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Chapter 181 Teasing Gu Chi's mother looked regretful, "No, that hasn't happened. But the young man just started working and isn't interested in dating for now."

Her second sister's youngest daughter was twenty-two this year, with high standards. Since high school graduation, she hadn't approved of anyone she'd met. Now her aunt found a good match for her, but it turned out the young man was four years younger than her niece. Age alone would likely prevent him from considering anything.

Even though the young man hadn't mentioned it, she could guess as much.

"He isn't interested in dating for now, which doesn't mean he won't ever consider it. Since you have found someone for your niece, why not discuss it properly with Comrade Xiao Kang?"

"My niece is four years older than the young man."

"That isn't a big deal, as long as the young ones like each other, all problems aren't problems."

"That's easy to say, but the young man is really not interested in dating at all."

Just then, Su Man chipped in, "Sister-in-law, I just heard you say that Comrade Kang's brother recently started working. May I know where he works?"

Gu Chi's mother: "North City Petrochemical."

Loo Ping: "That's a good company."

Su Man became even more jealous. She felt Kang Li was deliberately tormenting her, always at odds with her!

Better dowry, more grand!

Married a man, both on their second marriage, yet hers had a higher position and earned more.

As for siblings, from what she knew and had seen, one was in the military, and another worked at North City Petrochemical, unlike her own family... better left unsaid!

Even buying groceries was an occasion where men joined her, while at her place, whether sitting in the living room reading the newspaper or locking himself in the study with books, getting him to shop for groceries with her was unimaginable. She had never tried inviting him, but she could easily guess how he would respond.

A man who never approached the stove, whose clothes, once taken off, were never washed by him, asking such a person to accompany her for grocery shopping was certainly asking for trouble.

Moreover... the appearance and fashion sense of the woman next door, honestly, she couldn't compare.

Even though she wasn't unattractive, even having a face that elders loved, she had to concede, compared to the woman next door—like bright moonlight or fresh blooms, she was merely a firefly or a foxtail.

When it came to physique, the woman next door had a graceful figure.

And herself? Slightly plump, and the type whose body could gain weight from drinking water.

The more she thought, the sadder Su Man felt, more convinced that Kang Li's presence was to torment her!

Luo Family.

In the living room.

After Gu Chi's mother left, Kang Li teased Kang Guoan, "Bro, it seems you are quite popular in the marriage market!"

"You know I have thick skin, keep the teasing coming."

Kang Guoan laughed and shook his head, then said to Luo Yanqing, "Li Bao can be quite mischievous at times. When you have time, keep an eye on her, lest one day she flies up to the heavens unguarded."

Luo Yanqing: "At home, I listen to Xiao Li."

Kang Guoan: "... " Had he just experienced an auditory hallucination? His brother-in-law, so aloof and unapproachable, actually said he obeyed his sister at home?

No matter how Kang Guoan took it, Luo Yanqing's handsome face showed no sign of abnormality.

Kang Li glared, "Bro, I'm not the Monkey King!"

Kang Guoan: "When you're being mischievous, you're even harder to manage than the Monkey King." His dark eyes full of mirth.

Kang Li huffed, "You're the Monkey King, you're the hard one to manage!"

Watching his sister's lively manner, Kang Guoan felt genuinely happy, because he knew that his sister being as vivacious here as she was in their hometown meant she was content and joyful in this home.

Chapter 182: Man, I've Remembered You Otherwise, what he would have seen wouldn't have been like this.

Luo Yanqing unexpectedly interjected, "Not mad, the Monkey King isn't as good-looking as you."

"..."

Kang Li's fox-like eyes widened; she pursed her lips and was silent for a moment before looking directly into the man's eyes and asking seriously, word by word, "Is this supposed to comfort me or are you just teasing me?"

Luo Yanqing: "...". Naturally, he was trying to comfort his little wife, but seeing her expression at the moment, could it be that his words were inappropriate?

Kang Guoan glanced at his sister, whose feelings were so hurt she wanted to grind her teeth, and then at his bewildered brother-in-law, and he couldn't help but break into laughter.

That made Kang Li's face turn a bright red, and she threw down a fierce line to Luo Yanqing, "Man, I'll remember this!"

Luo Yanqing: "Xiao Li, I..." Can I just ask where I went wrong?

Kang Guoan once again burst out laughing, "Brother-in-law, Li Bao is mad because you compared her to the Monkey King!"

“Hmph! You’re all so mean, I won’t talk to you anymore!” Kang Li stood up and left the living room to prepare the ingredients for lunch in the kitchen.

Little Ruirui was practicing his writing.

The twin with mixed sex was still diligently practicing their numbers.

The three little ones gathered around the small dining table, each intently writing without a single distraction, as if they hadn’t heard the conversation between the three adults, Kang Li and the others.

Suppressing his laughter, Kang Guoan’s gaze lingered on Ruirui and his siblings for a while before he turned to Luo Yanqing and said, “Ruirui and the others are very well-behaved.”

Luo Yanqing: “It’s all thanks to Xiao Li’s teaching.”

Kang Guoan: “If Li Bao hears you say that, she’ll probably be so happy that she’ll be laughing for days.”

Luo Yanqing: “Compared to me, Xiao Li is more dedicated with the children.”

Kang Guoan felt happy and proud for Kang Li but at the same time couldn’t help feeling sorry for his sister. Although she had received her husband’s acknowledgement for looking after the three little brats, she was still quite young and yet had to take care of three little ones all by herself, which was indeed hard on the poor girl.

However, Kang Guoan didn't forget to be modest, "Since Li Bao has married you, Ruirui and the others are also her responsibility, naturally she has to take care of them attentively."

Luo Yanqing didn't respond but said instead, "You sit and rest for a bit, I'll go help Xiao Li in the kitchen."

"..." Just like that, he left?

Kang Guoan was perplexed.

In the kitchen, Luo Yanqing came in and immediately found something to do.

"Xiao Li, you aren't the Monkey King."

Kang Li: "..." Why bring up the very thing that shouldn't be mentioned, what was he up to?

Luo Yanqing: "The Monkey King is noisy, you are quiet."

Kang Li: "..." So he really had to tie her and the Monkey King together, huh?

Luo Yanqing: "I wasn't actually comparing you to the Monkey King." Not wanting his little wife to be upset, Comrade Luo Yanqing tried hard to explain the comment he made earlier in the living room, "Xiao Li, the Monkey King isn't as good-looking as you."

Kang Li: "... " Are you not finished yet?

Seizing the opportunity when the man was not paying attention, Kang Li rolled her eyes at him, secretly thinking: Man, where is your EQ?

Luo Yanqing: "Don't be mad."

Kang Li: "... " Alright, she surrendered!

Taking a deep breath, Kang Li said, "Don't worry, I'm not mad."

Luo Yanqing's phoenix eyes brightened: "Really?"

"Really and truly, now can you stop torturing my ears with 'Monkey King'?" Kang Li looked at the man, her gaze both teasing and amused.

This finally made Luo Yanqing realize, and suddenly his cheeks grew warm; he... he seemed to have mentioned “Monkey King” several times since entering the kitchen.

Seeing the man avert his gaze, Kang Li couldn’t help but laugh out loud, “Don’t feel embarrassed, I’m not actually blaming you, nor am I mad at you.”

Chapter 183 He Treats Me Well “How can one not dote on their own man?!”

It was also fortunate that he met her; otherwise, any slightly clever woman could have easily deceived this “fool”!

Lunch was six dishes and one soup.

Additionally, there was steamed rice as the staple food.

The dishes included: braised pork meatballs, squirrel-shaped mandarin fish, potato stewed chicken, dry-fried green beans, shredded potatoes in vinegar sauce, and homemade tofu.

As for the soup, it was a simple tomato and egg soup.

Once the rice was steamed, Kang Li began to cook. While she was stewing the potato and chicken, she guessed it was almost done and couldn’t help but pick a small piece of chicken out of the pot and brought it to Luo Yanqing’s lips, “Try this and see what you think? Also, check if it’s cooked.”

Luo Yanqing seemed a bit embarrassed to open his mouth, hesitating without any reaction for a while.

Kang Li: "Give it a taste, I think it's really good." Her eyes wide open, in the pupils, his figure was reflected, her red lips parted slightly, making an "ah" sound.

Luo Yanqing looked at Kang Li, his petite wife, watching her coaxing him as if she was feeding a child, observing her face full of anticipation, and he opened his mouth despite feeling uncomfortable.

"How is it?"

After the man chewed and swallowed, Kang Li's eyes curved like a fox, and she asked with a soft laugh.

Luo Yanqing's dark eyes trembled slightly, he said, "It's cooked, and it tastes really good."

Kang Li: "You really know what to say." She stepped closer, tiptoed, and kissed his handsome face. Without waiting for him to react, she laughed and said, "I'll tell my brother and Ruirui to wash their hands, we're about to eat."

"...Okay."

Luo Yanqing walked out of the kitchen with his ears red.

“Little Uncle, eat a lot!”

Once the dishes were served, Milk Bun Ming Han, like a little adult, waved his spoon, shoveling rice into his mouth while urging Guoan to eat more.

Xiao Ming Wei didn’t want to be left out: “Little Uncle, the meat is delicious, the vegetables too, make sure you eat a lot!”

“Alright, Little Uncle will eat plenty.”

Guoan responded with a smile to the twins.

The meal was extremely heartwarming, leaving everyone visibly happy.

“Li Bao, do you think your brother-in-law treats you well?”

Taking advantage of Luo Yanqing going to the kitchen to wash dishes, Guoan walked into Kang Li’s study, followed closely by Kang Li. Upon hearing Guoan’s question, she nodded with a smile, “He treats me very well.”

Guoan: "Your brother actually noticed it too, your brother-in-law might not be very talkative, and he doesn't show many expressions, but he has eyes only for you, this much, your brother is certain of."

Kang Li: "I know you care about me, brother, and I do appreciate your concern. But, I'm now an adult, and since we're the same age, please make it a point to take more care of yourself from now on and don't worry too much about me. That way, I can also rest easy."

"What nonsense are you saying?!"

Guoan glared at Kang Li, but the look held no intimidation, rather it was filled with helplessness. He said, "You're my sister, no matter how busy I am, I must pay attention to your life, it's a promise I made to our parents, I can't let you suffer even the slightest hardship in North City."

Kang Li: "But I haven't suffered any hardships, and I'm very satisfied with my current life. You really don't need to be distracted by me, but from now on, if you're too busy to take any holidays, make sure to call me. How about this, whether or not you take weekends off in the future, remember to call and let me know you're safe, okay?"

"Okay."

Guoan nodded.

"Brother, don't think Luo Yanqing is always so stern, but he's actually very thoughtful..." Kang Li shared in great detail with Guoan about how Luo Yanqing secretly shipped a TV back to their home in Aoli Village, and concluded by saying:

Chapter 184: Not Lying to You “He even stuffed several hundred yuan inside the TV box, but when he got back home, he didn’t mention a word to me. It was only after Dad called to ask why I sent a TV home and scolded me for recklessly spending money and not knowing how to manage life, that I found out what happened.”

After listening to Kang Li’s words, Kang Guoan fell silent for a moment before speaking, “It seems I was right—your brother-in-law is indeed a good man. He appears cold and indifferent on the surface, as if nothing can catch his eye, but that’s not actually the case.”

Kang Li laughed, “Big brother, can you not talk so prim and proper?”

Kang Guoan was taken aback for a moment before he too burst into laughter. However, he did not speak again and just shook his head, amused.

Speaking in a prim and proper way?

He certainly was not up to that!

Although he had finished high school, he was still far from the path that led to the highest institutions of learning, let alone... let alone if one day he was to attend college, gain admission to the highest institutions of learning, the journey of learning would never end, and there’d be more for him to learn, not less.

Therefore, as an ordinary high school graduate, even with good grades, he could not shamelessly claim to be a man of literary cultivation or one of refined speech, such that his words would acquire a prim and proper flair.

“By the way, big brother, take a seat for a while. I’ll go and prepare some things for you,” Kang Li said.

Without waiting for Kang Guoan’s response, Kang Li rose and left the study.

By the time Kang Guoan came back to his senses and stretched out his hand to say “No need,” Kang Li had already disappeared from the study door. Seeing this, he pursed his lips and ended up calling out to the doorway, “Li Bao, I don’t lack anything right now, you don’t need to prepare anything for your big brother.”

Unexpectedly, Kang Li’s voice came back, “Don’t worry about it, what I want to prepare for you is my business, and if you keep talking, I will get angry.”

In the Kang family, the thing everyone feared most was Kang Li getting angry, afraid that anger might worsen her already fragile health.

There, Kang Li had played her trump card, and at the study, Kang Guoan immediately fell silent.

About seven or eight minutes later, Kang Li returned to the study and said, “Big brother, I’ve got your things ready. Just take them with you when you leave later.”

Kang Guoan: “...I told you, I don’t lack anything right now.”

Kang Li: “I don’t know what you’re lacking, but I’ll say it again, what I want to prepare for you is my business. And don’t worry, I didn’t use the money Luo Yanqing gave me, the things I prepared for you were bought with the manuscript fees I earned myself.”

In fact, it was through System Dwen Dwen using points in the Mall.

Well, not entirely—like the several pieces of clothing Kang Li prepared, which came from the clothing gift pack she previously won.

Kang Guoan: “...” How did this girl know what was in his heart?

Yes, he worried about his foolish little sister always thinking about giving him stuff, what would her brother-in-law think of this?

And as her brother, he certainly did not want any discord to arise between his precious sister and her husband because of him.

As if guessing what Kang Guoan was thinking at that moment, Kang Li blinked her bright, fox-like eyes and said, “Big brother, I’m not lying to you, I know what I’m doing and will not create conflicts between me and Luo Yanqing. If you don’t believe what I’m saying, then please open my drawer; there are several receipts from the post office when I withdrew my manuscript fees.”

Following Kang Li’s words, Kang Guoan spoke seriously, “Okay, I believe you. But, this thing about preparing things for me, there shouldn’t be a next time.”

Chapter 185: Can't Just Watch Anymore Kang Li readily agreed, "Okay!" She agreed, but whether she would abide by it or not was her own matter!

The siblings talked for about seven or eight minutes. By the time Luo Yanqing had finished in the kitchen and settled Xiao Ming Rui for a nap, she came to Kang Li's study, sat beside her, and listened to Kang Li and Guoan chat.

"Li Bao, you and your brother-in-law take the kids back. I'll be leaving now. I'll call you in advance if I decide to come over," Guoan said.

In the late afternoon, Guoan got up to return to his unit. By then, Kang Li, Luo Yanqing, and the three little ones had walked Guoan to the gate, where he gestured for the family of five to stop.

Kang Li said, "I'll watch you get on the bus and then head back." The bus stop was close by, clearly visible just by looking up.

"You, you're really something," he replied.

Guoan gave Kang Li a hair ruffle and said with a smile, "You're a mother now, you can't keep acting like a child."

"I'm not." She wasn't being childish; she just felt that returning a minute earlier or later made no difference.

After all, what harm was there in seeing her brother onto the bus?

Shifting his gaze, Guoan looked at Luo Yanqing, "Brother-in-law, Li Bao just came of age, and at home, she was pampered by our parents and us brothers. She might be a bit spoiled, so please be patient if she occasionally acts up in front of you. Of course, if Li Bao goes too far, feel free to criticize her directly."

Luo Yanqing replied, "Xiao Li is very good."

Kang Li's corner of the mouth curved up, flashing a "satisfied" look towards Luo Yanqing when he turned to her.

Standing across from them, Guoan couldn't have missed their exchange of looks. He coughed lightly into his fist, "Alright, I'll spare the unnecessary words. Goodbye."

He nodded at Luo Yanqing, patted Xiao Ming Rui and the twins' heads, picked up the travel bag Kang Li had handed him, and after taking a few steps away, turned back to wave at Kang Li, then continued toward the bus stop.

"Let's go back."

Just as Guoan had finished waving, the bus arrived. He waved once more at Kang Li's family before boarding. Watching the bus drive away, Luo Yanqing drew back his gaze, his deep and clear voice slowly emerging.

“Mm.”

Kang Li responded, walking beside Luo Yanqing, holding little gentleman Ming Rui’s hand.

As for the mixed-sex twins, they sat in the stroller, being pushed forward by Luo Yanqing.

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For three consecutive days, Kang Li noticed her three little cubs looked wilted, like frostbitten eggplants.

When she asked them what was wrong, all three consistently shook their heads.

By the fourth day, when the little cubs chose not to go out to play, Kang Li didn’t need much thought to know that not only had the children encountered some troubles, but the issues were also considerable.

Actually, Kang Li had sensed something off about the kids’ mood from the first day, but she chose not to intervene, thinking it was just a minor conflict among children. Furthermore, since the cubs weren’t injured, they certainly hadn’t been fighting with any other kids. With that in mind, Kang Li felt it best to let children resolve their own issues.

But with their moods not improving over three days, and today, they didn’t even want to go outside, Kang Li knew she couldn’t just watch any longer. She needed to find out what exactly had happened that they’d chosen to stay indoors and forgo playing under their favorite old banyan tree outside.

“Do you want to tell me yourselves, or should I ask you about it?”

Chapter 186 Trust Before their nap, Kang Li sat in the children’s room, her gaze tender, a faint smile on her lips, as she asked Xiao Ming Rui and the twins.

Hearing her, the twins looked simultaneously toward their brother Ming Rui.

It was their brother who had told them not to tell their mother, saying she was already taking too much care of them, and they shouldn’t bother her with such trifle matters.

Xiao Ming Rui did not look at his younger siblings; he hung his head, lips tightly pressed, showing no intention of speaking.

“Is it that you don’t want to say, or you don’t want to trouble mom?”

When Kang Li said this, especially the latter half, the twins’ eyes lit up. Seeing this, a warmth stirred in Kang Li’s heart, and she softly said, “Mom knows you don’t want to trouble her, but if you don’t speak up, mom will be very worried, won’t eat well, won’t sleep well, and could easily get sick.”

The twins, anxious, looked again towards their brother Ming Rui.

Xiao Ming Rui then lifted his head, looking at Kang Li, his eyes filled with hesitation and concern.

He hesitated whether to speak up, concerned that if he and his siblings kept silent, their new mom might fall ill.

“Mom, I’ll talk.”

Xiao Ming Han did not want his mom to get sick; he stopped looking at his brother and with his tender voice said, “My siblings and I went out to play, and nobody would play with us. My sister and I asked why, and they said because mom hates when they come to our house to watch TV, and then they didn’t want to play with us anymore.”

Xiao Ming Wei said, “Mom, Vivi and big brother and second brother know mom never said such things, so we told them that mom doesn’t mind them coming over to watch TV, but they wouldn’t believe it.”

Kang Li’s gaze turned to Xiao Ming Rui, “Ruirui, is there anything else you want to add to what your siblings have said?”

With his lips tightly pressed, after a while, Xiao Ming Rui shook his head.

Kang Li said, “Alright, mom knows what you said, now it’s time for you guys to take a good nap.”

“Mom, they are bad kids, spreading rumors about mom. My siblings and I don’t even care to play with them.” Xiao Ming Han settled into bed, blabbering, “Hanhan’s mom is the best mom in the world; they wronged mom, Hanhan hates them, doesn’t want to be friends with them anymore.”

Xiao Ming Wei said, "Vivi also doesn't want to be friends with them anymore."

Kang Li's eyes were gentle: "Alright, there is a saying 'A clean hand wants no washing.' Since you know mom never said those things, there's no need for you to be upset yourself. Also, mom is very pleased that you trust her! Now, close your eyes, mom will read you a story."

Opening the children's bedtime storybook she was holding, Kang Li's melodic voice slowly filled the room as she read the story engagingly, and Xiao Ming Rui and the twins gradually fell into a deep sleep.

As she closed the storybook, Kang Li stood up, placed the storybook on the desk by the window, and then quietly exited the room.

"Ruirui and the others are asleep. I need to go out for a bit now, could you keep a closer eye on them at home?"

Knocking on the door of the study, Kang Li looked at the man standing before her, thought for a moment, but ultimately decided not to tell him why she needed to go out.

Yanqing asked, "To godfather and godmother's place?"

Kang Li replied... "Hmm." Known for his low EQ but certainly not for a lacking IQ, Yanqing easily noticed the subtleties that most might miss in people or matters, just like now. Even though Kang Li appeared

normal, Yanqing clearly saw her moment of hesitation and knew she probably wasn't heading to the Song Family but had other matters to attend to.

Chapter 187: Who Started the Rumor? But he didn't plan to continue asking. He nodded, agreed with a "okay," and instructed, "Come back early."

Kang Li: "Then I'm leaving."

Luo Yanqing nodded.

Standing at the entrance of the living room, Luo Yanqing watched intently as Kang Li's figure disappeared beyond the courtyard gate.

His lips were tightly pursed. Perhaps, when the children woke up, he could ask them.

Over the past two or three days, he had noticed something unusual about the three children.

Xue Family.

When Kang Li arrived at the neighboring Xue Family, the moment Fang Ju, the mother of the young Xue Chong, saw her, she immediately showed a surprised expression, which quickly turned somewhat uncomfortable.

Kang Li saw all the changes in her facial expressions.

“Sister-in-law Fang.”

Gently calling her, Kang Li stepped forward, “I have something to discuss with you. I wonder if you’re available right now?”

Fang Ju, having guessed something when she saw Kang Li, shook her head with a smile, “Let’s sit in the living room.”

Kang Li: “Okay.” She followed Fang Ju, and they walked into the living room.

Fang Ju poured a cup of water for Kang Li and placed it on the coffee table. Without waiting for Kang Li to speak, she said, “I know why you’ve come here. Actually... actually, I don’t believe you would say those kinds of things, but it’s still not good for the kids to always go to your house to watch TV.”

“Thank you for trusting me. I indeed came here for this matter. Nevertheless, I still want to thank you, Sister-in-law Fang, for your trust,” Kang Li replied.

Kang Li sat gracefully, her stunning face adorned with a serene, lotus-like smile, her eyes sincere, and her voice pleasant. Sitting across from Fang Ju on the hardwood sofa, she looked like a beautiful painting in Fang Ju’s eyes, a captivating sight that one couldn’t look away from.

The most important thing was that looking at her felt very comfortable, making one involuntarily want to talk more.

Gathering her thoughts, Fang Ju smiled awkwardly at that moment: "What's this about trust or no trust? I just purely feel that you wouldn't say such things."

Kang Li smiled, "Even so, that means you trust my character." After a brief pause, Kang Li asked, "Sister-in-law Fang, could you tell me who told you those words?"

Seeing Fang Ju hesitate to respond, Kang Li added sincerely, "Please tell me, Sister-in-law Fang. It's not for my sake; I just want to clarify things to prevent Ruirui and his siblings from being wronged again."

"You mean..."

Fang Ju did not quite understand what Kang Li meant. Not going to the Luo Family to watch TV, what did that have to do with Ruirui and his siblings?

"Sister-in-law Fang, you might not know, but for three days in a row, my house's Ruirui took his brother and sister out to play outside the yard. Previously, those kids who played well with them suddenly all isolated them.

The children felt aggrieved and upset, and today, they didn't even go out to play. As their mother, I'm both angry and heartbroken.

I'm angry at the person who spread the rumors, thinking lowly. I'm heartbroken that my children were mistreated because of me, yet they were also worried about causing me trouble, so they didn't tell me about being ostracized and isolated."

After hearing Kang Li's words, Fang Ju felt very conflicted. She hadn't expected Kang Li to be so caring towards her stepchildren, nor did she expect that in just over a month, Ruirui and his siblings not only accepted Kang Li as their stepmother but also started showing consideration for her.

But unfortunately, she didn't know who started the rumor.

Sighing softly, Fang Ju met Kang Li's gaze, her expression apologetic: "Kang Li, Sister-in-law doesn't know who started the rumor, but what I can tell you is,

Chapter 188: Speak Out "I overheard my two boys and their sister whispering together unintentionally. Oh right, just wait a moment, I'll call Xiao Chong and his siblings over..."

Before long, Xue Chong, his twelve-year-old brother Xue Ming, and two sisters came to the living room.

The two girls looked noticeably younger, one appearing to be about eight or nine, the other around six or seven.

"Hello, Aunt Kang," the four siblings greeted Kang Li, then all turned to look at their mother. Xue Chong asked, "Mom, did you call us here for something?"

Fang Ju glared at them, "What? Can't I call you over without a reason?"

“No, Mom, that’s not what I meant.”

Xue Chong hastily shook his head.

“Your Aunt Kang came to ask you, who’s been spreading nonsense about not going to her place to watch TV lately. Also, why aren’t you three playing with Ruirui and the others anymore?”

Fang Ju questioned her children with a stern face.

“Mom, I’m twelve this year. How could I possibly play with kids as small as Ruirui and the others?! Besides, I’ve never played with them.”

Xue Ming explained himself, as he didn’t want to be wrongly accused for no reason.

The two younger sisters are named Xue Ying and Xue Yin, and at this moment they were evasive, not daring to look at their mother.

Fang Ju said, “Yingying, Yinyin, speak up!” The girls surely were hiding something.

At that moment, Xue Chong said to Kang Li, “Aunt Kang, I heard it from the kids in our courtyard. They are around eleven or twelve years old, but I don’t know who they are.” There were many children in the

courtyard, and he did not associate with them due to the age difference, so naturally, he did not know who they were.

Xue Ming said, "Aunt Kang, I heard it from Wang Xiaochao, but Wang Xiaochao said he also heard it from someone else."

Xue Chong said, "Aunt Kang, my brother, my sisters, and I haven't been to your house to watch TV these past few days, not because we believed those rumors, but because we thought that visiting your house often to watch TV might disturb you and Uncle Luo. Besides, although we haven't continued to watch TV at your place, we also haven't gone to Uncle Wen's house to watch either."

"Xiao Chong, Ming Ming, Auntie thanks you! Your coming over to my house to watch TV doesn't disturb me and your Uncle Luo at all." Kang Li's eyes sparkled with laughter as she looked at the brothers, "Tonight is the grand finale of the TV series you've been watching, make sure to come to Auntie's house to see it, okay?"

Xue Chong and his brother Xue Ming's eyes lit up, and they smiled cheerfully, nodding repeatedly, "Okay."

Xue Ying and Xue Yin, the sisters, showed signs of embarrassment, with the younger Xue Yin being six years old. She stammered to Kang Li, "Aunt Kang, my sister and I heard it from Wen Yue talking to Feng Loo. She said Aunt Kang dislikes us all coming over to your house to watch TV, and that seeing us all just annoys you. So... so we all decided to stop playing with your Ruirui, Hanhan, and Vivi. Aunt Kang, I'm sorry, I... I shouldn't have been so mean to Ruirui, Hanhan, and Vivi, I was wrong."

Xue Ying said, "Aunt Kang, I know I was wrong too."

At this point, Fang Ju was exasperated, pointing at her daughters with a look of annoyance, “Do you two girls have no brains? Whatever Wen Yue says, you just believe it? Can’t you think for yourselves? Every time you went to Aunt Kang’s house to watch TV, has she ever chased you away?”

Xue Ying and her sister Xue Yin shook their heads, “No.”

“If you know that Aunt Kang never did such a thing, why would you believe what Wen Yue said? Yingying, you are eight this year! Yinyin, you’re six and a half, don’t you understand the need for seeking truth from facts? Or are you unaware of the harm that comes from spreading unfounded rumors?”

Chapter 189 Kang Li’s Intentions Xue Ying and her sister blinked their mosquito-repellant eyes, with Xue Ying asking, “Mom, what does it mean by ‘a lie repeated often enough becomes the truth’?”

“...” Fang Ju nearly brought a hand to her forehead, dumbfounded by her daughter’s stupidity, and said without much patience, “Go ask your eldest brother and second brother!”

Kang Li stood up and said, “Yingying, Yinyin, Auntie doesn’t blame you for what happened before, but I hope you can continue to play with Min Rui and his siblings just like you used to.”

Xue Ying promised, “Don’t worry, Aunt Kang, I will.”

Xue Yin nodded.

“Good, you are all good kids, Auntie welcomes you to come over and watch TV at my place tonight.” As she spoke, Kang Li shifted her gaze to Fang Ju, “Sister-in-law Fang, I really have to thank you and Xiao

Chong and his siblings today. I have something else to take care of, so I won't stay any longer. Remember to come over and watch TV at my place sometime."

"What's there to thank for?! We're neighbors after all. Xiao Chong and the others really like you and your husband, Professor Luo. They say you both look like fairies from heaven and that just seeing your family makes them happy," said Fang Ju.

The four Xue siblings, upon hearing their mother speak so candidly to Aunt Kang, who seemed like a fairy, hung their heads in embarrassment, wishing they could instantly find a crack in the ground to crawl into, unable to comprehend why their mother said everything to Aunt Kang.

Seeing Kang Li off to the courtyard gate, Fang Ju noticed that Kang Li didn't head straight home, but instead seemed to be visiting another household, which left Fang Ju with mixed feelings.

Moments later, she returned to the living room.

"Do you now understand what 'a lie repeated often enough becomes the truth' means?"

Seeing that her children were still there, Fang Ju asked her two girls.

Xue Ying and Xue Yin nodded.

“Remember this incident, otherwise, you two will really become the ‘fools’ in others’ mouths!” Fang Ju tapped her daughters’ foreheads and waved them off, “Alright, go back to your rooms and rest.”

The four Xue siblings said “Okay” and turned to leave the living room.

After leaving the Xue home, Kang Li went on to visit Xiao Ming Wei’s good friend Feng Loo’s house.

She got straight to the point in front of Feng Loo’s mom, and before Feng Loo’s mom could respond, Kang Li continued, “Sister-in-law, I came to your place just for this matter. I understand that it’s up to the kids whom they wish to play with or not. However, I don’t want rumors targeting me to cause Min Rui, Hanhan, and Vivi to be wronged. That’s why I made a special trip here today, hoping to clear things up and prevent the kids from being misled and making mistakes they don’t even understand.”

Feng Loo’s mom said, “Comrade Xiao Kang, I’m really sorry, I honestly didn’t know about the kids’ matters. These past few days, they’ve been just like usual, running out the door as soon as the cartoon starts. I thought they were watching TV at your place, and I was unaware they were not behaving, listening to others and bullying your kids.”

Feng Loo was taking her afternoon nap.

Her brother, Feng Tao, was also napping, and at that moment, only Kang Li and the two siblings’ mom were in the living room.

“There’s no bullying involved. It’s just that my children felt isolated and ostracized by their close friends without understanding why, which really hurt their feelings. I only found out about the whole thing today, so I wanted to come over and clarify things to prevent any further misunderstandings.”

“You’re thoughtful! How about this? When Taotao and Lulu wake up from their naps, I’ll explain everything to them. They will surely be very happy and will run over to your place to watch cartoons!”

“Then when I go back home later, I must share this good news with Min Rui and the others. I think they’ll be very happy to hear it.”

After chatting a bit more with Feng Loo’s mom and bidding her farewell, Kang Li went to Milk Bun Ming Han’s good friend Gu Chi’s home, and then she also paid a visit to Min Rui’s good friend Song Hui’s family.

Chapter 190 Kang Li Shows Up to Slap Faces In the end, before she returned to her own home, she knocked on the courtyard door of the Wen’s family.

“Comrade Kang?”

Su Man opened the courtyard door and, upon seeing Kang Li, couldn’t help but show a puzzled expression.

“I have a few words I’d like to say to Comrade Su and Comrade Wen.”

Kang Li wore a smile, but it was purely out of courtesy.

“...Then please come inside and have a seat.”

Su Man felt an ominous premonition rising within her, but she had no choice but to invite Kang Li into the courtyard.

However, Kang Li did not follow her to the living room. After entering the courtyard door and seeing Wen Siyuan coming out of the living room, she simply walked up to the living room entrance, greeted Wen Siyuan, and then said, "Comrade Wen, Comrade Su, I apologize for the sudden visit, but there is something I would like to ask you both."

Wen Siyuan smiled: "Sister-in-law, please feel free to ask, and I will answer truthfully if I know it."

Su Man became increasingly uneasy. She wanted to find an excuse to retreat to her room, yet worried that leaving now would seem like an admission of guilt. In the end, she steeled herself to stand next to Wen Siyuan, trying to steady her nerves, deciding to first hear what Kang Li had to say.

However, she had already decided that if what Kang Li said was related to her, she would definitely not admit it.

"With Comrade Wen's words, I'll speak frankly."

There was no emotion discernible on Kang Li's exquisitely beautiful face as she said, "Here's the situation: I don't know who your daughter Yueyue heard it from, but she said that I dislike other people coming to my house to watch TV and that seeing people come over to watch TV annoys me. Because of these two sentences, recently neither adults nor children have set foot in my home anymore.

If it were only this, it would be fine. After all, people not coming to my house to watch TV is their own business, and I can't force them to come over to watch.

But what angers me is that your child, along with other children, has been excluding and isolating my child, all based on those two sentences spoken by your Yueyue. Now, Comrade Wen, I just want to ask you: Who exactly did your daughter Yueyue hear it from that I dislike other people coming to my house to watch TV and that it frustrates me when I see people at my house to watch TV?"

Wen Siyuan's complexion wasn't looking good, and he glanced at his wife Su Man as if he could see right through her.

Yes, he was very clear where his daughter Yueyue heard those two sentences—it was his wife who had carelessly talked about others at home without considering the presence of the child. Now, it had led to this situation where the person directly involved had come knocking on their door.

"Sister-in-law, I..."

Wen Siyuan didn't know how to begin. Should he say... it was my spouse who casually gossip about you at home, which our daughter overheard unknowingly, and because she is young and didn't understand that some things should not be repeated outside, it created the situation you just described?

"Comrade Wen, do you really not know? If that's the case, then I ask you to have your daughter Yueyue meet with me."

Without looking at Su Man, Kang Li looked directly into Wen Siyuan's eyes.

After a long silence, Wen Siyuan's demeanor became one of shame: "...Sister-in-law, firstly, I must apologize to you!" Upon hearing his words, Su Man felt a chill in her back and her whole body stiffened. She bit her lip tightly, her face turning slightly pale. Was he going to do it? Was he going to reveal the things she had muttered at home, in front of this woman named Kang Li?

"Don't start apologizing to me yet, what I want to know most right now is what exactly happened."

Kang Li's clear fox-like eyes stared straight at Wen Siyuan. Her facial expression was cool and detached, not wishing to hear even a single useless word from the other party.

Luo Family.

More than an hour had passed since Kang Li left her home, and Luo Yanqing went to check on the children's room, seeing that Xiao Ming Rui and the other two were still sound asleep,