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Chapter 571: Stay Tuned

Lin Ping remained silent.

Wu Yue didn't interrupt either, but after chatting with her elder uncle for a while, she got up to leave.

"Sis, I'll see you out."

Seeing Wu Yue stand up, Lin Dan hurriedly followed, and the two left the house.

"Tell me, what favor are you planning to ask for this time?"

The Lin family lived in a tube-shaped apartment block, which was relatively spacious. At this moment, Wu Yue stood at the bottom of the building, looking at Lin Dan with eyes that clearly said, "I know exactly what you're up to."

"Sis, before the matter concerning Comrade Kang Yiyang, I've never asked you for anything. And even the few times I've asked you to help me get some information about him from Comrade Kang Yiyang's younger aunt, you haven't really helped me that much."

Lin Dan felt wronged and looked at Wu Yue with a trace of resentment.

"Alright, alright, I was wrong," Wu Yue said, feeling somewhat exasperated by her sister's stare. Rubbing her forehead, she asked, "Is it that you want me to take you to visit Yangyang?"

Almost immediately, Lin Dan nodded vigorously: "You'll agree to it, sis?"

Wu Yue sighed deeply, lamenting, "Love certainly blinds people. If you don't end up with Yangyang, I fear you might become the second Lady Meng Jiang."

Upon hearing this, Lin Dan responded, "I won't cry!" She was determined to try her best, but if things didn't turn out as hoped, feeling upset was inevitable—yet to the point of tears streaming down and crying non-stop? That would certainly never happen to her.

"We'll see about that!" Wu Yue said with a smile, curving the corners of her lips. "Let's meet up after work tomorrow. Remember this address and we'll meet there at that time."

Wu Yue took a small notebook from her purse and quickly jotted down an address. Then she tore off the page and handed it to Lin Dan: "Remember to be reserved, or else you might not leave a good impression on Yangyang's grandma."

"Ah? Comrade Kang Yiyang's grandma is in North City, at his aunt's house?"

Lin Dan was surprised, her mouth agape.

"Is it that strange? The old lady is staying at her daughter's place; what's so improper about it?" Wu Yue rolled her eyes. "Besides, my friend Kang Li has three kids. You'd better not come empty-handed."

"Sis, aren't you underestimating me? I'm not stupid; I understand the ways of the world." With that, Lin Dan snorted with a touch of pride and added, "I'll buy the gifts, and you don't need to spend any money!"

Wu Yue flicked Lin Dan's forehead with her finger and said with a laugh, "I'm also visiting Kang Li's home for the first time, so I won't be stingy enough to arrive empty-handed. Moreover, with the injured party Yangyang there, how could I not bring something over?"

"Got it, got it. You'll handle the pleasantries, and I... I'll visit on behalf of Daddy to check on Comrade Kang Yiyang." Lin Dan felt her logic was impeccable as she clapped her hands decisively: "Sis, it's settled then. We'll do it this way!"

"Fine, you nuisance!"

Wu Yue said with a playful scolding, waving her hand: "You go back, I'm off." After opening her umbrella, Wu Yue rode away on her bike, leaving as Lin Dan watched.

The next day.

The courtyard.

"Why are you here?"

After receiving a call from the comrade on gate duty at the courtyard entrance informing her of a visitor, Kang Li hung up and immediately came over. Seeing Wu Yue and Lin Dan standing outside the courtyard gate with their bicycles, she approached with a smile and asked that question.

Wu Yue: "Yangyang got injured, and I took the chance to come over after work today to check on him."

"Comrade Kang, I'm here on behalf of my father to visit Comrade Kang Yiyang." Lin Dan really wanted to address Kang Li as "young aunt," but it didn't seem appropriate,

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After all, Kang Yiyang and she currently had no relationship whatsoever. Moreover, according to the relationship through her cousin Wu Yue, she should call Kang Li "sister," but honestly, she couldn't bring herself to do it.

The main reason: She was even a year older than Kang Li.

Of course, she had never thought about having her cousin's friend, the girl who made her heart flutter, call her "sister" either.

Therefore, when facing Kang Li, Lin Dan could only address her as "Comrade Kang."

"Thank you, Commander Lin, for your concern about our Yangyang."

Kang Li said this to Lin Dan, then, turning to Wu Yue, she said, "Yangyang just got a minor injury, there's no need for you to make a special trip to see him, and Commander Lin, there's no need to worry about such a little injury."

"Wouldn't that be too formal?!"

Wu Yue, pushing her bicycle, followed Kang Li into the courtyard with Lin Dan. She said, "Yangyang calls me Aunt Wu Yue, so it's only right for me as his aunt to visit him when he's injured. As for my elder uncle, he is Yangyang's superior, and it's appropriate for Lin Dan to visit on his and the Cultural Work Troupe's behalf."

"You're being overly polite."

Kang Li smiled and didn't linger on the topic, choosing instead to casually chat with Wu Yue.

"Mom, this is Wu Yue's cousin, who's also a colleague of Yangyang at the Cultural Work Troupe, and the daughter of Commander Lin," Kang Li introduced Lin Dan's identity to her mother as they entered the living room with Wu Yue.

Looking at Cai Xiufen, Wu Yue smiled and said, "Auntie, I heard from Kang Li that Yangyang was injured during filming, so I came to visit."

"Yangyang's injury is nothing serious; you're too courteous for coming all this way," Cai Xiufen said as she gestured for Wu Yue and Lin Dan to take a seat, then turned to Lin Dan with a smile and said, "This girl is really pretty."

Flattered, Lin Dan was a bit embarrassed. She revealed a slightly reserved smile but did not join the conversation.

It wasn't that she didn't want to; she just didn't know what to call her.

Kang Yiyang was sitting nearby. When he saw Wu Yue and Lin Dan, his expression clearly faltered, but it quickly returned to normal. As they approached, his tone was natural as he greeted them, then he pursed his lips and sat quietly on the couch, listening to the conversation in the living room, without letting his gaze fall on Lin Dan again.

"Comrade Kang Yiyang, how's your foot feeling?" Lin Dan ultimately couldn't hold back and involuntarily asked about Kang Yiyang's foot injury. Hearing this, Kang Yiyang nodded and simply said, "It's healing."

Though he was emotionally slow, that didn't mean he was completely clueless.

Besides, the Commander's daughter had been all too obvious in her behavior at the troupe before.

Always popping up before him, intentionally or not, and the way she looked at him — he didn't need to think too much to know her intentions.

But what he couldn't figure out was why these big city girls focused so shallowly on appearances. Just because he was good-looking, they wanted to date him?

And then there was the incident with his younger uncle... One thing after another made him instinctively put up a guard against city girls.

"Then you should take good care of it," Lin Dan was unaware of what Kang Yiyang was thinking, and like a typical friend, she admonished him.

"Mhm."

Kang Yiyang nodded, acknowledging her words.

"How come I haven't seen Ruirui and the others?" After chatting with Cai Xiufen for a while, Wu Yue didn't see Min Rui and the trio, and couldn't help asking Kang Li.

"Ruirui is doing homework in his room, Hanhan and Vivi went to a friend's house to play," Kang Li said with a smile and a soft gaze, "You know there's not much homework in kindergarten. Every time they get home, they drop their bags and run out to play."

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"My Ran Ran is the same."

When Wu Yue was busy at work and couldn't pick up her daughter, she delegated this task to her in-laws, who were responsible for picking her up and dropping her off.

Speaking of which, Wu Yue's in-laws had retired not many years ago and were still quite robust.

"Mommy Mommy, your darling second son is back!"

As soon as he entered the yard, Milk Bun Ming Han called out loudly, announcing his whereabouts in a babyish voice.

"Mommy! Grandma! Big cousin! Vivi is back too!"

From this call, it was not hard to hear what position Kang Li held in the hearts of the twins. Even Cai Xiufen, the oldest Grandma, and the big cousin who played wildly with them, could not replace Kang Li in the twins' hearts.

"Grandma, big cousin."

Milk Bun Ming Han toddled into the living room and called out to Cai Xiufen and her grandson in his babyish voice. When he saw Wu Yue, Milk Bun Ming Han greeted her with a smile, "Hello Auntie Yue!" His gaze then shifted to Lin Dan, and he blinked his big round eyes, saying, "Hello sister."

This address as sister made Lin Dan's heart bloom with joy.

"Hello."

Sister? The little kid called her sister, not auntie like he did with her older cousin, and he also called Kang Yiyang cousin, which indicated he saw her and Comrade Kang Yiyang as being of the same generation.

Oh my, how can there be such a smart little cutie?

At this moment, Lin Dan didn't mind at all that she might be considered a generation lower than her own cousin; all she thought about was that she and Kang Yiyang might actually become a couple.

"Hello Auntie Yue, hello sister."

Xiao Ming Wei followed her brother Ming Han into the living room, her eyes sparkling as she adorably greeted Wu Yue and Lin Dan, then directly threw herself into her mother's arms, "Mommy."

Kang Li affectionately ruffled the little girl's hair, "What's up?"

"I want to eat fried chicken legs."

Xiao Ming Wei whispered into her mother's ear.

Kang Li: "Understood, mommy will make some for you another day."

"Greedy cat, nyah nyah nyah..."

Milk Bun Ming Han made a silly face at his sister.

"Vivi is not a Greedy Cat!"

Xiao Ming Wei glared.

"You are, you are, Greedy Cat, nyah nyah nyah..." Milk Bun continued making faces, angering Xiao Ming Wei so much that she stepped out from her mother's embrace, hands on her hips, puffed cheeks like a fire-breathing doll, "Big brother meanie, I am not a Greedy Cat!"

"Hanhan."

Kang Li simply called out softly, and in the next moment, Milk Bun Ming Han immediately shut his mouth, obedient as a docile little lamb. He sidled up to Kang Yiyang, whispering, "Big cousin, my mom is biased."

"I didn't notice."

Kang Yiyang pretended to be stern: "All I saw was you bullying your sister."

"I wasn't, I was just teasing her."

Milk Bun Ming Han defended himself confidently: "She's being petty, and calling me bad."

Kang Yiyang's lips curled, he pinched the little guy's nose: "Naughty boy!"

"Big cousin, I'm not naughty." Milk Bun Ming Han immediately retorted. He was mommy's well-behaved baby, not naughty at all. Unexpectedly, Xiao Ming Wei huffed, and in a milky voice said, "Big brother meanie, you're a naughty boy, not cute at all."

Wu Yue said to Kang Li with a smile, "It's lively with many kids at home."

"Very mischievous."

Looking at the twins, Kang Li's gaze was both doting and helpless: "I'm planning to send Vivi to Youth Palace for dance lessons during the summer vacation."

"Then I'll enroll Ran Ran as well." Girls learning dance can cultivate a good demeanor,

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Wu Yue knew this and had thought about sending her daughter to the Youth Palace to learn dance, so when she heard Kang Li's words, she immediately responded. Then she asked Kang Li, "What about your Ruirui and Hanhan, what do you plan for them to learn?"

"Ruirui has been learning erhu with me, and if he's willing to learn more, I plan to enroll him in piano lessons during the summer break. As for Hanhan," Kang Li said, shifting her gaze toward Milk Bun Ming Han, and softly asked with a smile, "What do you want to learn, huh?"

Milk Bun Ming Han tilted his head and thought for a moment, then said in a sweet voice, "I want to learn the erhu!" Brother Xuan Xuan and big brother were both learning the erhu with mom, and even big cousin had gotten pointers from mom while playing the erhu. There was no reason why he, Luo Minghan, shouldn't master this skill.

With arms crossed, Milk Bun Ming Han lifted his chin, his face full of haughty pride: "Mom, if you don't teach me how to play the erhu, I'm going to... I'm going to cry for you to see!" As he spoke, Milk Bun Ming Han instantly transformed into a pitiful figure, his eyes brimming with tears.

Wu Yue and Lin Dan were startled by Milk Bun's rapid change of face, their expressions showing a hint of surprise.

Kang Li, however, couldn't help but snicker and said to the two, "My little one here is just a Drama King, don't let him fool you."

"Mommy!"

Feeling embarrassed at being called out by his mom for acting, Milk Bun Ming Han blushed and began to act coquettishly towards Kang Li.

"Second brother has a shy face!"

Xiao Ming Wei stretched out her right index finger and, on her own plump and tender face, mimicked the action of being shy. This made Milk Bun Ming Han feel even more embarrassed, and his baby-fat cheeks turned even redder.

"Grandma, I'm not a Drama King!" Milk Bun Ming Han looked for someone to back him up. First, he looked at Grandma, then at Kang Yiyang, "Big cousin, tell my mom, I'm not a Drama King!"

Cai Xiufen waved him over and pulled Milk Bun Ming Han close to her, holding the little guy tenderly in her arms and said with a loving smile, "Don't listen to your mom's nonsense, Grandma's Hanhan is a good baby, not a little Drama King."

"But Grandma, you're laughing!"

He couldn't be fooled; Grandma must also think he's a Drama King. What to do now?

So embarrassing!

"Haha..." Kang Yiyang laughed aloud, "You are a little Drama King indeed, and you don't even let your mom say it. It seems you're embarrassed!"

Among the three younger cousins, in his view, little cousin Ming Han was truly a Drama King, quirky and full of mischief, with the most tricks up his sleeve!

The term "Drama King" was undoubtedly something Kang Yiyang had heard from Kang Li, his young aunt.

Wu Yue and her sisters couldn't help but laugh joyfully as they watched Milk Bun Ming Han's antics, finding little Ming Han utterly adorable.

"Alright, alright, you're not a Drama King, mommy was wrong," said Kang Li, seeing Milk Bun Ming Han so embarrassed that he buried his head in his mother's bosom, almost as if looking for a hole to crawl into. She couldn't help but laugh softly and coax him.

Milk Bun Ming Han was extremely haughty; he didn't even look at his mom and lightly "harrumphed," showing Kang Li the back of his head, saying with his milky voice, "Mommy, I'm angry, the kind that can't be soothed with coaxing!"

Xiao Ming Wei then said, "Mommy, don't coax second brother. He's just pretending to be angry, waiting for you to coax him!" Hearing this, Milk Bun Ming Han secretly glared at his sister: Are we even siblings? How could she expose him right then and there, naughty Vivi!

Pinching Xiao Ming Wei's chubby cheek, Kang Li winked at the little girl and then put her forefinger to her lips in a "shushing" gesture, signaling for her not to talk. Afterward, she said to Milk Bun Ming Han:

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"Hanhan, mom is going to check the kitchen to see if the porridge is done. I'll coddle you when I come back."

As she spoke, Kang Li put Xiao Ming Wei on the sofa and asked the little girl to sit properly before getting up and saying to Wu Yue, "Stay for dinner, I'm going to start cooking now."

"No need, no need, Lin Dan and I must go. Otherwise, it'll soon be dark, and people at home will start to worry." Wu Yue waved her hand, stood up, and politely declined Kang Li's invitation for them to stay for dinner.

Lin Dan also stood up following Wu Yue but didn't speak. She merely pretended to glance inadvertently at Kang Yiyang.

While Cai Xiufen tried to persuade her beloved daughter to let them stay, Wu Yue and Lin Dan ultimately took their leave.

"They left?"

After seeing Wu Yue and her companion out to the main gate, Kang Li returned home and was greeted by her mother's inquiry.

"Yeah."

Kang Li nodded.

After dinner and tidying up the kitchen, the whole extended family had their baths. They then sat in the courtyard, enjoying the cool evening air while chatting leisurely.

To prevent the three little ones from being bitten by mosquitoes, Kang Li had specifically lit some mosquito coils nearby.

"When Lin Dan left, she called me 'Grandma Kang.' That doesn't seem right, does it?" Cai Xiufen held a handheld fan, casually fanning herself. She said, "Wu Yue is her cousin, so she calls me 'auntie.' How come Lin Dan demoted herself a generation when it comes to addressing me?"

Upon hearing this, Kang Li glanced at her nephew and then asked with a smile, "Is mom really confused or just pretending?"

"Pretending to be confused?" Cai Xiufen was puzzled. When she noticed Kang Li's gaze toward her grandson, she was taken aback and, after a moment, she realized, "Are you suggesting that girl Lin Dan has taken a fancy to Yangyang?" Although it was a question, from Cai Xiufen's tone, it was clear she already knew the answer.

Kang Yiyang wasn't sure what expression he should have on his face. He frowned and said, "Auntie, please don't joke about me to grandma."

"Why would it be a joke?" Kang Li smiled, "In the brief time at our house, Lin Dan couldn't stop looking at you."

Cai Xiufen: "I think that girl is quite good. If you two could become a match, grandma would phone your parents to let them know to get ready. We could arrange the match before the end of the year."

"What 'you two'?" Kang Yiyang was bewildered, rubbing his forehead as he said, "There is absolutely nothing between Comrade Lin Dan and me. Besides, didn't I say last year that I wouldn't be in a relationship for ten years, and it's only been one year. I can't go back on my words, right? Moreover, I have no feelings for Comrade Lin Dan, so grandma and auntie, please don't force this match."

Cai Xiufen observed her grandson's expressions and asked, "You really don't like that girl Lin Dan?"

"Grandma, it isn't about liking or not liking; I simply haven't considered dating anyone." Kang Yiyang was earnest in his expression, and said, "I'm only nineteen this year. In the city, that's still quite young. There's no need to hurriedly look for a partner. Moreover, I don't think much of the girls from the big city."

Cai Xiufen looked at her grandson, remaining silent for a long moment.

Kang Li, in deep thought, said, "You're not actually spooked by what happened to your young uncle, are you?" Without waiting for Kang Yiyang to answer, Kang Li continued, "The forest is big and houses all sorts of birds. You can't simply think all the city girls are like Comrade Yang, who harassed your uncle and then develop a prejudice against city girls."

"..."

Kang Yiyang was silent for a long while.

"Could it be that your aunt was right?" Cai Xiufen tapped on her grandson's arm:

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"In our small village, we have all sorts of people, let alone in this big city where the streets are brimming with them. Encounters with a few shameless ones, is that such a big deal, that it scared you into thinking ill of the local girls?!"

"They are too forward for my taste, and I don't like or feel comfortable with it." Upon voicing his thoughts, Kang Yiyang let out a sigh of relief and continued, "If I weren't good-looking, would they even spare me a glance? And my uncle, if he weren't handsome, would he be hounded like that, to the point it almost cost him his life?"

Kang Li: "Humans are sensory creatures, after all. When we see something beautiful or someone attractive, it's natural to take a closer look. You can't think of a girl as frivolous just because she finds you handsome and wants to get to know you, can you?"

Kang Yiyang: "It's superficial."

Kang Li: "Then I'm superficial too!" A twinkle appeared in her fox-like eyes as Kang Li's lips curved into a smile. "If I hadn't seen a photo of your uncle at home, do you think I would've agreed without hesitation to marry myself off?"

"..."

Kang Yiyang was at a loss for words.

Min Rui was all eyes, his gaze as fixed as if under the spell of mosquito coils, not understanding the conversation between his mother and older cousin. Yet, even so, he listened with utmost seriousness.

"Got nothing to say now, do you?"

Kang Li's fox-like eyes curved, and a faint smile spread across her lips: "Be it Comrade Wang or Lin Dan, I think both of them are quite nice, but, compared to the other, Lin Dan is simpler."

"Auntie... it couldn't be Aunt Wu Yue asking you to work on me, could it?"

Kang Yiyang looked at Kang Li, his eyes reflecting deep thought: "I'm not concerned with how Comrade Lin Dan is. I just want to follow my heart in what I do. Right now, I'm definitely not thinking about dating

anyone. If what auntie said is related to Aunt Wu Yue, then please do me a favor and let her know that I won't be changing my mind easily."

"No, that's not it. Wu Yue has never mentioned her cousin Lin Dan and you to me. I just think Lin Dan is quite decent, so I thought you two could interact more in your daily life. If after spending some time together, both of you are interested, then the two families could arrange your matters. When you're ready to get married, the wedding could just be handled then."

As a dance performer, Lin Dan was undeniably attractive, and from the few meetings they've had, it was clear to Kang Li that Lin Dan was not the obsessive type, but rather lively and simple-minded, easy to see through at a glance.

And as for Comrade Wang Min, she left an impression of a delicate flower. If her nephew were to live with someone like that, he himself might be fine, but she feared his family would not withstand the pressure over time.

After all, dealing with a delicate flower can sometimes be really frustrating; if one has to put up with them for too long, they might end up internally wounded by their delicate behavior and words.

"I'm not considering it for the time being."

Having stayed in North City for over half a year now, Kang Yiyang had seen more of the world than in his hometown, and he was certain he felt no spark for Comrade Lin Dan.

Given that, why bother with further contact?

"Alright, from now on, your auntie won't bring this up in front of you anymore."

With a smile, Kang Li started chatting idly with her mother.

Milk Bun Ming Han pulled his little chair next to Kang Yiyang and whispered, "Big cousin, did you make my mom mad, didn't you?"

"Are you trying to put the blame on your big cousin here?"

Kang Yiyang bowed his head and began to whisper secrets with Milk Bun Ming Han.

"I'm not blaming you, everything my mom says is for your own good,

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"But my oldest cousin didn't want to listen to what my mom was saying, didn't that make my mom angry?"

Milk Bun Ming Han glared at Kang Yiyang, his cheeks puffed up like a bubble-blowing fish, no matter how you looked at him, he was adorable.

Kang Yiyang stretched out his index finger and poked his inflated cheeks, "You're still young, there are some things you don't understand, but I assure you, your mom isn't angry at your oldest cousin, and your oldest cousin hasn't made your mom angry either."

"Not listening to my mom makes you a bad kid, oldest cousin, you're naughty, when my dad comes back, I'll tell dad to spank you, to take revenge for my mom, hmph!"

Nobody can bully his mom, not even his oldest cousin.

Kang Yiyang blushed for quite a while, he said, "I'm already a big kid, your dad is my uncle, he won't just spank me because you said so."

"Then let's wait and see," Milk Bun Ming Han squinted his eyes, his baby voice cute and endearing: "My dad really cares about my mom, if he knew you bullied her, he definitely wouldn't let you off."

One moment framing him, the next accusing him of bullying his young aunt, could this little guy stop pinning so many pots on him?

Kang Yiyang's smile was uglier than crying, it looked like he had been marked by his little cousin.

Xiao Ming Wei had been all ears listening to her brother Ming Han talking with their oldest cousin, and without realizing it, she too dragged her small backrest chair next to Kang Yiyang, her sparkling eyes wide open: "Oldest cousin, my mom's a girl, and you don't even know to go easy on her, that's really bad!"

"I'm really bad?" Kang Yiyang pointed at his own nose, caught between laughter and tears: "I swear to heaven, I haven't bullied your mom, and I wouldn't dare either, you should know, your mom is my young aunt, even if I had a few more guts, I wouldn't dare to bully her, otherwise, your Grandma and Grandpa, and your big uncle wouldn't let me off either."

As for what Kang Yiyang and the twin with mixed sex were mumbling about, Cai Xiufen, Kang Li, and Min Rui could hear every bit of it clearly.

Min Rui just wanted to say: Silly oldest cousin, silly brother, silly sister, don't you realize you're fooling yourselves?

"Yanqing can really accompany us back to our hometown during the holidays?"

"Yeah, he promised himself, he even said he'd drive us back."

"Can the car fit all of us?"

With the old and the young, they were a group of five, and this didn't even include the oldest grandson, it seemed unlikely that one car could fit them all.

"Yangyang's leg should be better in two or three weeks, he'll need to go back to work by then, probably won't be able to return with us. But if his injury hasn't healed well, that's not a problem either, Yanqing will find a bigger car for us all to fit. If all else fails, we can take the train back, none of this is a big deal."

As long as they were determined to return, for Kang Li, there was always a way to get back home.

"It's good that you and Yanqing have a plan." Having been in North City for more than half a year, Cai Xiufen also wanted to visit home, she was just worried that without her by his side, Captain Kang's health would be uncertain, after all, the two had spent half their lives together, they often talked of growing old together, and naturally, she didn't want anything to happen to her old partner without her knowing because she was in North City.

Kang Li: "Mom, rest assured, once Luo Yanqing gets his holiday, we'll return to our hometown. I know you're worried about dad, this time we could ask dad to resign from his Team Leader position, afterwards he can live with you in North City, and I'll support your retirement."

"Talking nonsense, which family lets their daughter support their retirement?"

Doting Darling Daughter, Cai Xiufen said, "If what you're saying is heard by your older brother,"

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"Otherwise, you might think there was something wrong with how they raised you, to the point that you'd have to take care of me and your dad in our old age."

"What's wrong with that? Aren't they your children too? Aren't I the same?" Kang Li feigned grievance, "I am the daughter of you and dad, just like the brothers. You and dad raised me, so if they can take care of you in old age, why can't I, your daughter?"

When Kang Li said "Aren't they your children too? Aren't I the same?", Cai Xiufen's expression flickered unnoticed.

"You always talk nonsense. How could you not be my own flesh and blood? In our village, who doesn't know I gave birth to mixed-sex twins?" Touching the forehead of her precious daughter, Cai Xiufen pretended to be displeased, "Remember, if you talk nonsense again, your mother might just pull your ears."

With an apologetic smile, Kang Li said, "I was just talking off the cuff, mom, please don't be angry. I know I am your dearest daughter, whom you carried for ten months and gave birth to with much hardship. Otherwise, you, dad, and my brothers wouldn't pamper me and keep me from ever feeling wronged from the time I was little!"

"If you know that, then don't talk nonsense!"

Gently touching her beloved daughter's forehead again, Cai Xiufen let out a sigh of relief, saying, "You don't know, when I gave birth to you, your dad was so happy, and so were your grandparents and great-uncles. They've all been spoiling you and protecting you these years, fearing you might get hurt. They really cherish you."

"I know, you all treat me the best!" Rubbing her head against her mom's arm, Kang Li's voice was soft and tender, "Thinking about it, I really am lucky, growing up surrounded by so much love, and now I've become a grown woman."

As Kang Li finished speaking, Xiao Ming Wei, sleepy and babbling, said, "Mommy, I want to sleep." Rubbing her eyes and yawning, Xiao Ming Wei toddled towards Kang Li.

"Then let's go back to your room to sleep."

As she spoke, Kang Li picked up the little girl and turned to her mother, "Mom, I'm taking the kids back to the room."

Cai Xiufen nodded, "Go ahead."

"Ruirui, Hanhan, let's go."

Calling Min Rui and Milk Bun Ming Han to follow, Kang Li walked ahead with Xiao Ming Wei in her arms, and the little brothers trailed behind, with the silhouettes of mother and children soon disappearing from the courtyard.

To her eldest grandson, Cai Xiufen said, "You should go to sleep too if you're tired."

Kang Yiyang: "I'll sleep in a bit."

Cai Xiufen: "Now that you and grandma are here, tell me, what's wrong with the girl, Lin Dan? I never saw her do anything inappropriate in front of you."

"Grandma, why bring this up again?"

Kang Yiyang frowned, "It's not about her being good or bad, it's just that I've never thought about getting involved with her."

Cai Xiufen: "You're already nineteen!"

Kang Yiyang: "I know I'm nineteen, and my younger uncle is twenty. How about you let my aunt bring up Lin Dan to him?"

"Would that work? Your aunt already said the girl has eyes only for you, and that has nothing to do with your younger uncle." After hearing her grandson's words, Cai Xiufen showed clear disagreement.

Kang Yiyang set his face, "Grandma, no matter what you say, I won't change my mind."

"Fine, fine, fine, I won't bother you anymore. Your parents can worry about your marriage, no need for this old woman to waste her energy."

Hearing his grandma's tone, Kang Yiyang felt somewhat helpless. He rubbed his forehead and said, "Grandma, you can't force feelings. Right now, I have no interest in Comrade Lin Dan, and if you try to push me to be with her, wouldn't that be forcing me?"

"I think you're just not seeing things clearly."

Chapter 579: Why Have Such Thoughts?

Cai Xiufen said irritably, "That girl is pretty and fond of you, and she works at the Cultural Work Troupe like you do. Plus, her dad is the head of your Cultural Work Troupe. If you two got together, it wouldn't be a bad thing."

"Grandma, once I get into college, I won't be staying at the Cultural Work Troupe," said Kang Yiyang, knowing his grandma meant well, yet he didn't want her kind of 'well' because, to him, relationships should be pure and not mixed with interests.

Cai Xiufen wanted to say, "What if you don't get into college?" But when the words reached her lips, she knew it wasn't appropriate to say them out loud. After all, she too wanted her eldest grandson to get into college, so how could she dampen his spirits before the exam even took place?

But if her eldest grandson really did what he said and, okay, starting from now, didn't date until nine years later, by that time, he would be almost thirty. Could he still find a good wife?

With that in mind, Cai Xiufen asked, "Won't you reconsider?"

Kang Yiyang shook his head determinedly and said, "Grandma, as long as I'm capable, I shouldn't have trouble finding whatever kind of partner I want in the future, and isn't my face also a bonus point? If you really want to find something to do, like I said before, you can help my uncle find someone so that he can bring a new aunt into the house sooner."

Upon hearing this, Cai Xiufen opened her mouth but eventually said, "Your uncle is very set in his ways now, not much different from your aunt; I can't control them anymore." Standing up, Cai Xiufen added,

"And you, just like your aunt and uncle, have grown too strong-willed to listen to an old woman like me. Forget it, I'm getting old. I should worry less and live longer!"

After she spoke, Cai Xiufen returned to her room to sleep.

Watching his grandmother's retreating figure, Kang Yiyang's eyes filled with helplessness and regret. He certainly knew Grandma wanted the best for him, but he truly did not want to rush into relationships and be confined by marriage.

"What's going on?"

Kang Li returned to the courtyard, and upon seeing her great-nephew downcast, she couldn't help but ask with a laugh.

"My grandma might be very disappointed in me," Kang Yiyang recounted the conversation he just had with his grandma to Kang Li, his aunt. In the end, he said, "Aunt, I know that you and Grandma want the best for me, but I have my own plans, which you understand."

"Fooled! Your life is your own, and you naturally have the right to choose how you want to live your future. Grandma and I are just offering suggestions. If you don't want to accept them, how could we blame you? Don't worry, Grandma is fine, don't overthink it."

Kang Li thought her older mother must have gone back to her room to rest, but she didn't realize that her absence had led her great-nephew to overthink and become emotionally affected by their conversation.

Kang Yiyang pursed his lips and asked, "Do you think I'm ungrateful?"

"Why would you think that? Ungrateful, how are you ungrateful? Comrade Lin Dan is quite a catch in many respects, but in your aunt's eyes, your personal qualities and our family's situation are also not bad,"

"Perhaps the person you spend your life with will have even better qualities than Lin Dan. And besides, even if she is not as good as Lin Dan in some ways, if she is sensible and hardworking, and you both like each other, I think that's also very good," said Kang Li.

Pausing briefly, she continued, "However, when you really start dating someone in the future,

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"Your aunt hopes that you not only pay attention to a girl's character but also understand the conduct of her family members. Definitely do not bring a girl into the family whose entire household are troublemakers."

"Troublemakers?"

Kang Yiyang blinked, obviously not understanding the implications of the word "troublemakers" as Kang Li used it.

"Don't understand?"

Kang Li raised an eyebrow and then explained, "I mean what it sounds like, specifically, people whose values are not upright. For example, those who like to cause trouble without reason, like to take advantage of others, like to gossip behind people's backs, or like to make something out of nothing, and so on—people who are generally very annoying."

Kang Yiyang got it. He said, "I understand now."

The advice his aunt gave had truly been enlightening! If his future in-laws were a group like that, even if the girl he liked was wonderful, he would have an endless stream of troubles waiting for him in the future, which might even hold back his progress!

That was certainly not what he wanted.

After more casual chat in the yard, Kang Li stood up, "It's past nine, time to go to your room and rest."

"Okay."

Following Kang Yiyang's response, Kang Li handed him a cane and then reached out to steady him as she escorted him to his room.

At the same time, at the Lin Family's house.

Lin Dan tossed and turned in bed, unable to sleep because as soon as she closed her eyes, she thought of the discussion she had with her cousin after leaving the Luo Family...

"Dandan, when you called out 'Grandma Kang' as you were leaving, you made your feelings quite obvious. And, did you notice the way Yangyang was looking at you then?"

Wu Yue stood on the roadside, gripping her bike handles, staring intently at her cousin Lin Dan, "To be honest, if I were you, I definitely wouldn't have been so impulsive."

"I..."

Lin Dan's eyes shifted away, "I don't know what came over me at that moment. I just blurted out 'Goodbye, Grandma Kang.' Sister, I didn't notice Yiyang's look at the time, but since you mentioned it, it must not have been good. Yet, I truly have feelings for him. What should I do?"

"There are plenty of good boys out there, not just Yangyang. Why are you so fixated on him, especially when you know he has no interest in you, and still hope to get involved with him?"

Wu Yue frowned, really at a loss with her cousin, "You know you can't force feelings. Since Yiyang has made up his mind not to rush into relationships, you should just let go of your infatuation."

Lin Dan's eyes brimmed with tears, "Sister..."

Wu Yue, "Even if you call me grandma, it's useless! It's not that I don't want to help you, I just don't want to be the annoying person. Besides, Kang Li and I are genuinely good friends. If your issue causes me to lose Kang Li as a friend, I do not want that!"

Having said so much, Wu Yue didn't want to leave Lin Dan with any illusions, "Kang Li once said that a mutual relationship is what love is all about, that is true love. I have said all I can; the rest is up to you."

As Wu Yue rode on, she didn't hear any movement behind her and couldn't help urging, "Hurry up and follow. If it gets completely dark and something happens to you on the road, I won't be able to explain it to your parents."

Lin Dan bit her lip, not bothering to wipe away the tears at the corner of her eyes, and immediately rode her bike to catch up with her cousin Wu Yue.

"It might be wrong to say this, but sometimes people tend to be masochistic. When you like someone, they just don't see you in their eyes, using various reasons to avoid any connection with you. Yet, the moment you shift your attention to someone else,