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Chapter 441: Don't You Feel a Bit Reluctant?

"It's good that Li Bao is alright. Last year, Li Bao had asked us to go to North City, but I was sick at the time and used that as an excuse not to agree with Li Bao. This year, we really should visit our daughter; it's been over a year, and I dream of Li Bao!"

As she spoke, Cai Xiufen's eyes couldn't help but become a bit sour. She wiped the corner of her eyes and refocused her gaze on Captain Kang, "How about early November? We could set out for North City at the start of November, what do you think?"

Captain Kang thought for a moment, then nodded: "Alright."

North City.

The courtyard.

"Don't you feel a bit reluctant?"

Luo Yanqing watched Kang Li silently packing his clothes at the bedside and, lost in thought, the words slipped out from his lips with an evident sour tone.

"Huh?"

Kang Li turned to look at the man, her beautiful brows slightly raised: "Reluctant? Of course, I'm reluctant for you to return to the station, but what can that do? Can it keep you here by my side forever or even delay your leaving for a few more days?"

She moved closer to the man, her lovely fox-like eyes gazing directly at him: "Tell me, would you give up working for me?"

Luo Yanqing: "... How was he supposed to answer that?"

Clearly he was the one feeling jealous, thinking his little wife seemed rather happy about him leaving and not a bit reluctant. Now, being looked straight in the eye by his wife and questioned repeatedly, he suddenly didn't know what to say.

"See, it's not that I don't want you to go that can keep you from going. It's your own inability to let go of work that makes you leave after only a couple of days each time. Professor Luo, remember that. Don't wrongly accuse me again!"

Blinking her fox-like eyes, Kang Li said softly with a smile, "If it were even slightly possible, I would definitely hope you could stay at home for a long time, pick up and drop off the kids with me every day, go grocery shopping with me, shop around, walk around the courtyard, do all the things I love to do."

On hearing this, Luo Yanqing instantly felt very guilty. He said, "I'm sorry! Xiao Li, sorry, I can't be with you all the time."

"Silly! Why say sorry?! You're working, contributing to the nation's technological advancement. There's nothing to be sorry for." Having said that, Kang Li's gentle gaze shifted from the man as she continued to pack his clothes.

Unexpectedly, Luo Yanqing suddenly embraced her from behind.

"What are you doing, Professor Luo? I am packing your clothes. Let go quickly, or it will seem rude to make the driver wait too long."

Patting the man's hand gently, Kang Li's voice was filled with helpless amusement.

Luo Yanqing: "Don't want to."

Startled by his words, Kang Li then turned her head to face the man: "Then what do you want?" Her clear and gentle fox-like eyes brimmed with unwitting indulgence and pampering: "Tell me, what exactly do you want?"

With his lips slightly pursed, Luo Yanqing said nothing for a long while. Just when Kang Li thought he would let her go soon, unexpectedly, he pushed her down onto the bed, leaned over close to her, gave her a light peck on the lips, and deepened the kiss gradually.

But just when there was a noticeable change in the man's body, his face flushed red, and he quickly got up and left the room.

Soon after, Kang Li heard the sound of running water in the courtyard.

Sitting up, she straightened her clothes and, looking through the window glass toward the courtyard, saw the man standing by the basin, washing his face with cold water.

Well, it wasn't really washing his face but using the cold water to cool himself down!

Kang Li couldn't help but chuckle: It's good you don't really want to become a monk!

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After all, as husband and wife for over a year, even though they spent more time apart than together, and even though their romance was quite good, beyond kissing, hugging, and holding hands, they hadn't really done anything overly intimate.

This made her doubt more than once whether the man had grown accustomed to a life of purity and few desires, which is why he showed no special reaction despite having her, a great beauty, by his side.

Perhaps the temperature on his face had gone down, Luo Yanqing turned off the tap but did not return to the bedroom for quite a while.

Standing in the center of the courtyard, from Kang Li's angle, it wasn't hard to see that his ear tips were still so red they looked like they could bleed.

With a playful smile in her beautiful eyes, Kang Li shook her head, picked up the packed travel bag, and walked out of the room.

"Feeling better, Luo Yanqing...?"

Her gaze teasing, she deliberately dragged out the end of her sentence.

Luo Yanqing's voice was slightly hoarse, "No worries."

Arriving next to the man and standing still, Kang Li tiptoed to his ear and whispered in a lowered voice, "If you have needs, just say so, or else you might hurt yourself holding it in..."

Before she could finish her sentence, she was suddenly pulled into an embrace, "I'm in perfect health, not a single issue!"

Kang Li responded with an "oh," then said, "But I saw you just now..."

"Don't talk!"

Luo Yanqing quietly adjusted his breathing and after a moment, he kissed the forehead of the person in his arms, "Later..." The follow-up trailed off, and Kang Li looked up at him, "Later what?"

Luo Yanqing was already feeling a bit feverish and Kang Li's voice seemed to act as a catalyst. He said, "I have to go now, take good care of yourself." He took the travel bag from Kang Li's hand, turned around, and with long strides, headed for the courtyard gate.

He was afraid, afraid if he didn't leave now, he'd have to cool himself down with cold water again.

The feeling was quite unfamiliar to Luo Yanqing, but... he knew these bodily reactions were caused by his little wife, so he didn't think there was anything wrong with it.

But if Kang Li knew about it, she would probably ask, "Was your previous marriage just a symbol of loneliness?"

"Go rest."

After getting into the car and rolling down the window halfway, Luo Yanqing saw Kang Li appear at the courtyard door. He waved at her, "Goodbye, remember to contact me if anything comes up."

Kang Li nodded, her fox eyes swirling with a smile, "Goodbye!" Watching the smile in her eyes, Luo Yanqing didn't know why but felt his face suddenly flush again.

Seeing him, Kang Li covered her mouth and laughed, her beautiful fox eyes curving into crescents.

Straining to keep his face tense, Luo Yanqing pretended to be stern and withdrew his gaze from his wife, signaling the driver to go.

"Our Professor Luo is really both handsome and cute!"

Watching the car drive away, the smile in Kang Li's eyes did not fade in the slightest. She curled her lips and muttered to herself.

Time flew by, and before they knew it, the end of October arrived.

That day, upon seeing a piece of news in the newspaper, Kang Li was so happy that after sending Min Rui and the other two to school, she visited the Song Family. As she entered the living room and saw Mrs. Qi and Song Xuan, she said beamingly, "Godmother, Xuan Xuan, I have some great news to tell you!"

"What great news?"

Mrs. Qi looked interested, and even Song Xuan was blinking expectantly straight at Kang Li, appearing quite eager.

"Take a look."

Sitting next to Mrs. Qi, Kang Li picked up the newspaper on the coffee table, found the piece of news she had seen at home, and said with curving brows and eyes:

"This competition is something Xuan Xuan can completely sign up for. Hmm, I plan to also register Ruirui to try out. Although the little guy hasn't been learning to play the erhu from me for as long as Xuan Xuan,

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"But Ruirui's level of play should be able to achieve a good result in the children's category."

"The Youth Art Competition, National Instrument Solo Contest ..." Mrs. Qi's eyes lit up as she looked at the news in the newspaper and asked Kang Li, "Li Bao, can Xuan Xuan really participate?"

Kang Li nodded, "Of course, he can. Our Xuan Xuan's skill is totally up to the standards for a stage performance, and I believe our Xuan Xuan will definitely bring out his best."

Her gentle gaze shifted to the young boy, "Does Xuan Xuan have confidence?"

"Mhm."

Song Xuan certainly understood the meaning in Kang Li's words. He glanced at Mrs. Qi and then vigorously nodded to Kang Li.

Kang Li said, "Godmother, do you see that? Our Xuan Xuan is confident. You must believe in Xuan Xuan!"

Mrs. Qi replied, "I believe! I believe in my grandson. I'm sure he will play wonderfully!" She ruffled her grandson's hair, her eyes filled with a smile.

"Then should I go ahead and sign up both Xuan Xuan and Ruirui?"

Kang Li sought Mrs. Qi's opinion.

"Alright, you handle the registration."

Mrs. Qi nodded, entrusting the registration task entirely to Kang Li.

After deciding on taking part in the instrument solo contest, Kang Li got up, "I still have some things to take care of at home, so I'll be leaving now. I'll come back this afternoon to keep you company."

Mrs. Qi replied, "Okay."

Song Xuan walked Kang Li to the gate of the courtyard. When he returned to the living room, Mrs. Qi, seeing her grandson's face always wearing a smile, asked, "Xuan Xuan, are you very happy to participate in the contest?"

"Mhm."

He wasn't a fool. He was going to prove himself to those who called him a fool!

Song Xuan now understood many things. He knew he was a bit different from his peers, but he wasn't dumb. He was just sick and didn't enjoy many things like other children his age.

In other words, he really liked music, especially playing the erhu.

"Then before the contest, you must practice well," Mrs. Qi advised warmly and affectionately.

Song Xuan "mm-hmmed" again and then said, "I'm going to practice."

"Good."

Mrs. Qi smiled and nodded in return.

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It was nearing four o'clock in the afternoon.

Kang Li picked up the twins from kindergarten and brought them directly to the Song Family's home, deciding to later pick up Min Rui from elementary school. After all, the twins were still young, and Kang Li was somewhat concerned about leaving them alone at home.

Even though the twins were very well-behaved and obedient, children are curious, and one can't guarantee no accidents if they were to touch the power strip or run to the kitchen and handle the kettle on the stove.

"Hello, Grandma, Hanhan (Vivi) is out of school!"

Following their mother into the living room with their little legs, the twin siblings greeted Mrs. Qi in their milky voices before running off to Song Xuan's room.

"Would you like some water?"

Mrs. Qi invited Kang Li to sit down on the sofa and stood up to pour her a cup of hot water.

"Godmother, you start bustling about as soon as you see me."

With a smile tugging at the corners of her mouth, Kang Li always felt a bit uneasy being taken care of like this by Mrs. Qi.

"I dote on my daughter, is that wrong?!"

With a playful glare at Kang Li, Mrs. Qi laughed, "Don't overthink it. Godmother is absolutely not just being polite to you. I genuinely dote on you, girl." Kang Li chuckled, "I know, but I'm still not used to being cared for by you like this."

"Alright, alright, I'll do as you wish. From now on, when you come over, I won't do anything. You're free to help yourself, whether you want to eat, drink, or do anything else. Is that alright now?"

Kang Li replied, "It couldn't be better!"

"You! You don't know how to enjoy good fortune!"

With an indulgent look in her eyes, Mrs. Qi shook her head, smiling.

"It should be Godmother enjoying my good fortune. Since when do children enjoy the good fortune of their elders?"

Chapter 444: Not at Ease

Kang Li spoke earnestly and sincerely, which filled Mrs. Qi with immense relief.

The elementary school let out nearly an hour later than the kindergarten, and ever since Min Rui started elementary school, Kang Li would pick up the twins at the Song Family's place first, then cycle to the elementary school to pick up her eldest son.

"Mom, I can actually walk home by myself."

Perched on the rear seat of the bicycle, Min Rui suddenly made his declaration.

Kang Li slowed down her cycling and asked with a smile, "Are you worried about Mom getting tired?" Min Rui nodded, and realizing she couldn't see him, he made a sound of agreement, "Mmm, Ruirui doesn't want Mom to exhaust herself."

After a short pause, Min Rui added, "Wen Yue has been walking to and from school by herself since she started elementary school. If she can do it as a girl, I can certainly do it as a boy."

Not only did his mother have to pick him up every afternoon, but she also had to take him back and forth at noon because he had to eat lunch at home. He really didn't want her to work so hard.

Moreover, he was the elder child now, and many of his classmates who lived closer to the school walked to and from school by themselves.

"Wen Yue's mother has little ones to take care of, so she doesn't have time to pick Wen Yue up from school personally. Mom is free right now. Other than taking you, Hanhan, and Vivi to and from school, I don't have much else to do."

Min Rui: "Mom isn't in good health, and she also writes at home."

Feeling a warmth in her heart, Kang Li said with a smile, "How about this? If Mom isn't feeling well one day, then we'll let our Ruirui walk home by himself after school. What do you think?"

"...Okay then."

After a moment of silence, Min Rui responded in his childish voice.

Actually, there were quite a few children attending elementary school within the compound because everyone's parents had to go to work, so these kids usually walked to and from school by themselves.

Furthermore, between the kindergarten and the elementary school was a road complete with traffic lights and a crosswalk, and even a traffic policeman on duty, so the safety factor was actually well assured.

Moreover, from the elementary school to the compound was just one bus stop away. The children would walk in groups, and under normal circumstances, it was highly unlikely that anything untoward would happen.

But Kang Li wasn't born and raised in this era, and in her original world, where children went to school, parents usually accompanied them from kindergarten all the way until they graduated from high school.

Even for middle and high school boarders, parents would be waiting at the school gate as soon as the children were on holiday, ensuring they got back to school safely each weekend.

Perhaps influenced by this way of thinking, coupled with the fact that Min Rui and the twins were indeed quite young, Kang Li honestly felt uneasy letting her little ones walk to and from school by themselves.

However, Kang Li also knew that she had to learn to let go at the right time. She certainly wasn't going to raise her children to be overly dependent on their mom.

"Goodbye Grandma! Bye Brother Xuan Xuan!"

After returning the bicycle to its place for Mrs. Qi, Kang Li, leading the twins and calling for her eldest son Min Rui to follow, bid farewell to Mrs. Qi and her grandchildren, and the happy family of four made their way home.

Just as luck would have it, the moment Kang Li and her little ones stepped into the living room, the landline phone bell rang out of the blue.

"Mom, mom, I'll get the phone!"

Ming Han let go of his sister's hand and toddled over to the phone with his little short legs, "patter patter patter", lifted the receiver, and said with utmost seriousness and a babyish voice, "Hello, this is Luo Minghan, who are you looking for?"

After recognizing the voice on the other end, Ming Han's face lit up with a wide smile, "Oh, it's Grandpa! Hi, Grandpa... I've been good, and so have my brother and sister. As for my dad... my dad isn't home, but my mom is here. Grandpa, I'll get mom to talk to you, please hold on a moment!"

Chapter 445 Can't I Forget?

Kang Li walked over with a smile playing on her lips.

"Mommy, Mommy, it's Grandpa's call!"

Handing the phone to her mother, Ming Han stepped aside to make room and sat down with her brother and sister at the small table. She took out her pencil case and notebook, ready to do the homework assigned by the teacher.

"Dad, it's me...Really? That's great, I got it...Since Yangyang and the others want to come to North City, why don't you bring them along, I'll pay for the tickets as their aunt...Okay, I'll pick you up from the train station, we'll settle on that, and I promise I'll be there on time! Okay, bye!"

After ending the call, Kang Li put the handset back on the base and seeing all three kids looking at her, she couldn't help but laugh and say, "Your Grandma and Grandpa will be coming from our hometown to North City in a few days, and it looks like your older and second older cousins will come along too. Isn't that exciting?"

The three chorused in unison, "Exciting!"

"Alright, do your homework now, Mommy's going to cook dinner." The living room was a bit dark, so Kang Li casually pulled the lamp cord, and immediately, the room brightened significantly.

Entering the kitchen, Kang Li quickly set about her tasks. She started a pot of porridge on the stove and soaked some vermicelli, planning to make two dishes for dinner, eggplant with potatoes and sauerkraut stir-fried with shredded pork.

Her hands were busy, but her mind wasn't idle.

She didn't expect Luo Yanqing to do something big behind her back again, yet she was undeniably delighted. But she couldn't fathom why the man always did good deeds without telling her, without even giving her a clue.

"Silly!"

Gentleness swirled in her beautiful eyes as Kang Li murmured to herself, "I'm touched, but I also feel for you, don't I?" His heart had room for her, yet when it came to expressing emotions, he always did so in such a silent manner. What was she to say?

To be honest, Kang Li truly hadn't anticipated that Luo Yanqing would call Aoli Village and invite her mother to North City to keep her company, all because he was worried about her health. He made the call to her parents with great sincerity, asking them to stay in North City for a while.

Her thoughts meandering, Kang Li felt her heart brimming with sweetness.

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Ming Han: "Mommy, I'm so full!"

Ming Wei: "Mommy, I'm so full too!"

Min Rui glared at the twins, "Who told you to eat so much?"

Ming Han: "Mommy's cooking is delicious!"

Ming Wei: "Vivi loves the mushroom chicken porridge the most!"

As Kang Li cleaned up the dishes, Min Rui helped out, to which she said with a smile, "Let Mommy do it, you take your brother and sister for a walk in the yard to help digest."

It wouldn't take her long to clean up just a few sets of dishes.

Min Rui nodded, "Okay." He shifted his gaze to his siblings, "Let's go walk it off."

The twins obediently got up from their booster seats and followed their brother out of the living room.

"Brother, the teacher praised me today and even gave me two little red flowers. I'm going to give them to Mommy later!"

Ming Han, leading the way with Ming Wei following behind, heard her second older brother's intention to give Mommy the little red flowers, and immediately chimed in, "I'll give my flowers to Mommy too!"

"Luo Mingwei! No copying me!"

Halting in his steps, Ming Han turned around, hands on hips, eyes wide as he looked at his sister, "All you do is copy me, you know that's very rude, right?"

Ming Wei, not to be outdone, glared back with her large, round black eyes, "I'm not copying you! I thought of giving Mommy the flowers a long, long time ago!"

Ming Han asked, "Then why didn't you give them earlier?"

Ming Wei huffed, speaking with a childlike tone, "Can't I just forget?"

Ming Han pursed his lips, "Looks like you don't really like Mommy that much, otherwise how could you forget to give her the flowers!"

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Ming Wei: "I super love Mom! I forgot because I was too busy playing, not because I did it on purpose!"

"Childish."

Min Rui blurted two words and walked ahead of the twins, minding his own business.

Ming Wei stuck her tongue out at Ming Han and made a face: "Big brother said you are childish!"

Ming Han: "Nuh-uh... You're the childish one, the most childish girl!" He replied with a face, his short legs following behind his brother, continuing their digesting walk.

"Hmph! I'm not childish at all, okay?!"

Ming Wei glared at her brother Min Rui's back, then hurried along with her short legs to catch up.

At night, before bed, although the twins were clearly too sleepy to keep their eyes open, they didn't forget to take a small red flower from their pencil case and hand it to their mom, "Mom, here!" This was Ming Han's voice.

"...Mom, Vivi is giving you a flower!"

Yawning, Ming Wei placed three little red flowers in her mother's palm: "I have one more than big brother. Mom, the teacher gave me lots of little red flowers, and they're all stuck on the walls of the kindergarten classroom, but today's flowers I brought home especially for you!"

"Mom, Luo Mingwei is copying me; I thought of giving you flowers first!" Ming Han complained.

Ming Wei: "Tattletale!"

Ming Han: "Teacher's pet!"

Kang Li smiled tenderly yet helplessly: "Alright, Mom is very happy to receive your little red flowers, but you mustn't quarrel over such a trivial thing!"

Ming Han: "Mom, I wasn't fighting with Luo Mingwei, you heard wrong!"

Ming Wei: "Fighting isn't good behavior; Mom, I won't fight with big brother."

The twins lay in their respective little beds, each more obedient than the other, tucked in under their blankets, eyes closed, ready for sleep. Kang Li watched them with a smile and casually told a bedtime story.

Outside the window, the moonlight was frosty. Upon returning to the master bedroom, Kang Li lay down on the bed and summoned Dwen Dwen for a chat.

"Did you miss me, sis?"

"Yes, I missed you."

Kang Li curved her lips upward: "I'm having a bit of trouble sleeping; keep me company for a bit."

Dwen Dwen twirled around and cutely asked, "What do you want to hear about, sis?"

Kang Li: "Anything's fine."

Dwen Dwen blinked: "So, why can't you sleep, sis?"

Kang Li: "I don't know."

Dwen Dwen puzzled: "How can you not know? Sis, could it be you're missing your husband? It must be it, otherwise, you wouldn't have insomnia!"

Kang Li: "I didn't say I had insomnia."

Dwen Dwen grinned: "Sis, you really are missing your husband. I just mentioned him, and you didn't even argue!"

Kang Li: "...I do miss him a bit; why does he have to be so busy?"

Dwen Dwen: "Haven't you heard, sis, that scientists tend to be workaholics?"

Kang Li: "But even if he's busy... he still needs plenty of rest!"

Dwen Dwen: "True that. Perhaps Dwen Dwen should help your husband?"

Kang Li: "How can you help?"

Dwen Dwen: "Dwen Dwen comes from an advanced civilization; your husband's research projects shouldn't be too hard for Dwen Dwen!"

Kang Li: "No, I think he doesn't need to resort to cheating to produce results."

Dwen Dwen: "It's not really cheating; at most, I could give him some tips..."

Kang Li: "He doesn't even know what you are; if you showed up, he might try to keep you and then dismantle you to study you thoroughly!"

"..." Dwen Dwen seemed to be frightened, after a pause, it trembled in its adorable voice: "No way, right? Is your husband that ruthless? Dwen Dwen is super cute, could he really bring himself to do it?"

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Kang Li: "You never can tell! After all, he's a scientific researcher, with his mind mostly on his research; he's also always full of curiosity about new things!"

Dwen Dwen hugged himself and shivered, mist swimming in his eyes, looking both vulnerable and helpless.

Kang Li laughed, "How about you offer something nice, and I'll talk to your brother-in-law in advance, try to get him to not be too harsh on you?"

Dwen Dwen: "I need Points to exchange, Miss, Are you going to use your Points?"

Kang Li: "... Hey! She had laid the trap, but this little one just wouldn't jump in, wasn't he a bit too clever?

"Miss, why aren't you saying anything?"

"Sing me a song."

"...Ah~ the fifth ring, you have one more ring than the fourth..."

"Stop!"

Kang Li had to shout stop, simply because the moment she heard this song, it made her involuntarily think of the extremely funny Xiao Yueyue, and she couldn't help wanting to burst into laughter.

And at this late hour, if she suddenly kept laughing non-stop, people would think she'd gone mad!

"Choose another song."

She had to maintain her demeanor.

Dwen Dwen: "Then I'll sing a lullaby for Miss."

Kang Li: "That's fine."

Dwen Dwen pretentiously cleared his throat and then began to sing with his cute little voice.

Time passed unknowingly, and the lullaby from Dwen Dwen's mouth came to a stop. It gently called out: "Miss! Miss..." By then, Kang Li was already fast asleep.

Dwen Dwen wiped the non-existent sweat and whispered softly: "This is so hard!" It was clearly a child care system, but now it had to lull Miss to sleep too, was there anything more difficult than this? Wuu~

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The children's art competition, featuring solo performances of national musical instruments, was sponsored by North City TV Station. The semi-finals and finals would be recorded and later broadcasted on North City TV Station.

"Your Ruirui can play the erhu?"

Today was the weekend, and before recording the program, Wu Yue couldn't help but show surprise when she learned that Kang Li had helped Song Xuan and Min Rui sign up for the solo instrument competition.

"Is that so unusual?"

Glancing at Wu Yue, Kang Li said, "My Ruirui plays the erhu quite well!"

"Did you teach him?"

Wu Yue's eyes lit up like flashlights.

"You can drop the 'maybe,' but please don't get any ideas about me, okay?" For her, who just wanted to coast through life, she really didn't want to take on more responsibilities.

Wu Yue laughed: "I just wanted to ask if you're still taking students... What do you think of my daughter?"

Kang Li: "Youth Palace, thanks!" Go to Youth Palace, they have teachers for any musical instrument.

"Xiao Li... dear sister, really not possible?"

Wu Yue played her persistence game.

Kang Li spoke indifferently: "It seems like you've found a suitable host."

Wu Yue immediately made her position clear: "Pretend I didn't say anything, sis. The wind was strong just now; you didn't hear anything, right, right?"

Kang Li suppressed a laugh: "You're right, the wind was a bit strong. Oh, did you say something before?"

Wu Yue shook her head like a wave drum: "No, no, I didn't say a word."

Kang Li pretended to ponder and "Oh" softly, and Wu Yue breathed a sigh of relief. As Kang Li looked her way, Wu Yue hurriedly stretched her lips into a harmless smile.

Speaking of which, every time Kang Li went to the kindergarten to pick up the twins or to the elementary school gate to pick up her eldest son Min Rui, she would be recognized by the children, especially when one shouted "Teacher Lizi." Like a pot exploding, the surrounding children immediately crowded around Kang Li, clamoring "Teacher Lizi, I like you so much".

Chapter 448: Different

Therefore, when Kang Li picked up the twin with mixed sex and her oldest son Min Rui, she tried to keep a low profile in every way possible.

However, with her appearance, it was absolutely impossible to stay under the radar without wearing a mask.

After recording the show, as Kang Li's mother and the others sat in the car ready to return to the courtyard, Wu Yue suddenly asked, "Who is that Song Xuan?"

Kang Li: "My nephew."

Wu Yue: "Did you teach him too?"

Kang Li nodded.

Wu Yue: "Sister, you are so amazing. It's just a pity my daughter doesn't have the fortune to learn erhu from you!"

Kang Li gave her an elegant eye roll and said, "Let's go." She pulled the car door shut and didn't look at Wu Yue, this drama queen, again.

As North City TV Station is some distance from the courtyard, Kang Li's mother and the others were dropped off by the station's car at the entrance of the courtyard. Forty minutes had passed, but it was still not close to evening and the sun had not yet begun to set.

"Mommy, can I play outside with my friends for a while?"

As they approached the entrance of their house, Ming Han looked at a few little friends playing under the old banyan tree, tilted his head back, and gazed up at his mother with his bright black eyes.

Kang Li smiled and nodded: "Go ahead, but don't run far away."

"I won't, I'll just play right here and won't go to any other places!"

With a milky voice, Ming Han ran off towards his friends.

Seeing this, Ming Wei hugged her mother's leg and, tilting her little head up, coaxed her mother, "Mommy, mommy, can I also play for a little while? I promise to stay with big brother and not run around!"

"Alright, remember to come home early."

Kang Li looked at her with loving and indulgent eyes. She agreed to the little girl's request and then turned to her brother Ming Rui, "Ruirui, do you want to play outside for a while too?"

Ming Rui shook his head lightly but said, "I'll watch over my brother and sister here."

"Our Ruirui is such a good brother!"

Patting the child's head, Kang Li praised him and then added, "Then mommy will go home and cook dinner; you bring your brother and sister back home later."

Ming Rui responded with an "Okay."

Under the old banyan tree, Ming Han and Gu Chi were having a great time, while Ming Wei was playing with Feng Loo, Wen Yue, Wen Yu, and a few other little girls.

"Vivi, will your mom have a little brother for you?"

Wen Yi suddenly tugged at Ming Wei's sleeve and whispered this question.

"A little brother? Why would my mom have a little brother? My big brother and I are very well behaved; my mom wouldn't want another baby!"

Ming Wei tilted her head in thought and then babbled her response to Wen Yi.

"You and your big brothers are not born to your mom. She definitely wants a child of her own, just like Auntie Su in my family. Now she has a little brother; she hardly talks to me or Yue Sister."

Wen Yi's face showed a tinge of grievance: "Auntie Su really likes her own child. Vivi, do you think I will be able to see my mom again?"

"I don't know." Ming Wei shook her head, her mood becoming somewhat downcast as she asked Wen Yi, "If Auntie Su doesn't like you and Yue Sister, does she like Little Fish?"

Wen Yi thought for a moment, then shook her head, "It doesn't seem like she likes him that much either. I think Auntie Su only likes her little brother!"

"My mom will always like me and my big brothers, even if she has a little brother. She will still love me and my big brothers just as much as she does now. My mom is the best mom in the world, not like Auntie Su!"

Ming Wei was saying this to Wen Yi,

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She was also speaking to herself and didn't forget to nod decisively, to prove she wasn't just talking nonsense.

"Don't you want to ask your mom? Vivi, adults sometimes love to lie to us kids the most!"

Wen Yi actually envied Ming Wei for having such a beautiful and gentle mother, but she felt that Vivi should still ask, otherwise, when Aunt Kang has a little brother or sister, wouldn't Vivi become just like her and her sisters, no longer loved?

Well, actually, ever since Auntie Su came to her home, she didn't really like her and her sister... Wen Yi knew that Auntie Su's dislike of them was mostly related to her sister speaking ill of Auntie Su in front of her.

With a tiny frown, Wen Yi grew even more aggrieved.

It was her sister who bad-mouthed Auntie Su, she didn't say anything, so why did Auntie Su dislike her too?

"Ask my mom what?"

Ming Wei was puzzled, asking Wen Yi in her milky voice.

"Just ask your mom if she will still like you after she has a little brother or sister." Hearing Wen Yi say that, Ming Wei "oh"-ed, nodded, "I got it, I'll ask my mom when I get home."

Min Rui heard the conversation between Ming Wei and Wen Yi and began to zone out, somewhat involuntarily.

"What are you thinking about?"

Gu Chi noticed Min Rui was distracted, staring into his eyes and asking very seriously.

"Nothing, I'm not thinking about anything."

Min Rui shook his head and continued playing marbles with Gu Chi.

More than ten minutes later, Gu Chi picked up his marbles and put them in his pocket, "I have to go home now, let's play another day." Actually, it was because Min Rui was playing without much enthusiasm, which made Gu Chi think it wasn't fun anymore, so the child simply ended the game and ran off towards his home.

"Sister, let's go home."

Min Rui called Ming Wei.

"Okay."

Ming Wei responded, following behind her brother Min Rui towards their older brother Min Rui.

"Big brother..."

Tucking her little hand into her big brother's palm, Ming Wei pouted and looked back at Wen Yi before asking her brother Min Rui, "Do you think Mom will still like us if she has a little brother or sister?"

"Don't believe everything others say."

Min Rui had also heard what Wen Yi told his sister Ming Wei, and he didn't believe for a second that Mom having her own children meant she wouldn't like him and his siblings anymore.

"I want to ask Mom!"

Ming Han couldn't keep things to himself; he directly started with a trot, "dap dap dap," entering the courtyard, leaving his brother and sister behind.

"Mom, Mom!"

Barging into the kitchen, Ming Han became awkward again.

Aunt Kang paused in her chopping, somewhat amused, "What's the matter now?"

"Mom... Can I ask you a question?"

Stealing a glance at his mom and uncomfortably fiddling with his fingers, Ming Han slightly bowed his head, not daring to look at his mom straight on.

Aunt Kang's eyes softened, "Go ahead and ask."

"Mom, if you have a little brother or sister later, will you still love me and my brother and sister like you do now?" As soon as he said it, Ming Han's face immediately showed worry, fearful his mom might get angry.

Seeing the child's tentative demeanor, and the two little ones standing nervously at the kitchen door, Aunt Kang didn't need to think too much to know what the three kids had overheard outside. She smiled slightly, her lips curving as she said:

"Our Hanhan is a smart baby, do you need to ask Mom such a question? You should know that in Mom's heart, you are all Mom's children, so why wouldn't I love my own children?"

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Ming Wei: "But Auntie Su didn't like Yue Sister and Sister Little Yi after she had a little brother!"

Kang Li asked, "Is your mother Auntie Su?"

Min Rui shook his head three times: "No!"

"Do you understand now? I'm your mother, not the Auntie Su you speak of, so naturally I'll always love you all!" Kang Li maintained her smile, and upon hearing her words, Ming Han spoke softly, "But brother and sister and I aren't babies born from Mom."

"Then do you think of me as your mother?"

Kang Li's smile faded, but her gaze remained gentle as she looked at the three little ones.

She saw the trio nodding in unison.

"See, that settles it. Since you see me as your mom, then naturally you are my children, and as a mother, loving and cherishing my own children is only natural. Alright, don't overthink it. No matter whether we have little brothers or sisters in our family in the future, Mom promises to love each and every Little Baby of you. If I go back on my word, I'll turn into a little puppy!"

Kang Li said with a laugh, then she continued chopping vegetables.

Ming Wei cutely spoke up: "Mom is the best mom and would never turn into a little puppy!"

Ming Han: "I believe in Mom; Mom is different from Auntie Su, Mom is a good mom!"

Min Rui: "Let's go, brother will take you to read books. We shouldn't disturb Mom cooking."

After more than a year of living together, he had long seen that their new mom truly cared about him and his siblings. She was nothing like the next-door Auntie Su, so as long as he and his brother and sister were sensible and studied hard, Mom would never dislike them.

Once the trio left, Kang Li once again paused in her cutting. She turned her head, her gaze passing through the kitchen doorway, looking towards the Wen's family next door.

To tell the truth, she couldn't understand what Su Man was thinking. It was clear from the original story she knew that, even if Su Man's moral compass was skewed, she appeared to be quite good at dealing with people. Not to mention other things, she seemed to treat the three little girls in the family quite well.

Otherwise, the three sisters Wen Yue wouldn't each turn out to be quite successful when they grew up.

But reality was...

Once Su Man had her own children, she didn't care much for her three stepdaughters and was not afraid of gossips in the courtyard.

Could it be because of her arrival that the heroine "mutated"?

Lost in thought, Kang Li suddenly shook her head.

Her arrival in this world might bring some butterfly effect, but a person's true nature is not something that changes so easily.

In other words, the heroine Su Man must be inherently an extremely selfish and self-interested woman.

—She only cares about people and things that are of interest to her, not sparing a thought for anything else.

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"Mom, when are Grandma, Grandpa, and Big Cousin coming?"

On the way to the kindergarten, Ming Han asked in a baby voice, and upon hearing this, Kang Li smiled in response, "Tomorrow, your Grandma and Grandpa will be here tomorrow."

Ming Wei: "Mom, Mom, Vivi really wants to see Grandma and Grandpa and Big Cousin soon."

"Mmm, Mom knows."

Kang Li smiled and said softly, "Grandma and Grandpa definitely want to see you guys soon too."

Kang Li genuinely liked Captain Kang and his wife, as well as the brothers and sisters-in-law back in their hometown, not because of the emotions left by the original owner of the body, but because the entire family's character was beyond reproach. Moreover, their relationships were harmonious, the elders loving and caring for the young, and the young respectful toward the elders. To have such a family, in Kang Li's eyes, this was the greatest happiness in this world.

After dropping the twin with mixed sex off at the kindergarten, Kang Li didn't linger and then took Min Rui to the entrance of the elementary school.