, I thought that guy was unreliable, and later on, his choice of a partner was equally unreliable. Even his eyes were blinded, being ensnared by such a duplicitous woman, someone who presents one face publicly and another privately. Honestly, calling Gao Qiming my friend is embarrassing."

Speaking of Gao Xinyue's father, that is, Gao Qiming, the Gao Family's youngest son, he was once a childhood friend of Xi Guobang's. The two were of similar age and their relationship could be considered quite good.

However, after each established their own families and careers, their interactions significantly reduced.

Perhaps because both were busy, needing to attend to their families, over time, it's been hard to meet, and overall, while their relationship became not only more distant, it also grew somewhat more formal.

It's very difficult to maintain that childhood candidness where they could speak freely about anything.

Elder Xi glanced at Xi Guobang saying: "You two used to be so close that you could have shared a pair of pants."

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"Didn't you say that was in the past? Nowadays, he and I aren't on the same path." Xi Guobang said, sneering: "His wife has just one advantage, she can give birth. Since she came into the family, she's had four sons and a daughter. But my Dandan isn't bad either, she gave me three big fat boys."

"What are you saying about me?"

Xu Dan's voice echoed from the second-floor staircase.

Upon hearing this, Xi Guobang immediately looked up and responded: "I'm praising you for being amazing!" Xu Dan rolled her eyes: "I don't need your praise to be amazing."

Xi Guobang touched his nose and, seeing his wife leave the staircase, couldn't help but touch his nose again, and said to the old man with a smile: "Your daughter-in-law has one flaw, she's just too proud."

"I'm too lazy to talk to you."

Elder Xi also gave Xi Guobang a roll of his eyes, what a skill — flattering your wife only to fall flat.

Xi Guobang chuckled, and then returned to a serious demeanor, saying: "Since Brother Boya is upset, Dad, you shouldn't interfere. Regardless of what Uncle Gao says to you, don't agree to anything. I believe Brother Boya won't go too far. At most, he'll put pressure on Uncle Gao through higher-ups to get justice for the family's kids. The funding matter might be delayed but won't be canceled."

"Do you really need to teach me this?" Elder Xi said irritably: "When your uncle's youngest daughter-in-law pulled out your uncle and used the family's background as leverage, I already knew what Brother Boya would do next."

"Brother Boya is quite capable. It's been just a few years since the opening-up reforms, and Brother Boya has already achieved impressive success domestically. To be honest, I admire him!"

"Your Brother Boya's daughter, Kang Li, is even more capable. She continued to invest in multiple areas during her years studying abroad, as Uncle Jiang said, she's never suffered a loss. Besides, the young lady has started factories and companies domestically, and probably within two years, she'll launch a groundbreaking communication device."

"..."

Xi Guobang was shocked.

Elder Xi looked at Xi Guobang with great disdain and said: "Don't be surprised, the young lady is just that impressive."

Xi Guobang was dazed for a moment, then came to his senses: "Isn't Comrade Kang Li teaching students at Shuimu University?"

"What's so strange about that? The young lady hired a professional investment team to work for her and other staff to help manage company affairs, guiding the major directions from behind the scenes, it's that simple."

Speaking of Kang Li, Elder Xi was genuinely envious, jealous, and resentful toward Jiang Hongfa—having only one son—and that son having only one daughter, yet both are highly capable.

Who wouldn't envy them?

"Impressive! Comrade Kang Li is truly impressive, I deeply admire her!"

Xi Guobang said this with utter sincerity.

"Alright, go upstairs and check on Little Yu. Today, he's been wronged by the Gao family's little girl, and who knows what he might think." Elder Xi waved his hand, urging Xi Guobang to go to the second floor.

"Okay, I'll go right away."

He got up and headed upstairs.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

Standing outside Xi Chenyu's room door, Xi Guobang lightly knocked with his finger.

"The door's not closed."

A childish voice mixed with a hint of babyiness came through.

He pushed open the door and walked into the room, then casually closed the door again.

"..."

Xi Chenyu, who was originally sitting at the desk reading, heard footsteps approaching, turned his head to look at the visitor, and when he saw it was his dad, his dark eyes showed a trace of confusion.

"Dad came to chat with you."

Seated on the bed, Xi Guobang looked at his youngest son; his usually stern expression softened a bit at this moment.

When facing Elder Xi and wife Xu Dan, Xi Guobang occasionally showed some smiles, but in front of his children, he always had a stern face.

"I was reading."

Xi Chenyu implied that he was busy.

"I'll just take a bit of your time." Xi Guobang maintained a neutral expression, saying: "Grandpa told me everything."

"..."

Xi Chenyu was puzzled.

"About Little Moonlight wronging you." Xi Guobang observed his son's facial expressions but didn't detect anything special, so he asked, "Don't you have any thoughts on it?"

"I didn't do it, let her say what she wants, but I hate that she wronged Little Sister Guoguo. If possible, I don't want to see her again at kindergarten."

Xi Chenyu shared his true feelings, and then with serious eyes, he asked word-by-word: "Can you do it?"

"..."

This time it was Xi Guobang's turn to be puzzled, not understanding what his youngest son meant.

"...make sure Gao Xinyue doesn't appear before me again."

After a moment of silence, Xi Chenyu straightforwardly stated.

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"This..."

Xi Guobang was stumped.

"Can't do it?"

Xi Chenyu met Xi Guobang's gaze: "Forget I said anything." He withdrew his gaze, sat up straight, and refocused on his textbook.

Seeing this, Xi Guobang's face flushed. He was being disliked by his son, first by his father, and now by his youngest son. How difficult this was for him!

A few minutes passed, and Xi Guobang realized his youngest son truly didn't plan to pay him any mind, so he rubbed his nose, got up, and silently left.

"What's the matter?"

Xu Dan had just finished showering and was drying her hair. Seeing Xi Guobang walk into the bedroom with a face full of gloom, she couldn't help but ask.

"I was disliked by Xi Chenyu."

Speaking, Xi Guobang wiped his face: "How did I end up being disliked by my own son?"

"Why do you bother Little Yu for nothing? You know what that kid's personality is like."

Xu Dan chuckled: "Go ahead, tell me why you were disliked."

"Little Yu doesn't want to see the girl from the Gao Family at kindergarten anymore; he asked me if I could make it happen." Xi Guobang's mouth was bitter: "How am I supposed to do that? The kindergarten isn't run by us, how do I have the authority to stop the girl from the Gao Family from going there?"

Xu Dan didn't respond directly, instead asked: "Did Dad talk to you?"

"You know too?"

Xi Guobang raised an eyebrow.

Xu Dan nodded: "Dad mentioned it as soon as I got home from work."

Xi Guobang asked, "What do you think?"

"What can I think?" Xu Dan put away the towel and said, "Stay away, otherwise, with the Gao Family girl's temper, who knows what trouble might arise."

"Ah!" Xi Guobang sighed, "It's all because he's so good-looking, passed on a handsome face to Xi Chenyu."

Xu Dan laughed, "Thick-skinned!"

"Am I wrong?"

Xi Guobang stared.

"Not really, but don't forget about my contribution."

Xu Dan chuckled, "People like beautiful things. The Gao Family girl likes our Little Yu, which is not wrong, but where she goes wrong is being too domineering, and even more wrong in lying. She falsely accused Little Yu of pulling her down, and falsely accused the girl named Guoguo and Xuanxuan of bullying her. Strictly speaking, it's not just kids being emotional; it's sheer malice."

"Kids don't have malicious intentions; they're just spoiled by their families."

Upon hearing Xi Guobang say this, Xu Dan remained silent.

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The next day.

Old Master Gao was called by the leaders above to talk twice within an hour during working hours.

At first, Old Master Gao was quite puzzled, not knowing where he had gone wrong in his work. By the end of the second conversation, he realized the source was his youngest daughter-in-law.

To be precise, it was because his youngest daughter-in-law had left home without using her brain, offended someone, and caused him trouble at work.

After finally making it through to the end of the day, Old Master Gao walked into the house, with a dark expression and asked Old Lady Gao, "Is Qiming's wife at home?"

"What's happened?"

Old Lady Gao sensed something was off and cautiously asked Old Master Gao.

"I'm asking if Qiming's wife is here!"

Old Master Gao slapped the coffee table: "If she's home, tell her to come to the living room."

"She's not here." Old Lady Gao tried to calm Old Master Gao, "Can't we talk about this nicely?"

"Where has she gone?"

"Half an hour before you came home, she took Little Moonlight to the train station, said she was taking Little Moonlight to Hu City to stay at her mother's home for a few days."

"Go find her and bring her back."

"This..."

Old Lady Gao didn't move.

Old Master Gao glared and shouted for the driver outside the living room door, then instructed the driver to go to the train station to find them and bring Wang Xiaohui and her daughter home.

Just then, Gao Qiming returned home from work, seeing Old Master's foul expression, he didn't ask anything but simply got in the car and went to the train station with the driver.

"What's really going on? Can't you tell me?"

Old Lady Gao asked, full of concern.

"Did Little Moonlight cause trouble at kindergarten again yesterday?" Old Master Gao didn't wait for Old Lady Gao to respond and continued, "Qiming's wife went to the kindergarten, right? When she brought back Little Moonlight, did she not say anything?"

"Qiming likes to say Little Moonlight accidentally fell while playing a game at kindergarten. She received a call from Teacher Su and brought Little Moonlight back, but she didn't say anything else. Is that not what happened?"

Old Lady Gao's face turned unsightly upon realizing her daughter-in-law had lied to her.

"She surely knows she caused trouble!"

Old Master Gao's face was as dark as the bottom of a pan: "Yesterday, Little Moonlight falsely accused Little Yu of pulling her down at kindergarten, and also accused a girl named Luo Mingxi, who testified for Little Yu, of bullying her. Your good daughter-in-law took the teacher's call and went to the kindergarten, not distinguishing right from wrong, she lashed out at the little girl, even got physical with a girl not yet three and a half years old,

and it was even twice, caught right by the child's grandfather, who demanded she apologize. Instead, your good daughter-in-law brought me, her father-in-law, into it, boasting about how powerful the Gao Family is, bullying people arrogantly, and then took Little Moonlight home without even waiting."

"Is it worth getting this angry over such a small matter? Besides, your status is already there, and our Gao Family really isn't an ordinary family. Qiming's wife only wanted to keep Little Moonlight from being wronged, so she brought up you and our family's background..."

"Shut up!"

Old Master Gao was furious: "It's all because you've spoiled them!"

Old Lady Gao was frightened, her heart tightened, and she dared not say another word.

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"Your father, you..."

Old Lady Gao's lips quivered, unsure of what to say.

Because at this moment, she clearly understood that her husband's mood was truly terrible; otherwise, he wouldn't be furrowing his brows and smoking heavily.

But the situation had already unfolded, what could she do now?

Old Master Gao smoked three cigarettes one after another. Before heading to the study, he left instructions for Old Lady Gao: "When they return, have them come to the study to see me."

"Alright."

Old Lady Gao responded.

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Taking the bus all the way to the train station, Wang Xiaohui felt continuously uneasy. She hadn't intended to take her daughter back to her parents' home in Hu City, but after thinking carefully at home today, she finally decided to leave the house with her daughter before Old Master Gao got off work to avoid trouble.

Reason?

She was afraid, afraid that the trouble she caused yesterday would lead Old Master Gao to surely not let her off.

"Mom, I don't want to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house."

Getting off the bus, Wang Xiaohui carried a luggage bag in one hand and held her daughter Little Moonlight in the other hand. Suddenly hearing her daughter's words, she couldn't respond and just kept holding her daughter's hand tightly, heading forward.

"I want to go back to our own home, Mom. I don't want to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house; they only like the little girl at Uncle's house and are not nice to me at all."

Gao Xinyue tried to free herself from Wang Xiaohui's grip, but she was too small and weak. Wang Xiaohui almost pulled her into a jog; otherwise, Gao Xinyue wouldn't be able to keep up and might end up being dragged on the ground.

"Don't talk nonsense, how can your Grandma and Grandpa not be good to you?"

Glaring at her daughter, Wang Xiaohui grumbled discontentedly: "If it weren't because of you, would I be taking you to Grandma and Grandpa's house?"

Her family's conditions weren't as good as the Gao Family's, but were still decent. However, in her parents' hearts, her siblings were more important than her. If it weren't for her meeting Gao Qiming while studying in North City and using some tricks to marry into the Gao Family, they probably wouldn't have cared much if she were to die far from home.

Yet, given the current situation, she couldn't afford to overthink; she just wanted to leave North City as soon as possible.

If things settled down at home without any signs of trouble, she would bring her daughter back.

"Wang Xiaohui!"

Gao Qiming and the driver searched the train station but couldn't find Wang Xiaohui. They checked the ticket counter for the next train to Hu City and confirmed that Wang Xiaohui was still in North City because the latest train had left an hour ago, and the next one wouldn't depart for another two hours.

Given that certainty, Gao Qiming and the driver searched the station thoroughly, even asking a cleaning lady to check the women's restroom, but they didn't find Wang Xiaohui and her daughter.

Unexpectedly, just as they exited the waiting hall, considering searching near the bus stop, they saw Wang Xiaohui holding Gao Xinyue's hand, hurriedly approaching the hall. Immediately, Gao Qiming shouted.

"Daddy! Daddy, hug me!"

Upon hearing Gao Qiming's voice, Wang Xiaohui stopped in her tracks, momentarily stunned. This gave Gao Xinyue the chance to break free and run towards Gao Qiming with her little legs.

It wasn't that Wang Xiaohui intentionally released her daughter's hand; she simply lost grip for a moment, combined with Gao Xinyue's effort, leading to this moment where Wang Xiaohui could only watch helplessly as her daughter ran to Gao Qiming and was picked up by him.

"Come home with me."

While holding his daughter and approaching, without Gao Qiming's instruction, the driver took Wang Xiaohui's luggage bag, giving her no chance to refuse. When she snapped back to reality, fear and anxiety filled her eyes, "I told my mother-in-law I was taking Little Moonlight to my mom's for a while."

"Dad instructed me and Uncle Li to come to the train station to take you and Little Moonlight back."

Gao Qiming said, holding his daughter in one arm and grasping Wang Xiaohui's arm with the other. Regardless of her expression, he guided her towards the black sedan parked at the roadside with the driver, Master Li.

"Gao Qiming, let go!"

Upon hearing Gao Qiming's words, Wang Xiaohui panicked, realizing that now sitting in the car meant she was being taken back to the family compound under Old Master Gao's orders. It seemed she really had stirred up trouble at the kindergarten yesterday.

To prevent Wang Xiaohui from taking any drastic actions, Gao Qiming kept hold of her arm even while seated in the car before it started moving.

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"You better come back with me, otherwise if the Old Master gets angry and wants me to divorce you, I absolutely won't hesitate."

As the car started driving back, Gao Qiming withdrew his hand.

Wang Xiaohui gained her freedom but didn't dare to risk jumping out of the car.

She cherished her life, even if the car wasn't going particularly fast; jumping out during the drive could still lead to a serious accident.

All the way, Gao Qiming didn't say another word to Wang Xiaohui, until the car drove into the compound, then into the Gao Family courtyard where it stopped. Gao Qiming got out holding his daughter, then he looked at the motionless figure sitting in the back seat: "Wang Xiaohui, get out."

His tone was cold, with no emotion visible in his eyes.

Gao Qiming understood the Old Master at home. If his wife hadn't done something stupid to offend the Old Master's taboos, the Old Master wouldn't have instructed Master Li to go to the train station to bring Wang Xiaohui back.

As for why he volunteered to tag along, it was because the Old Master looked so displeased that, to avoid being caught in the storm, he had no choice but to temporarily steer clear of the storm's eye.

"I, I'm scared..."

Wang Xiaohui shook her head in the car, not daring to meet Gao Qiming's eyes.

"Explain clearly to Dad what you did, Dad is not an unreasonable person." Gao Qiming stared at Wang Xiaohui for a while, then Wang Xiaohui bit her lip, got out of the car anxiously, and followed behind Gao Qiming into the living room.

Old Master Gao was already seated in the living room.

"Do you want to explain it yourself, or should I?"

He opened with this sentence, making Wang Xiaohui shiver involuntarily.

"Dad, I..."

Her mouth moved, but after a while, Wang Xiaohui didn't say more.

Old Lady Gao saw this and became furious, "Are you mute now?"

"I know I was wrong."

Without looking at Old Lady Gao, Wang Xiaohui nervously turned to Old Master Gao: "Dad, I was also in a fit of anger at the time, so I tried to hit that little girl, but I didn't actually hit her at all. Instead, I was almost pushed down by a few kids and later was grabbed by the wrist, the pain made it unbearable, so I couldn't help but speak recklessly."

"Why didn't you apologize to that child?" Old Master Gao's voice was thick and cold: "Mr. Jiang gave you a chance to admit your mistake, but you didn't take it seriously, even going as far as to flaunt power outrageously. Is this how you were brought up?"

Wang Xiaohui lowered her head without daring to make a sound.

"Today because of your foolish words, I, as the father-in-law, have to take responsibility for you. Tell me, can the Gao Family keep a daughter-in-law like you?"

Not only did he get reprimanded for Mr. Jiang using investments as leverage, but he was also criticized for impacting Academician Luo's work, showing how influential Little Moonlight's wrongly accused child's family background is.

Yes, he indeed stood high, but can Mr. Jiang, Academician Luo, and Professor Kang be considered low in social status?

On the contrary, these three not only have high social standings but also make significant contributions to the country's development.

For example, Mr. Jiang fully supports the country's economic development, Academician Luo is wholeheartedly dedicated to the country's scientific research, Professor Kang makes outstanding contributions to sports while also tirelessly working for the country's education.

Compared to these three, what can he count for?

"Dad!" Wang Xiaohui's eyes widened as she shook her head and backed away: "I won't divorce Qiming, Dad, I really know I was wrong, please forgive me this once!"

Tears welled up in her eyes, Wang Xiaohui looked to Gao Qiming: "Say something! I gave you four children..." Gao Qiming turned his head away, not looking at Wang Xiaohui.

"Give me Little Moonlight."

Old Lady Gao took Little Moonlight from Gao Qiming's arms, and the grandmother-granddaughter pair left the living room.

It's not that Old Lady Gao didn't want to deal with the mess Wang Xiaohui created, but she simply couldn't intervene!

"If you want to stay in this family, show your attitude, apologize to Mr. Jiang and that child. As long as Mr. Jiang and his granddaughter forgive you, you can continue to be a daughter-in-law of the Gao Family. Otherwise, I will arrange for you and Qiming to process divorce papers at the soonest possible time!"

Old Master Gao spoke expressionlessly. Upon hearing this, Wang Xiaohui clutched onto it like a lifeline: "I'll apologize, Dad, I'll go apologize right now!"

She turned to leave the living room, but Old Master Gao stopped her sharply: "Are you going empty-handed? Do you even know where they live?" Wang Xiaohui hesitated, and she looked back to Old Master Gao: "I'll follow Dad's arrangements."

Old Master Gao didn't respond to Wang Xiaohui. After thinking for a moment, he got up and walked out of the house.

Chapter 1487 The Middleman

Xi Family.

"It was all my younger daughter-in-law being ignorant and spouting off in front of Mr. Jiang. Since you know Mr. Jiang, why don't you act as a go-between..."

Old Master Gao came to the Xi Family home, shamelessly asking Elder Xi to accompany him to the Jiang Family to apologize to Jiang Boya. He went on and on, saying this and that by the basketful, but seeing Elder Xi remain silent the whole time, he finally spoke out the true purpose of this visit.

"I can give you the address, or I can call them right now, but as for going there in person to apologize, I'm not going. If your younger daughter-in-law is really sincere about apologizing, Mr. Jiang and his granddaughter will definitely choose to forgive her, after all, that grandfather and granddaughter are reasonable people. On the other hand, if your younger daughter-in-law isn't sincere about going to apologize, then even if I go along, it would be pointless.

As he spoke, to keep Old Master Gao from rambling on, Elder Xi dialed the Jiang family old house. After about five or six minutes, the call ended. He put the receiver back on the landline and said to Old Master Gao, "Mr. Jiang will be home tomorrow. Take this address and go find them; it's very easy to find the place."

He took a black hardbound notebook and a fountain pen out of the drawer under the coffee table, "swish swish" wrote down the exact address of the Jiang family old house, then tore out that page and handed it to Old Master Gao.

"Old Xi, you really can't be this intermediary?"

Putting away the slip of paper with the Jiang family old house address that Elder Xi had handed over, Old Master Gao continued trying to work on Elder Xi.

"Strictly speaking, with all these years of friendship between us, there's actually no problem with me acting as this intermediary, but I have my own difficulties, and I hope you can understand.

Besides, as far as what happened yesterday is concerned, it was purely your Little Moonlight stirring up trouble, then your younger daughter-in-law refusing to let the matter stay small and using her position to bully others, while Mr. Jiang's granddaughter was only testifying on behalf of my Little Yu,

yet your Little Moonlight falsely accused her of bullying her. To put it plainly, that little girl really was hit by a disaster out of nowhere and almost got slapped twice by your younger daughter-in-law.

And another thing, we're not senile. Just looking at what your younger daughter-in-law did—can you honestly say she wasn't deliberately picking soft targets to bully? The moment she got to the kindergarten, she didn't go after my Little Yu or the little girl from Old Jjiang's family,

but singled out that little girl named Guoguo to vent her anger on. Her behavior was truly vile. On what grounds would I have the face to help you go plead your case in front of Mr. Jiang?"

Xiao Guoguo was wronged by the Gao Family's little girl for the sake of his Little Yu, and even almost got two slaps from the Gao Family's younger daughter-in-law. If he had even a shred of conscience, he couldn't help the Gao Family go play the lobbyist.

In Elder Xi's view, this "intermediary" Old Master Gao was talking about was nothing more than wanting to use his old face to help plead their case, hoping that, for his sake, Jiang Boya would smooth over what the Gao Family's younger daughter-in-law had done.

Heh!

Unless he'd eaten his fill and was looking for trouble, why would he go offend Brother Jiang, offend his old friend!

"Fine, thank you for giving me this address."

Old Master Gao knew that no matter what else he said, it wouldn't change Elder Xi's stance. He couldn't help feeling a bit displeased, but not a trace of it showed on his face. He stood up, expressed his thanks to Elder Xi, and then left the Xi Family home.

Jiang family old house.

"Should we give Lili a call?"

The call Elder Xi made to the Jiang Family was picked up by Jiang Hongfa. After hanging up, Jiang Hongfa relayed what Elder Xi had said over the phone to Jiang Boya. Now he was asking for Jiang Boya's opinion.

After all, Guoguo was Kang Li's child.

"Let's give her a call."

Jiang Boya replied, then picked up the landline receiver and dialed. After a moment, Kang Li's voice came through the receiver: "Hello, may I ask who's calling?"

"It's me." Jiang Boya didn't beat around the bush and directly told Kang Li what Elder Xi had said on the phone, then asked, "Do you want to come over?"

Kang Li was silent for a moment, then replied, "I'll come over this afternoon. If they show up in the afternoon, I'll definitely have a few words to say. But if they come at noon, I'll have to trouble Dad to keep an eye on things. Of course, we still have to see what our Guoguo thinks. As long as Guoguo accepts their apology, I'll have no objections."

"Alright, Dad understands."

This call between Jiang Boya and Kang Li lasted about five or six minutes. When he put the receiver back on the landline, the phone rang again with a "ring ring" right after Elder Xi's earlier call.

And as it happened, when Jiang Boya picked up the receiver, he heard Elder Xi's voice coming through.

"Alright, I got it... Mm, thank you! Uncle Xi, there's no need to be so polite. Okay, I'll tell Xiao Guoguo, don't worry. Guoguo just told the truth; she definitely didn't take it to heart. Besides, Guoguo said Little Yu is very nice... I'm not a soft target, and Guoguo is my granddaughter. Don't be fooled by her small size; she's not a soft target either. You can rest easy... That's that then, goodbye!"

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Ending the call, Jiang Boya places the receiver back on the phone and tells Jiang Hongfa, "Uncle Xi specifically called to apologize to me!"

"I, I'm afraid..."

Wang Xiaohui sits in the car, shaking her head, not daring to meet Gao Qiming's gaze.

"Tell Dad clearly what you did, Dad isn't an unreasonable person." Gao Qiming stares at Wang Xiaohui. After a while, Wang Xiaohui bites her lip, nervously gets out of the car, and follows Gao Qiming into the living room.

Old Master Gao is already seated in the living room.

"Do you want to tell yourself or should I?"

This opening statement scares Wang Xiaohui into a shiver.

"Dad, I..."

Her mouth quivering for a while, Wang Xiaohui remains silent.

Seeing this, Old Lady Gao fumes: "Have you gone mute?"

"I know I was wrong."

Avoiding looking at Old Lady Gao, Wang Xiaohui nervously glances at Old Master Gao: "Dad, I was angry at the time, so I struck at that little girl, but I didn't even hit her; instead, I was almost pushed over by a few kids. Later, someone grabbed my wrist, and the pain was unbearable, making me say some things I shouldn't have."

"Why didn't you apologize to that child?" Old Master Gao's voice is thick and cold: "Mr. Jiang gave you a chance to admit your mistake, but you took it lightly, even flaunted your power arrogantly! Is this your upbringing?"

Wang Xiaohui lowers her head and dares not speak.

"Just today, because of your foolish words, I, as a father-in-law, have to bear responsibility for you. Tell me, can my Gao Family keep a daughter-in-law like you?"

Not only was he reprimanded by Jiang Boya, but he was also criticized by Academician Luo for affecting his work, showing how strong the family background of the child wronged by Little Moonlight is.

Yes, he indeed stands high, but neither Mr. Jiang nor Academician Luo or Professor Kang has a low social status?

On the contrary, not only are their social statuses high, but they all contribute significantly to national development.

For instance, Mr. Jiang fully supports national economic construction, Academician Luo is wholeheartedly devoted to national scientific research, and Professor Kang shines brightly in national sports, exhausting efforts for education.

"If you want to stay in this family, show your attitude and apologize to Mr. Jiang and that child. As long as Mr. Jiang and his granddaughter forgive you, you will remain my Gao family's daughter-in-law. Otherwise, I will arrange for you and Qiming to handle divorce procedures as soon as possible!"

Old Master Gao speaks expressionlessly; upon hearing this, Wang Xiaohui clings to it like a lifeline: "I'll go apologize, Dad, I'll go right now!"

Turning around to leave the living room, Old Master Gao scolds: "Going empty-handed? Do you even know where they live?" Wang Xiaohui pauses, refocusing on Old Master Gao: "I'll follow Dad's arrangements."

Old Master Gao ignores Wang Xiaohui, thinks for a moment, then leaves the house.

Xi Family.

"It's all my ignorant young daughter-in-law's doing, she spoke arrogantly in front of Mr. Jiang. Since you know Mr. Jiang, how about being a middleman..."

Old Master Gao visits the Xi Family, brazenly asking Elder Xi to accompany him to Jiang Family to apologize to Jiang Boya. Despite speaking a heap of words, Elder Xi remains silent, forcing Old Master Gao to reveal his purpose for this visit.

"I can give you the address and even call them now, but I won't accompany you for the apology. If your daughter-in-law truly wants to apologize, Mr. Jiang and his granddaughter will surely choose to forgive, as they are reasonable. Conversely, if she isn't genuine in her apology, my presence is useless."

While speaking, to prevent Old Master Gao from saying more, Elder Xi dials Jiang family old house, roughly five or six minutes later, ending the call, he puts the receiver back and tells Old Master Gao: "Mr. Jiang will be at home tomorrow, use this address to find them, it's easy to locate."

He takes out a black hardcover notebook and a steel pen from a drawer below the coffee table and writes down the specific address of Jiang family old house, then tears off that page to hand it to Old Master Gao.

"Old Xi, can you really not be a middleman?"

Accepting the paper with Jiang family old house address, Old Master Gao continues working on Elder Xi.

"Considering our long-standing relationship, me being a middleman wouldn't be much, but I have my difficulties and hope you understand.

Additionally, regarding yesterday's incident, it was purely your Little Moonlight causing trouble, followed by your young daughter-in-law's escalation using power, while Mr. Jiang's granddaughter was merely testifying for my Little Yu.

"Should we call Lili?"

Elder Xi dialing Jiang's home reached Jiang Hongfa, after the call, Jiang Hongfa narrates what Elder Xi said over the phone to Jiang Boya, then asks for Jiang Boya's opinion.

After all, Guoguo is Kang Li's child.

"Let's call."

Jiang Boya responds, then picks up the receiver and dials, moments later, Kang Li's voice comes through:
"Hello, who am I speaking with?"

"It's me." Jiang Boya doesn't beat around the bush, directly conveying Elder Xi's phone content to Kang Li, asking: "Are you coming over?"

Kang Li pauses and replies: "I'll come this afternoon; if they come in the afternoon, I'll definitely have a few words. But if they come at noon, I'll leave it to Dad, yet the primary concern is Guoguo's decision; as long as Guoguo accepts the apology, I will have no objection."

"Alright, Dad understands."

This call between Jiang Boya and Kang Li lasts about five or six minutes, when he puts the receiver back on the phone, unexpectedly, the phone rings again following Elder Xi's earlier call.

Coincidentally, picking up the receiver, Jiang Boya hears Elder Xi's voice again.

"Alright, I understand... Um, thank you! Uncle Xi, no need to be so polite. Yes, I will inform Little Guoguo, don't worry, Guoguo merely spoke the truth, she definitely won't mind, moreover, Guoguo mentioned Little Yu is very nice... I'm not a pushover, Guoguo is my granddaughter, though small, she's not a pushover either, rest assured... So that's it, goodbye!"

"Considering our long-standing relationship, me being a middleman wouldn't be much, but I have my difficulties and hope you understand."

Additionally, regarding yesterday's incident, it was purely your Little Moonlight causing trouble, followed by your young daughter-in-law's escalation using power, while Mr. Jiang's granddaughter was merely testifying for my Little Yu.

Yet, she was wrongfully accused by your Little Moonlight of bullying her. To put it plainly, that little girl truly suffered an undeserved disaster, almost receiving two slaps from your daughter-in-law.

Furthermore, we're not senile; can you honestly say your daughter-in-law wasn't picking on an easy target? At kindergarten, she didn't seek trouble with my Little Yu or pick on Old Jjiang's family's little girl,

only targeting that girl named Guoguo in anger. Her behavior is indeed vile; how could I face Mr. Jiang as your spokesman?"

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With her lips pursed, Gao Xinyue really wanted to cry, but she forced herself to hold back, nodding her little head, "Luo Mingxi... I won't do it again!"

"You better keep your word, or you'll turn into a little puppy."

Guoguo blinked her big eyes, staring unblinkingly at Gao Xinyue.

"Mm."

Gao Xinyue nodded her head once more.

"Great-grandpa, grandpa, Guoguo forgives Gao Xinyue and her mom; should we give them a chance to correct their mistakes, okay?" Her gaze shifted to Jiang Hongfa and Jiang Boya, and Guoguo raised her soft, sweet voice.

Jiang Hongfa nodded, his smile exceptionally loving, "Alright, great-grandpa listens to our Guoguo."

"Grandpa listens to Guoguo, too."

Jiang Boya smiled warmly and lifted Guoguo into his arms, then shifted his gaze to Old Master Gao, "Let this matter rest as it is, but I'd like to say a word or two: If you have the time, I hope you'll manage the younger generation in your family better. Otherwise, if similar things happen again, I fear you won't encounter someone as accommodating as me."

With a faint glance at Wang Xiaohui, Jiang Boya continued, "Moreover, having power and influence is good, but it doesn't mean one can act recklessly outside relying on family background and the elder's reputation. I've said my piece; if you find it reasonable, listen to it. Otherwise, pretend I haven't spoken today."

"I've learned a lesson." Old Master Gao acknowledged the truth in Jiang Boya's words but couldn't help the flush of his face, saying, "From now on, I'll strictly demand more from my family."

Jiang Boya pursed his lips, then said after a moment, "If there's nothing else, let's sit down together for lunch." This was purely polite, and how could Old Master Gao and the others not sense it?

Therefore, Old Master Gao waved his hand, "No need, I have a meeting to attend and must return to my post quickly." Responding to courtesy with acceptance would be considered indiscreet.

"In that case, I won't keep Comrade Gao any longer."

Jiang Boya's expression was indifferent, holding Guoguo as he escorted Old Master Gao and his group to the living room door, then had the butler see them to the main entrance.

It's Tuesday today, and supposedly, Guoguo and Bun Tangyuan should be at kindergarten. Unexpectedly, because Guoguo caught a chill last night, she had a slight fever this morning. Therefore, Jiang Boya only sent Bun Tangyuan to kindergarten, giving Guoguo a day off.

Speaking of this, Jiang Boya, missing the trio of Bun, took on the task of picking them up and dropping them off at kindergarten recently. Naturally, the trio has been staying at the Jiang family old house since Saturday afternoon.

As for Kang Li, he did visit the old house for over an hour of idle chat with Jiang Hongfa and Jiang Boya on Sunday, before driving back to the compound. Later, on Monday morning, that is early yesterday morning, he drove straight to Shuimu University.

After all, he had a class to teach at noon, and Kang Li wouldn't slack off at work.

"That's the end of it?"

With Guoguo taken back to her room by Aunt Fu to rest, now only Jiang Hongfa and Jiang Boya, the father and son, were left in the vast living room. Glancing at the gifts brought by the Gao family, Jiang Hongfa's eyes, devoid of much emotion, fell on Jiang Boya.

"Can't you stop asking questions you already know the answers to?!"

Jiang Boya pinched his brow and said, "Regardless of the fact they specifically came to apologize, just because Comrade Gao made an appearance, we need to give them some respect. Moreover, whether Comrade Gao's apology was sincere or a mandatory formality, I don't believe you couldn't tell. Besides, if matters don't conclude this way, should we really cancel our investment?"

Raising his eyebrows slightly, Jiang Boya leaned lazily against the sofa, "If you're certain about that decision, I have no objections."

Jiang Hongfa was momentarily speechless, before saying after a long pause, "Fine, ending it like this is good." Canceling the investment wasn't an option; despite spending many years abroad, this is still his homeland, and the country's development requires the Jiang family's contribution. He's naturally going to contribute!

Upon hearing this, Jiang Boya curved his lips slightly, "But don't worry, Gao Xinyue's family will transfer her from the kindergarten at the latest by this Saturday."

Yesterday, Gao Xinyue didn't attend kindergarten because Wang Xiaohui excused her daughter's illness to request a day off from Teacher Su. Today, once Old Master Gao returns, he will most likely order the family to transfer his granddaughter to another kindergarten, to avoid further conflicts between Gao Xinyue and Xi Chenyu.

Jiang Hongfa: "Are you sure about that?"

"Have you forgotten what Uncle Xi said?" Without waiting for the older man to reply, Jiang Boya continued, "The reason the Gao family's little girl constantly clashed with our Guoguo is simple: Uncle Xi's Little Yu only wants to play with Guoguo, and not with her. The Gao family doesn't want their little girl to cause trouble repeatedly, nor do they wish to completely offend Uncle Xi, so they will certainly transfer her out."

Chapter 1490

"Kids these days are clever as foxes. Even at four or five years old, they're full of cunning."

This remark from Jiang Hongfa was undoubtedly referring to Gao Xinyue.

"It's not that the kids are inherently cunning, but their growing environment influences them. To put it plainly, they've been affected by those around them."

Jiang Boya said this, thinking of Wang Xiaohui's demeanor. At the same time, he recalled Old Lady Gao's insincere smile and snorted, saying, "The two men seem alright, but as for that mother-in-law and daughter-in-law pair, you must have noticed they're not decent people. It's difficult for a young girl surrounded by such a grandmother and mother to develop proper values."

"Hmm."

Jiang Hongfa expressed agreement.

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On the way back to the courtyard in the car, neither Old Master Gao, Old Lady Gao, Gao Qiming and his wife, nor Gao Xinyue spoke a word.

Once inside the living room, Old Lady Gao could no longer hold back. She immediately expressed dissatisfaction with Jiang Hongfa and Jiang Boya's attitude, saying with a sullen face:

"What kind of attitude was that? You went personally to apologize, but the old one barely acknowledged it. The son showed little respect in his words. And the young one, sharp-tongued, even started discussing principles with Qiming's wife. What could a child possibly understand?!"

"What do you mean by barely acknowledging?" Old Master Gao glared. "Regarding the incident at the kindergarten last Saturday, Old Master Jiang wasn't even there. Even if Mr. Jiang Boya mentioned it later, he wasn't involved, so what do you expect him to say?"

Besides, Mr. Jiang Boya's attitude—I didn't see any issue."

The fact that he used a respectful form of address indicates that he is well-mannered and understands etiquette. I really don't understand why the old lady keeps nagging as soon as she enters.

Suppressing his impatience, Old Master Gao sat on the sofa: "As for the young girl you mentioned, I felt she was quite polite and knowledgeable, not to mention, did the child say anything wrong?"

Old Lady Gao didn't know how to respond.

"Since the child was right and meant well, why do you see it as wrong?" He shifted his gaze to Wang Xiaohui: "What do you think?"

Upon hearing this, Wang Xiaohui was momentarily stunned, then quickly responded: "I was wrong. I shouldn't have gotten angry with the child, nor should I have laid hands on her. The child didn't say anything wrong."

"Did you hear that?"

Old Master Gao's gaze returned to Old Lady Gao: "One must be reasonable and understand the depths, yet I don't see this from you mother-in-law and daughter-in-law couple. You could even say you don't compare to a child who is not even four years old. If I were you two, I'd be ashamed after hearing what the child said."

"Old man, you..."

Old Lady Gao's chest felt tight, neither up nor down, causing great discomfort.

"Little Moonlight and Little Yu are similar in age, slightly older than the young girl, but you should think carefully; doesn't the young girl's speech make sense,

Also, when I first saw the young girl, I noticed her intelligence, which was confirmed. Who wouldn't like such a child? It's evidently reasonable that Little Yu enjoys playing with her."

With delicate features, rosy-cheeked like a New Year painting child, such a child is genuinely charming. He could tell the child's character is good, but why can't Little Moonlight play with her?

Not only can they not play together, but because Little Yu caused the young girl trouble, making him truly puzzled.

"Don't praise other people's children like that."

Old Lady Gao snorted coldly.

"Mom! Dad is right; don't stir up trouble and ruin his mood." Gao Qiming spoke up, looking at Old Lady Gao with some helplessness, saying: "Wrong is wrong, right is right. That child's goodness is obvious and undeniable. Trying to deny it only shows you've lost your senses."

"I'm your mother, how can you talk to me like this?"

Old Lady Gao, furious, rebuked Gao Qiming: "Little Moonlight is our family's treasure, your wife is part of the family. I can't stand a mere little girl lecturing our own!"

"Mom, calling it protection is fine, but in reality, it's confusion and lack of judgment!"

Old Lady Gao was beyond upset upon hearing Gao Qiming's words, swiftly grabbing a feather duster to strike her son.