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Chapter 261: A Little Bit Wronged The one who responded was Milk Bun Hanhan. Seeing Kang Li walk out of the master bedroom, the child, hauling her little legs and wearing her little backpack, came trotting over: "Brother helped me and sister squeeze the toothpaste, and we brushed our teeth till they were sparkling white. Brother even helped wash our faces!"

Kang Li patted the little one's head and praised, "Brother is really awesome, Hanhan and sister are great too. This morning you didn't even need Mom to call you to get up."

Milk Bun Ming Han was a bit shy. His face turned rosy as he baby-talked, "Brother said Mom was too tired from going out yesterday, so this morning he wouldn't let me and sister make a peep, saying we should let Mom sleep in more."

Kang Li: "Mom knows now, you are all very thoughtful. Mom's fine now, look, don't I look especially energetic?"

"Yeah, Mom looks much better now!"

Milk Bun Ming Han solemnly examined Kang Li for a while before nodding his little head like a grown-up.

After freshening up in a hurry, Kang Li saw that the three little ones were neatly dressed and their clothes were of the proper thickness. She didn't change them into different outfits, but she carefully straightened their clothes from inside out and then picked up a comb to tidy up their hair.

Actually, ever since school started, Kang Li had intentionally let Ruirui and Hanhan's hair grow out. By the end of September, following a familiar children's hairstyle from her previous world, she gave the two brothers cute and fresh-looking straight bangs and short haircuts. This hairstyle made the two of them look super adorable and handsome.

The straight bangs were trimmed a bit higher to reveal the eyebrows and thinned out for a feathered look. After the haircuts were completed, the two brothers were so bright-eyed, their eyes sparkled as if adorned with stars.

Milk Bun Ming Han was so happy that he was hopping and jumping around.

After changing the hairstyles for the two little boys at home, naturally, Vivi's hair couldn't be left out.

Thinking of a playful and cute bob cut, Kang Li easily accomplished her masterpiece after getting the little girl's consent.

From then on, whenever the three little ones had hair long enough, Kang Li would help trim it.

"Mom, does Vivi look pretty today?"

Looking in the mirror, Xiao Ming Wei asked her mom.

"Our Vivi is beautiful every day."

Kang Li said with a smile, then put the comb back in its place and continued, "Alright, now Mom will take you to kindergarten." After securing the twins in the stroller, Kang Li signaled Ruirui to hold onto the stroller's handlebars, and the mother and her four children left the house.

"Remember to lock the door, Mom."

Xiao Ming Wei reminded in her baby voice.

Kang Li replied, "Don't worry, Mom won't forget."

After dropping the three little ones off at kindergarten, Kang Li went to purchase some groceries at the supply point and then went home to pack up items to send to her parents and relatives back in her hometown. She secured the packages with rope on the back seat of her bike and made a trip to the post office.

Several days later.

Carrying good news from Mrs. Qi, Kang Li went to the hospital to visit Feng Yi and Mo Yan, the two teenagers.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

Standing outside the hospital room door with a faint smile lingering at the corners of her mouth, Kang Li saw the door open from inside and, looking up to see Feng Yi, she couldn't help but say with a smile, "I came to see how you're doing."

"I thought Sister Kang Li wasn't coming anymore."

Feng Yi felt a little aggrieved.

It had been five days since he was admitted to the hospital. He had been eagerly anticipating her visit, but Sister Kang Li had not come to see him.

Even though he knew it wasn't right to feel so, he couldn't help feeling a bit wronged.

"I said I would come to see you, and I wouldn't go back on my word."

Carrying things in both hands, Kang Li walked into the room and said, "I don't know if you've had breakfast yet, but I just happened to pass by the state-run restaurant,"

Chapter 262: Hope "I saw some big meat buns for sale, so I bought a few for you guys, and also got you two large bowls of wontons."

"Thank you, Sister Kang Li."

As Feng Yi placed the items Kang Li had handed him on the table, he casually asked, "Did you eat already, Sister Kang Li?"

"I've eaten, you guys go ahead. Don't mind me."

Kang Li said this and her gaze shifted towards the youth named Mo Yan, "Is your injury feeling any better?"

Mo Yan: "It's much better now, thank you!"

"Don't look at me, you eat your food. I have something to tell you."

Upon hearing this, Feng Yi and Mo Yan couldn't help but freeze in unison.

Kang Li smiled: "What's with those faces? It's good news. You eat while I talk, and just listen, that's all."

Good news?

Feng Yi exchanged a puzzled look with Mo Yan.

What good news could they possibly have?

Covered in debt as they were, and once they were discharged from the hospital, they wouldn't even know how to survive.

Thinking this, they both felt lost about the future.

Kang Li noticed the change in their expressions and sighed inwardly as she turned to Feng Yi, "My godmother heard about your situation and wanted to help you.

Yesterday, she finally got certain news. North City's Second Mechanical Factory is hiring temporary workers. The comrade in charge of recruitment is on good terms with my godmother, and she secured two temporary positions. Now, you probably know what I'm about to say, right?"

"Mother Qi... Why would she go out of her way to help me like this?"

Feng Yi looked deeply moved, gazing intently at Kang Li, seeking the reason.

"My godmother has a good impression of you, and she knew that Mo Yan took you in. After understanding your circumstances, she wanted to lend you a hand."

Kang Li paused for a moment, before continuing, "About you being in the hospital, my godmother didn't call your family, but she hopes that you could call her every once in a while to report that you're safe."

Upon hearing this, Feng Yi didn't immediately respond and turned his gaze to Mo Yan, "Brother Yan, what do you think..."

Mo Yan pursed his lips, remaining silent for a while.

Kang Li: "Although it's temporary work, as long as you do well, there's a very good chance of becoming permanent within two years. And the Second Mechanical Factory is being quite formal with this temporary recruitment—there will be a written exam and an interview. Although it might just be a formality for you, I hope you take it seriously to avoid any troubles when it comes to becoming permanent."

With a clear and serene gaze, Kang Li watched for any shifts in their expressions.

Wherever there are people, there is competition, even for just two temporary positions. Even though Mrs. Qi said everything would be handled by the book and there shouldn't be any problems, Kang Li felt it was necessary for these two young men to take the matter seriously, just to be safe.

After all, in these times, many coveted even a temporary job, let alone the chance to eventually become permanent, especially at the Second Mechanical Factory.

If they managed to get in and then successfully become permanent, that would be considered quite respectable.

Well, that's the case for those who don't know which way the future will unfold.

"Please, Sister Kang Li, thank Mother Qi on behalf of both me and Feng Yi..."

Mo Yan finally spoke up but stopped abruptly, not knowing Mrs. Qi's name. Seeing this, Kang Li smiled, "My godmother's last name is Qi."

"Then please, Sister Kang Li, pass on my and Feng Yi's thanks to Comrade Qi!"

At this point, Mo Yan had risen from his sickbed, standing upright, and suddenly bowed deeply to Kang Li: "Here, I also want to thank you, Sister Kang Li, for saving my life. As soon as I'm better off, I'll repay you for the hospital and medicine fees, as well as the money for the daily necessities you bought for both me and Feng Yi."

Chapter 263: Didn't Expect You to Be So Clingy

"Okay, I've noted it down, but there's no rush to repay the money. You both just focus on getting your health back for now. The Second Mechanical Factory will be hiring temporary workers in half a month, plenty of time for you to prepare after you're discharged from the hospital. By the way, do you know where the Second Mechanical Factory is?"

"I know. It's just a twenty-minute bike ride from my place."

“Good, it’s not far then. That will make commuting to and from work easier for you.”

Kang Li said with a smile, her gaze returning to Feng Yi, “Your family have looked for you, but clearly, your parents haven’t given up on you. I’m telling you this because I want you to know that once you make a decision, don’t regret it.”

“I won’t regret it.”

Even if he fell into abject poverty, even if one day he starved to death outside, he would not regret the decisions he had made!

“Alright, as long as you are sure of yourself.”

As she spoke, Kang Li glanced at the wontons and the large meat buns on the table and knew that Feng Yi would not start eating until she left. So she pulled out the money and coupons Mrs. Qi had asked her to give to the young man, stepped forward, and handed them to him, “This is from my godmother for you, take it.”

“I can’t accept it.”

Feng Yi refused.

Kang Li pushed them into the young man's hands, "Just take it if it's given to you, now is not the time for second-guessing."

Feng Yi pursed his lips and finally grasped the money and coupons in his palm. After a moment, he said, "Sister Kang Li, if only you were my real sister. Ever since I was little, not one of my step-siblings liked me. They just bullied me, ordered me around... They never treated me as their brother..."

She reached out to pat the young man's head, to offer some comfort, but realized he was taller than she had expected. She had to tip-toe slightly to reach him,

Suppressing the awkwardness, Kang Li was about to withdraw her hand that was stranded mid-air when, unexpectedly, the young man bowed his head as if unintentionally. This gesture made Kang Li's heart turn sour for a moment.

In the end, she still touched the top of the young man's head and said with a smile, "But you've already started calling me 'Sister Kang Li,' haven't you? So I am indeed your sister. You can call me whatever you like, and I will always respond."

"Sister... Sister! Sister! Sister..."

Feng Yi called out softly at first, but seeing Kang Li's beautiful face brimming with smiles, her eyes filled with mirth that answered his call, he couldn't help grinning and calling out several more times.

"Alright, let's not be so childish, okay?"

Him calling out and her responding each time was really strange, wasn't it?!

Making a gesture to stop, Kang Li shook her head helplessly.

"I shouldn't stay any longer. You guys should eat breakfast before it gets cold and loses its flavor." Seeing the young man's reluctant expression, Kang Li smiled and said, "I still have some matters to attend to at home, so I must go."

Feng Yi: "Then let me walk you out, Sister."

Kang Li shook her head, "No need." She walked towards the door of the ward, and suddenly, she paused and turned back to the two young men following her, "Almost forgot to ask, what are your educational backgrounds?"

Feng Yi: "I... I completed one year of high school."

Mo Yan: "I finished middle school."

"Try to read more books when you have time. Just the textbooks from school, cover everything properly from primary through middle to high school. What you learn becomes your own, and nobody can take that away from you."

Leaving them with this advice, Kang Li averted her gaze and waved at them, "Go on and eat your breakfast, I'm really off this time." Standing at the door of the ward, Feng Yi muttered softly, "Just like that, she's gone."

Mo Yan gave him a sideways glance, "I didn't expect you to be so clingy." He turned and went back into the ward, with Feng Yi following close behind, "Who are you calling clingy?"

Chapter 264: Saying One Thing and Meaning Another

Mo Yan: "What do you think?" Picking up a big pork bun, Mo Yan bit into it. "Delicious."

"Of course it's delicious, it's bought by my sister."

Feng Yi also picked up a big pork bun and began to eat. Unexpectedly, he heard Mo Yan say, "I've noticed that you're becoming more and more skilled, not only clingy and good at networking, but also childish."

"When did I network?"

Feng Yi glared.

Mo Yan: "You didn't network? In just a short time you've acknowledged a new sister for yourself?"

"Sister Kang Li is Uncle Song's and Mother Qi's goddaughter, so she's my sister too," Feng Yi said, somewhat childishly, puffing up indignantly, "I know you're envious of me, but there's nothing you can do about it. That's just because you're not me."

Mo Yan, with a slightly stunned expression: "...You won't even admit you're being childish. Look at you, I've never seen such a childish brat!"

"I may be a brat, but so are you!"

Feng Yi retorted.

“Forget it, I’m your brother. I’ll let you off this once and not argue with you anymore.” Shaking his head, Feng Yi held a bun in his left hand and another in his right, taking big bites from each in turn.

Feng Yi was shocked: “There’s no need to do that, I’m not competing with you.” Sister had bought eight big pork buns, after all, and he felt two would be plenty for him, especially with a big bowl of wontons as well.

“Less talking, more eating.”

Even though he barely managed to get a meal with him, that brat always ate so politely, as if he were a young master from a wealthy old society family.

Pampered and sheltered, he couldn’t even fight, and he was picky and childish, a complete silly, sweet fool.

Yet Mo Yan found it hard to believe—that Feng Yi’s parents could ever treat Feng Yi poorly.

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Aoli Village.

“Your daughter sure knows how to spend money!”

Captain Kang had just collected Kang Li’s package from the post office and opened it when he heard his wife muttering: “Haven’t we told her? There’s nothing we lack at home, but she just wouldn’t listen to us.”

“Our daughter is filial, I know you’re happy about it deep down, so stop going on about ‘your daughter’ as if Li Bao isn’t your daughter too,” said Captain Kang.

Captain Kang took out several envelopes from the box, found the letter his precious daughter had written to him, and began to read it.

Cai Xiufen's mouth twitched, and she asked, "What did Li Bao say in her letter?" Stubborn old man, she was just making a casual remark, was there a need to show her up in front of the whole family?

"Our daughter is asking after our wellbeing, saying it's getting cooler and she sent us some thermal underwear, and also..."

Captain Kang glanced at his children and grandchildren surrounding him and didn't intend to continue, but, finding all eyes on him, he reluctantly went on:

"Li Bao sent us some coupons and certificates, including a sewing machine coupon, a bicycle coupon, a radio coupon, and a few cloth coupons... Li Bao said that the few pieces of dowry we had prepared for her cost quite a bit, not just money, but also the trouble of getting those coupons..."

Before Captain Kang could finish, Big Brother Kang spoke up: "Li Bao is overthinking it. Preparing her dowry was our family's duty. Even if it was hard to get those coupons, there's no need for her to worry about us that much."

"Right, Dad, why not send those sewing machine, bicycle, and radio coupons back to Li Bao? After all, we had to pay up for those coupons. Now, keeping the coupons she sent us is pointless."

Third Brother Kang expressed his opinion.

In his view, the more sensible his sister Li Bao became, the more it tugged at his heartstrings.

Chapter 265: Be Mentally Prepared

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "Dad, I have no objections to what Third Uncle said."

The TV set and money previously sent to our family by my brother-in-law settled everything. If we were to accept these sewing machine coupons, bicycle coupons, and radio coupons from Li Bao now, that would be a little too ignorant!

Third sister-in-law Kang: "Dad, I agree with what Fei Fei's dad said."

"Alright, I know your attitudes now."

Captain Kang looked at Big Brother Kang and the others with full satisfaction and nodded before continuing, "Li Bao said we must keep these coupons. She said it didn't cost her much money or effort, plus they're of no use in her hands, so we should just keep them in case the family needs them someday."

"By the way, these three letters, two are Ruirui's replies to Xiaoyu and Maomao, and one is a reply from Hanhan and Vivi to Doudou. Whoever goes to the county town next, remember to take Ruirui and his siblings' replies to Maomao and Doudou."

As Captain Kang said this, he handed one of the letters to his grandson Xiaoyu.

As for the other two letters, he gave them to his wife to hold onto for now.

Speaking of the replies from Min Rui and the twins, it was undoubtedly Kang Li who had facilitated the connection.

Due to the age factor, only Third Brother Kang's youngest son, Kang Yiyu, and Fourth Brother Kang's Maomao and Doudou have established letter correspondence with the Ruirui siblings.

Of course, the twins could recognize a few characters up to now, but it was certainly impossible for them to write them all out painstakingly. Therefore, the twins and the four-year-old Doudou mostly resorted to drawings as their means of communication.

Funny enough, the three little ones could actually understand what the other wanted to say from the drawings.

Kang Yifei, the eldest son of Third Brother Kang and ten years old this year, said laughingly to his younger brother Kang Yiyu, "Come on, let me see the reply Ruirui wrote to you."

"Kang Yiyu, let me have a look too," said the voice of Third Brother Kang's second son, named Kang Yilin, eight years old.

Kang Yiyu, holding the letter tightly, hid behind his father and mother and made a face at his brother Fei Fei and Yilin, "I won't show you. This is the reply Ruirui wrote to me. If you want to see it, write a letter to Ruirui yourselves and let Ruirui write back to you!"

Among the sons of the eldest and third families, Kang Yiyu was the youngest and was the same age as Xiao Ming Rui.

The boy was robust and since he had started corresponding with Xiao Ming Rui, he took learning to read and write seriously with his brothers, fearing that he would be laughed at by his little pen friend for not knowing enough.

"We won't look if you don't show us, but when you open Ruirui's reply, just make sure you aren't shocked by his handwriting!" teased Kang Yilin as he exchanged meaningful glances with his brother Kang Yifei.

Kang Yiyu exclaimed indignantly, "I won't bother with you guys!"

His handwriting might not look good now, especially not as nice as Ruirui's, but so what? He could always practice more. One day, he would be able to write as beautifully as Ruirui.

Bad brothers, laugh if you want. He was mentally prepared this time and would not be daunted by Ruirui's handwriting again!

"For the eldest's family, these several pairs of socks and this red scarf are from Li Bao for your room; for the third's family, this is from Li Bao for you and Third Brother's room."

Cai Xiufen, following what Kang Li wrote in the letter, took out two thick stacks of socks and two cashmere scarves, one red and one purple, from the box and handed them to Elder sister-in-law Kang and Third sister-in-law Kang. As the two came over to take them, she added:

“Li Bao says these socks are made of cotton yarn, softer than the nylon socks we wear on our feet, and they’re absorbent and breathable, very comfortable to wear.”

Chapter 266: What’s So Good About a Second Marriage Leader?

“It feels so comfortable to touch; Li Bao really put thought into it!”

Elder sister-in-law Kang’s eyes and brow were all smiles as she touched the cotton socks in her hand and then the bright red cashmere scarf that her sister-in-law, Kang Li, had bought for her. She felt truly glad to have treated her sister-in-law so well.

“Mom, Elder sister-in-law is right; Li Bao really cares about us sister-in-laws!”

Third sister-in-law Kang agreed.

Hearing this, Cai Xiufen glanced at her two daughters-in-law, “Is there anyone in our family that Li Bao doesn’t care for?”

Her daughter was not only beautiful but also kind-hearted, always sending things home, making sure everyone, big and small, was included. So she and the old man wouldn’t have a hard time.

Although this made her as a mother feel relieved, she also felt pity for her daughter Li Bao, who had to spend quite a sum of money every time she sent things home.

“Mom! Mom, the socks that little aunt sent—do they have my size?”

Kang Yifei’s eyes sparkled as he approached Third sister-in-law Kang, reaching out to touch the cotton socks held in his mother’s hand.

“Don’t touch; be careful not to dirty them. We’ll take them out to wear after the New Year.”

Third sister-in-law Kang dodged her son’s little hands and walked toward the room where their family of three lived.

“Are my hands that dirty?”

Looking at his hands, Kang Yifei was confused.

“Yangyang, take this candy and give two pieces to each of your brothers.”

Cai Xiufen took out a pack of White Rabbit Creamy Candy from the box and called her eldest grandson, Kang Yiyang, over to her.

“Okay, thank you, grandma!”

Kang Yiyang grinned, showing off his big white teeth.

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"I heard Li Bao sent more stuff back home again; is that really true?"

It had been around noon when Captain Kang picked up the parcel from the post office. Riding into the village, it was unavoidable for people to notice. And now, led by Cui the Loudspeaker, a few women gathered around with their bowls of rice, eating and starting to gossip.

And the first to speak was none other than Cui the Loudspeaker.

Wang Chunhua casually answered, "I mean, The Loudspeaker, could you have heard about it if it wasn't true?"

"Who are you calling The Loudspeaker? I'm telling you, Aunt Wang, I sure like to gossip, but you and Li Daniu are just the same, aren't we all like crows on the wall laughing at the pig for being black? Let's not judge each other, shall we?"

Whoever it was that damnedly gave her the nickname "The Loudspeaker", making it seem like she couldn't keep anything to herself, broadcasting everything wherever she went.

“You talk about your stuff; why drag me into it all of a sudden?”

Li Daniu felt uncomfortable inside, but her face didn't show much of it.

Cui the Loudspeaker: “What do you mean dragging you into it? We're just having a casual chat here; nothing serious. Xu family, wouldn't you agree?”

Referred to by Cui the Loudspeaker as “Xu family,” it was Xu Chunxia's mother who sourly commented, “What's there to talk about Captain Kang's family affairs? It's just about marrying off their daughter to some twice-married guy with a bit of spare cash.”

“Xu family, if you didn't talk so sourly, I might have believed even the first part of your statement,”

Cui the Loudspeaker curled her lips, and then asked Mrs. Xu, “By the way, haven't you been looking for a match for Chunxia for the last couple of months? Have you had any results?”

“Matching is all about fate; perhaps Chunxia's fate hasn't arrived yet, but we should have some clues before the year is out.”

Mrs. Xu had a rather sharp and critical look which might be why she wasn't very well-liked around Aoli Village. However, since everyone was from the same place, even if people weren't fond of her, they still managed to maintain a polite facade.

Cui the Loudspeaker: "You're not planning to find a son-in-law for Chunxia like Captain Kang's, are you?"

"What's so good about a man who's been married twice?"

Chapter 267: Are You Feeling Guilty?!

My Chunxia is compliant and pretty, and she looks like she can bear children. I just can't bear to marry her off to such a man, to become a meek stepmother as soon as she steps through the door."

If there were a son-in-law candidate like the one at the Team Leader's House, she naturally wouldn't mind marrying off her Chunxia to them. That way, her family would soon have a television set, and they could receive packages from their daughter from time to time.

Thinking along these lines, Mrs. Xu had indeed been matching her daughter Chunxia over the last two months, specifically targeting men who were looking for a second marriage. After all, such men would be willing to pay a higher bride price for a virgin bride, but for two whole months, she had not found a suitable match.

With this in mind, Mrs. Xu envied the Team Leader's House even more.

Their son-in-law had just sent over a television set and now their daughter was sending back a big parcel. Who knows what kinds of nice things were inside.

"If I remember correctly, Mrs. Xu, it was half a month ago, I heard Dongping's mother mentioning..."

Before Wang Chunhua could finish her sentence, Mrs. Xu's heart skipped a beat, hastily interrupting her: "Aunt Wang, we're just chatting here, why bring up Dongping's mother? Alright, alright, if you want to discuss the matters of the Team Leader's House, go ahead, I'd like to hear more about it too."

At this moment, Mrs. Xu was extremely annoyed by Dongping's mother, especially considering that both their mother's homes were in the same village, and they were married into Aoli Village one after the other, having been on good terms since childhood,

and whenever she had something on her mind, she would talk it over with Dongping's mother, who did the same in return. But how did Wang Chunhua come to know about something she had only recently discussed with Dongping?

"You're feeling guilty, aren't you?!"

Wang Chunhua noticed Mrs. Xu was intentionally trying to change the subject, but she was eager to see some drama unfold, so she naturally didn't swallow her words, only to hear her say:

"Dongping's mother has a cousin who married into the city, and half a month ago, you asked someone to contact Dongping's mother and her cousin to help find a decent second marriage match for your Chunxia in the city..."

Mrs. Xu's face turned sour: "Wang Chunhua, are you trying to pick a fight with me or what?"

Li Daniu: "Mrs. Xu, there's nothing shameful about promising your daughter to a second marriage. Especially with Li Bao's example before, why are you getting so angry with Chunhua?"

"Am I the one getting angry? It's her who can't stop spilling my family's business, would you like it if you were in my place?"

She envied the good match Li Bao from the Team Leader's House had found in a second marriage and wanted to do the same for her family, but nothing was set in stone yet. How could she casually talk about it?

"If you've done it, why be afraid of people talking?!"

Li Daniu rolled her eyes.

"Forget it, you continue, I'm heading back."

Seeing she was clearly being ostracized by the group of four, Mrs. Xu, to avoid further verbal disadvantage, dropped the comment, took her empty rice bowl, and turned towards her own home.

Li Daniu watched Mrs. Xu's retreating figure and snickered disdainfully, "Look at her, thinking anyone cares to gossip about that little pity party of hers!"

“Alright, let’s stop talking about the Xu family, and talk about the Team Leader’s House.” The Loudspeaker slurped up a mouthful of corn noodle soup and asked Wang Chunhua and Li Daniu, “Do you not know what Li Bao sent her family this time?”

Li Daniu retorted, “Do you know?”

The Loudspeaker shook her head, “If I knew, I wouldn’t be asking you.”

Wang Chunhua: “If you want to know, go take a look at the Team Leader’s House yourself.”

The Loudspeaker: “You say that as if you and Chunhua aren’t curious too.”

Chapter 268: Want to Poach

“I do want to know, but I can wait patiently for the Team Leader’s House to spread the news themselves.”

Wang Chunhua said so, paused a moment, then continued, “Remember when Li Bao’s son-in-law sent a television back to the Team Leader’s House? Everyone speculated wildly until the Team Leader couple told us all that it was a gift of filial piety from their son-in-law, and that he had bought it without Li Bao knowing. Honestly, when I first heard about it, my feelings were so complicated!”

“We all felt the same way.”

Li Daniu sighed with a hint of sourness in her voice, “We used to gossip behind their backs about how Li Bao was spoiled by the Team Leader couple, even saying the family raised her like an ancestor. And now, look, the Team Leader couple and their whole family are benefiting from Li Bao.”

Upon hearing this, Cui the Loudspeaker suddenly found herself speechless.

Yeah, what else could she say?

Admit that she was actually very envious and jealous of the Team Leader’s House?

Everyone raises their daughters with great care, but while her own daughter turned out to be a worthless loss, the Team Leader’s daughter ends up bringing in a capable son-in-law. Alas! There’s no comparison!

Suddenly, Li Daniu lowered her voice and leaned closer to Wang Chunhua and Cui the Loudspeaker, “I heard from my Meimei...

Looking around to ensure there was no one else, Li Daniu took a moment before continuing, leaving Cui the Loudspeaker anxiously waiting, “Hurry up and spill it! Don’t keep us hanging!”

“Look how eager you are!”

Glaring at Cui the Loudspeaker, Li Daniu continued from where she left off, "My Meimei said that lately Chunxia has been frequently visiting the supply and marketing co-op."

Wang Chunhua: "Don't beat around the bush."

Li Daniu: "I'm not beating around the bush. Haven't you thought about why Chunxia keeps going to the supply and marketing co-op?"

"You... really, you bring it up this far, and still you want us to guess? Spit it out!"

Wang Chunhua glared, and at the same time, Cui the Loudspeaker also looked at Li Daniu with irritation: "If you're going to say something, just say it. Don't have us guessing back and forth, it's annoying!"

"Fine, I'll just say it... Chunxia's recent trips to the supply and marketing co-op aren't for shopping; she's there to see that Zhou family kid. Meimei has seen her do it no less than five times.

In less than half a month, just from what Meimei has seen, Chunxia has met up with that Zhou family kid five times in secret. Don't you think there's something going on?"

Li Daniu said with a face full of gossip."

Cui the Loudspeaker suddenly slapped her thigh, "Chunxia is trying to get close to that Zhou family kid... Could it be that she's had her eye on him for a long time?"

Wang Chunhua was also very surprised, “No wonder that girl has always been sticking around Li Bao; she must have had her sights on that Zhou family kid too.”

“No way? Chunxia isn’t as bad as you think. I don’t believe she got close with Li Bao just because she was after her fiancé. Well, he should probably be referred to as her ex-fiancé now.”

After hearing Cui the Loudspeaker and Wang Chunhua’s remarks, it was Li Daniu’s turn to be shocked. She only meant to say that Chunxia had recently been flirting with Zhou Weimin, not that the girl was cozying up with Li Bao to get to her fiancé—or rather, her former fiancé.

“Let’s drop the old stories. I think that Chunxia is currently looking to snatch someone from Educated Youth Su’s grasp.”

The moment Cui the Loudspeaker voiced this, she nodded firmly as if she was onto something big: “It must be like that, otherwise why would she keep going to the supply and marketing co-op to meet Zhou Weimin these days?!”

Wang Chunhua: “Educated Youth Su isn’t someone easy to deal with.”

To steal someone’s fiancé, there must be many hidden schemes in her heart.

Chapter 269: Kill a Thousand Enemies at the Cost of Eight Hundred of Our Own

At dusk, just after the Team Leader's family had finished their dinner, the main room was crowded with villagers who had come to watch television, including the young and the old and even several Educated Youths from the Youth Educated Institute.

However, during the opening theme song of tonight's first episode of the series, a chaotic noise erupted from the entrance of the courtyard to the main room.

"What's all the ruckus about? The TV series has started, if you want to argue, go elsewhere!"

An irritable young man turned his head towards the entrance of the main room and shouted at the top of his lungs.

But it had no effect.

"Have you no shame? In Aoli Village, who doesn't know that Su Qing is soon to marry Comrade Zhou Weimin? Yet here you are, dragging Comrade Zhou Weimin into the woods today. What are you trying to do?

Are you trying to steal Su Qing from him? Let me tell you, with us Educated Youths here, you won't achieve your goal!"

"How can you say I went into the woods with Brother Weimin? We were only talking. You all are crazy, attacking me without even waiting for an explanation, dragging me here to the Team Leader's House to demand justice. You call yourselves cultured Educated Youths? More like irrational harpies!"

Xu Chunxia was desperately trying to stay calm; she felt like she had been cursed, caught red-handed in the woods by Su Qing and two other female Educated Youths just as she was about to succeed.

Now she had no choice but to deny her intentions towards Zhou Weimin, otherwise, she could kiss her reputation goodbye. Once she got home, she was bound to get a beating from her parents and relentless mockery from her brothers.

However, some things cannot be denied just because Xu Chunxia wants to deny them. After all, if Su Qing had come to catch someone in the woods, she hadn't planned on giving Xu Chunxia any way out.

Though this might embarrass Zhou Weimin and herself as well, she couldn't care less; she just didn't want the duck, already cooked, to be snatched from her mouth!

"Comrade Xu Chunxia, what were you and Comrade Zhou Weimin doing in the woods? You know, and we know. If you don't admit it, I don't mind helping you remember the scene when we caught you."

Xu Chunxia glared fiercely at the two female Educated Youths accusing her: "Educated Youth Hu, what benefits did Educated Youth Su and Educated Youth Zhang give you that you slander me like this? Even willing to act like a mad dog for her!"

"Comrade Xu Chunxia, how can you... how can you talk about Educated Youth Hu and Educated Youth Zhang like that? They are just seeking justice. What's wrong with that, and what have I done wrong?"

We three were walking through the village after dinner and unintentionally approached that grove, not expecting... not expecting to inadvertently see you dragging Comrade Zhou Weimin into the woods,

Comrade Xu Chunxia, Comrade Zhou Weimin and I are already engaged, and we're to be married in December. Why... why would you do such a thing? Don't you know what shame is?"

With tears shimmering in her eyes, Su Qing feigned heartbreak. She turned to Zhou Weimin, "Say something! I'll believe whatever you say. Tell everyone, what were you doing going into the woods with her?"

Zhou Weimin hung his head, his lips pursed, remaining silent.

He felt as if, the moment he and Xu Chunxia were caught in the woods by Su Qing and the other two female Educated Youths, it was as embarrassing as being stripped naked in a public square.

Now being pressured by Su Qing to declare his stance, Zhou Weimin truly wished he could choke her and ask, was it necessary? Was it necessary to make such a fuss over this trivial matter, turning him into a laughingstock for everyone to gawk at?

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Moreover, he had always regarded Chunxia as a younger sister, and what had happened in the woods before... nothing had happened between him and Chunxia. What did she want him to say? What did she expect him to say?

Seeing Zhou Weimin remain silent for a long time, Su Qing felt a surge of anger and, sobbing, she asked, "Could it be that Educated Youth Hu, Educated Youth Zhang, and I were all seeing things? Comrade Xu Chunxia didn't do anything in front of you..."

"Enough! Su Qing! What right do you have to talk about me like this?"

Zhou Weimin was furious and was about to interrupt Su Qing, but Xu Chunxia beat him to it. Her eyes blazing like fire, she glared at Su Qing:

"Don't forget, my Brother Weimin was once in a relationship with Li Bao, and they were legitimately engaged to be married. But just because you were shameless and manipulated things with your little schemes, my Brother Weimin had no choice but to break off his engagement with Li Bao. So now, Su Qing, where do you get the nerve to accuse me?"

"You admit it, don't you? You admit you developed inappropriate feelings for Zhou Weimin? You admit that despite knowing Zhou Weimin was engaged to me..."

The people watching TV in the main room, including Captain Kang and his family, were all drawn out by the noise in the courtyard. Listening to Xu Chunxia and the others argue back and forth as if they were fighting cocks, it was undoubtedly a spectacle for the bystanders, but the Kang Family was irritated.

What did this have to do with their Li Bao?

Why should their Li Bao be dragged into this mess?

Cai Xiufen's expression was particularly ugly, as were those of Captain Kang and the others.

"All of you shut up!"

Captain Kang's face was dark as the bottom of a pot: "What exactly happened? Educated Youth Su, Zhou Family boy, Xu Family Third Sister, each of you explain the matter clearly, and listen well, don't involve irrelevant people in your affair today!"

His Li Bao had long been done with that bastard Zhou Weimin; don't make his daughter and their entire family nauseated again!

"I have nothing to say."

Zhou Weimin was the first to speak up.

Xu Chunxia: "Team Leader, I merely happened upon Brother Weimin by chance and thought to say a few words to him. But before I could even open my mouth,

I was surrounded by Educated Youth Su, Educated Youth Hu, and Educated Youth Zhang, among whom Hu and Zhang started cursing at me, calling me shameless, and even attacked me like shrews."

“Comrade Xu Chunxia, do you really expect us to believe that your encounter with Zhou Weimin was a mere coincidence? Fine, let’s assume it was a coincidence and that you had something you wanted to say to Zhou Weimin, but did you have to drag a male comrade into the woods by the road to talk?”

Moreover, talking is one thing, but what did you actually do? Do I need to recount your actions in front of everyone?”

With the mention of “woods,” this undoubtedly prompted all sorts of associations among the crowd. Even if nothing had happened between Xu Chunxia and Zhou Weimin, her reputation was already damaged. She sneered inwardly, and her gaze towards Xu Chunxia could not hide her scorn: Overestimating herself!

After having their dinner, Xu Chunxia’s parents, brothers, and sister had all come to the Kang family to watch television. Now, what were they witnessing? What were they hearing?

“What are you standing around here for? Hurry back home and have your dinner!”

Even if she were just a girl, she could bring a substantial dowry to their family. How could they allow this wretched girl to ruin her reputation here?!

Pushing her way through the crowd, Mrs. Xu landed a sharp slap on Xu Chunxia’s back.

“Third Sister, really, if you wanted to borrow the middle school textbooks from Brother Weimin, you could have just gone to his house openly. Why did you have to secretly meet up with Brother Weimin? Come on, dinner is waiting for you in the pot; I’ll go back with you.”

