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Chapter 451: Do You Need to Say That?

"Pay close attention in class and actively answer the teacher's questions."

After straightening her dear eldest son's collar, Kang Li gently reminded him, then gave a little pat on the little guy's shoulder, "Off you go, the class bell is about to ring."

Min Rui, "Bye, Mom!"

Kang Li, "Bye, Ruirui!"

After watching her son enter the school gates, Kang Li finally withdrew her gaze.

"Sister Kang Li?"

"Is that you, Sister Kang Li?!"

Mo Yan and Feng Yi stood a few steps behind Kang Li; they had not expected that simply trying their luck would actually result in finding her so precisely.

"Feng Yi! Mo Yan! What brings you here?"

Turning towards the voices, Kang Li saw two handsome young men grinning ear to ear, flashing their bright white teeth at her with a smile.

"We thought you would be dropping off your kid in the morning, so we came to try our luck outside this kindergarten and primary school to see if we could run into you."

Feng Yi said cheerfully, walking up to Kang Li.

"Aren't you guys working today?"

Kang Li asked with a laugh as she looked at the pair.

"Coincidentally, we both have the day off today."

Feng Yi spoke on behalf of them both, "Sister Kang Li, it's been over half a year since we last saw each other. Brother Yan and I thought we'd take advantage of our day off to come and visit you."

Raising the meat, veggies, fruits, and other groceries in his hand, Feng Yi added, "Brother Yan and I bought these together. I wonder if it's convenient for you to invite us to your home?"

"Of course, it's no trouble at all!"

Kang Li laughed and waved them to follow her to the courtyard, talking as they walked, "You guys are really silly. Couldn't you have just called me in advance? What would you have done if you hadn't run into me here?"

"That wouldn't have stumped us." Feng Yi laughed, "If we hadn't run into you here, Sister Kang Li, we would've just found a payphone and given you a call!"

Once inside the courtyard, Kang Li led Feng Yi and Mo Yan straight to her own home. The three of them sat in the living room chatting until around noon when Kang Li stood up, "You two sit and watch TV; I'm going to show off my cooking for lunch."

Feng Yi, "Sister Kang Li, let Brother Yan and me help you out."

Kang Li, "No need, no need. You watch your TV; I'm very quick at cooking."

"Come on, Sister Kang Li, if you don't let me and Feng Yi help, then we'll just have to take our leave," Mo Yan stated, and Kang Li finally gave in and didn't refuse their help in the kitchen anymore.

A little past eleven, with Kang Li at the helm, a lavish lunch was ready.

"I'm going to pick up Ruirui from school. You two sit at home for a bit, okay?"

Untying her apron, Kang Li was about to get her bicycle when Feng Yi said, "Sister Kang Li, how about Brother Yan and I go pick him up instead?"

"Ruirui doesn't know you guys."

Kang Li shook her head, declining the offer, and then curved her brows and eyes like crescent moons, saying, "It's a ten-minute round trip at most. Watch the clock; I guarantee I'll be back with Ruirui in a bit."

Feng Yi, "Alright then, just be careful cycling on the road, Sister Kang Li."

After Mo Yan and Feng Yi saw Kang Li out of the courtyard gate and watched her cycle into the distance, Feng Yi remarked to Mo Yan, "Kang Li's home is so beautifully tidy, especially the yard. I've never seen anyone's place so well organized, both novel and creative. Sister Kang Li really has a great mind."

Turning back to the courtyard and admiring the uniquely shaped vegetable plots and flower beds, Feng Yi generously praised Kang Li's clever design.

"Did you need to say that?"

One can tell at a glance that she's extraordinarily smart—could her mind not be sharp?

Mo Yan glanced at Feng Yi and stepped into the living room.

"I wonder what Kang Li's husband is like. Do you think he treats her well?"

Chapter 452 Mom is Dad's

Sitting next to Mo Yan, Feng Yi casually asked a question while watching TV.

After a moment of silence, Mo Yan started, "How should I know? But... Sister Kang Li is a good woman, the other party must treat Sister Kang Li well, otherwise, would Sister Kang Li be willing to become a stepmother as soon as she walked through the door?!"

"Makes sense," Feng Yi agreed, nodding thoughtfully. After a short pause, he continued, puzzled, "You know, with Sister Kang Li being such a nice girl, I can't figure out why she would marry a divorced man. She's only a year or two older than us."

"I don't know," Mo Yan shrugged.

She was beautiful and smart, and he just couldn't understand why such a girl would want to be a stepmother to three little kids!

"Ruirui, these two uncles are Mommy's friends. Come on, say hello to Uncle Feng and Uncle Mo."

Returning home with her son Min Rui on the bike, Kang Li propped up her bike and introduced Feng Yi and Mo Yan to the little guy.

Unexpectedly, Min Rui quietly observed Feng Yi and Mo Yan for a while, particularly stopping longer on Mo Yan. His face tensed as he addressed them, "Hello Brother Feng, Hello Brother Mo." Mom belonged to Dad, and he didn't want these two to compete with Dad for Mom!

"Ruirui, you should call them Uncle Feng and Uncle Mo," Kang Li corrected without thinking much of it. Since she was of the same generation as Feng Yi, it was natural for her son to call them "uncle," rather than a generation below her.

With an embarrassed expression, Kang Li reminded the little guy.

"But Brother Feng and Brother Mo are about the same age as Brother Xuan Xuan."

Blinking innocently, Min Rui looked up at his mother with a face of innocence.

"Sister Kang Li, I think it's pretty good for Ruirui to call me and Brother Yan 'brother.' Otherwise, I feel like Brother Yan and I are getting on in years, which feels kind of weird!"

He just turned seventeen this year and suddenly being called "uncle" by a six- or seven-year-old child was frankly a bit awkward to say the least.

Mo Yan agreed, "Just call us 'brother.' I don't know if I'm being too sensitive, but it feels like the kid somehow, sort of, has a grudge against me?"

"Are you sure you want my Ruirui to call you 'brother'?"

Kang Li's eyes twinkled with mischief as she asked with a smile.

Feng Yi: "Sister Kang Li, I know what you really mean, but I still think it's nice for Ruirui to call me and Brother Yan 'brother.' As for how Brother Yan and I should address you, let's stick to the status quo and call you Sister Kang Li! Anyway, we and Ruirui each speak for ourselves, don't think about being a generation above the two of us, because we really can't call that out."

Unable to hold back, Kang Li laughed out loud, "Alright, let's do as you say, you and my Ruirui each to your own." With that, Kang Li called Min Rui to wash his hands and headed to the kitchen to serve the dishes.

Five dishes and a soup, with rice as the staple.

The dishes included: braised pork, potato stew with chicken, home-style tofu, stir-fried greens with mushrooms, and happy family meatballs.

As for the soup, it was just a simple seaweed egg soup.

But Kang Li's cooking was truly impeccable. Sure enough, by the end of the meal, whether it was the dishes, soup, or rice, everything was eaten up neatly.

"Sister Kang Li, I'm sorry, your cooking was just too delicious. I couldn't help myself and ate a bit too much!" Rubbing his stomach, Feng Yi looked genuinely embarrassed.

Mo Yan also looked uncomfortable: "Indeed, Feng Yi and I did eat a bit too much."

"Are you full? If you can still eat, shall I cook you some noodles?"

Kang Li's eyes, sly as a fox, were full of amusement: "Don't think just one meal is going to bankrupt my house."

Chapter 453: Just Feeling Sore for You

"Moreover, when you came, you were carrying meat and vegetables, and so much fruit. You didn't come to eat at my place for free," she said.

Feng Yi chuckled and waved his hands repeatedly, "I'm too full, Sister Kang Li, please don't mention noodles, I need to rest awhile, otherwise, I'm afraid I won't be able to walk back."

Kang Li turned to Mo Yan, "What about you?"

"I feel a bit stuffed too," Mo Yan laughed, standing up to help Kang Li clear the dishes from the table.

Kang Li, "Just rest, I can manage on my own."

Mo Yan, "I can help you finish quicker."

Once the two had cleaned the table and moved to the kitchen, Feng Yi saw Min Rui repositioning the small back chairs to their original spots and couldn't help but praise the child, "Rui Rui is really diligent!"

Min Rui glanced at him but didn't respond.

Feng Yi, "Does Rui Rui not like Brother Feng?"

Min Rui, "No."

Feng Yi, "Then why don't you talk to Brother Feng?"

Min Rui, "I'm just a kid, I don't know what to say to a big kid like you."

Feng Yi, "That's true."

About seven or eight minutes later, Kang Li had tidied up the kitchen and returned to the living room with Mo Yan.

"I'll take Rui Rui to school, and you guys..."

Before Kang Li could finish, Mo Yan said, "Feng Yi and I should be heading back too, let's go." Feng Yi got up from the sofa, "Sister Kang Li, when we have time, Brother Yan and I will come see you again, okay!"

"Okay."

Kang Li smiled and nodded.

"Oh, Sister Kang Li, take this money and coupons."

As they were leaving the living room, Mo Yan took a roll of money and coupons from his pocket and handed it to Kang Li. However, she didn't take it and just smiled, "Why give me this? The money and coupons that I used to help you out at the hospital, someone from Feng Yi's family has already repaid me."

Hearing this, Mo Yan wasn't sure what to do.

"Keep it yourself, I'm not kidding."

While holding Min Rui's hand, Kang Li spoke as they headed toward the yard gate.

Mo Yan and Feng Yi followed closely behind.

"Brother Yan, since Sister Kang Li said so, just keep the money and coupons. I believe Sister Kang Li wouldn't deceive us. Besides, the Feng family isn't short of money; if they have already repaid Sister Kang Li on our behalf, let's just leave it at that," Mo Yan reasoned.

Feng Yi had learned to be wise and knew not to miss out on the advantages offered by the Feng family, since whatever he said, he had already severed ties with that family. However, the people of the Feng family still considered him part of their family, so to not take the offered advantages would be foolish.

Anyway, going back to the Feng family was absolutely out of the question for him.

"Sister Kang Li, I heard about what happened at Mother Qi's place during the Spring Festival. I'm sorry, I brought trouble to you."

"You knew?!"

After securing the yard gate, Kang Li looked astonished, "Are you not mad at me?"

"Why would I be mad at you, Sister Kang Li?"

Feng Yi shook his head and said, "It was that woman and Feng Xiao asking for it, not your fault, Sister Kang Li. I'm just a bit concerned about your hand hurting."

The reason Feng Yi knew about the incident on the second day of the new year at the Song Family was because Feng Xiao had gone to Mo Yan's house to deliver money and coupons and mentioned it.

He said that Kang Li, a goddess-like beauty who looked so gentle and fragile, was really fierce once she started arguing.

Feng Xiao had detailed everything that happened that day, and after hearing it, Feng Yi picked up a broom from the yard and chased Feng Xiao out of Mo Yan's house.

He had thought about calling Kang Li to apologize, but then he thought about the woman Kang Li had slapped, who, after all, was somewhat related to him,

Chapter 454: Is Your Brain Filled with Trash All Day Long?

If he spoke too indifferently, he would inevitably invite a poor opinion from Kang Li, suspecting that he was too cold-hearted. Knowing that his own mother had been slapped, yet remaining indifferent, was it really appropriate to be friends with someone like that?

On the other hand, if he took offense because that woman was slapped and fell out with his benefactor, how would he be any different from an ungrateful person?

After all, the entire incident had started because of him. If not for saving him, helping him, that incident on the second day of the New Year would never have happened.

Feng Yi had thought too much about it. As a result, for more than half a year, he had refrained from contacting Kang Li until today, when he suddenly felt impulsive while resting at home with Mo Yan, and coaxed her into accompanying him to visit Kang Li.

"You..."

Kang Li was taken aback, then gave a sheepish laugh, "It was an instinctive reaction at the time, but I don't regret slapping her twice. Even if you had been there, I think... instinctively, I would have done the same!"

Feng Yi, "Sister Kang Li doesn't need to worry about me. That woman doesn't deserve the title of mother from me, and she herself isn't keen on having a son like me. The slaps you gave her were rightfully her own doing, Sister Kang Li should feel no need to keep it to heart."

"As long as you don't blame me, that's good enough. As for taking it to heart, I haven't."

An unrelated person, she hardly had the leisure to concern herself with.

Watching Min Rui enter the school gates, Kang Li along with Feng Yi and Mo Yan, all turned their gazes away simultaneously.

Mo Yan, "Sister Kang Li, then Feng Yi and I are heading back, you should pay attention to safety on your way home too."

With a gentle nod, Kang Li reminded, "You too."

"Mm."

Mo Yan nodded.

Feng Yi also nodded, just as the bus they needed to catch arrived, he called out to Mo Yan, "The bus is here."

"Goodbye."

Kang Li waved at them with a smile, watching as they got on the bus one after the other.

Sitting beside the window, Feng Yi looked through the glass towards Kang Li, waving, "Sister Kang Li, goodbye!" Mo Yan, seated next to Feng Yi, also waved at Kang Li.

As the bus began to move forward, they slowly withdrew their hands.

"Brother Yan, Sister Kang Li is really great. If I could find a wife who is even half as good as her, I'd be completely satisfied."

"Maybe you could find one in your dreams."

"I'm not ugly."

"No one said you were ugly."

"If Sister Kang Li's husband could find someone as good as her to be his wife, why can't I? Besides, I'm just looking for someone half as good as her, would that be harder than reaching the heavens?"

"The man had that fortune, do you? Besides, what's his standard, and what's yours?"

"He just spent a few more years reading books than I did!"

"Is it just about spending a few more years reading books?"

Those working in research institutes are all geniuses, aren't they?

How could ordinary people compare?

Furthermore, aside from his intellect, it's likely that his appearance and character are also extremely outstanding, otherwise, with his standards, he might not have been impressed.

Especially considering that he was entering into a second marriage.

Mo Yan thought as such, a fleeting shadow of sadness passing through the depths of her eyes.

The courtyard.

At that moment, Kang Li really wanted to curse, but her upbringing wouldn't allow her to stoop to such vulgarity. Yet, to keep her composure in front of Su Man seemed almost impossible for her.

"Is your head filled with garbage all day long?"

Moving gracefully, Kang Li walked up to Su Man, first giving Fang Ju a slight nod as a greeting since she was being nagged by Su Man, then looking Su Man straight in the eye, she said:

Chapter 455: How Jealous Are You of Me?

"At noon my house simply had two friends over; how come it sounds like I've done something unspeakable when it comes out of your mouth?"

At noon, Kang Li had taken Mo Yan and Feng Yi to her house, and by chance, Su Man had seen them. At that moment, Kang Li didn't think much of it. Who knew that in the afternoon when she returned home, she could see from a distance Su Man stopping Xue's sister-in-law, Comrade Fang, at her own courtyard gate. While walking towards Kang Li's direction with profound significance, Su Man gestured and said something.

As she got closer to the two of them, she could hear Su Man bluntly calling someone shameless and specifically mentioning Kang Li by name, accusing her of being indecent and bringing two strange young men home during the daytime to do who knows what kind of disgraceful things.

It was just like a mad dog barking wildly!

"Friends? You mean boyfriends, right!"

Su Man curled her lips: "Comrade Luo isn't home, and you casually bring male friends back. To say those two young men have nothing special to do with you, who would believe it?!"

"Xiao Su, you've really gone too far. Who doesn't have a couple of friends? So what if they are friends of the opposite sex?! The gentleman came to Xiao Kang in broad daylight surely for something legitimate. How can you slander Comrade Kang's character based on your own conjecture?"

Fang Ju indeed didn't give Su Man any face, just because, in Fang Ju's heart, between Su Man and Kang Li's character, she trusted Kang Li more.

"Sister-in-law, I think my guess is not wrong."

After kissing the face of the child in her arms, Su Man deliberately rolled her eyes at Kang Li.

"Your thoughts are truly filthy!"

If it weren't for seeing Su Man holding a child, Kang Li would have wanted to slap her as she had done before. She spoke indifferently, "Causing trouble for no reason and defaming others is also a crime. Comrade Su Man, either you apologize to me now, or I will call the police."

Seeing that Su Man remained unconcerned, Kang Li didn't get angry. She continued, "I'm not trying to scare you; you know that if I say I will call the police, I will take action."

With that, Kang Li bade farewell to Fang Ju and began walking towards her own courtyard gate, not even glancing at Su Man again. This made Su Man anxious: "You'd really call the police?"

However, Kang Li completely ignored her.

Seeing this, Su Man went pale and hurriedly stopped Kang Li: "Isn't it enough that I was wrong?"

Unlocking the door, Kang Li pushed open the courtyard gate and then turned to look at Su Man, raising an eyebrow: "What exactly did you do wrong?"

"I... I shouldn't have spoken recklessly and defamed you!" Su Man was feeling extremely aggrieved, but she didn't dare take the risk... Yes, she was afraid, afraid that Kang Li would really call the police, and if that happened, she would be in big trouble!

After all, she did say some baseless things. It would be fine if everyone just listened to them as idle gossip, but if it led to police involvement, her words and actions could be criminal.

Su Man was neither illiterate nor ignorant of the law; she knew that slandering others, in serious cases, could lead to criminal punishment.

"How can you just not control your own mouth? Or should I say, how jealous of me can you be, that you constantly have to keep your eyes on me, always ready to spread gossip about me, eager to put me down and in so doing, elevate yourself?"

"I... I didn't! Don't falsely accuse me!"

"Whether you did or not, you know in your heart. Today, I warn you for the last time. If you continue to spread rumors and insult me, I will make you regret provoking me. Believe me, once I take a matter seriously, the consequences will be beyond your imagination!"

With a look that warned her to mend her ways, Kang Li withdrew her gaze and entered her courtyard.

Chapter 456: Picking Up from the Station

"Sister-in-law, you say she ..."

Su Man was like a paper tiger, easily defeated by Kang Li's words, and now she looked very submissive, gazing at Fang Ju, momentarily at a loss.

"Xiao Kang probably won't hold today's incident against you, but he made it crystal clear, if there's a next time, Xiao Su, I'm afraid things won't end well for you."

Fang Ju said this and sighed softly, "I really don't understand, why are you always at odds with Xiao Kang?"

"I'm not!"

Su Man blurted out, which was essentially an admission of guilt.

"Fine, what you think has nothing to do with me. To use Xiao Kang's words, 'Mind your own business!' With that, Fang Ju busied herself with her own matters.

You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep!

Shaking her head to herself, Fang Ju decided to keep her distance from Su Man in the future. She did not want her reputation to be tarnished by such a nonsensical person.

Seeing that Fang Ju had dropped a lukewarm comment and then walked away without regard for her dignity, Su Man could do nothing but stand there glaring, holding her son in her arms.

Really?

One by one they tell her to 'Mind your own business.' How brainless would she have to be to provoke that "Devil" Kang again?

Indeed, in Su Man's heart, Kang Li was the Devil!

Would he always call the police at the drop of a hat, as if the police station was there just for her?

Doesn't he know to leave some leeway in life?

Devil!

And she ... she really had been scared stiff by this devil! It seemed she would have to be more careful with her words from now on. She couldn't afford to have the police summoned by just one call from that Devil.

The next day.

Around 10:30 in the morning, Kang Li met Captain Kang and three others at the train station.

"Dad, Mom, Yangyang!"

Upon seeing her dear father, mother, and grandnephew, Kang Li was so happy that she immediately ran up to them.

"Li Bao (little aunt)!"

Captain Kang and the three of them were also delighted to see Kang Li, their faces bright with smiles.

"Let's go, let's leave the train station first."

Linking arms with her mother, Kang Li gestured for Captain Kang and her grandnephew Yiyang to follow, casually asking her mother, "Was everything okay on the train?"

"Everything was fine, your dad, Yangyang, and I all had seats. We didn't suffer too much on the way here."

Seeing that her daughter seemed well, Cai Xiufen felt quite relieved. Her eyes filled with tender love, she replied, and then said with great affection, "You even made a special trip to pick us up, not caring about your own health, always running around and exhausting yourself."

"I'm perfectly healthy, and I wanted to see you guys sooner!"

In front of her mother, Kang Li was completely in her role as a doting daughter.

Kang Yiyang then laughed and said, "Grandma, my auntie indeed looks well."

"Yangyang even says so, Mom, so don't worry about me anymore, I'm really fine." With a smile toward her mother, Kang Li reached out one hand to Captain Kang, "Dad, let me help you with that."

Captain Kang and his grandson each carried three large bags, and Captain Kang also shouldered a sack, which looked quite heavy.

"I'll help Grandpa; you just help Grandma walk," said Kang Yiyang, taking a large bag from Captain Kang to make it a little easier for him.

"Listen to Yangyang, besides, these items aren't very heavy."

Captain Kang, who adored his precious daughter immensely, would never allow her to get too tired.

"By the way, didn't you say Chencheng and the others also wanted to come to North City? How come you and Mom only brought Yangyang here?"

Not seeing her other nephews, Kang Li couldn't help but voice the doubts in her heart.

Chapter 457: Reluctant to Spend Money on the Precious Daughter

"The road is long and inconvenient, and each of them is more mischievous than the last. If something were to happen on the way, it would be a huge mess!"

As Captain Kang spoke, he shook his head: "Don't worry about them. Once they've all grown into big lads, they'll want to come to North City to visit you, their little auntie, on their own by train. For now, it's best they stay home and behave."

"Little auntie, the second brother and the others did want to come, but just like grandpa said, he was worried something might happen to them on the way, so they weren't allowed to follow. You wouldn't know, but when grandma and I were leaving, they were all drooping and glum, staring at me with big eyes. However, after getting a glance from dad and third uncle, they got scared stiff like quails, standing together so properly they barely dared breathe."

North City is the capital, and naturally, all of his siblings and cousins would want to come. On one hand, they wanted to experience what North City was like, and on the other hand, there was no doubt they wanted to visit their little auntie, especially since it had been over a year since they had last seen you. However, the long journey and the unsafe conditions along the way were indeed issues that couldn't be

overlooked. Moreover, there were a lot of kids in the Kang Family, and if grandma and grandpa brought some and not others, it might cause discord.

Thus, the most senior member of their family, the old master, finally decided that he would represent his brothers and accompany them to North City to gain some experience. Once he got back home, he would share everything he saw and heard with the rest of his brothers.

"Don't worry about having too few, worry about not being fair," the Kang Family was indeed a harmonious big family, and the grandparents naturally didn't want to see the family fall out over a trivial matter.

And he was the eldest among the grandchildren, and his brothers held a lot of respect for him as the eldest brother. So, in the end, not a single one of them made a fuss. All they did was remind him to say hello to their little auntie on their behalf and to remember to ask her for a photograph of her and Ruirui, their little cousin, when he returned to his hometown.

This was a big task, and he had to make sure he remembered it, lest he forget it one day when he went back home with grandpa.

Thinking this, Kang Yiyang couldn't help but say to Kang Li: "Little auntie, the second brother and the others made me promise to say hello to you on their behalf. Also, they told me to remember to ask you for a photo of you and Ruirui, our little cousin, when I go back home."

"Got it, there are family photos at home. I'll definitely remember to bring one for you," Kang Li replied with a smile in her eyes, and then she turned to her parents: "We have a camera at home, so after dad and mom have rested at home for a couple of days, I'll take you all around North City. We'll take lots of photos then, so we can show them to the big brothers back home."

"That's going to cost quite a bit of money, isn't it? Better not."

Although Cai Xiufen was a bit tempted, the thought of spending her daughter's money made her reluctant.

"It won't cost much. Just let me handle it, mom."

The camera was actually a reward she had got from Dwen Dwen. She even brought the materials for developing and printing photos. During the Spring Festival, she had taken many solo and group photos for Professor Luo and the three little ones, and, following the instructions from the materials Dwen Dwen provided, she developed all the photos by herself.

What made her relieved was that Professor Luo never asked where the camera came from, sparing her the hassle of making up a story to explain it.

Well, actually, in someone's heart, they probably just assumed she'd bought it. He trusted her, having given her control of the household finances, so seeing a new camera in the house made it natural for him to think she needed it, not bothering to ask.

That was Kang Li's deduction based on Yanqing's character, but her intuition told her that her guess was very close to the truth.

Kang Yiyang's eyes lit up: "Little auntie, you really have a camera at home?"

Chapter 458: Yes, Pay With Sincerity

Kang Li nodded with a smile, "Yes, later your aunt will teach you how to take photos."

Kang Yiyang flashed a big smile, "Then, once I've learned, I'm going to take some good photos of Grandpa and Grandma and Aunt."

"Okay."

Kang Li responded with a smile.

After taking the bus all the way to the compound and seeing that school was about to be dismissed, Kang Li made sure her father and mother and her older nephew were settled before hurriedly biking off to pick up Min Rui.

At home, Cai Xiufen sat in the living room to rest for a bit before getting up and heading to the kitchen to get busy.

Kang Yiyang followed closely, "Grandma, I'll help you."

"There's nothing to help with, just go keep your grandfather company. Grandma is stewing meat, and I'll roll out some noodles as well."

The snake-skin bag Captain Kang had been carrying contained a range of dried game, including pheasants, hares, and roe deer meat, along with wild mushrooms and other mountain goods.

In short, Cai Xiufen, who had come to North City with Captain Kang, planned to give her darling daughter a good nourishment.

"With me as your assistant, Grandma, cooking will be faster."

Kang Yiyang didn't leave and, hearing his grandmother command, began to busily work in the kitchen.

About ten minutes later, Kang Li arrived on her bike with Min Rui at the gate of her home, "Go in, your Grandma and Grandpa and older cousin are all at home."

After lifting her son off the back seat of the bike, Kang Li said with a smile.

"I'll go in with Mom."

Min Rui didn't run into the yard by himself, instead, he walked beside his mother, watching her push the bike as mother and son entered the yard.

"Auntie is back!"

Kang Yiyang, hearing the noise in the yard, walked out of the kitchen and called out to Kang Li. Then he turned his attention to the little boy standing next to his aunt and couldn't help but say with a smile, "You must be Ruirui, right? I'm your older cousin."

"Mom mentioned big cousin on the way here." Min Rui blinked, being very polite, "Hello big cousin, I'm Ruirui."

Speaking in his childlike voice, Min Rui looked towards the figure appearing at the kitchen door, "Hello Grandma!" Seeing her precious great-grandson, Cai Xiufen immediately grinned from ear to ear, "Hello Ruirui, go sit in the living room for a bit. Grandma is stewing meat for you. We'll be able to eat soon!"

Min Rui: "Thank you, Grandma!"

Cai Xiufen laughed, "This child is really polite."

Her words were addressed to her beloved daughter. Hearing this, Kang Li ruffled her eldest son's hair, "Mm, my great-grandson is especially polite, but your other two grandchildren are just the same, Grandma. You'll know when you see them later!"

As she spoke, Kang Li asked her nephew Yiyang to take Min Rui to the living room while she herself stayed in the kitchen to help her mother cook.

"It seems my daughter hasn't wasted her heart and energy this past year and a half."

Cai Xiufen felt very comforted to see her daughter getting along well with her stepchildren and the little one calling her 'Mom' with respect. Honestly, she felt Kang Li had indeed given her heart to the right place.

"The three kids at home are all very good. I've told you that over the phone. You're always worried not seeing them yourself, but now that you can see with your own eyes, you'll know that everything I've said on the phone is absolutely true."

Standing beside her mother, Kang Li's eyes and eyebrows were filled with smiles as she said, "I'm so happy that Mom and Dad could come from our hometown to see me!"

"It's been over a year since we've seen each other, and Mom thinks about you every day, my girl. But with so many mouths to feed at home, and the work in the fields, and Mom being responsible for the role of Team Leader's wife, it wasn't easy to get away to see you.

This time, when your father received the call from your son-in-law and came home to tell me, I didn't want to care about anything else and just wanted to hurry to North City to see my daughter properly."

Chapter 459: To Be a Person with Love and Loyalty

Kang Li: "He didn't even tell me."

Cai Xiufen: "... " Staring at her daughter for a moment, Cai Xiufen seemed to think of something, and she said with a smile, "You mean your son-in-law called to have me and your dad come to North City to keep you company, and he didn't mention it to you beforehand?"

"Yeah. He just knows how to go behind my back. When mother meets your son-in-law, remember to speak to him on behalf of your daughter."

Kang Li puffed up her cheeks, coquettishly complaining to her mother about someone.

"You!" Cai Xiufen teased her daughter with a laugh, "Don't be unaware of the blessing you're in, your son-in-law does it because he adores you and wants to surprise you!"

Kang Li: "I know his intentions are good, but it's still wrong of him not to tell me."

Cai Xiufen: "I don't even know what to say to you, girl. I think you've been utterly spoiled by your father and me!"

Upon hearing this, Kang Li laughed: "If not to spoil me, who would you and dad spoil? I am your most precious little daughter after all!"

Cai Xiufen, smiling with indulgence: "Yes, yes, you are the most precious one to our family!"

"Mom is the best!" Kang Li hugged her mother, rubbing her head against her shoulder, "You and dad must live to a ripe old age to enjoy the good fortune your daughter brings you!"

"Living to a ripe old age is definitely in the cards, but your dad and I don't ask to enjoy your fortune; all we hope for is your good health and to live a peaceful life."

Those were Cai Xiufen's heartfelt words, as the whole family knew her daughter had been frail since childhood; nothing was more important than her daughter's health and safety.

"Rest assured, mom, I'll be fine!"

With her abilities, in another two or three years, she would make sure her family had everything.

The lunch was wild chicken stew with noodles.

Min Rui found it delicious and was very happy as he ate.

"Auntie, I'll take Ruirui to school and get to know the way. This way, before I head back to my hometown, I can take on the responsibility of picking up and dropping off Ruirui and the others to school!"

After lunch, having ensured Min Rui had drunk some water, Kang Yiyang volunteered to take him to school.

"Sure, you go and take Ruirui."

Kang Li naturally had no objections.

After Kang Yiyang had left with Min Rui, Kang Li efficiently tidied up the dishes with her mother and headed to the kitchen to wash them up.

"When Yangyang comes back, take us to go see your godmother. After all, we're relatives now, and since we're here this time, it wouldn't be right not to pay a visit."

"Sure."

"Remember to take some of the wild game and mountain produce from the bag over to your godmother's house."

"Okay, I'll do as you say, mom."

"We live far from North City, and your godparents must have taken good care of you. We should be grateful and reciprocate others' kindness, not just take advantage of their contributions without caring."

Kang Li giggled: "Mom, you're really my guiding light!"

Cai Xiufen laughed at her daughter's playful attitude: "You're still the same, always knowing how to be mischievous and butter me up."

"How can you say your daughter is buttering you up? What I'm saying is nothing but the truth!"

After tidying up the kitchen, under her mother's guidance, Kang Li took out the wild game and mountain produce from the bag and divided them into two portions, one of which was undoubtedly for bringing over to the Song Family.

"Okay, it's all set up properly. We just wait for Yangyang to come back, and then we'll go to my godmother's place."

Clapping her hands lightly, Kang Li filled a basin with water at the faucet and, after washing her hands with her beloved mother, both returned to the living room to tell Captain Kang about the visit to the Song Family later.

"We should definitely stop by."

Captain Kang nodded: "We don't have much else to offer, so we'll take some mountain produce and wild game to your godmother as a token of our sentiment."

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"Game and mountain produce are rare treats for city folk, and my parents put so much thought into them, godmother will surely be delighted when she receives them."

Not only had her parents cleaned and prepared the game thoroughly, but they had also turned them into cured meats, hanging in the kitchen, ready to be cut and consumed conveniently whenever wanted.

Such gifts were not to be taken lightly.

Around two-thirty in the afternoon, Kang Li arrived at the Song Family Courtyard with her elderly father and mother, and her eldest nephew, carrying the game and mountain produce from home.

"Godmother, I've brought my parents and my nephew Yangyang to see you."

As soon as she entered the living room, Kang Li said with a smile to Mrs. Qi.

"Oh! Why didn't you tell me earlier that your parents were coming to North City? If I had known, godmother could have arranged a car to pick up your parents from the train station."

Mrs. Qi chided Kang Li with a smile, then quickly greeted Captain Kang and his party, "Older brother and sister-in-law, please have a seat. And young man, you sit here."

Then she called her grandson to the living room to introduce them, "This is your aunt's father, just call him Grandpa Kang. This lady here is your aunt's mother, and you..."

Cai Xiufen: "My last name is Cai."

Mrs. Qi: "Xuan Xuan, did you hear that? Call her Grandma Cai!"

Song Xuan greeted Captain Kang, then turned his gaze to Cai Xiufen, "Hello, Grandma Cai." Finally, he turned to Kang Yiyang, "Hello!"

"Xuan Xuan, this handsome guy is named Kang Yiyang, also your aunt's nephew. He is two years older than you. From now on, you can call him Brother Yiyang, or Brother Yangyang."

Kang Li introduced them to Song Xuan and Kang Yiyang with a gentle look in her eyes.

"Hello, little brother Xuan."

Kang Yiyang wasn't shy; after greeting Mrs. Qi, he focused his attention on Song Xuan. Seeing Song Xuan looking at him and greeting him, his bright eyes filled with a friendly smile.

Song Xuan obviously felt Kang Yiyang's kindness and made an invitation, "Brother Yangyang, come to my room."

Kang Yiyang hesitated, then looked at the elders and his aunt in the living room.

"Go ahead, Xuan Xuan is inviting you to his room because he likes you."

Kang Li smiled and patted her nephew's shoulder.

Kang Yiyang nodded and followed Song Xuan; the two left the living room.

Soon, sounds of an erhu came from Song Xuan's room.

"Xuan Xuan is playing. We owe it to Li Bao, who has been teaching Xuan Xuan to play the erhu since last year. Now Xuan Xuan can even take part in competitions."

Mrs. Qi could barely contain her pride when speaking of her grandson.

"Back in our hometown, Li Bao did learn to play the erhu from her father. I thought her playing was just passable then, but I didn't expect her to be able to teach students now!"

Cai Xiufen laughed as she spoke with Mrs. Qi, not forgetting to affectionately glance at her darling daughter.

"People change, mother. Don't underestimate me. Later, I'll play a few pieces for you and dad to see just how much I've improved over the past year."

With the memories left by the original host, Kang Li naturally knew that she had learned to play the erhu from her father, otherwise, she would have been exposed right then.

As time trickled by, and seeing the elders enjoying their conversation in the living room, Kang Li couldn't help but get up and head to Song Xuan's room to give pointers on the competition piece.

Only after estimating it was time to pick up the twins from the kindergarten did Kang Li leave the young man's room, followed by her eldest nephew, Kang Yiyang.

"Dad, Mom, you and godmother continue chatting. Yangyang and I are off to pick up Hanhan and Vivi from the kindergarten now."

"Let's go together. Mom wants to see my little grandchildren sooner."