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Chapter 1521

The most important thing is that all the descendants are filial!

"It's only right for children to be respectful to their parents."

Kang Li smiled, and Old Lady Li sighed with a hint of melancholy, saying, "I'm getting old with your Uncle Loh, and I don't know if I can see Xiao En get married and have children."

Before Kang Li could respond, Xiao Shen's voice suddenly broke in, "Grandma, you and Grandpa will definitely be able to!" Several years ago, Xiao Shen started calling Elder Loh and Old Lady Li grandpa and grandma. Undoubtedly, he followed Loh Xue's generational terms, and with the consent of Elder Loh and Old Lady Li, Loh Xue's tombstone engraved "Deceased wife Loh Xue" as mother.

Through connections in the family, he registered with Loh Xue, obtaining a marriage certificate.

The date was naturally chosen before any issues arose within the Loh family, so not only did Loh Xue have a good reputation, but Xiao Loh En's status was no longer awkward.

This has to be mentioned: After Elder Loh and Old Lady Li acknowledged Xiao Shen as their grandson-in-law, they overturned the fabricated story that Loh Xue married someone in the countryside, informing Xiao Shen that they only made up that lie to avoid Loh En feeling wronged after returning to the city.

And Xiao Shen, to cooperate with Elder Loh and Old Lady Li, didn't want them to be gossiped about, privately considered them grandparents before returning to North City, but publicly still addressed Old Lady Li as teacher and Elder Loh as teacher's husband.

Once in North City, Xiao Shen had fewer concerns, calling the two elders by the generational terms of Loh Xue both at home and outside.

After all, North City isn't Hu City. Here, the Loh couple knows fewer acquaintances, and also, they haven't mentioned anything about Loh Xue externally.

Thus, there's no worry about the previously necessary fabricated story, where Loh Xue married in the countryside, her husband died unexpectedly, leaving a posthumous child, and she herself died of hemorrhage after childbirth.

So, whether it's Elder Loh or Old Lady Li, since they moved to North City to work, both have been in high spirits, their vitality beyond words.

If they maintain this state for a long time, living another twenty or thirty years wouldn't be a problem.

However, what left Xiao Shen quite disheartened was that he had called the two elders grandparent for several years, yet the little one at home, his son, never sensed anything amiss.

For instance, he never questioned him being his real dad.

Of course, despite the disheartenment, overall Xiao Shen maintained a good mindset, always believing he has time to wait for Loh En to affectionately call him dad.

Okay, the little one has been calling him uncle for the past few years, speaking with a tone and expression that is close and affectionate.

By rights, he should be content, but he... is a bit greedy!

Hoping that the term "uncle" will be replaced by the words "dad."

"Aunt, Comrade Xiao is not wrong; you and Uncle Loh are in good health, you will surely live to a hundred years old. By then, not only will you see Xiao En marry and have children, you will also see Xiao En's children buying soy sauce."

Kang Li said with curved brows and a smiling face.

"Then Aunt will take your good words and strive to live to a hundred with Uncle Loh!" Old Lady Li smiled kindly, patting Kang Li's hand: "You know, Aunt loves listening to you talk the most!"

The bright and clear brows of Kang Li overflowed with laughter: "I love listening to Aunt talk too, feeling that whenever you speak, you have an air of learning, and everything about you exudes elegance, you have always been someone I look up to for learning."

Upon hearing this, Old Lady Li initially froze, then laughed out loud, casting her gaze towards Elder Loh: "Old man, did you hear that? Isn't this girl too good at talking?"

"Xiao Kang said it right!"

Elder Loh's brief words easily proved how much he cherished his wife, and evidenced how deep their affection was.

With that, Old Lady Li's face flushed warmly, she embarrassingly glared at Elder Loh: "I've never seen anyone like you." The child praised her for being knowledgeable, praised her for being elegant, even if true, as a family member, shouldn't climb up the pole like that?

"Your Aunt is shy."

Elder Loh's words were directed at Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, and upon hearing this, one directly chuckled while the other subtly bent the corner of their lip.

Seeing the reactions of Kang Li and her spouse, Old Lady Li felt even more flushed, involuntarily glaring at Elder Loh again.

Unexpectedly, Elder Loh laughed out loud "Ha-ha."

Xiao Shen was also smiling at this moment; he said to Old Lady Li, "Grandma, Comrade Kang is not wrong, and my grandpa affirmed correctly too."

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"Alright, alright, they are all correct, it's just me being sentimental."

As she said this, Old Lady Li couldn't help but laugh out loud.

"Auntie, I think we can tell Xiao En about the relationship between him and Comrade Xiao. Xiao En is already over eight years old, and he really likes Comrade Xiao. Plus, since you all live together, I believe Xiao En will only be happy to know Comrade Xiao is his biological father."

Kang Li abruptly changed the topic, making Old Lady Li, Elder Loh, and Xiao Shen momentarily freeze in surprise. But soon, the three regained their composure. Old Lady Li glanced at Xiao Shen and then said to Kang Li, "There's no problem between me and Uncle Loh; it's always been Xiao Shen saying to wait a bit longer."

"Why?"

Kang Li was puzzled.

"He worries that Xiao En won't be able to accept it," Old Lady Li sighed. "I think he's worrying too much, yet I can't help but respect his opinion."

"Comrade Xiao, Xiao En is a cheerful child, your worries are unnecessary," Kang Li directed her gaze towards Xiao Shen. "You have been with Uncle Loh, Auntie, and Xiao En for many years now; Xiao En sees you for who you are and feels it in his heart. He won't reject you as his biological father."

Kang Li didn't bring up the topic of Xiao En recognizing his parentage for no reason. Just recently, the young boy whispered a secret to Kang Li after coming home from school.

He said: Mom, in fact, I'm not the biological child of you and Dad, right? Although Mom, you've never told me, I'm eight now, not a little child of two or three years; I can figure it out on my own.

Moreover, my last name is Loh, and I'm called Loh En. Every year, Great Grandma and Great Grandpa take me to the cemetery to pay respects, and there, Great Grandma says there are my grandparents and my birth mother.

Mom, when I confirmed I wasn't your and Dad's biological child, I did feel a bit sad, but more than anything, I was happy. I am happy to have two moms,

one gave birth to me, and the other showed me care and love, pampered me, taught me the principles of life, and having these two moms is my happiness.

Besides, apart from Daddy Luo, I should have the biological father who gave me life, whoever he is, even if I don't know him or whether he likes me; I'm thankful that he and Mother Loh Xue had me...

That day, Loh En said a lot in front of Kang Li, and when leaving, he hugged Kang Li tightly for a while, repeatedly saying thank you, thanking Kang Li for giving him maternal love, for providing a homely atmosphere, letting him feel paternal love, and feel the love among siblings, and almost swearing to Kang Li that he would be an obedient and sensible good son.

After Loh En left, Kang Li wanted to talk to Old Lady Li and Elder Loh, but with daily classes, caring for the Bun, and sometimes visiting the compound to check on Min Rui and Ming Han and Ming Wei's studies, as well as visiting Captain Kang and his wife, she somehow forgot about approaching Old Lady Li.

Today, while taking a walk, she remembered and naturally had to bring it up in front of Old Lady Li.

"But..."

Xiao Shen's lips twitched; he desired more than anyone to reunite with his son and hear his son call him 'Dad' sooner. But he was genuinely afraid, afraid that his son wouldn't be able to accept him.

"There's no 'but'."

Kang Li said softly, "Xiao En can be considered a big kid now; he knows quite a lot. Recently, he talked about his parentage in front of me, saying he already knows he isn't Ming Han and Luo Yanqing's biological child,

said his last name is Loh, different from his brothers and sisters, said every year Great Grandpa and Great Grandma take him to the cemetery to see his grandparents and his birth mother Loh Xue,

also added that even though he doesn't know who his biological father is or if his biological father likes him, he is very grateful to his birth parents for bringing him into this world."

After a brief pause, Kang Li asked Xiao Shen, "Comrade Xiao, do you have any concerns now?"

After listening to Kang Li, both Old Lady Li and Elder Loh had tears in their eyes and felt deeply moved. They knew their great-grandson was intelligent and sensible, but they hadn't expected such a young child to be so open-minded.

He doesn't resent his biological mother for not being able to accompany him growing up, nor does he resent his biological father for 'not being able' to stay by his side. Instead, he is grateful for them bringing him into this world.

So sensible!

Sensible to the point where it makes them feel a deep ache.

"I... I'll go talk to Xiao En now!"

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Suddenly standing up, Xiao Shen strode quickly towards Loh En's room.

Luo Yanqing received Kang Li's glance and followed behind Xiao Shen. He was going to call the three little ones home.

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"Dad, did Uncle Xiao cry?" Luo Yanqing, holding Guoguo, with Bun and Tangyuan holding hands behind him, was asked by Guoguo, to which he responded, "You saw wrong."

Guoguo tilted her head, thought for a moment, observed Luo Yanqing's expression, and then nodded her little head, saying "oh" in a childish voice.

She thought maybe Daddy didn't want to tell her the reason!

She was sure she didn't see it wrong, her eyes were bright!

The soft and cute little girl thought silently.

Loh En had initially wanted to see off the three little ones, his Daddy Luo, and Mother Kang Li, but unexpectedly, he was tightly hugged by Xiao Shen squatting down. He noticed tears in his beloved Uncle Xiao's eyes and sensed something was wrong with his emotions, hence he didn't chase out of the room to see off Luo Yanqing and Kang Li, and the three little ones.

"Uncle Xiao, what's wrong?"

Loh En, like an adult, gently patted Xiao Shen's back: "Xiao En is here. Uncle Xiao, if something is bothering you, you can tell me. Xiao En will be your secret keeper, I promise not to tell anyone."

"Xiao En, Xiao En... I'm not Uncle Xiao, I'm Daddy, I'm Xiao En's Daddy, did you hear me? I'm not Xiao En's Uncle Xiao, I'm our Xiao En's real Daddy..."

Tears uncontrollably began to flow from Xiao Shen's eyes as he spoke, his voice choked: "It's Daddy's fault for not recognizing our Xiao En sooner. I'm not a good Daddy, Xiao En, I'm sorry, I'm sorry!"

When men and women work together, it's not tiring; the couple quickly prepared dinner, and the three little ones also finished their homework. Without Kang Li and Luo Yanqing saying anything, the three little fellows packed up their assignments, washed their hands, then scurried to the kitchen to help.

"Mom, Mom, let me set the chopsticks for us."

Guoguo took the chopsticks from Kang Li's hand and turned around "da-da-da" heading towards the dining room.

"Mom, let me help Daddy with the dishes."

Tangyuan reached out with her little hand. Seeing this, Kang Li shook her head: "The dishes just came out of the pot not long ago; it's still hot. Mommy doesn't want our little Tangyuan's hands to get burnt." As she spoke, Kang Li turned her gaze to Bun: "The same goes for you. If you get burnt, Mommy will feel heartache."

With a dish in each hand, Kang Li signaled Bun and Tangyuan to follow as the three headed to the dining room.

Luo Yanqing followed closely with the freshly cooked millet porridge.

Soon, the food was all placed on the dining table. Kang Li served millet porridge for the family and told the three little ones, "Have some bread, and then drink the porridge afterward."

The three little fellows held the chopsticks steadily, enjoying every bite of food with the bread.

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After dinner, Luo Yanqing was washing dishes in the kitchen, while Kang Li took the three little ones to stroll next door to Elder Loh's house, who had also just finished dinner.

"Mom, I'm taking my little brother and sister to play in my room for a while."

This was the voice of Loh En.

"Go ahead."

Kang Li nodded with a smile. She sat in the living room, chatting idly with Elder Loh and his wife. As for Xiao Shen, like Luo Yanqing, he was washing dishes in the kitchen.

As time ticked away, Luo Yanqing finished tidying up the kitchen and chased after Kang Li and the four of them to Elder Loh's place. However, once there, he ended up chatting with Xiao Shen.

"How are your parents and Ruirui doing lately?"

"They are doing well."

Kang Li responded with a smile to Old Lady Li.

"You're blessed to have such good parents!"

Hearing Old Lady Li say this, Kang Li nodded with a smile, "Yes, I think so too."

"But you're also good to your parents; there's no doubt about that."

Old Lady Li envied Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen, who had six children, all getting along well, with many grandchildren who also got along well. Even without saying they were capable in the countryside,

they were incomparable to many in the city, raising children who all turned out well. Just among their children, they produced two university students, both from famous universities.

Among the grandchildren who attended college, all who took the exams passed. Just thinking about it is enviable!

Most importantly, none of the children or grandchildren are unfilial!

"Being filial to parents is a child's duty."

Kang Li smiled, hearing Old Lady Li sigh, with a hint of melancholy, "Your Uncle Loh and I are getting old; I don't know if we can see Xiao En get married and have children."

Chapter 1524

Before Kang Li could say anything, Xiao Shen's voice suddenly rang out, "Nai, you and my Ye can definitely do it!" Years ago, Xiao Shen had already started calling Elder Loh and Old Lady Li "Grandpa" and "Grandma." Without a doubt, he was using Loh Xue's generation as his reference, and after getting the old couple's consent, they even had "late wife Loh Xue" carved on her tombstone.

And through the family's connections, he and Loh Xue were registered and got their marriage certificate.

The date was, of course, set to before anything happened to the Loh family, so not only did Loh Xue have a good name, Xiao Loh En's status also stopped being awkward.

This brings up something that has to be mentioned. Ever since Elder Loh and Old Lady Li acknowledged Xiao Shen as their grandson-in-law, they overturned the story they'd made up earlier about Loh Xue marrying someone in the countryside, and told Xiao Shen that they'd only concocted that lie after returning to the city so that Loh En wouldn't be wronged.

And in order to cooperate with the old couple and not have people gossiping about them, before he was transferred back to North City, Xiao Shen privately regarded the two elders as his grandparents, but in public he still addressed Old Lady Li as "Teacher" and Elder Loh as "Mr. Loh."

Once he was transferred to North City, Xiao Shen no longer had so many scruples; whether outside or at home, he addressed the two elders according to Loh Xue's generation.

After all, North City wasn't Hu City; on the one hand, the old couple didn't know many acquaintances here, and on the other hand, they had never spoken about Loh Xue to outsiders.

So naturally they didn't have to worry about that lie they'd been forced to tell earlier—namely, that Loh Xue had married a man in the countryside, that the husband had died unexpectedly, leaving behind a posthumous child, and that she herself had died from massive bleeding after giving birth.

Therefore, ever since Elder Loh and Old Lady Li were transferred to work in North City, both of them had been in excellent spirits and great moods, their energy practically overflowing.

If they kept up that state long-term, living another twenty or thirty years wouldn't be a problem.

What annoyed Xiao Shen, though, was that he'd been calling the two elders Grandpa and Grandma for several years now, yet the little one at home—his son—hadn't noticed anything off.

For instance, he had never once suspected that Xiao Shen was actually his biological father.

Of course, annoyance was one thing; overall, Xiao Shen had a pretty good mindset. He always felt he had plenty of time to wait—for the day his son Loh En would affectionately call him "Dad."

Well, the little guy had been calling him "Uncle" these past few years, and to be fair, his tone and expression were both very affectionate when he said it.

You could say he ought to be satisfied, but he... was a bit greedy!

He longed for that "Uncle" to be replaced by the word "Dad."

"Auntie, Comrade Xiao is right. You and Uncle Loh are both strong and healthy; you'll definitely live to a hundred. By then, never mind seeing Xiao En get married and have kids— you'll even get to see Xiao En's children running around buying soy sauce."

Eyebrows curved in a smile, Kang Li spoke with a grin.

"Then I'll borrow your lucky words and strive to live to a hundred with your Uncle Loh!" Old Lady Li's smile was kind and gentle. She held Kang Li's hand and patted it. "You know, Auntie loves listening to you talk the most!"

Kang Li's bright eyes were full of laughter. "I also love listening to you, Auntie. I feel like the moment you speak you sound especially learned, and there's an elegance in everything you say and do. You've always been my role model."

Hearing this, Old Lady Li was stunned for a second, then burst out laughing. She turned her gaze to Elder Loh. "Old man, did you hear that? Isn't this girl just too good with words?"

"Xiao Kang is right!"

With that brief sentence, it was easy to see just how much he doted on his wife, and how deep the affection between the old couple ran.

Sure enough, Old Lady Li's face heated up. She gave Elder Loh an embarrassed glare. "Never seen anyone like you." The child was praising her for being learned and elegant; even if it was true, as family he couldn't just climb up the pole like that, could he?

"Your Auntie is shy now."

Elder Loh said this to Kang Li and Luo Yanqing. On hearing it, one of them let out a soft chuckle, while the other's lips curved almost imperceptibly.

Seeing the couple's reaction, Old Lady Li felt her face grow even hotter and couldn't help shooting Elder Loh another fierce glare.

Unexpectedly, Elder Loh just burst out laughing.

Xiao Shen was also smiling at this point. He said to Old Lady Li, "Nai, Comrade Kang is right, and my Ye isn't wrong either."

"All right, all right, they're all right. I'm the one being fussy."

As she said this, even Old Lady Li herself couldn't help laughing.

"Auntie, I think it's time to tell Xiao En about his relationship with Comrade Xiao. Xiao En is already over eight now, and he likes Comrade Xiao very much. Besides, you're all living together. I believe that once he knows Comrade Xiao is his biological father, he'll only be happy."

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Kang Li suddenly changed the subject, causing Old Lady Li, Elder Loh, and Xiao Shen to be momentarily unsettled, but the three quickly regained their composure. Old Lady Li glanced at Xiao Shen, then said to Kang Li, "Neither your Uncle Loh nor I have any issues; it's Xiao Shen who keeps saying to wait a bit longer."

"Why?"

Kang Li was puzzled.

"He's worried Xiao En won't be able to accept it." Old Lady Li sighed, "I think his worry is somewhat excessive, yet I cannot ignore his feelings."

"Comrade Xiao, Xiao En is an open-minded child; there's no need for your concern at all." Kang Li focused on Xiao Shen. "You've been by Uncle Loh, Aunt, and Xiao En's side for years. Xiao En knows what kind of person you are and feels it in his heart; he won't reject you as his real dad."

Kang Li didn't randomly bring up the matter of Xiao En recognizing his biological father. Just recently, the young boy had come home from school and shared a secret with Kang Li.

He said at the time: Mom, actually I'm not your and Daddy's biological child, right? Even though you never said so, I'm eight now, not a two or three-year-old. I can figure it out on my own.

Moreover, my last name is Loh, I'm called Loh En, and every year great-grandma and great-grandpa take me to the cemetery for homage. There, great-grandma says my grandparents and my birth mother are there.

Mom, though I felt a bit sad when I confirmed that I'm not your and Daddy's biological child, I was more happy. I'm happy I have two mothers,

one who gave birth to me and one who has cared for me, loved me, spoiled me, and taught me how to be a person. Having these two mothers is my happiness.

Also, besides Daddy Luo, I should have a biological father who gave me life. I don't know who he is yet, but no matter who he is, no matter if he likes me or not, I'm grateful he and Mother Loh Xue had me...

Loh En said a lot in front of Kang Li that day. As he left, the child hugged Kang Li tightly for a while, repeatedly saying thank you. He thanked Kang Li for giving him maternal love, providing him a happy family atmosphere, letting him feel paternal love, and experience love between siblings, almost pledging to Kang Li that he would be a well-behaved and sensible son.

After Loh En left, Kang Li thought of talking to Old Lady Li and Elder Loh, but daily classwork, taking care of the three Buns, occasionally visiting the old residence to care about Min Rui, Ming Han, and Ming Wei's studies, and visiting Captain Kang's elderly parents made her forget about contacting Old Lady Li.

Today, while taking a walk, she remembered naturally and thought of mentioning it before Old Lady Li.

"But..."

Xiao Shen's lips twitched. He desired more than anyone to recognize his son, to hear his son call him Dad sooner, but he was genuinely afraid—afraid his son wouldn't accept him.

"There's no 'but'."

Kang Li softly said, "Xiao En is quite grown now; he knows a lot already. Not long ago, he spoke to me about his lineage openly. He said he already knows he's not the biological child of me and Luo Yanqing.

He mentioned his last name is Loh, unlike his siblings, and that each year his great-grandma and great-grandpa take him to the cemetery to see his grandparents and his Mother Loh Xue.

He also expressed that although he doesn't know which person is his biological dad, nor does he know if his real dad likes him, he's very thankful to his biological dad and Mother Loh Xue for having him."

After a brief pause, Kang Li asked Xiao Shen, "Comrade Xiao, do you still have any concerns now?"

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Next door.

"Are the kids asleep?"

Hearing Luo Yanqing's footsteps, Kang Li looked up towards the bedroom door. Seeing Luo Yanqing nod, she pretended to be jealous: "Whenever you come home, Bun and the others cling to you. They've stopped asking me to tell them bedtime stories. Just thinking about it makes my heart feel cold."

"The kids want you to have more rest."

Luo Yanqing's eyes shimmered as he softly said, "I don't want you to be too tired either."

"But I feel they're closer to you," Kang Li retorted with a touch of jealousy. "Obviously, I spend more time with them and much more than you."

"Then I'll talk to them tomorrow."

Picking up the cheerful lingerie and sleepwear Kang Li had prepared, Luo Yanqing laughed as he strode towards the bathroom with his long legs: "If you're sleepy, go ahead and sleep. I'm going to take a shower."

Kang Li replied, "I'll wait for you." He still had things to talk to her about, and if she lay down and fell asleep, wouldn't it be a waste?

With that thought, Kang Li leaned against the headboard and continued reading a foreign book roughly two fingers thick.

Time slipped away bit by bit, and Luo Yanqing returned to the bedroom after showering. Seeing Kang Li so engrossed in her reading, he remarked, "Reading at night is hard on the eyes."

Hearing his voice, Kang Li's thoughts were pulled away from the pages. She bookmarked the page and placed the book casually on the bedside table beside her: "I was waiting for you."

Unless there's something urgent, she usually doesn't stay up late, whether it's for reading or anything else.

Luo Yanqing sat down on the bed, sounding somewhat resigned: "I know why you were waiting for me."

"Good that you know."

Taking the towel from Luo Yanqing's hand, Kang Li helped dry his hair: "It'll still be a while until your hair's dry, go ahead."

"Do you remember when I asked if I was really foolish?"

Turning towards Kang Li, Luo Yanqing locked eyes with her and took the towel back from her hand as she replied, "Of course I do, but I told you you're the big smart one in our family."

"You!"

Luo Yanqing tousled Kang Li's hair gently, his phoenix eyes full of indulgence and softness. He said, "Actually, I really am foolish about certain things..." His expression returned to normal as he pressed his lips together briefly, fell silent for a moment, then continued: "Luo Mingrui and his siblings aren't of my bloodline."

Hearing that, Kang Li was momentarily stunned but then showed no other change in expression.

Luo Yanqing noticed and asked, "Do you think I'm foolish now?"

"How could my man be foolish?" Kang Li pinched Luo Yanqing's handsome face on one side, her eyes and brows gentle: "You've just invested all your energy into work so other things are inevitably overlooked."

Embracing Kang Li, Luo Yanqing buried his head in her shoulder: "Actually, I started having doubts a long time ago, especially after being with you. I increasingly felt that nothing happened between that woman and me.

But the reality was, during our marriage, I woke up twice to find myself and that woman in the same bed. It was those two times that led to Luo Mingrui and Luo Minghan and Luo Mingwei's siblings...

Before you returned to the country, she had looked for me, and we met once. At that time, she bluntly said that Luo Minghan and Luo Mingwei aren't my children... I asked her for proof?

She said she alone was the proof, claiming she wanted to take the two kids to meet their biological father, saying that Luo Minghan's father is her current husband... I found it quite ridiculous but felt no significant emotional stir."

Kang Li: "Because you believe what she said?"

Luo Yanqing nodded and said, "Mm," "She has no reason to lie about that in front of me. Years ago, she could force me to let her go, threatening me with her and the unborn children's lives to make her family beg me, choosing fake death to abandon them, showing that in her heart, the three kids don't matter at all.

Therefore, to say she wants them back because she misses them after over a decade, I don't believe it."

"I don't believe it either."

Kang Li agreed and then said, "So when she told you Hanhan and Vivi aren't your children, she indeed wasn't lying. Her desire to have Hanhan and the others back surely ties with her own interests."

Luo Yanqing remained silent, essentially confirming.

"Why didn't you agree?"

Alright, Kang Li knew the answer, but she wanted to hear it from the man's mouth.

"The kids are good. Although we're not biologically related, they've been under my care since birth and have called me dad for over a decade. I can't let bloodline be the reason to push them away, especially to such a mother."

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Luo Yanqing let go of Kang Li, and they exchanged a steady gaze. He spoke calmly and plainly, "The two people who came to see me today are the woman's father and her elder brother. They informed me that Luo Mingrui was conceived before that woman married me, saying Luo Mingrui's biological father's surname is Xiao..."

Kang Li: "It's Comrade Shen's husband, Xiao Jin."

"You..." how do you know?

Seeing the hint of confusion in Luo Yanqing's eyes, Kang Li explained, "Ruirui resembles Comrade Xiao Jin about sixty to seventy percent. Wu Yue once mentioned to me that Ruirui looks like Comrade Xiao. At that time, Ruirui was around six years old, and I merely smiled and didn't think much of it."

Luo Yanqing: "Because there are quite a few people in this world who look alike?"

Kang Li responded with a "mm," saying, "It's not uncommon for two unrelated people to look like they are siblings."

"What you said makes sense."

Luo Yanqing nodded in agreement and continued, "That woman, for money, went to the Xiao Family and revealed Luo Mingrui's lineage in front of Comrade Xiao's father and Comrade Xiao himself. She demanded twenty thousand yuan in compensation; otherwise, she threatened to expose Luo Mingrui's parentage."

The Xiao Family provided the twenty thousand yuan but did not trust the woman, so Comrade Xiao's father went to speak with the woman's father about the matter."

Kang Li's beautiful brow furrowed slightly as she asked, "What was their purpose in coming to see you?"

"They said the woman has been sent to the third hospital, and in the future, she won't use Luo Mingrui's parentage as a bargaining chip." Upon hearing this from Luo Yanqing, Kang Li was initially taken aback, then realized what the "third hospital" meant, and couldn't help but click her tongue in disbelief, "They really know how to be ruthless."

Luo Yanqing: "They must know someone there."

Kang Li: "Did they mention how long she'd be kept inside?"

Luo Yanqing shook his head.

Kang Li: "Then what's their attitude towards the three children?"

"They didn't have a connection before, and there won't be one now or in the future."

Luo Yanqing spoke without much emotion. Hearing this, Kang Li pondered for a moment and said, "So basically, Ruirui and the others don't need to acknowledge the Feng family as relatives?"

"Mm."

Luo Yanqing nodded.

"You..."

With mouth slightly open, Kang Li looked at Luo Yanqing, hesitating to speak.

"What is it?"

Luo Yanqing appeared puzzled.

"Do you really have no feelings about this?"

Kang Li asked what was on her mind.

Luo Yanqing responded without thinking, "No, I don't."

Kang Li: "Why not?"

"There's no affection between me and that woman, and during more than three years of marriage, we hardly met."

Luo Yanqing's demeanor was calm, and hearing this, Kang Li asked again, "You're a grown man, yet the three children you're raising aren't yours biologically, do you..."

"It's merely cohabiting, and besides, it's you who's been taking care of Luo Mingrui and the others. Apart from handing over my salary to the household, I haven't contributed much. Furthermore, you've raised the children well, and since they were born under my name, being biological or not actually makes no difference."

At this point, Luo Yanqing fell silent for a moment. He looked at Kang Li intently: "The most crucial point is, I have you!"

Hearing this, Kang Li couldn't help but feel her face heat up: "We're talking about your issues, why bring me into it?"

"I am indeed talking about my issues."

Luo Yanqing appeared innocent, and after receiving a playful glare from Kang Li, he coughed twice, slightly awkwardly saying, "If you really want to know what my thoughts are, then I won't hide it from you. I'm worried about being laughed at by you."

"You delayed telling me because you feared I'd laugh at you?"

Kang Li's beautiful eyes widened.

"Mm." Luo Yanqing nodded lightly: "For a normal man, to be repeatedly toyed around by a woman, it seriously damages male dignity."

"Aren't you a normal man?"

At this point, Kang Li playfully chose to misinterpret his words.

"Xiao Li, you know what I mean."

Luo Yanqing looked helpless and said, "My marriage to that woman was decided by leadership intervention, devoid of any emotions. Moreover, Luo Mingrui and the others may lack a biological link with me,

but they are all good kids, which I can see clearly. Besides, the kids respect me greatly as a father; in their hearts, I'm their biological father, their dad. I truly have no need to get tangled up in the concept of 'blood relations.'

Additionally, from another perspective, the fact that Luo Mingrui and his siblings have no blood relationship with me also proves that nothing substantive ever happened between me and that woman."

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After listening to Luo Yanqing, Kang Li certainly understood what he meant, but she pretended not to: "You seem very happy about this?"

"I am indeed happy."

Luo Yanqing didn't feel embarrassed at all: "Except for those two times when I woke up early to find her lying in the same bed with me, I never touched her. Of course, that woman probably didn't want me to touch her either."

"Remember you said she looked at you like she was seeing someone else through you. Do you still have any impression of that?"

Kang Li suddenly asked.

Luo Yanqing: "Yes, I did mention this to you."

"Why don't you think about it again? You should come up with something, best if you could go over everyone we know in your mind, especially the young male comrades."

Kang Li reminded him.

After a while, Luo Yanqing's eyes were full of confusion.

Kang Li continued to prompt: "Do you know where Ruirui's biological mother went after faking her death?"

"The moment she signed, her affairs were no longer related to me, so I wouldn't pay attention."

For people irrelevant to him, he didn't have time to pay attention to them, let alone concern himself.

Kang Li: "Xiao Shen, the biological father of Xiao En, Comrade Xiao, do you remember now?"

"What happened to him?"

Luo Yanqing's eyes showed suspicion, mingled with slight hesitation: "Are you trying to say that woman and Comrade Xiao have some relationship?"

"Oh my, you really put all your mind into work, without noticing anything else." Kang Li was rather helpless, shaking her head: "Let's put it this way, Ruirui's biological mother likely fell for Comrade Xiao; she faked her death and left North City actually to pursue Comrade Xiao in Hu City."

Luo Yanqing: "How do you know?"

"I'm guessing. Remember the year we went to Hu City to visit Xiao En, we entered the university where auntie teaches, and met a man and a woman. The woman seemed to have said something ambiguous to you, later we heard at auntie's home that Comrade Xiao's reputation was almost ruined by a woman named Mei Lu."

Kang Li didn't continue, as she saw Luo Yanqing recalling what she mentioned.

"It was her... judging by the voice, it should be her."

That day, a woman apologized to Xiao Shen over the broadcast, clarifying Xiao Shen's reputation, and he heard it.

Kang Li asked with a smile: "Want to confirm? I can help you ask Comrade Xiao."

"Is it necessary?"

Luo Yanqing didn't speak, tacitly approving.

"Why didn't you agree?"

Well, Kang Li knew the answer, but she wanted to hear him say it.

"The children are great. Though there's no blood relation with me, they've been under my name since birth, calling me dad for over a decade. I can't, because of so-called blood ties... push them away, especially not to such a birth mother."

Luo Yanqing let go of Kang Li, he met her gaze, his tone calm and indifferent: "Today those two who came to me, one is that woman's father, and the other is her eldest brother. They told me Luo Mingrui was conceived before she married me, saying Luo Mingrui's biological father is surnamed Xiao..."

Kang Li: "It's Comrade Shen's husband, Xiao Jin."

"You..." how do you know?

Seemingly understanding Luo Yanqing's thought, Kang Li said: "Ruirui and Comrade Xiao Jin look about sixty or seventy percent alike, Wu Yue once told me that Ruirui resembles Comrade Xiao. It was around when Ruirui was six, and I just smiled without thinking much."

Luo Yanqing: "Because there are many people in this world who look alike?"

Kang Li "mm"ed aloud, saying: "Two people without blood ties resembling siblings... it's not unusual."

"What you said makes sense."

Luo Yanqing nodded in agreement, then continued: "That woman, for money, went to the Xiao Family and revealed Luo Mingrui's background in front of Comrade Xiao's father and Comrade Xiao himself. She wants twenty thousand yuan as compensation, or else she'll reveal Luo Mingrui's background."

The twenty thousand yuan was given by the Xiao Family, but they were not assured of that woman, so Comrade Xiao's father went to that woman's father to reveal everything."

With her beautiful eyebrows slightly furrowed, Kang Li asked: "What was their purpose in coming to you?"

"They said that woman was sent to the Third Hospital, and henceforth won't use Luo Mingrui's background for leverage." After hearing Luo Yanqing's words, Kang Li was first stunned, then realized what the "Third Hospital" was, she couldn't help but "tsk" aloud, saying: "They really can be ruthless."

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Luo Yanqing: "Maybe they know each other."

Kang Li: "Did they say how long they would be locked inside?"

Luo Yanqing shook his head.

Kang Li: "So what is their attitude towards the three children?"

"It didn't matter before, and it won't matter now or in the future."

Luo Yanqing spoke without much emotion. Upon hearing this, Kang Li thought for a moment, then said, "So Ruirui and the others don't need to acknowledge the Feng family as relatives?"

"Mm."

Luo Yanqing nodded.

"You..."

Luo Yanqing replied without hesitation: "No."

Kang Li: "Why not?"

"There is no affection between that woman and me, and during the marriage of more than three years, we barely met."

Luo Yanqing's expression was very calm. Hearing him say this, Kang Li asked again: "You're a grown man, but the three kids around you aren't yours, don't you..."

"It's just living together, and you've been the one raising Luo Mingrui and the others. Aside from giving my salary to the family, I haven't done much for them. And the three children were taught well by you; they've been in my name since birth. Whether they're biological or not doesn't really make a difference."

At this point, Luo Yanqing fell silent for a while. He focused on Kang Li: "The most important thing is, I have you!"

Upon hearing this, Kang Li couldn't help but blush: "I'm asking about you, why bring me into it?"

"I'm talking about myself."

Luo Yanqing looked innocent. After receiving a playful glare from Kang Li, he cleared his throat awkwardly and said, "If you must know what I think, then I won't hide it from you—I worry you'll make fun of me."

"Did you hesitate to tell me because you were afraid I'd laugh at you?"

Kang Li's beautiful eyes widened.

"Mm." Luo Yanqing nodded lightly: "For a normal man, being repeatedly tricked by a woman like a fool is particularly damaging to male dignity."

"Aren't you a normal man then?"

At this point, Kang Li deliberately misconstrued his words.

"Xiao Li, you understand what I mean."

Luo Yanqing looked helpless. He said: "My marriage with that woman was arranged by the leadership, and there's no affection involved. Besides, even though Luo Mingrui and the others aren't related to me by blood,

they're all good kids, and I've seen that for myself. Moreover, the children respect me as their father and see me as their biological father. I really don't need to dwell on the word 'bloodline.'

From another perspective, the fact that Luo Mingrui and his siblings aren't related to me by blood proves that nothing substantial happened between that woman and me."

After hearing what Luo Yanqing said, Kang Li knew exactly what he meant, but she pretended not to understand: "You seem quite happy about this?"

"I am indeed happy."

Luo Yanqing didn't feel embarrassed at all: "Except for those two times I woke up early and saw her lying on the same bed with me, I never touched her. Obviously, she didn't want me to touch her either."

"I remember you saying once that when she looked at you, it felt like she was looking through you at someone else. Do you still recall that?"

Kang Li suddenly brought this up.

Luo Yanqing: "Mm, I mentioned that to you."

"Why don't you think about it again? You might come up with something, and it would be best to mentally go through everyone we know, especially the young male comrades."

Kang Li reminded him.

After a while, Luo Yanqing's eyes reflected confusion.

Kang Li continued to remind him: "Do you know where Ruirui's biological mother went after faking her death?"

"I don't believe it either."

Kang Li agreed, then said: "So when she told you that Hanhan and Vivi aren't your children, she wasn't lying. The reason she wants to take Hanhan and the others back must be linked to her own interests."

Luo Yanqing said nothing, which counted as agreement.

"Why didn't you agree?"

Alright, Kang Li knew the answer, but she wanted to hear it directly from him.

"The kids are great. Although they're not related to me by blood, they've been under my name since birth, calling me 'Dad' for over ten years. I can't just push them away over so-called bloodline issues, especially pushing them towards such a birth mother."

Luo Yanqing released Kang Li, and their eyes met. He spoke with calm composure: "The two people who came to see me today, one is that woman's father, and the other is her elder brother. They told me that Luo Mingrui was conceived before that woman and I got married, and Luo Mingrui's biological father's surname is Xiao..."

Kang Li: "It's Xiao Jin, Comrade Shen's husband."

"You..." How did you know?

Seemingly noticing Luo Yanqing's thoughts, Kang Li said: "Ruirui and Comrade Xiao Jin share a six or seven-tenths resemblance. Wu Yue once mentioned to me that Ruirui looks like Comrade Xiao. That was when Ruirui was about six years old. I just smiled and didn't think much of it."

Luo Yanqing: "Because there are many people in this world who resemble each other?"

Kang Li replied, "Yes," adding, "It's not unusual for unrelated people to look like siblings."

"What you said makes sense."

Luo Yanqing nodded in agreement, then continued: "That woman went to the Xiao family demanding twenty thousand yuan as compensation after exposing Luo Mingrui's true parentage to Xiao's father and Xiao himself. Otherwise, she threatened to reveal Luo Mingrui's lineage."

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"From the moment she signed the papers, her matters had nothing to do with me, and I wouldn't pay attention."

Regarding irrelevant people, he didn't even have the time to bother with them, let alone the interest.

Kang Li: "Xiao Shen, Xiao En's biological father, Comrade Xiao, do you recall now?"

"What's going on with him?"

Luo Yanqing appeared puzzled, with a hint of hesitation: "Are you suggesting there might be a connection between that woman and Comrade Xiao?"

"Oh dear, you really have your mind entirely on work and don't pay attention to anything else." Kang Li was quite helpless; she shook her head: "Put it this way, Ruirui's biological mother likely has feelings for Comrade Xiao. When she faked her death and left North City, she actually went to Hu City to chase after Comrade Xiao."

Luo Yanqing: "How do you know?"

"I guessed. Remember when we went to Hu City to visit Xiao En? We encountered a man and a woman on the university campus where Aunt works. The woman seemed to make a cryptic remark to you, and later we heard at Aunt's place that Comrade Xiao's reputation was nearly ruined by a woman named 'Mei Lu'..."

Kang Li didn't continue, as she saw that Luo Yanqing remembered what she was talking about.

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Xuanxuan glared, cheeks puffed up in anger. "Aunt Kang's driving is really good, that's what Little Sister Guoguo said, do you mean Little Sister Guoguo was lying?"

"I didn't say that."

Of course he believed Little Sister Guoguo, but it was snowing hard right now. If Aunt Kang drove over, it would definitely be more dangerous than usual.

But if Aunt Kang brought Little Sister Guoguo and the others over by bus, then he didn't have to worry so much.

Xuanxuan was still angrily glaring at Xi Chenyu. She even gave a heavy "hmph," folded her arms, turned her head away, and didn't want to bother with Xi Chenyu anymore.

"I'm just worried about Little Sister Guoguo and Aunt Kang, and Bun and Tangyuan's safety."

Xi Chenyu's little face was tense. He explained to Xuanxuan that he wasn't worried about being misunderstood; he just didn't want Xuanxuan to be unhappy. After all, today was Xuanxuan's birthday. If the birthday girl was in a bad mood, then the birthday wouldn't mean much.

Besides, Xuanxuan was angry because of what he'd said, so it was his responsibility to explain things clearly.

"I'll go call Little Sister Guoguo's house and ask."

Xuanxuan didn't look at Xi Chenyu. She piped up in her childish voice, then turned and went "da-da-da" running back to the living room.

Just then, the landline rang. Not long after, Xuanxuan happily came back to Xi Chenyu's side, grinning as she said, "Xi Chenyu, Little Sister Guoguo's here! She's right at our compound gate now, and Aunt Kang drove her over!"

"A call from the uncle on duty at the main gate?"

Xi Chenyu asked Xuanxuan.

"Yeah." Xuanxuan nodded, her little face lit up with a big smile. "I even heard Aunt Kang's voice!"

"Then they should be at your courtyard gate very soon."

Hearing Xi Chenyu say that, Xuanxuan suggested, "How about we go wait at the courtyard gate?"

"You want shots and Medicine?"

There was wind and snow outside; it was freezing out there!

Xuanxuan shook her head and waved her little hands again and again. "No, no, I don't want shots or Medicine."

"Since you don't want shots and Medicine, then you stay here and wait. I'll go to your courtyard gate and take a look."

As Xi Chenyu spoke, he took a mask out of the pocket of his padded jacket and put it on, then pulled on his knit gloves. Next he went back into the living room, grabbed his earflap hat and pulled it over his head, and finally picked up his scarf and wrapped it around himself. Then he lifted his short little legs and headed out of the living room.

"I can dress up like you too!"

Xuanxuan blocked Xi Chenyu. "You wait for me!"

"..."

Girls are such a hassle!

Except for Little Sister Guoguo.

On the other side, at the main gate of the compound.

"Lili, it really is you!"

After watching the guard on duty call Jhiang's home to confirm her identity, Kang Li said goodbye to the guard. Just as she pulled open the car door and was about to sit in the driver's seat, a familiar male voice floated into her ears.

She followed the voice and looked over, and saw Jiang Boya getting out of the car behind hers. She couldn't help closing her own car door and walking toward him. "Dad, what are you doing here?"

"A week ago, Elder Xi had a minor operation. He was discharged yesterday. Your grandfather just couldn't sit still at home, so I drove him over to have a look, so he can feel at ease."

After listening to Jiang Boya, Kang Li walked over to the back window and greeted Jiang Hongfa, then smiled. "In a bit I'll drop Guoguo and the others off at the little Jhiang kid's house, then I'll also go over to see Elder Xi." As it happened, there was a can of tea leaves and two bottles of national liquor, plus two cans of malt extract in her trunk.

The tea and the national liquor were for that "cheap" grandfather, Jiang Hongfa. When she bought them she directly bought two sets: one set was meant for the Jiang family old house, and one set left at home as backup for her biological father.

As for the two cans of malt extract, one was for her mom to drink, and one was for the kids at home to have mixed as a drink.

Later when she went to the Xi Family to visit Elder Xi, so as not to show up empty-handed, she'd just use the tea and national liquor meant for that "cheap" grandfather, plus the malt extract for her mom and the kids, as gifts.

"Are Bun and the others all in the car?"

This was Jiang Hongfa's voice.

"Mm." Kang Li nodded and said with a smile, "Hanhan's here too. Today one of Bun's good friends is having a birthday. They were invited to come celebrate, and Hanhan was worried about Bun and the others' safety, so she came along."

Jiang Hongfa: "Then don't stand out here in the wind. Hurry and get in the car. We'll see each other at the Xi Family in a while."

"Okay."

Kang Li nodded, then shifted her gaze to Jiang Boya. "Dad, you get in the car too."

Jiang Boya gave a little "mm" and sat in the driver's seat.

Kang Li walked over to her own car and, in passing, helped explain things for Jiang Boya to the guard. She watched the guard dial the Xi Family's number, then watched him ask Jiang Boya's name to confirm his identity. Once everything checked out, she opened her car door and sat in the driver's seat, started the engine, and drove into the compound in front of her.