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"Feng Lu and your husband have three children together, there must be feelings involved..."

Before Fang Su could finish speaking, a crisp male voice without any warmth rang out at the door: "Who are you? Bullying my wife in my home, do you think there are no men in this family?"

It was Luo Yanqing's voice. He stood tall, his gaze sharp and cold, exuding a chill that swept towards Fang Su.

"..."

Fang Su's face turned pale, she opened her mouth but didn't know what to say to Luo Yanqing for a long time.

"This is my home, please leave now!"

Luo Yanqing walked into the living room and looked at Kang Li: "Are you okay?"

Kang Li shook her head lightly.

At this moment, Fang Su spoke: "My surname is Fang, I am your wife's biological mother and your ex-wife Feng Lu's stepmother. I came here today to reunite with my daughter, but this stubborn girl refuses to acknowledge me as her biological mother. You are her husband, you should talk to her and make sure she respects me as her mother."

"My wife has her parents, not any biological mother. If you don't want me to call the police, you better leave my home now."

Luo Yanqing looked at Fang Su coldly.

"How... how can you treat me this way? I am your mother-in-law, and both of you refusing to recognize me is heartless, as if your hearts were eaten by dogs."

She accused Luo Yanqing and Kang Li, but unfortunately, Fang Su did not see any unusual emotion on their faces.

Being stared at coldly by Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, Fang Su found herself in a difficult position, unsure of what to do next.

"Lady Fang, are you refusing to leave?"

Kang Li stood up, her gaze clear and calm, directly meeting Fang Su's eyes: "I will call the Xi family right now and ask Grandpa Xi to inform the Feng family. I'm sure someone from the Feng family will come to take you back."

Fang Su: "Are you threatening me? Kang Li, your heart is too hard! I am your biological mother. Even if I made mistakes back then, time has passed, can't you forgive me?"

"Stop going around in circles; if you don't care about the child who was with you, how could you care about a child you abandoned?"

Lady Fang, frankly, I'd advise you not to waste your efforts. There's no possibility between you and my father, and if you continue acting like this, I guarantee you'll lose even your safe haven at the Feng family!"

Shifting her gaze from Fang Su, Kang Li turned to Luo Yanqing: "What do you want for lunch?"

"Anything."

Luo Yanqing responded.

Kang Li's eyes held a smile: "Then I'll make dumplings for you."

"Alright."

Luo Yanqing smiled and nodded.

At this moment, they both acted as if Fang Su didn't exist. Seeing this, Fang Su was very frustrated. She walked to her previous seat, picked up her purse, and headed towards the living room door: "I won't let this end like this."

"Is this how you talk to me?" Fang Su slapped the coffee table: "Listen carefully, I am your mother, and no one can change this fact."

In truth, Fang Su didn't want to lose her temper with Kang Li. On her way here, she kept reminding herself to speak nicely, no matter what. Otherwise, there would be no hope of easing tensions with Jiang Boya.

But Kang Li's attitude upon seeing her and the words she spoke made it difficult for Fang Su to control her temper. Although she regretted not showing Kang Li a good face, she simply couldn't maintain her composure.

"Lady Fang, I wonder what gives you the confidence to say those words?" Kang Li's lips curled into a mocking smile as she said: "You need to realize that the moment you abandoned me, there was no longer any connection between us."

Fang Su: "I gave you your life!"

Kang Li: "You're right, you did give me life, but when you abandoned me, I returned that life to you."

"I didn't abandon you. The doctor said you were not breathing, and I felt heartbroken, so I couldn't bear to look at you..."

Before Fang Su could finish, Kang Li interrupted her coldly: "Stop making up stories. My mother was also in the hospital during those days. She knows exactly what happened and asked doctors and nurses when she found me; I was not a stillborn."

Fang Su's expression changed: "Regardless, you're alive and well now, aren't you? Since you're alive, you must admit that I gave you life and recognize me as your mother."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li's clear gaze turned slightly cold: "Lady Fang, let me repeat to you, ever since you threw me into the hospital's trash bin, I gave my life back to you,

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My new life was given to me by my parents. No matter the weather, whether it was windy, rainy, scorching hot, or snowing heavily, as soon as they noticed something was wrong with my health,

they would rush me to the hospital. They never considered abandoning me, this sickly child they adopted. They supported me through school, teaching me ethics, honor, integrity, and leading by example,

cultivating me into someone with aspirations and pursuits, upright and magnanimous, someone who would contribute to society. Over the years, they never allowed me to suffer the slightest grievance. They loved me, protected me, and wholeheartedly treated me well..."

After speaking, Kang Li's gaze towards Fang Su grew increasingly cold, mixed with mockery, clearly provoking Fang Su. She glared angrily at Kang Li: "You... you are rebelling against me! Even if I have a thousand or ten thousand faults, I am still your biological mother!"

Kang Li sneered: "Biological mother? Lady Fang, what does it matter if you are my birth mother? I've said that when you abandoned me, I already returned my life to you. Thus, from that moment until now, we are nothing but strangers, and I owe you nothing. Or perhaps, are you shamelessly trying to claim my parents' efforts for yourself, hoping to directly reap the benefits?"

At these words, Fang Su's face darkened, and she remained silent for a long time.

Unexpectedly, Kang Li shook her head at this point, saying, "No, you're not just trying to reap the benefits from my parents; your ultimate goal is to rekindle old feelings with my dad. To delve deeper, you actually want to be Mrs. Jiang!"

Fang Su: "...". She did think this way, but what's wrong with that?

"It seems I hit the nail on the head."

Kang Li observed the changes in Fang Su's facial expression, scoffing, she said, "At the moment you thought of rekindling old feelings with my dad, did you not check yourself in the mirror?

You're an aging lady, with sallow skin, loose skin, poor physical condition, not to mention your lack of cultural literacy, while my dad is handsome and wealthy. Even though he's middle-aged,

his build and stamina are no different from young people in their twenties or thirties, and he graduated from a prestigious overseas university, his cultural literacy is unquestionable.

Tell me, what do you have to match my dad? Moreover, you are currently a married woman, and although your present husband has stepped down from his position, his identity and status don't just disappear. Under such circumstances, can he tolerate you messing around in marital affairs?"

"You are impudent!"

Fang Su was furious, feeling as if Kang Li had forcefully stripped off her dignity.

"Impudent? You dared to think and act, so why can't I speak?" Kang Li's tone was filled with mockery: "Despite being at your age, you can't settle down. Don't you know? From the moment you repeatedly went to block my dad, and now standing before me, you're just courting humiliation!"

Fang Su suddenly stood up, taking a few steps towards Kang Li, raising her hand to slap Kang Li, but Kang Li intercepted her hand mid-air.

"Lady Fang, don't be shameless!"

Throwing away Fang Su's hand, watching her stagger back two steps, Kang Li coldly said: "In the past, to become the young mistress of the Jiang family, you seduced my dad. This can't be considered wrong, as having ambition and wanting to live a prosperous life is human nature. But after learning that my grandparents did not agree to my dad being with you,

instead of trying to achieve your goals through legitimate means, you instigated my dad to elope with you... In terms of right and wrong, my dad certainly wasn't innocent either.

Later, my dad was forcibly brought back to North City by people sent by my grandfather, then forcibly sent abroad. You must have been heavily affected. After giving birth, you didn't want to raise the child and abandoned her,

whether forced or otherwise, that was your decision. Even if others stand on moral grounds to criticize you, considering your situation back then, I don't hate you, I just feel we have no mother-daughter fate.

Perhaps to survive, to have a home, a spiritual anchor, you chose to get married. To me, you weren't wrong in making this choice.

But what I can't understand is, after having a fairly good life for many years, why did you become unsettled upon seeing my dad? Did you forget you're a married woman, forget what kind of family the Feng family is?"

Fang Su's face turned as dark as ink: "That's my business; it's none of your concern!"

"I had no intention of meddling; you sought me out today." Kang Li casually said: "As they say, a tree lives for its bark, a person for their dignity. Lady Fang, you and my dad have been separated for years, who gave you the confidence,

that my dad would keep thinking of you, staying chaste for you, waiting to resume your relationship upon returning to the country? Did not, upon returning to the country, my dad never thought about having anything with you again,

And if you truly cared about the feelings between you and my dad, you wouldn't have abandoned his child, nor after doing that, attempt the deception of swapping a plum for a peach, tricking my dad to get what you want."

"How... how do you know this?"

Fang Su looked at Kang Li in disbelief.

"Do I need to say?"

Kang Li's expression was emotionless: "Your recognized fake daughter is named Xu Chunxia, she's from the same village as me, I think Xu Chunxia should have told you. Whether she did or not, what difference does it make.

That year, she was tricked into going abroad by a foreign man, and it was I who accidentally found her by the roadside and, with the help of embassy staff, sent her back to the country.

Lady Fang, in your heart, there's only scheming, only your own interests. With all this scheming, aren't you tired?"

Fang Su: "... " Is it her fault for scheming? She merely wants to live well!

Seeming to have discerned Fang Su's thoughts, Kang Li said: "There's nothing wrong with pursuing a high quality of life, but Lady Fang, since marrying into the Feng family until now, has your quality of life been low? Speak this aloud, perhaps nobody around would believe it!

Living in such a large courtyard, being the mistress of the Feng family, you don't worry about clothing, food, or money. If you still feel uncomfortable living such days, do you perhaps wish to ascend to the heavens? To live the life of an immortal!"

Fang Su's face was flushed, her expression somewhat distorted.

"Honestly, for someone like Lady Fang, I have little regard, vain and insubstantial, selfish and fickle, being able to become the mistress of the Feng family is perhaps your life's greatest fortune, why not cherish it? Must you always gaze higher? With such a mindset, beware lest you achieve nothing and end up with empty hands!"

"Are you cursing me? I am your mother, yet you dare to curse me! Knowing this, I should have strangled you at birth!"

Glaring intensely at Kang Li, Fang Su grinded her teeth, as if wanting to consume Kang Li alive.

"Wrong, I'm not cursing you, I don't need to curse you. If you continue down this path, you'll self-destruct and lose everything you have now, and in the end, you may not even have anyone to see you off."

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"Do you really not trust me?"

Fang Su couldn't admit that she harbored fantasies about Jiang Boya, couldn't admit that she went to find Kang Li just to see Jiang Boya. Based on this, she tried her best to steady her mind and looked at Old Master Feng with eyes full of grievance: "Since I said I wouldn't go looking for that person named Jiang anymore, I will definitely keep my word.

As for where I went this afternoon, yes, I did go to Shuimu University, but it had nothing to do with the person named Jiang. I just went to see my daughter, after all, she's my flesh and blood,

Back then... back then I was forced to do such a thing to her, it's my fault, now that I know she's doing well and I know where she is, I have no reason not to acknowledge her."

Her eyes gradually reddened, Fang Su continued, "I know I don't have the face to acknowledge that child, but blood is thicker than water, we are mother and daughter... I can't just for the sake of a little face, pretend to know nothing, and when meeting my daughter on the street, pass by like strangers..."

"Xiao Fang, how could I not understand what kind of person you are?"

Old Master Feng held his head, showing a complex expression: "Don't make any excuses for yourself. If you were a woman who cared about her child, you wouldn't have abandoned an infant not long after birth, you wouldn't have ignored Xiao Yi for over ten years.

To be honest, I really don't want to argue with you about the child, but before I called you downstairs, I received two phone calls, one from Mr. Jiang Boya, and one from Comrade Luo Yanqing. The content of their conversations was exactly the same, hoping that you would not look for Comrade Kang Li again, otherwise, you'd ruin your own reputation.

Mr. Jiang Boya and Comrade Luo Yanqing also emphasized that this is no joke, so don't have any wishful thinking."

"I don't believe it! I don't believe Jiang Boya would say such things to you!"

Shaking her head, Fang Su's eyes were filled with disappointment. She spoke of disbelief, but in her heart, she knew Old Master Feng's words were surely true.

"Xiao Fang, you and I were a married couple in the end. If you really want to entangle with Mr. Jiang Boya, then divorcing me might be beneficial for you."

Old Master Feng found it quite pointless. She was clearly his wife, but her heart wasn't with him, not with this family, so was there a need to keep her by his side?

Turning his thoughts over and over, before Fang Su could respond, Old Master Feng added, "If you are divorced, you will be a free person. In other words, you would be considered single, thus if you pursue Mr. Jiang Boya, even if acquaintances know, there's nothing much they could say."

"No, I don't want it."

Fang Su shook her head like a rattle drum; she knew her own worth. If she really got a divorce and couldn't end up with Jiang Boya, the outcome would definitely be as the dead girl said, all the effort in vain in the end.

After all, she was no longer young, and lacked both the figure and looks. Such as she was, standing beside Jiang Boya, there was a good chance they'd be perceived as belonging to two different generations.

And her keen desire to connect, to become Mrs. Jiang, was nothing more than trying to leverage the old romantic feelings between her and Jiang Boya.

But as it appeared now, Jiang Boya seemed, probably didn't care about that relationship, no, it wasn't that he didn't care, more than likely... he had put that feeling behind him.

Otherwise, he wouldn't treat her so harshly when facing her, wouldn't even be unwilling to see her even once.

Thinking about this, Fang Su seemed to lose all her spirit in an instant; she slumped on the edge of the bed, her expression appearing vague and confused.

Jiang Boya looked down on her...looked down on her, this woman who had a once relationship with him many years ago, a fact she clearly knew, why couldn't she admit it?

Self-reflection, Fang Su was in self-reflection.

Because he looked down on her, Jiang Boya demanded that Kang Li, that dead girl, not acknowledge her as a mother—is that why?

Tears welled up and rolled down her cheeks, Fang Su murmured, "Did I really make a mistake back then? But I was also forced... The child was born prematurely, the doctor said... that it would be difficult for the child to survive, even with the utmost care, raising her to adulthood would be very hard.

And I was alone, unable to take care of myself, where would I find the energy to raise a child, especially one that needed meticulous care, I just couldn't...

Old Feng, I really couldn't back then, after I abandoned the child, I myself... I myself didn't want to live anymore, and you know that... If you hadn't appeared by the river at that time, hadn't pulled me back in time, I wouldn't be alive today."

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Eyes brimming with tears, Fang Su looked directly at Old Master Feng: "It was my wishful thinking. I shouldn't have developed inappropriate thoughts upon seeing someone named Jiang after so many years, Old Feng, forgive me please, I know I was wrong. From now on, I absolutely won't have any involvement with Jiang Boya."

Upon hearing this, Old Master Feng didn't immediately speak, and just listened as Fang Su continued: "But I hope you can support me in recognizing the child, since I owe her, I want to make up for it with the days I have left."

At the same time... at the same time, I will find a way to locate Xiao Yi and properly make amends to our son. In this lifetime, I've had a son and a daughter, two children. Now having lived almost half a lifetime, I realize what an unfit mother I am, I've owed them siblings, owed them far too much!"

Her stepchildren she definitely can't rely on, it's impossible with Jiang Boya, and when this old man here is gone in the future, if her own two children don't care for her, will she truly have to lie alone on her deathbed waiting for life to end?

Having a son and a daughter, yet no one to send her off in the end, others would surely say she was a failed mother!

Old Master Feng: "After all this talking, it seems like I've spoken in vain."

"No, I've listened to everything you've said. I want to recognize my daughter, which has nothing to do with someone named Jiang. It's truly just a simple desire to make amends..."

Fang Su's words were interrupted as Old Master Feng interjected: "Alright, considering Comrade Kang Li's current work and living situation, are you sure she needs you to make amends for anything?"

If you ask me, not seeking out Comrade Kang Li anymore, and not interfering with each other, is what Comrade Kang Li truly wants. As for making amends to Xiao Yi, let's not even mention where Xiao Yi is now, but even if we do meet someday, with that kid's stubborn nature, will he accept your compensation?"

"According to you, I've lost my daughter and my son?"

Fang Su looked bitter.

"Had I known this day would come, why did I act the way I did back then." As soon as Old Master Feng finished speaking, Fang Su burst into tears: "Don't just talk about my daughter, let's speak of Xiao Yi, don't you bear any responsibility?"

"I do have responsibility, but my busy work is a reasonable excuse for not taking care of the child. What about you? Since being with me, have you ever held a job?"

Fang Su's crying stopped abruptly upon hearing Old Master Feng's last sentence: "Is it that I don't want to work? Every time I mention it, you respond with who would take care of the kids at home, ultimately, the reason I didn't work was because I was burdened by your children!"

Upon hearing this, Old Master Feng didn't respond directly but changed the subject: "Lu Lu and Comrade Luo Yanqing are no longer associated. Apart from the birth blessing, there are no other ties with those three children she gave birth to. You should avoid stirring things up in front of Lu Lu, otherwise, any trouble that arises from Lu Lu will be attributed to you!"

As he spoke these words, Old Master Feng's expression was exceptionally stern.

"..."

Fang Su avoided meeting Old Master Feng's gaze, she didn't need to think much to understand that most likely Luo Yanqing had informed Old Master Feng over the phone about what she had said in front of Kang Li.

"You're not young anymore, just settle down and live a peaceful life from now on." After a moment of silence, Old Master Feng spoke again: "I will find a way to locate Xiao Yi, and when the child returns to this home, make sure to adjust your attitude."

Fang Su: "Can he come back?"

"He will. Xiao Yi's situation was different from Comrade Kang Li's back then, after all, no matter what, we are his biological parents and we raised him until his teenage years. He won't be truly heartless enough to sever ties with us for a lifetime."

One was abandoned by her biological mother at birth, while the other wasn't taken care of during growth. For the former, being abandoned by her biological mother severed the mother-daughter relationship, whereas for the latter, there's not only the birth blessing but also the nurturing blessing.

Mere words of severing ties won't hold up legally.

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Shuimu University.

In the afternoon, Luo Yanqing finished his lectures and went together with Kang Li to pick up the three buns from kindergarten.

"Take a break."

Kang Li sat on the sofa and patted the spot next to her, inviting Luo Yanqing to sit down.

"Okay."

Luo Yanqing nodded lightly and sat down next to Kang Li, he asked: "Didn't you mention wanting to repair roads, build a school, and start a factory in the hometown, how's the progress on that?"

Upon hearing this, Kang Li responded: "I've arranged for it, but certain matters still require me to make a trip back to the hometown."

"Do you have to return?"

Luo Yanqing asked.

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"It's not absolutely necessary, but I think it's better for me to go back and take a look myself. Not to mention, for instance, when it comes to selecting a site for the factory, I want to conduct a field inspection."

Kang Li's expression is gentle, and her voice is as melodious as spring water dripping onto stone slabs, exceptionally pleasing to the ear. She said, "In my plan, whether it's building roads or schools, or constructing a factory, I intend to hire a professional survey team and construction team for operations."

When it comes to planning the road route, I don't necessarily need to see it myself. The location of the elementary school is handled by my cousin, the Team Leader, in discussion with the village officials, so I don't need to worry about that either. Only the factory site, I think it's better for me to take a look myself."

Luo Yanqing: "How long will it take?"

Kang Li: "At most a week."

Luo Yanqing: "Driving back?"

Kang Li: "Yeah, but the driver and assistant will be with me."

"Assistant? You haven't mentioned that before." Luo Yanqing furrowed his brow slightly. "Is it a man or a woman?"

"A man, he's very capable and I hired him with a high salary. However, I also have a female assistant who happens to be from our county. After selecting the site for the factory, I'll leave the subsequent work to the two of them."

Saying this, Kang Li glanced at Luo Yanqing, her eyes filled with playful mischief: "Jealous?" It was not a question, but a statement.

"..."

Luo Yanqing didn't respond. He looked over at the three Buns, then gave Kang Li a knowing glance.

"Don't worry, the Buns are well disciplined and focused when doing homework!"

It wasn't Kang Li being boastful; the kids she raised were particularly focused on whatever they did, like studying attentively or reading without distraction, unaffected easily by external environments.

After hearing what Kang Li said, Luo Yanqing gave a quick two-word response: "Not really."

"Are you sure?"

Kang Li looked at him with playful curiosity: "I don't believe it." If he wasn't jealous, why specifically ask about it?

Luo Yanqing felt a bit uncomfortable being stared at, he turned his head away, clenched his fist to his lips and coughed lightly twice, then returned his attention to Kang Li: "When you go back to your hometown, what about the Buns?"

"Our dad is there, no need to worry."

"What about your classes?"

"I'll find someone to substitute for a few classes, or alternatively, I'll just postpone them."

"What day are you leaving?"

"Early next Saturday morning."

"Alright."

By then, he'll be taking a week off, so all the issues can be resolved.

"What are you thinking?"

Noticing the unusual look on Luo Yanqing's face, Kang Li casually asked.

"Next Friday I'm going to use my two days' leave for this month and take an early leave for the next two months, that way I can stay at home to look after Luo Mingting and the others, and also help with your classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday."

His eyes like pitch-black ink were straightforward; Luo Yanqing didn't think of hiding it from Kang Li at all.

Kang Li hesitated a bit: "Is this alright? I hope it doesn't affect your work."

"It won't affect my work, don't worry. If my work was really that urgent, I wouldn't come to the university to substitute classes." Whenever the research project progress is tight, he basically lives in the lab with barely any time to run to Shuimu University every week to teach.

And the university is very much aware of his situation, so when they hired him, they clearly stated that his work should take precedence.

Honestly, if there weren't tasks from above, he wouldn't serve as a visiting professor at Shuimu University, pulling time from his job to give students half a day of lectures here.

"Thanks a lot!"

Smile spread across Kang Li's eyebrows.

"We're husband and wife. Besides, I'm Luo Mingting's father, and I'm part of this family. I can't let you carry all the responsibilities just because of my work."

Luo Yanqing spoke with a hint of guilt, holding Kang Li's hand: "You've worked hard."

"It's not hard, really." Kang Li shook her head, withdrew her hand, then blinked at Luo Yanqing, silently giving a three-word warning: "Don't mess around."

Understanding her meaning, Luo Yanqing felt wronged. Did he mess around? His Phoenix Eyes carried a trace of grievance as he looked at Kang Li unblinkingly.

Seeing this, Kang Li was just about to speak when she heard a soft giggle. She looked up only to see Guoguo covering her mouth with her tiny hand, her large eyes full of laughter.

Of course, the laughter came from Guoguo.

Kang Li pretended to be stern: "Luo Mingxi, have you finished your homework?"

"Almost done!"

Guoguo lowered her hand, her small expression soft and adorable.

"You haven't finished your homework and are distracted, so you'll have to face the wall and think for fifteen minutes later."

Kang Li declared the punishment.

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Luo Yanqing remained silent.

"Oh."

Guoguo nodded her little head and said in a childish voice, "I'll go stand by the wall after I finish my homework."

The door closed tightly as Fang Su entered and softly asked a question.

"Where did you go at noon?"

Old Master Feng asked with a cold face.

"Just wandering around."

Fang Su figured it out—most likely, the old man knew she went to find Kang Li at noon. But who leaked the news to him?

Could it be... Could it be related to that damned girl's husband and wife?

Or was it that damned girl who called the old man?

Old Master Feng quietly watched Fang Su for a moment, not probing her lie further. He said, "If you truly feel that your current life isn't to your satisfaction, we can go and file for divorce right now."

"You want to divorce me?"

Fang Su suddenly raised her voice, and it sounded sharp, almost piercing the eardrums of Old Master Feng.

"You're the one who wants a divorce."

Old Master Feng said, "To prevent your disgrace from being exposed, attracting the attention of the entire compound to us, I think it's better for us to divorce sooner rather than later.

This way, you'd be free to entangle yourself with Mr. Jiang however you want, and I wouldn't have to constantly worry about you putting a green hat on my head."

"I won't divorce. If you force me to divorce, I'll die to show you!"

There hadn't been any development between her and Jiang Boya yet, so where would she go if they divorced now?

"Xiao Fang, I believe I haven't done anything to wrong you over the years, but now, at your age, you're still restless inside. Given this, why continue to wrong yourself by staying in this home?"

Old Master Feng looked intensely at Fang Su.

"Say what you want. I said I won't divorce, and if you dare to force me, I'll dare to die to show you."

Fang Su appeared like a pig unafraid of scalding water, making Old Master Feng laugh, but it was a laughter born of rage. He said, "I've seen through you. In your heart, you're self-centered and selfish, never considering others.

You don't want a divorce because Mr. Jiang isn't interested in you at all. Even when you went to find Comrade Kang Li, this daughter you bore and abandoned, she doesn't acknowledge you as her mother. So now, you're afraid to divorce me because you fear ending up with nothing, at this age, right?"

Old Master Feng's words made Fang Su's face flush with shame, wishing she could crawl into a hole.

"It's been mere days since you assured me you wouldn't appear before Mr. Jiang Boya again, yet you've forgotten your words completely. Unable to see Mr. Jiang Boya, you think of approaching through Comrade Kang Li instead. Xiao Fang, I just don't understand, what are you after? Mr. Jiang Boya despises you to the point of not wanting to see you at all, and Comrade Kang Li doesn't even acknowledge you as her biological mother. You shamelessly went to find them, pressing your face into the dirt!

Besides, you're currently a married woman, and in the past, it was you who abandoned Comrade Kang Li. What right do you have to appear before that father and daughter? What face do you have to reunite with Comrade Kang Li?"

"You just don't believe in me?"

Fang Su naturally couldn't admit her fantasies about Jiang Boya, couldn't admit she went to find Kang Li just to see Jiang Boya. Based on this, she tried her best to steady her mind, looking at Old Master Feng full of grievance: "Since I said I wouldn't go looking for that Jiang guy anymore, I'll definitely keep my word.

As for where I went earlier today, yes, I went to Shuimu University, but it had nothing to do with that Jiang guy. I just went to find my daughter, after all, she's my own flesh and blood.

Back then... back then I was forced into doing such things to her, which is my fault, but now that I know she's doing well and know where she is, I have no reason not to reunite with her."

Fang Su continued with reddening eyes, "I know it's shameful to reunite with that child, but blood is thicker than water, we are biological mother and daughter... I can't just ignore everything for a bit of face, can't just pass by my own daughter like a stranger if we meet on the road..."

"Xiao Fang, who you are, how could I not understand?"

Old Master Feng held his forehead, his facial expression complex: "Don't make any excuses for yourself. If you were a woman who cared about your child, you wouldn't have abandoned a newborn, you wouldn't have ignored Xiao Yi for over a decade.

Frankly, I really don't want to argue with you about the child, but just before I called you downstairs, I received two calls, one from Mr. Jiang Boya and one from Comrade Luo Yanqing. Their conversation was identical; they hope you won't go looking for Comrade Kang Li anymore, otherwise, you'll completely ruin your reputation.

Mr. Jiang Boya and Comrade Luo Yanqing also emphasized that this is no joke, so don't harbor any wishful thinking."

"I don't believe it! I don't believe Jiang Boya would say that to you!"

Fang Su shook her head, eyes full of despair. Though she said she didn't believe it, inwardly she knew Old Master Feng's words were likely true.

"Xiao Fang, you and I have been married for a long time. If you really want to entangle with Mr. Jiang Boya, then perhaps divorcing me might benefit you."

Old Master Feng found it all quite futile. Clearly, she was his wife, but her heart wasn't with him, not in this home. So why should he keep her by his side?

As these thoughts turned over, before Fang Su could speak, Old Master Feng added, "Once you're divorced, you'd be a free woman. In other words, you'd be single, which would mean that even if you pursued Mr. Jiang Boya and acquaintances found out, there wouldn't be much for them to gossip about."

"No, I don't want that."

Fang Su shook her head vehemently. She knew her own worth; if she really divorced and couldn't be with Jiang Boya, the consequences would likely be as that damned girl predicted, ending with nothing after all the effort.

After all, she was no longer young, lacked figure, lacked looks. Standing next to Jiang Boya, it was highly likely they would be seen as belonging to two different generations.

Her wish to become Mrs. Jiang was solely based on using the feeling from their youthful days as leverage.

But it's obvious now, Jiang Boya seemed or rather obviously didn't care about those past feelings. No, it wasn't that he didn't care, it's that nine times out of ten... he had already put them behind him.

Otherwise, he wouldn't be so harsh when facing her, wouldn't refuse to even see her.

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Chapter 1607

"Xiao En, you're amazing!"

Tangyuan was sitting on the sofa, swinging his two little short legs. His big, pitch-black eyes shone as bright as stars. He felt like he'd just learned what it meant to take care of both sides.

You could also call it favoring neither side!

"Huh? What did you learn?"

Loh En didn't get it, his gaze at Tangyuan full of confusion.

"Love Mom and love Dad, take care of both."

Bun gave a very serious explanation.

In an instant, Loh En's face flushed red. Seeing the three Buns all looking at him, and his favorite mom and dad also focusing their gaze on him, he only felt the temperature in his face rising. He smiled awkwardly, then cleared his throat and pretended to be serious as he said to the three Buns, "I already love Mom and Dad very much, I never treat them differently. You guys better learn from me!"

"Okay!"

The three Buns answered very crisply.

Kang Li shook her head, amused.

Although Luo Yanqing didn't show an obvious smile, the corner of his lips did lift a little. Clearly he was in a good mood.

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Night had fallen deep. After a bout of lovemaking, Luo Yanqing helped both himself and Kang Li freshen up. He lay down in bed, pulled Kang Li into his arms, kissed her temple, and murmured, "If you're tired, go to sleep."

Kang Li hummed in response.

But Luo Yanqing wasn't sleepy at the moment. With gentle, slow movements, he was massaging Kang Li's waist.

"Luo Mingrui will be taking the college entrance exam next year. I'll call him later and tell him to really buckle down with his studies from now on. You don't need to worry about his schoolwork anymore."

Kang Li had just closed her eyes. Hearing what Luo Yanqing said, she couldn't help opening them again. She glanced at Luo Yanqing and, her tone tinged with drowsiness, said, "Don't. That'll only put pressure on Ruirui."

"I don't want you to have a hard time."

Luo Yanqing voiced what was in his heart.

"Ruirui, Hanhan, and Vivi don't need me to worry about them now. They know to study. Besides, didn't I draw up a study plan for each of them before? Just relax. I believe that for the kids in our family, the college entrance exam is like an ordinary exam—nothing all that big."

At this point, there was a hint of laughter in Kang Li's voice. "You're not hoping Ruirui will be the top scorer in the whole city, are you?"

"No. As long as he performs normally, that's fine."

When it came to Min Rui's grades at school, Luo Yanqing did have some understanding. He knew Min Rui had always ranked near the top of his year.

"That's how it should be. The kids are already working hard at their studies. We can't add more pressure. We just need to pay closer attention to their moods."

Once there's something off emotionally, it's bound to affect their studies and lead to their grades slipping.

"Mm."

Given that call he'd made to the Feng family this afternoon, so long as the other side cared about saving face even a little, they would strictly rein in Luo Mingrui and his siblings' biological mother.

They mustn't let her show up in front of Luo Mingrui and his brother and sister again.

And affect the three kids' studying.

Kang Li: "Go to sleep."

Luo Yanqing: "Okay, good night."

"Good night." Kang Li replied softly, closing her eyes again. Unexpectedly, Luo Yanqing suddenly asked, "Am I a complete failure as a person?"

"..."

All Kang Li felt at that moment was that the man lying beside her was clearly a bit sentimental right now. She sighed inwardly, the corner of her lips lifting slightly. "Where did that conclusion even come from?"

In fact, she had a vague guess.

"...I got played like a fool by a woman."

After a long silence, Luo Yanqing finally let the words slip between his lips.

"Did you forget what you said before?"

Kang Li opened her eyes, her beautiful pupils round. She stared at the man and said, "When you asked me the exact same question back then, I already told you—it's not that you got played like a fool by your ex-wife, it's that you basically never put any effort into anything outside of work. That's why you couldn't avoid being fooled by her."

"I remember now, you did say that."

Luo Yanqing was a bit embarrassed.

"Then why are you getting sentimental again? Or is it that you regret not having something happen between you and your ex-wife?" Seeing Kang Li glare, Luo Yanqing's survival instinct kicked in instantly. "Absolutely not."

"If not, then stop thinking about the past. Otherwise, once I start getting jealous, be careful I smoke you until you start doubting life." With that, Kang Li let out a cold snort, then added, "Now, I want you to close your eyes this instant."

Luo Yanqing did as told.

"That's more like it!"

She patted the man's head, thoroughly satisfied. She yawned and muttered, "I'm so sleepy. I really have to sleep now. Don't you dare disturb me!"

Chapter 1608

Upon hearing this, Luo Yanqing's lips parted slightly, softly uttering a single word: "Alright."

At the same time, in the Third Hospital.

Feng Lu had noticeably quieted down over the past half month. She lay on the hospital bed, gazing at the night outside the window, just hoping time would pass quickly.

So she could leave this damned place in half a year.

It wasn't Feng Lu daydreaming; on the afternoon of New Year's Eve, Feng Wei had visited the Third Hospital. At that time, he and Feng Lu sat face-to-face in this ward and had a calm conversation.

From the conversation, Feng Lu's emotions were very stable, and she clearly expressed to Feng Wei that she realized her mistakes and promised she absolutely wouldn't repeat them after leaving the Third Hospital.

But Feng Wei didn't fully trust her. He told Feng Lu, "Six months. If your emotions remain stable over the next six months, without any messy delusions, then we'll take you out of here."

Upon first hearing that she would be confined in the Third Hospital for another half year, Feng Lu was undoubtedly upset, but having endured the harsh reality during her confinement, she could only suppress her displeasure and nod in agreement to Feng Wei's words.

— Continue staying in the Third Hospital for another half year.

To observe whether her mind has truly cleared.

But in fact, Feng Lu never believed her mind had any issues. She had been confined in the Third Hospital for several months, and if not for Wu Hao occasionally bringing her some books at Feng Wei's request, truthfully, Feng Lu thought she might go mad.

However, speaking of it, the books Wu Hao brought, though used by Feng Lu to pass the time, she did absorb some of the philosophies within them when she occasionally opened and read them.

As for whether Feng Lu would apply these philosophies in her future real life, it would depend on how she thought during encounters.

"Han Bin..."

Feng Lu murmured, "If I find out you and that vixen are entangled day and night while I'm not home, I definitely won't let you off!"

Reflecting on her current predicament, Feng Lu repeatedly blamed Han Qian and Han Bin. She believed that if not for Han Qian scheming against her, causing her to lose her child and her womb, she wouldn't harbor such hatred towards Han Qian.

Furthermore, if Han Qian hadn't verbally attacked Ming Han and Ming Wei at school, she wouldn't have ended up attending the town school near North City, and Han Bin wouldn't have been dissatisfied with her, eager to avoid her, and even not returning home, getting involved with a vixen outside.

In short, her good days with Han Bin were ruined by that little witch, Han Qian.

After leaving this prison called the Third Hospital, the first account she would settle was undoubtedly with Han Qian, and then, as long as Han Bin hadn't done anything to betray her while she was away for these months, everything could be negotiated.

If not, if he dared misstep, he shouldn't blame her for retaliating fiercely.

As for Min Rui and the Ming Han and Ming Wei siblings, Feng Lu knew that if she wanted a good future and not to be abandoned by the Feng family, she couldn't provoke Luo Yanqing or stir up trouble regarding the siblings' background.

But Feng Lu made a decision regarding the three siblings in her heart: Wait!

Yes, she planned to wait until the three siblings came of age, started working, and then, whether it was Luo Yanqing, Kang Li, or the siblings themselves—caring about more things would mean whatever she demanded would likely be met.

A person with family and career, can they not care about their reputation? And with something to care about in their heart, they better be ready to be led by the nose!

Imagining everything smoothly, Feng Lu felt at ease and sleepiness soon overtook her, leading her to gently close her eyes.

Early Saturday morning, Luo Yanqing returned to the research institute.

Kang Li dropped off the three Buns at the kindergarten and returned home to Shuimu University, where she was busy all morning. By the time the kindergarten was about to finish in the afternoon, she was finally done.

"Mom, are we going back to the compound or to Great-Grandpa's house?"

Not far from the kindergarten gate, Kang Li picked up each of the three Buns, placing them in the car's child seats. She sat in the driver's seat and heard Guoguo's little voice.

"We'll go to the old house first. You'll have a private lesson for an hour, and then we'll return to the compound."

The car swiftly moved forward as Kang Li responded softly.

"Mom, when Fourth Brother, Fifth Brother, and I have our birthdays this year, can we invite Brother Xi and Sister Xuanxuan to our house to celebrate with us?"

"Of course."

Chapter 1609

"Then... then can I have a big cake at that time?"

"No problem."

"Mom, you're the best, Guoguo loves you the most most most!"

Kang Li hadn't spoken yet when Tangyuan sniped at Guoguo: "You're just good at sweet-talking!"

"Fifth Brother, do you think mom is bad? Do you not love mom?"

Guoguo looked innocent, her eyes like black grapes staring directly at Tangyuan's.

"You're tricking me again!"

Tangyuan glared.

"No, I'm not tricking you, Fifth Brother. You said I sweet-talked mom, but I was just telling the truth!"

Guoguo tilted her head, her baby voice soft and cute.

"You win!"

Tangyuan grinded his teeth, pretending to be fierce.

"Fifth Brother, you're so fierce, are you trying to scare me?" Guoguo puffed out her chubby cheeks, sitting in a child seat with hands on her hips, her big eyes wide open: "But I'm not scared at all! See, I'm even fiercer than you!"

"Mom is driving, both of you zip it."

Bun's words not too harsh nor too soft immediately made Tangyuan and Guoguo quiet down.

Guoguo apologized to Kang Li: "Sorry, mom, I didn't mean to distract you while driving."

Tangyuan: "Me too."

"It's okay."

Kang Li smiled.

Tangyuan and Guoguo breathed a sigh of relief, then looked at each other and stuck their tongues out simultaneously.

Bun couldn't bear to watch and ignored his younger siblings.

Tangyuan's eyes lit up, speaking in a childlike voice to Loh En.

"I never agreed," Loh En said earnestly: "You and Bun are still young, I am still a child myself, I can't just take you out to play. If anything happens, I wouldn't be able to explain to Mom and Dad, and I would hate myself for it!"

"Huh?"

Tangyuan blinked, speaking in a baby voice: "But Fourth Brother and I are very strong! We're strong, just like Fourth Brother. We can do martial arts; if we encounter bad guys, we can definitely beat them to the ground!"

"Xiao En, great job!" Kang Li patted Loh En's head and then gave the young boy a thumbs-up, saying: "You're absolutely right. Right now you are still a child, and if you take your siblings out without adults, while things may go smoothly, if an accident happens, it would be too late for regret. Plus, everyone at home would worry about you all."

"Mom, you told me that when you're out, the most important thing is to be cautious and prudent. I've always remembered that!" Loh En's eyes sparkled as he looked at Kang Li, catching her gaze, and Kang Li patted his head again, smiling: "That's how it should be, otherwise it's easy to stumble."

Loh En responded in a childish voice: "As long as it's something Mom said, Xiao En will always remember it!"

"Come on, let's go sit in the living room."

Kang Li beckoned Loh En and Bun to walk toward the living room.

"Mom, my class is having a parent meeting next Friday, can you come?" Sitting on the sofa, Loh En suddenly said, prompting Kang Li to ask with a smile: "If I go, wouldn't you worry that your dad might be upset?" She specially glanced toward the courtyard next door.

Loh En understood Kang Li's meaning and shook his head: "When I came to find Mom, I told Dad that, and he said as long as I'm happy, it is fine."

"I see, then I'll definitely be there on time."

Before going abroad, Kang Li attended the parent-teacher meetings for Min Rui, Ming Han, and Ming Wei. Even Loh En's kindergarten parent-teacher meetings were attended by Kang Li as the mom. While abroad, the meetings naturally fell to Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen.

Loh En's meetings were attended by Elder Loh and Old Lady Li.

After returning to the country last year, Kang Li once again took up attending all the family parent-teacher meetings, lucky that they didn't all happen at once; otherwise, she wouldn't have been able to attend them all.

Because Kang Li attended Loh En's grade's parent-teacher meetings twice last year, the classmates in his class knew her. They often praised Loh En first, saying Kang Li was the prettiest mom among all the classmates, praised her friendly smile and pleasant voice.

Loh En felt super proud!

"Mom, I love you so much!"

Loh En was sitting next to Kang Li, thrilled to hear what she said, and broke into a wide smile. When he saw Luo Yanqing walk into the living room, he giggled and said, "Dad, I love you so much too!"

Hearing this, Luo Yanqing was momentarily taken aback and then nodded lightly in response.

"Xiao En, you're such a master!"

Chapter 1610

Tangyuan sat on the sofa, swinging his short little legs, his big black eyes bright as stars, he felt he had learned what it meant to balance both sides.

You could also say favor one without neglecting the other!

"Huh? What did you learn?"

Loh En was puzzled, his gaze at Tangyuan was full of confusion.

"Love mom and dad equally, balance both sides."

Bun explained seriously.

Instantly, Loh En's face turned red. Seeing all three Bun were looking at him, and his beloved mom and dad also focused their gaze on him, he felt his face heat up, laughed awkwardly, then cleared his throat and pretended to speak solemnly to the three Bun, "I always love both mom and dad equally, never treat them differently, you should learn from me!"

"Okay!"

The three Bun responded briskly.

Kang Li shook her head in amusement.

Although Luo Yanqing didn't show a clear smile, the corners of his lips lifted slightly, indicating he was in a good mood.

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The night was deep, after a tender moment, Luo Yanqing tidied himself and Kang Li up, got into bed, embraced Kang Li, kissed her on the forehead, and whispered, "If you're tired, sleep."

Kang Li murmured a sound.

However, Luo Yanqing wasn't tired at the moment. He gently and slowly massaged Kang Li's waist.

"Luo Mingrui is going to take the college entrance exam next year, I'll call him later to tell him to study hard, so you don't have to worry about his studies."

Kang Li's eyes had just closed, hearing Luo Yanqing's words, she couldn't help but open them again. She glanced at Luo Yanqing, speaking with a touch of sleepiness in her tone: "No, doing that will only put pressure on Ruirui."

"I don't want you to be tired."

Luo Yanqing spoke his mind.

"Ruirui, Hanhan, and Vivi don't need me to worry about their studies, they know how to study. Besides, I've already drawn up a study plan for each of them, you can rest assured, I believe the college entrance exam for our kids is like an ordinary exam, nothing too significant."

Speaking this, Kang Li's voice carried a hint of laughter: "You wouldn't want Ruirui to be the top scorer, would you?"

"No, as long as he performs normally."

Luo Yanqing is aware of Min Rui's academic performance at school, knowing he has always ranked high in the grade.

"That's how it should be, the children are already working hard in their studies, we cannot put more pressure on them, we just need to watch their emotions."

Once emotions become abnormal, it will undoubtedly affect their studies, causing a decline in academic performance.

"Mm."

With the call he made to the Feng family this afternoon, as long as they retain a bit of dignity, they will strictly control the biological mother of Luo Mingrui and siblings.

Forbid her from appearing in front of Luo Mingrui and siblings, impacting the three children's studies.

Kang Li: "Sleep."

Luo Yanqing: "Okay, good night."

"Good night." Kang Li replied softly, closing her eyes again, unexpectedly, Luo Yanqing suddenly asked:
"Am I a failure?"

"..."

At this moment, Kang Li only had one feeling, that the man lying beside her was clearly somewhat melancholic. She sighed quietly, lightly smiling: "Where did that conclusion come from?"

Actually, she vaguely guessed.

"... I was played by a woman."

After a long silence, Luo Yanqing murmured between his lips.

"Have you forgotten what you said?"

Kang Li opened her eyes wide, looking at the man, she said, "I told you before when you asked me a similar question, it wasn't that you were played by your ex-wife, it was because you didn't put your mind anywhere outside of work, which is why you were inevitably deceived by her."

"I remember now, you have said that."

Luo Yanqing feeling a bit embarrassed.

"Then why are you being melancholic again now? Or are you regretting not having something with your ex-wife?" Seeing Kang Li glaring, Luo Yanqing's survival instinct kicked in instantly: "Absolutely not."

"Then don't think about the past anymore, otherwise, I'll get jealous and maybe make you question your existence." Saying that, Kang Li snorted coldly, then continued: "Now close your eyes immediately."

Luo Yanqing obeyed.

"That's the good boy!"

Touching the man's head in satisfaction, Kang Li yawned, muttering: "I'm so sleepy, really need to sleep, don't disturb me!"

Upon hearing, Luo Yanqing lightly parted his lips, gently releasing a word: "Okay."

At the same time, at the Third Hospital.

Feng Lu had noticeably calmed down in the past half month, now she lay on the bed sideways, eyes looking out the window into the night, simply hoping time would pass quickly.

So she could leave this damned place in half a year.

It's not that Feng Lu was daydreaming, it was the afternoon of New Year's Eve that Feng Wei visited the Third Hospital. At the time, he and Feng Lu faced each other in this hospital room, had a calm conversation.

From the conversation, Feng Lu's emotions were stable, and she assured Feng Wei she has realized her mistakes, promising not to commit them again after leaving the hospital.

But Feng Wei didn't fully believe her, he said to Feng Lu, "Half a year, if during the next six months your emotions remain stable and you don't have any crazy delusions, I'll take you out of here."

When she heard she had to stay in the hospital for another half year, Feng Lu was naturally upset, but during this time she'd suffered enough from reality, so she could only agree to Feng Wei's condition with a nod.

——Continue to stay in the hospital for half a year.

Observe whether she really has a clear mind.

But in fact, Feng Lu never thought her brain had issues, being kept in the hospital for months now, if not for Wu Hao sending her books from time to time according to Feng Wei's request, honestly, Feng Lu felt she might have gone insane.

But on the other hand, although Wu Hao's books were used by Feng Lu for killing time daily, randomly looked at, she still absorbed some of the books' logic.

As for whether this logic could be applied by Feng Lu in her real life after she leaves, it depends on how Feng Lu thinks when facing matters.

"Han Bin..."

Feng Lu murmured: "If I find out you were tangled with that vixen day in, day out while I was gone, I definitely won't let you off!"

Having fallen to such a low point, Feng Lu attributed all wrongs to Han Qian and Han Bin, she believed had it not been for Han Qian calculating her to lose her unborn child, causing her to lose her womb, there wouldn't be hatred towards Han Qian.

Moreover, if Han Qian hadn't verbally attacked Ming Han and Ming Wei at school, she wouldn't have ended up studying at a town school near North City, wouldn't have led Han Bin to be dissatisfied with her, wishing to avoid her, even staying out all night, having found a vixen outside.

Overall, her and Han Bin's life was originally going well, it all got ruined by the vile Han Qian.

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