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Chapter 431: Do you think he has feelings for me?

Luo Yanqing asked two consecutive questions, leaving Wang Guilan unsure how to respond.

"If you don't want to be sent to the Gobi Desert for indefinite reformation, leave the police station and go back the way you came as soon as you get out. It would be best if you also forgot that I exist," Luo Yanqing said, pausing for a moment before continuing, "When you're old and can no longer move, I will fulfill my legal duty to support you, provided that I don't have to see you again. When the time comes, I'll send the money as a final settlement for you giving birth to me!"

"Yanqing..."

Wang Guilan's face was streaming with tears. "You hate your mother, don't you?"

Luo Yanqing remained silent.

Wang Guilan laughed, but her laugh was even uglier than her crying. "Yes, you should hate me. Even your father probably wishes he could tear me apart... I'm not a good woman, nor am I a good mother. I've wronged you..."

Without continuing the conversation, Luo Yanqing asked, "Have you made up your mind?"

"We'll go back. I'll take them back right now. Don't worry, I won't go looking for you in that compound again!" Wiping the tears from her face, Wang Guilan called her two sons to stand up and asked Luo Yanqing, "Can we leave now?"

Luo Yanqing gave a "hmm" in affirmation.

As they left the police station, Luo Yanqing pursed his lips and pulled out three Great Reunion banknotes from his pocket. "Take this to buy tickets and some food."

North City is about sixty kilometers from Langcheng. One can get there by bus, or, of course, by train.

Giving the money was not a sign that Luo Yanqing had softened; no matter what, Wang Guilan was his mother. Even if she had made her decisions harshly in the past, it did not cut the ties of blood between Luo Yanqing and her, nor could it deny their mother-son relationship.

Thus, Luo Yanqing naturally wouldn't stand by and watch her be sent for reformation.

However, everyone has their limits. Since he had said all that needed to be said, if she didn't take his words to heart and reverted to her old ways someday, she wouldn't be so fortunate again.

Getting into a jeep, Luo Yanqing didn't even glance outside the window and simply ordered the driver to go. Shortly after, the vehicle was already far away.

"Mom... are we just going back like this?"

Meng Xingwang stared at the three Great Reunion banknotes in his mother's hand, his mind racing with thoughts. He said, "That one clearly has means. Why would he give us only this little money?"

He really wanted to get married, to have a wife like the other men in the village his age, to warm the bed at night, and to hold a big fat baby boy after a year. But with his family's situation, relying on his own work points to bring a wife home, he wouldn't be able to marry next year or even the year after.

"So what? Would you rather be sent off to the so-called Gobi Desert reformation?"

Wang Guilan glared at her second son and called for Third brother Meng Xingping to support her as they walked toward the train station. "Taking the train is cheaper. We'll go back the same way we came and buy train tickets to Langcheng."

"Mom, it's going to be dark by the time we get to Langcheng. Are we going to stay at a hotel then?"

Meng Xingping asked.

"Stay at what hotel? We'll just make do for the night on the long benches in the train station lobby once we get off the train." Wang Guilan muttered, "We shouldn't have made this trip at all. Otherwise, you two wouldn't have been beaten by a lady without a chance to fight back."

"The wife that Big Brother Luo married is like a Fairy Girl, though she seems a bit fierce!"

Meng Xingping babbled, "Mom, have you really decided not to ever go to Big Brother Luo's house again?"

Wang Guilan: "Do you see him having any affection for me?" He looked at her as if she were a stranger, and that man was her son. Plus, he had made himself quite clear, what else could she do?

Chapter 432: Still Knows to Save Face

Trees live by their bark, people by their faces; in the village, she was used to being unreasonable, but to cause trouble and act like a shrew in front of her son, whom she hadn't seen for twenty-two years, she... just couldn't do it.

Because not to mention what her son Yanqing would think of her, she herself... would blush at the thought of her behavior before she left the Luo Family.

In her youth, as the daughter-in-law of the Luo Family, she was not only good-natured, attractive, and graceful but also spoke gently; everyone praised her as a good daughter-in-law, a good mother. But just because... just because she remarried a man named Meng, she began to become coarse and vulgar, and even turned into the greedy old lady she is now, constantly thinking of taking advantage of others.

"Big Brother Luo looks at our mother as if he sees nothing at all."

Meng Xingping said, "Mom, I was beaten today, so when we go back to Langcheng, can you buy two pounds of meat for me?"

"Where would we get the meat coupons? You're after every bit of money we have; can't you let your old mom save it to help you find a wife?"

Wang Guilan rebuked her son without good temper, her eyes involuntarily filling with tears... Yanqing, her son, did he really not want to acknowledge her as his mother anymore!

Moreover, she could see that the child had no affection for her at all. At this moment... his promise to take care of her in her old days, could be said to be out of the bit of mother-son affection they shared in the early years.

If she didn't take the hint and still clung to her previous plans, insisting on relying on this son, Wang Guilan knew that what awaited her wouldn't just be the care in her old age, but the child might truly send her and these two foolish sons of hers somewhere unknown for reformation.

The Gobi Desert, right, to be sent to the Gobi Desert for reformation.

In this regard, she had no doubts at all.

After all, the child could even ride in a car, which showed that he was very capable; in front of someone like that, making a scene was utterly useless.

In fact, since meeting Luo Yanqing, Wang Guilan was truly intimidated by this son deep down, and even if she had a lot to say, she didn't know how to express it in front of Luo Yanqing.

Let alone make a scene in front of him.

The compound.

For Kang Li, the sudden return of Luo Yanqing was undoubtedly a joy, but she also understood why the man came back at this time.

After a dinner for five, without Kang Li needing to say anything, Luo Yanqing took the dishes to the kitchen to wash, while Kang Li walked with Luo Mingrui and the other two in the yard to aid digestion.

Ming Han: "Mom, is Dad on holiday?"

Kang Li: "I'm not quite sure."

Ming Wei: "I guess Dad is on holiday."

Ming Han: "Then how many days do you think Dad will rest at home?"

Ming Wei shook her head: "This I really can't guess."

Kang Li smiled and said, "I'll ask him for you, or you could ask Dad yourselves?"

"I'll ask, I'll ask," said Ming Wei with a giggly smile. Seeing Kang Li nod, the little girl looked toward the kitchen: "Dad, Dad, are you on holiday?"

Luo Yanqing, hearing the voice and wearing an apron, came to the kitchen doorway: "I will stay at home for three days."

"Only three days!"

Ming Wei was a bit disappointed; she hoped her dad would stay at home longer, but instantly the little girl cheered up again: "Then, Dad, will you take Vivi, and big and second brother to school tomorrow, will you, duck?"

"Sure."

Luo Yanqing nodded.

"Dad is busy now, so you kids can go and get ready for bed," Kang Li said, moving aside to pick up a basin to pour hot water for washing their little feet later.

"Okay."

Ming Han and Ming Wei both responded in unison.

Chapter 433: Yes, We are Indeed a Couple!

As the temperature had begun to drop, Kang Li had not let the three bathe every day because the bathroom at home was too simple. If they didn't heat the stove inside, with the current temperature, the little ones might catch a cold after bathing.

Therefore, after the weather turned cold, Kang Li generally bathed the three every two or three days and always brought the stove into the bathroom each time.

Over an hour later, Luo Mingrui and the other two lay in their own beds listening to their mom telling stories until they slowly closed their eyes and fell into a deep sleep.

"Is there really nothing you want to tell me?"

After washing up, Kang Li prepared a foot bath, flipped back the blanket with a foot, and sat back against the bed headboard, giving the man a smile.

"It was my fault, I startled you!"

Luo Yanqing placed the book on the bedside table and casually turned off his bedside lamp, then embraced his little wife into his arms, "Godfather told me what happened. Before that, I had hit a female comrade."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li was stunned, "..."

Hit a female comrade?

Did he mean what she thought he meant?

Curiosity surged within her, and no sooner had Kang Li recovered than she asked, "Did you really hit a woman? That's so violent!"

Luo Yanqing replied, "Are you blaming me?" His tone was downcast, though it was feigned.

"No, absolutely not, how could I blame you? I just wonder why on earth you would hit a female comrade out of the blue."

Kang Li hurriedly explained, her smile blooming like a flower to show she wasn't lying.

"I hit Shen Yun."

With this short statement, Kang Li understood why the man had said what he did. She moved to sit closer to Luo Yanqing, cupped his handsome face in her hands, and crisply kissed him, her voice coy and soft, "My man is awesome, good job!"

Luo Yanqing's cheeks flushed, his ears turned red, but he still wrapped his arms around his little wife and kissed her forehead, then said, "At noon, I was busy in the lab when someone insisted on speaking to me outside. The moment she saw me, she started talking nonsense. When I finally figured out what she wanted from me,

I learned that she had sent my biological mother my personal information and the address of our courtyard via letter, and from her, I found out that my biological mother came looking for the courtyard with her two sons. My first reaction was anger, worried that you had been bullied at home... so, without thinking, I slapped her!"

"I didn't suffer any loss."

Kang Li rested her head on the man's shoulder and said, "The person is Wen Siyuan's lover, brought by Su Man to our doorstep. Knowing what that woman had done to you, I didn't let her enter our house, but in the end, they forced their way inside. However, I gave your two half-brothers a good beating—they didn't get any advantage from me. Even that Su Man, I slapped her twice. It seems we really are a couple!"

Luo Yanqing knew what Kang Li's last statement meant, he curled up the corners of his mouth, "Right, we truly are husband and wife!" Those who seek trouble should prepare to be hit, Luo Yanqing didn't feel Kang Li slapping Su Man was wrong, and naturally, he didn't think there was anything wrong with him slapping Shen Yun either.

"Are you feeling okay?"

Beating up two young and strong men was no small effort.

Kang Li shook her head, "I'm absolutely fine, don't you see, isn't my complexion very good?"

Chapter 434: No Forcing, Trust Me, Okay?

"It was passable."

Luo Yanqing nodded lightly and then, after a moment of silence, he recounted to Kang Li the words he had said to his biological mother, ending with, "She shouldn't come to our door anymore, otherwise, I will certainly not be merciful."

"You handled it pretty well. After all, no matter what, she did give birth to you, she is your mother in terms of blood relation. If we were to have her reformed just because of what happened today, it would seem too heartless of us. As for fulfilling the legal obligations of providing for your biological mother, I have no objections."

Kang Li only hoped that the woman would keep to her word and not think of coming to their door to make her presence felt again.

Otherwise, not to mention what the man might do, she would certainly pick up a stick and deal with it!

Luo Yanqing said, "There's another thing, I need to talk to you about."

Kang Li: "I'm listening."

"That person will continue to work at the bureau."

Although he did not specify the name, Kang Li didn't need to think much to know whom Luo Yanqing meant by "that person", but she still chose to confirm, "Are you talking about Comrade Shen?"

Luo Yanqing uttered an affirmative "mm."

Kang Li: "She was originally working in your bureau. If not staying, does it mean she would be transferred?"

"The bureau has regulations that, considering her actions, it wouldn't be strange at all if she were transferred, but Godfather expressly told me that she would stay as usual."

Frankly, Luo Yanqing didn't care at all whether Shen Yun would continue to work in the bureau; he just hoped that person would not appear in front of him.

That alone mattered, nothing else.

“I see!”

Reflective, Kang Li smiled after a while and said, “Maybe Godfather has his own considerations! After all, ‘that person’ is talented, and it would be somewhat a loss for your bureau if she were to be transferred just like that.”

Luo Yanqing: “You’re not upset?”

“Upset? Why would I be? As long as she doesn’t provoke me, she can work wherever she wants, it doesn’t concern me.” Kang Li spoke casually, and hearing her finish, Luo Yanqing spoke, “My thoughts are the same as yours.”

Kang Li laughed: “That proves our values are aligned!”

Luo Yanqing: “Mm.” acknowledging agreement.

At this, Kang Li sat up straight facing the man, then, she cleared her throat and said seriously, “I also have something to tell you, actually, two things, so listen carefully now.”

Her phoenix eyes smiling, Luo Yanqing nodded, “Go ahead, I promise to listen intently.”

“Your attitude is correct, I am satisfied.”

Kang Li cleared her throat again, her crystal-clear fox eyes full of satisfaction, and she said, “The first thing is that I will go to North City TV Station to record a program every weekend; and the second thing, well... it might shock you, so please take a deep breath and prepare yourself for a shock.”

Upon hearing this, Luo Yanqing did not immediately respond, but asked, “Record a program? What kind of program? Will it be exhausting for you?”

Kang Li: “It’s a children’s program called ‘Teacher Lizi Tells Stories’. It’s about telling stories to children, the whole program doesn’t last an hour, it’s not tiring at all; you don’t have to worry!” “Lizi” similar to “Li”, ‘Teacher Lizi Tells Stories’ was the program title Wu Yue thought of and settled on in front of Kang Li before.

“Really not tiring?”

Luo Yanqing was skeptical. He said, “Your health isn’t good, don’t push yourself too hard.”

“There’s no forcing, trust me, okay?”

Holding the man’s handsome face, Kang Li blinked her fox eyes seriously and said, “I know you’re busy with work; I absolutely won’t cause you any worry.”

Grasping his little wife's hand, Luo Yanqing said gravely:

Chapter 435: Are You Underestimating Me?

"Okay, I'll trust you for now, but you must stop that job if you feel unwell at all."

"Alright, Professor Luo."

Kang Li replied with a mischievous smile, then continued, "The second thing is that I am now a member of the national sports team..." She hadn't finished her sentence when Luo Yanqing interrupted, "You mean you're an athlete, and on the national team at that?"

"That's right, I am indeed formally an athlete for the national team, and around next August, I will be going abroad to compete with our national sports delegation."

Seeing the man's serious expression, Kang Li couldn't help feeling a bit uneasy and asked, "Do you not think highly of me, or do you disapprove of me becoming an athlete?"

Luo Yanqing was silent for a long while, his expression grave, "Can you tell me exactly what's going on?" An athlete, and a national one at that, how did this come about all of a sudden?

"It all started like this..."

Without any attempt to conceal, Kang Li shared everything that had happened to her during the day, not leaving out a single detail, and then she said, “Do you also find it absurd? That’s how I felt at the time, but Director Loh insisted I was an excellent sports prospect, and he went out of his way to persuade me to bring glory to our nation, taking me directly to their training grounds...”

As a result, my performance greatly satisfied Director Loh and his superiors. They allowed me to skip the daily training, but I must participate in the training camp before the competition, though it will only take half a month of my time.”

“...What do you think?”

After a pause following Kang Li’s words, Luo Yanqing’s crisp voice slowly spilled from his lips.

“I... I actually didn’t think much about it...”

Under the man’s piercing gaze, Kang Li’s foxy eyes couldn’t help fluttering as she confessed, “Okay, I’ll tell you the truth, I initially refused. But Director Loh was just too persuasive, making me feel like if I didn’t agree, I would be letting down the country, the people, and even my parents and all my loved ones who love and care for me.”

Luo Yanqing frowned, “Do you think I’d believe that?”

Kang Li covered her face, and after a moment, she said with a laugh, "The refusal is true, I can swear to that in front of you."

Luo Yanqing: "Xiao Li, do you think your body can handle the strain of intense sports?"

Kang Li: "The event I'm participating in isn't considered a strenuous sport." When she said this, Kang Li teased the man, "Can you smile for me? Come on, turn the corners of your mouth up..." She took the initiative and curled up the corners of the man's handsome lips slightly, "There, just like that. I really like the way you look when you smile with your lips curled up."

"Stop fooling around, we're discussing a very serious topic right now."

Grabbing his mischievous little wife's slender fingers from his lips and holding them in his palm, Luo Yanqing's inky phoenix eyes were filled with disapproval, "With your delicate body, what kind of competition could you possibly partake in?"

"You're underestimating me!"

Huffing indignantly, Kang Li retorted, "You must have forgotten that time I carried Mo Yan to your place, right? Let me tell you something, I've had a special ability since I was little, which is extraordinary strength. No matter what it is, once it's in my hands, I barely need to exert any force to crush it to pieces. To avoid scaring my family and to not be labeled a monster, I kept this special ability a secret and didn't tell anyone about it."

"Because of your strength, every time you overuse your power, that's when you feel completely drained, right?"

Chapter 436: Support

Recalling the look on Kang Li's face after she beat up Feng Xiao and considering what their son Ming Han had mentioned to him before, Luo Yanqing formed a guess, and at this moment, he voiced his speculation.

"...that's what you say. But rest assured, the events I'll compete in won't require too much strength." Whether it's javelin throw or shot put, discus—In her case, it truly doesn't require much effort.

She had tried it before, casually throwing the javelin, shot putting, and discus throwing could all break the latest world records marked at the training base.

As for shooting and archery, these kinds of sports didn't require any brute force at all, only mastery of the technique was necessary.

Luo Yanqing remained silent for a long time, pursing his lips and watching Kang Li quietly, which made her gradually feel somewhat uneasy.

"You stay here for a moment, I'll be right back."

Getting out of bed, Kang Li headed to the living room, and soon, she returned, holding a solid iron rod as thick as a baby's wrist.

“Luo Yanqing, watch closely.” She softly called the man’s name, and when he looked up at her, Kang Li’s lips held a smile. She casually twisted the iron rod into a pretzel shape, and in the next moment, under Luo Yanqing’s astonished gaze, she returned it back to its normal shape.

Walking over to the bed, she extended the rod to the man: “Feel it for yourself, it’s a real iron rod.”

Luo Yanqing didn’t need to touch it to know; he was well aware that a solid iron rod had been leaning against the corner wall behind the living room door in their house.

However, under Kang Li’s clear, piercing gaze, he ended up taking the iron rod from her hands to look at it more closely and also weighed it in his hand.

“All right, I’ll put this thing back where it was.”

After taking the rod back from the man, Kang Li retraced her steps and placed the rod next to the wall corner behind the living room door.

“I’m tired, let’s sleep.”

Her arms felt a bit sore and weak, Kang Li felt she needed to rest immediately.

“Xiao Li...”

Luo Yanqing was still sitting up in bed, watching Kang Li return to the bed, watching her lie down in her own spot, and watching her close her eyes—falling asleep almost instantly, he couldn't help but show a startled expression.

"Xiao Li!" No response, she really asleep already?!

Isn't that a bit too fast?

The whole process took less than a minute, right?

Pinching Kang Li's nose gently, Luo Yanqing was both helpless and distressed: "With your constitution, how can I rest easy about you becoming an athlete? But since it's a decision you've made, naturally, I support you."

To improve her constitution, she first needed to keep up with her nutritional intake, which meant he needed to find someone to carefully plan out a nutrition schedule for the little girl. Moreover, he was often busy with work and rarely had time to stay at home, so if any unexpected incidents occurred and Xiao Li didn't have any help by her side, that definitely wouldn't do.

Lying back, Luo Yanqing thought to himself, and after a while, he decided that before he returned to his post, it was necessary to make a call to his parents-in-law.

The next morning.

Ming Wei: "Mommy, I smell the yummy food!"

Kang Li: "Yes, Mommy smells it too. Daddy is making us breakfast."

Ming Wei: "Daddy woke up so early!"

Ming Han: "That's because Daddy doesn't want Mommy to work too hard!"

Kang Li tapped the little child's nose: "You sure are clever!"

Ming Han giggled, covering his mouth with his hand, and said in a babyish voice: "Daddy loves Mommy and doesn't want her to toil over making food, so he got up early and made breakfast ahead of time."

Ming Wei batted her starry eyes: "Big brother is so smart!"

Feeling quite smug, Ming Han crossed his arms: "Of course, I am the smartest little kid around!"

Chapter 437 What's wrong with my loved one?

"I didn't think so!"

Min Rui glanced at his silly little brother and called his sister to follow him to brush their teeth and wash their faces.

"What the heck?! I'm clearly very smart, right, Mom?"

The stinky brother, always picking on him, humph!

Ming Han made a face at her brother's retreating back then looked up at her mom and said, "Mommy, Mommy, you haven't said whether I'm a smart kid or not?"

"Do I even need to ask?" She patted the child's head with a smile in her eyes and said softly with a laugh, "In Mommy's eyes, our Hanhan is definitely the smartest kid."

Ming Han felt a little shy being praised by Mom but didn't forget to express his love for her, "Hanhan loves Mommy so much!"

"Mommy loves our Hanhan a lot too. Let's go brush our teeth and wash up!"

She took the little one's hand, and soon the mother and daughter were in the courtyard.

Half an hour later, after the family had breakfast--well, the twins didn't eat much at home because they would eat at kindergarten--Kang Li helped Luo Yanqing clean up the kitchen, then they took the three kids out of the house.

"Daddy, Daddy, I'm in the middle class now!"

That was Ming Wei's voice.

Luo Yanqing nodded, "Hmm."

Min Rui said, "Dad, after I finish the middle class, and then the senior class and preschool class, I'll be an excellent elementary student just like brother!"

Luo Yanqing nodded again, "Hmm."

Ming Wei asked, "Dad, do you not like to talk?"

Luo Yanqing didn't know how to respond.

Kang Li couldn't help but snicker, coming to the man's rescue, "Your dad isn't that he doesn't like talking; he just talks less, that's all."

"So that's how it is!"

Ming Wei nodded her little head as if she understood.

"Dad, it's not good to talk so little; that way Mom won't know what you're thinking!" Min Rui looked up at his dad and suggested in a childish tone, "Dad could talk more with Mom, so Mom will like you more and more!"

Luo Yanqing felt a bit awkward but didn't just brush his son off and nodded slightly, "Okay." Kang Li, walking beside them, watched their interaction and shook her head with amusement.

After dropping off the twins at the kindergarten, they safely delivered Min Rui to the school gate.

"Let's go, we're off to buy groceries."

She called for the man to follow and stepped forward with the shopping basket in hand.

Luo Yanqing said, "I'll carry it." As he spoke, he took the basket into his own hands.

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With Luo Yanqing's help in lining up, buying groceries with Kang Li was naturally a bit faster than usual.

"Do you want dumplings, noodles, or rice for lunch?"

On the way back to the courtyard, Kang Li asked for the man's opinion regarding what to have for lunch.

Luo Yanqing answered without hesitation, "I'm fine with anything you make."

"Then let's have dumplings." She said this because she knew he particularly enjoyed dumplings, and sure enough, Luo Yanqing agreed saying, "Okay."

As they entered the courtyard, they happened to pass by the entrance to Wen Family Courtyard just as Su Man came out carrying her son. Upon seeing Luo Yanqing, her eyes flickered, and she said to him, "Comrade Luo, can you please control your partner!"

"What's wrong with my partner?"

Stopping in his tracks, Luo Yanqing looked at her intently.

Kang Li was utterly speechless; she couldn't believe Su Man was childish enough to complain about her in front of Professor Luo. Didn't the woman know that a good husband would never let his wife be put in an awkward position in front of others?!

"Comrade Kang slapped me twice out of the blue yesterday," Su Man said.

Chapter 438: Isn't It What You Asked for Yourself?

Su Man said indignantly, "Comrade Luo, you can't let your spouse bully me just because you're skilled in your field. No matter what, my husband Wen Siyuan works in your project team. As his family member, if your spouse has bullied me, what do you think he would feel if he found out?"

"Was my spouse in the wrong for slapping you?"

Luo Yanqing's gaze was indifferent, and his facial expression showed not the slightest change as he said lightly, "You brought someone to my doorstep just based on someone else's unilateral claims and your acquaintance with me, hoping to watch the drama at my home and see how my spouse gets bullied. With such behavior, is it not asking for it when my spouse slapped you?"

"You..."

Su Man's cheeks turned red, and for a moment she was at a loss for words.

"About my spouse hitting you, I will clarify things in front of Comrade Wen later."

Leaving these words behind, Luo Yanqing turned his head to his young wife, "Let's go home."

Kang Li smiled, "Okay." But before she stepped away, Kang Li said to Su Man, "I never hit anyone for no reason."

"You are unreasonable!"

Su Man glared furiously at Kang Li.

"Whether I'm unreasonable, or you're asking for a beating, we both know the truth."

After tossing this casual remark to Su Man, Kang Li walked alongside Luo Yanqing, and the two entered their courtyard.

"Xiao Su, why do this at all!"

Xu Mei, Wen's family's neighbor on the other side, stood at her courtyard door. She had overheard the entire conversation between Su Man, Luo Yanqing, and Kang Li, and seeing that Kang Li and her husband had already entered their courtyard, she couldn't help but give Su Man some advice:

"We're all neighbors, seeing each other all the time. You really shouldn't have brought someone directly into our courtyard yesterday. Not only did you offend Xiao Kang, but you also got slapped by her. Xiao Su, you need to think more before you act, or you'll be the one at a loss."

"But I had good intentions."

Su Man bit her lip, showing a look of grievance, "That auntie said her son lived in our courtyard and that his name was Luo Yanqing, so naturally I thought to do a good deed by bringing her in..."

"Why didn't you call Kang Li from the gatehouse first? Everyone in our courtyard has their landline numbers listed there; it's just a phone call away. You didn't even make a call and just brought someone into the courtyard. Xiao Su, to be honest, I don't believe you didn't have ulterior motives."

With Xu Mei pointing this out, Su Man felt unable to save face and mumbled defensively, "What ulterior motives could I have? I'm not talking to you anymore, sister-in-law, my son is hungry, and I need to go make his formula."

Carrying her son, Su Man quickly entered her courtyard.

Acting like such a good person, accusing me of having ulterior motives, does she think she's the good one?

With a twist of her mouth, Su Man certainly hadn't forgotten that Xu Mei was just as eager to spectate the commotion the day before.

The sunlight streamed through the window into the study where Luo Yanqing sat behind his desk, earnestly reading a book that was about two fingers thick.

Opposite him, Kang Li rested her elbow on the desk, hand supporting her cheek, quietly watching the man before her, and did not blink for a long while.

She had been reading as well, but somehow, her gaze had shifted to the man and she began to admire his 360° flawless face.

Such a handsome man, with such inexplicably long eyelashes...

She really wanted to reach out and touch them.

So thought Kang Li.

Perhaps her gaze was too intense, because Luo Yanqing couldn't help but notice. Suddenly, he looked up, meeting Kang Li's eyes, and asked, "What are you looking at?"

Chapter 439: Do You Regret It?

Kang Li didn't even think about it, "It's up to you."

Luo Yanqing was initially stunned, then a hint of a smile appeared in his phoenix eyes, “Do I look good?”

“Super good-looking!”

Kang Li nodded without hesitation, “To think that such a handsome man is mine, just thinking about it makes my heart happy!”

As her voice fell, Kang Li finally came back to her senses. She suddenly stood up, her cheeks flushing red, pretending to be confused, “Why am I here? Did I just say something? I didn’t, right?”

Rubbing her forehead, she turned around nonchalantly and murmured as she walked out of the study, “I must have been muddled from sleep. No, I need to go back to bed and lie down some more...”

Luo Yanqing laughed softly, “Is Xiao Li feeling shy?”

“Huh?” She stopped in her tracks and turned to look at him, continuing to feign confusion, “What did you say?”

Luo Yanqing just smiled, saying nothing.

Kang Li couldn’t pretend anymore and simply walked up to him, glaring, “Don’t laugh at me!” She unceremoniously sat on his lap and wrapped her arms around his neck, “Laugh again and I’ll bite you!”

“Alright, I won’t laugh anymore.”

Though he said so, he didn’t laugh again, but the amusement in Luo Yanqing’s eyes was unmistakable. Looking at him like that, Kang Li’s heart fluttered, and she tightened her grip slightly, pulling his head closer to hers, then kissed his beautifully shaped lips.

Luo Yanqing was taken aback for a moment, then he took the initiative.

When their breathing became unsteady, they finally ended the kiss.

“Do you regret it?”

Caught off-guard by his question, Kang Li was confused, “Regret what?”

“I spend so much time away from home due to work...”

“You mean that? Don’t worry at all; I knew before I agreed to marry you that it wouldn’t be easy for you to take a holiday with the nature of your job.”

“Then why...” Why do you still agree to marry me?

“Do you want the truth or a lie?”

“The truth.”

“You are good-looking, you have a high income, marrying you means I wouldn’t have to worry about money, and also I don’t have to have kids.”

“Just that...”

“Yes, just that. You don’t think I’m shallow or too practical, do you?”

“No. I should thank my face for catching your eye, and my satisfactory income, and, well... thank my family for having Luo Mingrui and the other two, otherwise, there might not be a today with you.”

Kang Li’s eyes twinkled with mirth, “Well said. You really should thank your good looks, your high income, and having Ruirui and the other two kids at home. But why would you think of finding a partner in the countryside? Did you think rural girls are simpler and wouldn’t mistreat Ruirui and his siblings?”

“City folks are crafty, and besides, I actually... didn’t plan on remarrying, but Luo Mingrui and the others needed someone to take care of them, and I had to work, so I just mentioned a few requirements offhandedly, never expecting the organization to quickly set you up with me.”

"I at least saw your photo, you didn't know my height or whether I was thin or plump, weren't you worried about being disappointed with who you married?"

"I hadn't thought about that. Before I met you, I had no expectations from marriage, I just hoped that Luo Mingrui and the others would be cared for."

"Tell me, were you looking for a wife for yourself, or hiring a nanny back home?"

"Not a nanny... I thought that if the person could be kind to Luo Mingrui and them, I naturally would fulfill my duties and obligations as a husband, but the affection between husband and wife... I certainly couldn't offer that, you must have felt it, I'm quite dense when it comes to emotions, no, more precisely, I have no longing for any emotions..."

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Kang Li raised his eyebrows, "And now?"

Luo Yanqing understood the meaning of his little wife. His eyes shifted slightly, but he eventually looked into Kang Li's eyes and said, "Thank you for letting me experience what it's like to feel affection..."

"That's it?"

"Xiao Li, I like you!"

Holding tight to the person in his arms, Luo Yanqing murmured in her ear, "I like you, Xiao Li, I'm so glad you became my wife!"

Kang Li curved her lips into a smile and kissed the handsome face beside her, "I heard you. Actually, agreeing to marry you was a bit impulsive on my part." It was a decision made on impulse by the original owner of this body.

Luo Yanqing asked, "Because of the broken engagement?"

Kang Li hummed in response, "It can be considered a relationship between childhood sweethearts. My situation was well understood by the other side and his family, but suddenly, due to my health condition, they came to my house to call off the engagement. I was undoubtedly furious, but I also didn't want to degrade myself by clinging to a man whose heart has changed."

"It looks like I ought to thank that comrade. If it weren't for him breaking the engagement with you, there would not be the fate between you and me."

"Is that necessary?"

Kang Li shook her head, "He's just a self-righteous jerk. I don't want to have anything to do with him anymore."

Luo Yanqing said, "I'll listen to you." After a brief silence, Luo Yanqing softly called, "Xiao Li..."

Kang Li, "Hmm?"

Luo Yanqing, "Your health will get better."

Once he finished the research project he was working on, he would help her contact the best doctors for a full-body checkup. No matter the cost, he would cure her!

"I don't feel there's anything wrong with being like this now. Let's just let nature take its course."

This body was not something that could be healed just by medical treatment. However, with Dwen Dwen around, as long as she accumulated enough happiness and affection value, and then converted these into points together with Life Points, her health would naturally improve in time.

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The three days passed quickly, and that noon, while Kang Li was cooking in the kitchen, Luo Yanqing found the phone book in the drawer of the coffee table and dialed the landline number of the Team Leader's office in Aoli Village.

The call was answered by none other than Captain Kang himself. Luo Yanqing didn't beat around the bush but relayed the purpose of his call directly. Captain Kang, hearing the sincerity in his voice, hardly hesitated before agreeing, saying,

"Okay, Dad understands. I'll personally bring your mom over later. Alright, I'll call Li Bao before we head out, you don't have to worry about it, just focus on your work. Well then, that's settled... Alright, goodbye."

After hanging up, Captain Kang saw the clock on his desk pointing to twelve o'clock and couldn't help turning on the loudspeaker to inform the members that it was time to knock off work.

"What's that? Our son-in-law called?"

Cai Xiufen came home from work, washed her face, and upon hearing what Captain Kang said, she couldn't help showing surprise.

"Indeed, it was our son-in-law who called. He wants us to go to North City to accompany Li Bao, saying her health isn't good and having us by her side will allow him to work with a peace of mind at the unit."

"And what was your response?"

"I agreed to it. In a few days, once the weather turns completely cold and there is no more work in the fields, I'll accompany you to North City, then I'll come back myself, and you stay there to take care of Li Bao."

"Could it be that our Li Bao is sick?"

Cai Xiufen was a bit anxious.

Captain Kang, "No, Li Bao is not sick. It's just that the son-in-law feels her health is not good. He's worried that something might happen at home and he won't be there. Without anyone by her side, he wouldn't be at ease."