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Chapter 621: You Know and Still Say It?!

"I'm not dumb, I just haven't read that animal encyclopedia yet!" Xiao Ming Wei was a little angry. She "hmped" and decided not to pay attention to her naughty older brother until she woke up tomorrow morning.

Kang Li lay on her back, her voice full of smiles as she said, "Don't argue. Vivi doesn't know what a hedgehog looks like, but Mommy will tell you now. This hedgehog, except for its belly, has hard spines all over its body, a long pointed mouth, small ears, short limbs, and a short tail... When curled up, you can't see its head and legs."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Mommy, can you draw one for Vivi tomorrow?"

Kang Li: "Of course."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Thank you, Mommy!"

Kang Li: "You're welcome."

"Mommy... I want to hear you sing..." Xiao Ming Wei's voice was clearly drowsy. Upon hearing this, Kang Li readily agreed, "Okay," and then softly sang, "The dark sky hangs low, the bright stars follow each other..." Before Kang Li could finish the song, all three little ones had already fallen asleep.

Luo Yanqing: "You've worked hard, Xiao Li." As he spoke, he took Kang Li into his arms.

Kang Li rubbed against the man's chest: "The children are all very good; it can't really be called hard work."

"I know you're just saying that so I won't worry." Luo Yanqing felt sorry for his little wife, especially seeing her devoting so much to Min Rui and the other two. He felt that he was not doing enough and that Kang Li was working hard at home, which made him feel distressed.

"We are one as husband and wife. Since I'm at home taking care of Ruirui and the others, naturally, I don't want you to worry about home while you're at work. Besides, I'm telling the truth. On normal days, when the kids are at school, I have most of the time to myself to do whatever I want. Life is quite comfortable and enjoyable."

Their children were indeed well-behaved, even if the second boy was a bit lively, he wasn't mischievous or naughty.

So, it seemed like she was taking care of three children at home, but actually, it wasn't very draining at all.

Not to mention, for the past half a year or so, her mother had been helping her!

Luo Yanqing: "You say that to make me feel at ease."

Kang Li: "Don't overthink it."

Luo Yanqing: "I just care for you."

"Be good, I know. But I'm really fine. Go to sleep." After caressing the man's face, Kang Li whispered, "Good night."

"...Good night."

The next day, before the dawn broke with a hint of light, voices and the sound of chopping could be heard from the back yard...

Luo Yanqing: "Should we get up?"

Kang Li: "Let's sleep a little more."

Luo Yanqing: "It's not really good to do that."

Kang Li turned over, her back to Luo Yanqing: "What's wrong with sleeping a bit more in my own home?" During joyous red and white occasions, everybody would invite fellow villagers to help at their homes, and those voices in the backyard were those of the womenfolk Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen had invited to help.

Of course, those who came to help were not just women; there were also male comrades.

The men were responsible for carrying trays and serving dishes.

"Then I'll get up first. You sleep a bit more."

As Luo Yanqing spoke, it wasn't long until he got out of bed.

"Daddy, I'm awake too."

The twins crawled up from the bed almost simultaneously.

Min Rui simply sat up.

"Luo Yanqing..."

Kang Li rubbed her forehead: "I'm getting up." With four out of the five family members awake, it wouldn't be right for her to continue lying in bed and sleeping.

"Didn't you want to sleep a bit more?" Luo Yanqing's mouth curled into a smile: "Feeling embarrassed now?"

"You know and still say it?!"

Kang Li puffed her cheeks, a little grumpy with sleepiness.

The twins covered their mouths and laughed.

Min Rui: "Mommy, if you want to sleep, sleep a little more. My brother, sister, and I won't leave the room. We'll just sit on the bed and keep you company."

Chapter 622 Kang Li's Dilemma

"No, Mom is up,"

Kang Li shook her head.

The clothes worn by the whole family yesterday had been washed by Luo Yanqing after their baths before bedtime. Now, Luo Yanqing, dressed in a white shirt and black trousers with gleaming leather shoes, looked refreshingly handsome and exuded a strong masculine charm.

With his already handsome features and his noble, aloof demeanor, he naturally attracted attention wherever he went, shimmering like a beacon that drew the gaze of others.

Indeed, just in the past two days, there was not a single person who didn't turn their eyes towards Luo Yanqing wherever he passed by.

Fortunately, Luo Yanqing had a good composure and was accustomed to being in the spotlight, so he wasn't affected in the least.

Brother Ming Rui and his brother were dressed in white round-necked short sleeves and dark blue suspender shorts, with white socks and white sneakers, looking very sharp and adorably cute together!

"Mommy, am I wearing this dress today?"

Looking at the little dress in her mother's hand, Xiao Ming Wei batted her bright, sparkling eyes and asked in her milky voice.

Kang Li: "Yes. Don't you like it?"

"Like it! Vivi loves this little dress the most!" Xiao Ming Wei said as she got into the dress with her mother's help. Then Kang Li combed the little girl's hair into a bun: "All set, let your dad help you with your socks and shoes."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Mommy, I can put them on myself!"

Luo Yanqing still ended up helping the little girl get dressed and casually placed his daughter down on the floor to stand, then he said to Kang Li, "I'll take them out first to wash up."

"Go on, I'll be ready in a bit."

Once Luo Yanqing and the kids had left the room, Kang Li tidied up the kang bed, changed out of her nightgown, and picked up the light blue dress that was laid out nearby to put on.

The thought of her mother-in-law insisting on her wearing that red dress later made Kang Li involuntarily stiffen.

As expected, while Kang Li was pondering this, there was a knock on the door: "Li Bao, are you up yet?"

It was Cai Xiufen's voice.

"I'm up,"

Kang Li replied, and the next moment, the door was pushed open.

"Why don't you ever listen?" Cai Xiufen frowned: "Didn't we agree on this yesterday? Now hurry up and change." She glanced at the light blue dress on her beloved daughter and muttered, "That dress is too plain for today; it's not appropriate."

Kang Li cooed, "Mom... I've been married for two years now, and today is just a few banquet tables; there's no need..." Before Kang Li could finish, she was interrupted by Cai Xiufen, "No need for what?"

Seeing that her dear mother's face was not very pleased, Kang Li raised her hands in surrender: "I'll listen to you, I'll listen to you, but can we change a bit later?"

Cai Xiufen glared: "Stop dawdling, change now."

"Alright."

Kang Li nodded listlessly.

Cai Xiufen turned and left, casually closing the door for Kang Li.

Red symbolizes auspiciousness, festivity, warmth, boldness, passion, fighting spirit...

Kang Li knew all this, yet she very rarely wore red clothes. Before arriving in this world, one definitely would not have found a single red item in her wardrobe.

Taking a deep breath, Kang Li pursed her lips slightly and thought to herself: Just this once!

Actually, the red dress that Cai Xiufen bought from the department store was quite pretty and of very good quality. On Kang Li, who could be said to have a figure like a clothes hanger, it looked exceptionally good!

However, Kang Li didn't look in the mirror; she was busy doing her hair.

She divided her hair into sections, braided the main section, and pulled out some strands to add volume and a more relaxed look. In no time, she was finished.

Simple and easy, yet full of a natural forest vibe and brimming with ethereal charm.

Chapter 623 Convergence Point

Yes, even in a bright red dress, Kang Li still managed to give off an ethereal aura. Not to mention the red was eye-catching, making her creamy skin appear even whiter, and on her, the red dress exuded a sense of understated luxury. She was sure to leave a memorable impression once she stepped out of her room.

Well, setting other things aside, just speaking of Kang Li's looks, anyone who had seen her would find it difficult to forget. And now, dressed in the red dress, it goes without saying what kind of impression she would leave in others' eyes.

As expected, the moment Kang Li walked out of her room, she heard gasps from all around.

Feeling slightly uncomfortable, but Kang Li quickly regained her composure.

After all, what sort of grand occasion hadn't she seen?

"Wow! Auntie, you look so pretty today!"

Kang Yiyu, wearing his favorite clothes and toddling in from the back door of the main hall, just happened to look up and see his aunt coming out of her room. His eyes widened in amazement as he exclaimed.

"Li Bao, Yiyu is right, you look very pretty today!"

The woman who made this comment was a middle-aged woman who had come to help out in the house. Her surname was Li, and her name was Maomiao.

"Yeah, yeah, Li Bao really looks very good today!"

"My mom is a fairy, she's always been exceptionally pretty!"

Milk Bun Ming Han, having washed up in the backyard, was now toddling in, hand in hand with his older brother Ming Han, into the main hall. Hearing people complimenting his mother's looks, he opened his mouth and raised his milky voice, emphasizing that his mom has always been super pretty.

Xiao Ming Wei, also holding hands with her big brother Ming Han, joined in with her babyish voice, "My second brother is right, my mom is the most most most pretty little fairy in the world!"

Basking in the continuous compliments from her nephew, children, and aunties who had come to help, Kang Li couldn't help but blush, even if she had thick skin.

She cleared her throat to mask her discomfort and then smiled, "We all look the same, with one nose, two eyes, and one mouth." Clearly, she was deliberately misinterpreting the praise from her children, nephew, and aunties.

As she finished speaking, she moved to go to the back yard to clean up, but unwittingly caught Luo Yanqing's affectionate gaze.

"Tone it down."

Walking by Luo Yanqing's side, she scolded him affectionately and whispered a command that only the two of them could hear.

"Okay."

While his mouth agreed, Luo Yanqing didn't actually know what his little wife wanted him to tone down. Okay, maybe he did know, but he didn't care, unafraid of being seen by others.

Truthfully, the first sight of Kang Li in the red dress standing at the door momentarily stunned Luo Yanqing, then a look of amazement filled his face, followed by a surge of tenderness that involuntarily flooded his eyes, wishing he could hide Kang Li away right then and there.

But he knew that was impossible, so he made no move, just quietly standing behind Min Rui and the three siblings, intently watching Kang Li, his little girl, his little wife!

By midday, the relatives had mostly arrived, some with their entire families, others sending a representative. Originally, eight tables had been prepared for the banquet, planning to set up six tables first and then add the other two when they ran out of space.

Who could have anticipated that those fellow villagers who had good relations with Captain Kang would take the initiative to come and offer their gifts.

This meant that six tables were not enough, and without a doubt, the two extra tables were set up.

Neither Luo Yanqing nor Kang Li were stingy, and Captain Kang and Cai Xiufen were also generous.

Chapter 624: Why do you think I...?

What's more, today is a joyous day, and with the ample preparation of ingredients, each banquet table abounded with dishes, including five meat courses.

Relatives and fellow villagers seated at the tables were eating their fill, with grease lining their mouths, praising Captain Kang for knowing how to treat people well and boasting about him having a fine son-in-law.

In keeping with tradition, once the dishes were almost finished, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, led by Big Uncle Kang and his wife, went from table to table, toasting the guests.

Owing to the tight space in the courtyard, there were eight tables; thus, it was Captain Kang who decided to set up the banquet outside in the village lane. This naturally attracted onlookers who stood at a distance, drawn in by the aroma wafting from the tables, almost each of them swallowing their saliva involuntarily.

Envious of those who were seated and eating.

Xu Chunxia stood among the crowd of onlookers, staring straight at Kang Li and Luo Yanqing. She harbored intense resentment towards Kang Li's good fortune, deeply feeling that Luo Yanqing was a thousand, no, ten thousand times better than Zhou Weimin.

Yet such an outstanding man was Kang Libao's husband!

How unjust the heavens were, why did Kang Libao have such good luck?

Hatred nearly spilled from Xu Chunxia's eyes as she clenched her fists at her sides, the pain from her fingernails piercing her palms failing to snap her out of her emotional state.

"Third Sister... Third Sister, could it be that 'time' of the month for you?" Xu Chunmei stood beside Xu Chunxia and suddenly caught a faint whiff of blood from her older sister, causing her to ask softly.

Xu Chunxia did not respond for quite some time.

Realizing something was amiss, Xu Chunmei grabbed Xu Chunxia's left arm and pulled her out of the crowd.

On the way home, Xu Chunxia came to her senses and asked Xu Chunmei, "What are you doing?" Hearing this, Xu Chunmei looked slightly displeased, "I should be the one asking what you're doing, Third Sister! You know well what the Team Leader's House is up to today, why go and cast a shadow over it?"

With a grim expression, Xu Chunxia retorted, "How have I cast a shadow?"

"When I was pulling you out of the crowd, the resentment in your eyes was about to overflow. And look at your palm."

Upon noticing the blood threading from Xu Chunxia's clenched fist, Xu Chunmei realized she had guessed wrong. It wasn't that her sister's monthly visitor had arrived, but that her fingernails had broken the skin of her palm, and that was the source of the bloody scent.

"Mind your own business!"

Having come to her senses, Xu Chunxia was aware of the cuts in her palm. At that moment, she met Xu Chunmei's eyes: "From now on, stop meddling in my affairs!"

Xu Chunmei said, "Third Sister, you're harboring resentment towards Sister Li Bao." It wasn't a question, but a statement. Without waiting for Xu Chunxia to make a sound, Xu Chunmei continued, "But why resent Sister Li Bao? She owes you nothing and has done no wrong to you. Tell me, on what grounds do you bear resentment towards Sister Li Bao?"

Xu Chunxia said, "Why do you think?"

Both were country girls, so why was Kang Libao's fate better than hers? She not only had loving parents and brothers but also ended up marrying a man who was a thousand, no, ten thousand times better than Zhou Weimin after being forcefully broken off from an engagement. Today, they were even holding a grand banquet. Wasn't this a display of flamboyance to someone?

"You're jealous of Sister Li Bao!"

As soon as Xu Chunmei uttered these words, Xu Chunxia grabbed her arm, forcing them to halt their steps. "What do you mean by that?" Xu Chunxia asked in anger.

As the two sisters locked eyes, Xu Chunxia, filled with outrage, said, "Jealous of Kang Libao? Which of your eyes saw that?"

"Third Sister, it's not just me who sees the jealousy in your eyes." Xu Chunmei freed her hand and continued on her way home.

Chapter 625: What Does She Have to Compare?

Xu Chunxia gritted her teeth closely following behind Xu Chunmei, "Whose sister are you really?"

"Are you dumb, Third Sister?" Xu Chunmei glanced at Xu Chunxia and said, "My name is Xu Chunmei, naturally I'm the sister of Third Sister."

"Then why do you side with Kang Libao? Why do you criticize my faults?"

Xu Chunxia was truly displeased with her younger sister Xu Chunmei, "Do you even have a conscience? From childhood, I've protected you; Kang Libao taught me to read and count, and when I got home, didn't I always secretly teach you? Whenever I had something good to eat, didn't I share it with you? And now, you're siding with an outsider..."

Xu Chunmei interrupted, "What do you mean by siding with an outsider? Third Sister, can you be reasonable? It's not like Sister Li Bao refused to help you because she could but chose not to. You think Sister Li Bao owes you, and by not helping, she's wronged you. So, you resent her—what kind of logic is that?"

"You're nothing but a traitor!" Xu Chunxia cursed, "I have been nothing but wholeheartedly devoted to you, yet you're acting like a traitor. Has your conscience been eaten by a dog?"

"If Third Sister likes to scold me, then feel free to continue!"

Picking up her pace, Xu Chunmei didn't want to continue the conversation with Xu Chunxia anymore.

The Loudspeaker, Wang Chunhua, and Li Daniu didn't stand with the crowd but watched the banquet at Team Leader's House.

The trio stood at the door of Li Daniu's house, not far from Team Leader's House, and practically opposite it. The moment Xu Chunmei pulled Xu Chunxia out of the crowd, these three clearly understood the emotions in Xu Chunxia's eyes.

Wang Chunhua asked, "Who is Chunxia resenting?"

Li Daniu replied, "That, I'm afraid only she knows."

"Are you two really clueless or just pretending?"

The Loudspeaker rolled her eyes and said with a pout, "Who else could Chunxia be resenting but Li Bao! I heard about today's banquet. It was paid for by Li Bao's man with his money and connections, inviting the Team Leader and his wife to organize it. It's to make up a wedding ceremony here so that everyone could join in the fun."

Wang Chunhua said, "Then why not set up a feast directly? If they had, those of us who brought gifts could have sat down and had a lovely meal."

The Loudspeaker replied, "They didn't set up a feast, but they didn't stop anyone who wanted to give a gift."

Li Daniu said, "That explains why the secretary and the accountant were sitting at the main table."

Waving her hand, Wang Chunhua brought the discussion back to the matter between Chunxia and Li Bao, "Alright, enough about that. Tell me, why does Chunxia resent Li Bao?"

"Jealousy."

The Loudspeaker spoke like she was uttering a prophecy, expressing it in just two words.

Li Daniu puzzled, "What is she jealous of Li Bao for?"

"Jealous that Li Bao married a good man," said Wang Chunhua. "The two were born the same year, Li Bao was jilted by the Zhou Family and then immediately married off to North City. Even though her man is on his second marriage, as it stands, Li Bao's man is something Zhou Weimin could never compare with.

Chunxia, as Li Bao's friend, even if others don't compare them, she couldn't help but compare them in her heart. Previously, she wanted to be with Zhou Weimin, the young man, and that led to such a scandal..."

As Wang Chunhua prattled on, The Loudspeaker and Li Daniu looked towards the retreating figure of Xu Chunxia, their eyes simultaneously reflecting a complex expression.

"She doesn't think it through, what does she have to compare with Li Bao? No capable parents, no clear direction; herself uneducated and not as good-looking as Li Bao,

Chapter 626: Good Fortune

"Kang Li is better than everyone in every way, and yet they always compare themselves to her. Look at them now; all that comparing has turned jealousy into resentment, feeling like Kang Li has wronged them!"

Wang Chunhua said this, shaking her head and then falling silent.

"I think Chunxia and her folks are just as clueless!"

Cui the Loudspeaker sneered, "Before, she used to be so close to Kang Li. But since Kang Li got married the year before last and even after she came back this time, you can tell their relationship isn't the same anymore."

After a while, as neither Cui the Loudspeaker nor Wang Chunhua heard Li Daniu speak, they turned to look and found Li Daniu staring intently towards the entrance of the Team Leader's House.

Waving her hand in front of Li Daniu's smoking pipe, Cui the Loudspeaker asked, "What are you looking at?"

"The Team Leader and his wife sure know how to have kids!"

Li Daniu muttered under her breath.

Cui the Loudspeaker: "Are you saying Kang Li is pretty?"

Li Daniu didn't respond.

Cui the Loudspeaker: "It's not like it's our first day knowing Kang Li is pretty. Ever since Kang Li and her fifth brother were brought back to the village from the hospital by the Team Leader and his wife, whoever sees her praises her for her fair and handsome features."

Today was cloudy, with a breeze coming down the mountainside, which undoubtedly reduced the sense of heat in the air.

Kang Li and Luo Yanqing stood side by side at the entrance, bowing three times to their friends and relatives to thank everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend their wedding.

The wind brushed past, causing Kang Li's skirt to flutter gracefully. In everyone's eyes, she and Luo Yanqing were a match made in heaven, as if they were covered in a layer of gold, dazzling and brilliant!

"Little aunt and uncle look so good!"

Kang Yikai propped his chin with one hand, his eyes barely blinking as he intently watched his dear little aunt and the handsome, distinguished uncle.

Kang Yihao: "My little aunt is our family's precious treasure!"

Kang Yihang said in his childish voice, "My little aunt is my favorite!"

Kang Yiyu: "Little aunt is my most, most, most favorite!"

Kang Yihang pouted angrily and stared at his cousin of the same age: "I love little aunt the most, most, most, most, most, and she loves me the most, most, most, most, most too!"

Kang Yifei looked disdainfully at his foolish little brother and then at his silly cousin, saying, "You're both seven this year, not three. Can you be a little less childish?"

Kang Yiyu puffed out his chubby cheeks: "Mean big brother!" Kang Yifei was the eldest son of the third branch, twelve years old and Kang Yiyu's own older brother.

"Silly little kids." Kang Yifei rolled his eyes and shifted his gaze away from his brother, looking towards Kang Li, and said, "The uncle is lucky to marry our little aunt."

"Exactly."

All the brothers, big and small, chimed in agreement.

At this table were all Kang Li's nephews, plus Min Rui and the other two, about a dozen little fellows sitting together.

"My dad is really nice to my mom!"

Milk Bun Ming Han said in his childish voice to his older cousins, "Every time my dad comes home on leave, he cooks, does the laundry, takes care of me and my siblings, and lets mom rest well."

A good mom indeed, but his dad was also a good dad; he understood what his cousin Yifei meant by "blessing."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Mom works hard, and my big brother, second brother, and dad all help massage her arms and legs!"

Min Rui said, with his serious young face, "My brothers, sister, and dad will always protect mom!"

In their class, there was a student without a dad who had just gotten remarried before summer vacation started. Some classmates found out and called the student a "drag."

And in their own family, their dad had remarried to take care of him and his younger siblings. In a way, the three of them were also "drags," their dad's "drags."

Chapter 627: Shocking

But he would take good care of his younger siblings, and they would obediently listen and not cause their new mother too much worry. That way, the new mother wouldn't find it hard to be in their home.

Moreover, Min Rui liked Grandma's and Grandpa's house and everyone in it. He could see that Grandma, Grandpa, the uncles, aunts, and cousins all cared a lot about his mother.

To set Grandma and Grandpa's minds at ease, in the days to come, he and his siblings would protect their mother, love her, and always treat her well!

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"Were there any issues with the tables, stools, or dinnerware?" It was almost four o'clock in the afternoon when Big Brother Kang and Third Brother Kang returned with a few younger relatives after delivering the items that needed returning. Cai Xiufen casually asked as she saw the group return.

Big Brother Kang, "Two bowls and one plate broke, and we were short two spoons and five pairs of chopsticks. I've compensated the household."

Cai Xiufen, "Compensating them is fine. Have a seat, Li Bao has something to tell you all."

The hall was filled with people, although there were no outsiders.

"Here's the thing, I want to take this opportunity while Second Brother, Second Sister-in-law, Fourth Brother, and Fourth Sister-in-law are here to tell you that I'm going abroad to compete in a tournament next month. It's a big deal for our family, so I thought I should inform everyone. Otherwise, you might hear about it or see it directly on TV, and I'm afraid I'd be in trouble."

Towards the end, Kang Li made a joke.

Kang Guosheng, "Going abroad to compete? Tell us more."

Kang Li, "It's a sports competition."

Kang Guosheng, "Representing the country?"

Kang Li nodded, "Mmm."

Kang Guosheng's lips pursed slightly as he looked at Kang Li for a while, "Li Bao, are you sure you're not joking?"

Kang Li shook her head, "I was discovered by accident. I didn't want to agree initially, but that leader convinced me. I agreed and will try to win glory for our country."

"Discovered by accident? Tell us, what kind of accident was it?" Kang Guosheng asked seriously, "You remember your health condition, don't you?"

"Second Brother, my health has improved a lot. It was Luo Yanqing who contacted the eminent traditional doctor who examined me and prescribed herbal medicine to regulate my body. Now I find walking very easy, and hopping around isn't much of an issue."

As Kang Li spoke, she saw the concerned gazes of everyone in the room, smiled, and added, "I really am much better, you have to believe me."

Everyone, including Captain Kang and his wife, remained silent.

Kang Li couldn't help feeling a bit uneasy, and she gave a dry cough before detailing how she was discovered. Finally, she said to Kang Yichen, "Chenchen, go to the backyard and bring that iron rod for your aunt."

Kang Yichen looked towards Captain Kang.

"Go ahead,"

the Captain ordered.

In a short while, Kang Yichen returned, passing an iron rod as thick as an adult's wrist to Kang Li. He asked curiously, "Aunt, what do you need this iron rod for?"

"Sit back on your stool and watch."

Kang Li spoke as she easily bent the iron rod under the focused gaze of everyone in the house, twisted it into a pretzel shape, and then restored it to its original form.

Apart from Luo Yanqing and the elderly couple, Captain Kang, everyone else was utterly astonished.

Kang Guosheng stood up, walked to Kang Li, and took the iron rod, trying with all his might. Not to speak of twisting it into a pretzel, he couldn't even bend it slightly.

He looked utterly shocked, "Your strength..."

"When I was six, I accidentally discovered that I was very strong. I was really scared at the time, afraid that people would call me a monster,

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"I... I didn't tell Dad and Mom, nor did I tell you guys..."

Her gaze swept across Big Brother Kang and the rest of her brothers one by one. Kang Li felt a bit guilty, but she didn't let it show on her face. She said, "Look into my sincere big eyes, I swear, I absolutely didn't mean to keep it from you guys!"

Not detecting any significant emotional change from their birth parents, Kang Guosheng, relying on his professional skills, asked the two, "Dad, Mom, when did you find out about Li Bao's great strength?"

From his observation, it was almost certain that Dad and Mom must have known about their family's Li Bao's special ability before today.

However, they probably only heard it from Li Bao herself.

Team Leader: "Last year, Li Bao mentioned it once in front of your mother and me."

Kang Guosheng looked at Luo Yanqing, "And you, brother-in-law? When did you find out?"

"During the Spring Festival last year."

Luo Yanqing answered.

"How do you feel now?"

Kang Guosheng's eyes fell back on Kang Li, "Tell the truth."

"Second Brother, I'm feeling good, I don't feel much of anything."

Hearing Kang Li's words, Kang Guosheng's expression became very serious for a moment, "So you're saying you feel a little uncomfortable."

Kang Li shook her head, "Not uncomfortable, just a bit tired, which can be completely ignored. Look, I'm quite energetic, right?"

Standing up, Kang Li turned in a circle in front of Second Brother Kang Guosheng, "See? I didn't lie to you, Second Brother."

Unexpectedly, Kang Guosheng did not respond, but instead turned his gaze to his parents, "Dad, Mom, are you really okay with Li Bao not taking her own body seriously?"

His gaze then shifted to Luo Yanqing, "And you? Aren't you worried that Li Bao might have an accident on the field?"

Before Luo Yanqing and her birth parents could speak, Kang Li said, "Second Brother, I know you are worried about my health, but I am confident in my own body, and I won't have any problems.

Moreover, the events I'm competing in are throwing and shooting, which don't require much strength. Besides, I want to win glory for our country, make Dad and Mom proud, and if, I mean if...

If I hadn't been unexpectedly discovered by that leader, naturally I wouldn't have participated in any competition. But there are no ifs in this world. Now that the country needs me, I have no reason to shrink back!"

Kang Li was earnest in her expression, and serious in her words, showing her attitude towards competing in the event.

"You..."

Kang Guosheng's eyes were complex as he watched Kang Li for a while, without finishing his sentence.

The little girl has grown up! She knows the importance of bringing honor to her country, understands what honor means, she truly has become something, should he trust her... trust that she won't have any health issues during the competition?

The room was silent, and after what seemed like a long time, Team Leader finally said to Kang Guosheng, "Alright, Second, Li Bao is an adult now. She knows what she's doing, she knows her limits."

Cai Xiufen: "Li Bao has promised Mom and Dad that she will take good care of herself and not make us worry."

"The little girl... has grown up!"

After hearing his parents' words, Kang Guosheng gently patted Kang Li's shoulder and looked into her eyes, "I'm naturally happy that you can win glory for our country, but Second Brother hopes that if you feel unwell, you'll inform the coach right away."

Even if you can't compete, you must... must take good care of yourself. Can you do that?"

Kang Li was moved and nodded her head, "Okay."

In the group of five brothers, although Kang Guosheng is the second, his words carry the most weight.

This was actually also because Kang Guosheng is the most accomplished among the brothers.

As for the future, that would depend on the development of each of the five brothers.

Chapter 629: The Kids Praise

"Li Bao, are you really going abroad to compete?"

Big Brother Kang still found it hard to believe that his precious little sister would one day go overseas, and as an athlete at that, joining the national team to bring honor to their country. He had never imagined that his delicate and frail sister possessed such immense strength; before their whole family, she had bent a metal rod, thick as an adult's wrist, into a twist and easily straightened it back to its original shape.

It was simply astonishing!

At the same time, he felt honored that his sister could bring glory to their nation.

"Mhm."

Kang Li nodded.

"Can your body really handle it?"

His baby sister was about to go abroad to compete for their country. He was happy, proud even, but nothing mattered more to him than the well-being of his precious little sister.

Kang Li smiled, "Don't worry, Big Brother. The event I'm participating in is very easy."

Her gaze shifted toward Third Brother Kang and Fourth Brother Kang. Seeing both of them open their mouths but then say nothing, the concern in their eyes was genuine, prompting Kang Li to speak:

"Third Brother, Fourth Brother, I know you're concerned about me, and so are my sisters-in-law and nephews. Truth be told, I can feel everyone's concern. Just be at ease, I absolutely won't let anything happen to myself."

Fourth Brother Kang said, "Then you must take good care of your health."

Third Brother Kang added, "Remember what Second Brother said!"

"I know already!"

Kang Li smiled broadly and responded cheerfully.

At that moment, Kang Yiyu blinked his starry eyes, clapping in awe, "Auntie is so awesome!" As Kang Yiyu finished speaking, Min Rui and the other two kids spontaneously burst into seal-like applause: "Mommy is great!"

Not to be outdone, Kang Yichen, the second cousin, didn't care if it seemed childish and also started clapping enthusiastically, "Auntie is amazing!"

The next moment, the younger generation, including Kang Yihong and others, caught on and joined in with the applause, which lasted for quite a while as they repeatedly chanted, "Auntie is great!"

"You're making your auntie blush with all your praise,"

Kang Li raised her hand to stop her nephews' acclaims and clapping, shaking her head with a smile.

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As evening approached, Fourth Brother Kang and his wife returned to the county city.

"Doudou, Fourth Uncle and Auntie have left, why aren't you crying?" At the gate, watching the retreating figures of Fourth Brother Kang and his wife, Kang Yihao asked his little cousin.

Kang Yihang replied, "Why would I cry? My parents went back to the county city to work, to earn money so that my brother and I can go to school. Besides, I'm already a big kid, not someone who can't be without his parents."

"Looks like our eleventh brother has truly grown up!" Kang Yihao patted his little cousin's shoulder, feigning a grown-up air, "Not bad at all, such a good child!"

Kang Yihang tilted his head to ask his cousin Kang Yihao, "Is seventh brother a good kid?"

The ten-year-old Kang Yihao raised an eyebrow, "What do you think?"

"I wouldn't know." Kang Yihang shook his head, then his eyes swirled mischievously before saying, "But if seventh brother bullies me, then he's definitely not a good kid."

Kang Yihao flicked the cunning little cousin's forehead, "When have I ever bullied you?"

"Seventh brother, don't deny it, what did you just say about me?"

Kang Yihang crossed his arms and "huffed," turning his head away, feigning anger with Kang Yihao.

"Doudou, are you sure you're not falsely accusing seventh brother?"

Kang Yihao felt as wronged as Dou E.

"Who said I was crying and being childish?"

Puffing his cheeks, Kang Yihang glared with wide eyes, his gaze falling back on his cousin Kang Yihao.

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“It’s a misunderstanding! I just said that both Fourth Uncle and Auntie have left, why aren’t you crying your eyes out? I didn’t say you were crying. Doudou, you need to listen carefully. You can’t just wrongly blame Seventh Brother like that, understand?”

Kang Yihao looked at his little cousin with a very serious expression as their eyes met.

“Hmph! I won’t admit that I heard it wrong!” Kang Yihang said this, and immediately it triggered a round of laughter from the cousins. Even Min Rui’s triplets couldn’t help but laugh out loud.

“You’re all laughing at me!”

Kang Yihang felt embarrassed, his chubby face was as red as a big apple.

“Brother Doudou, I didn’t laugh,”

Milk Bun Ming Han put on a very serious face at this moment.

“You’re holding it in. Fine, if you want to laugh, just laugh. It was me who deliberately looked for trouble with Seventh Brother.” Saying this, Kang Yihang shifted his gaze from his little cousin to his older cousin Kang Yihao, and said with a serious expression, “Seventh Brother, I’m sorry, it was my fault just now. I shouldn’t have been looking for trouble without reason and blamed you.”

Patting his little cousin’s head, Kang Yihao said with a smile, “I know you were just playing with Seventh Brother. It’s alright, you don’t have to apologize.”

Suddenly, Kang Yifei’s expression changed, and he said in a lowered voice to his cousins, “Do you see who that is?” Following Kang Yifei’s gaze, Kang Yichen and the others’s expressions also changed.

The person they were looking at was none other than Zhou Weimin, the ex-fiancé of their dearest younger aunt.

Kang Yichen said coldly, “Ignore that guy!”

Kang Yifei: “As if I would deign to pay attention to him. I just can’t stand the sight of him!”

Kang Yihong and the other brothers didn’t speak, just kept an icy expression on their faces.

“Yichen, what are you all doing standing at the entrance of your courtyard?”

The next day was the weekend, and Zhou Weimin was off work, so right after getting off work today, he biked back to the village. Over the past two years, each time he passed by Captain Kang's house from this journey, he felt somewhat uncomfortable, yet this was the path to his home and to his work. To avoid it would be overly deliberate, and the alternative route not only had bad road conditions but also required a long walk.

Not getting a response from Kang Yichen had become the norm for Zhou Weimin over the past two years. He smiled, squeezed the brakes, set his feet on the ground, and turned his attention to Min Rui's triplets, "Are these three kids relatives of yours?"

Still, no response from Kang Yichen.

Maintaining a smile on his face, Zhou Weimin said, "Well, you all play then, I'm heading back." He pushed the pedals forcefully and rode a few meters away.

"You're back, go wash your hands, it's time for dinner."

As he rode into the courtyard, before Zhou Weimin could answer, Mrs. Zhou walked out of the main house, her face instantly lighting up with a smile.

"Mom, the courtyard entrance of Uncle Kang's house looks a bit different, do you know why?" The stretch of road in front of the Team Leader's House usually looked clean, but today it had been swept so thoroughly that not a speck of dirt could be seen.

Zhou Weimin felt it was a bit strange and couldn't help but ask Mrs. Zhou.

“What’s different about it?”

Mrs. Zhou didn’t want to talk about the Kang Family’s business.

Seeing that his mother wasn’t in a good mood, Zhou Weimin became even more curious, “Mom, I’m just asking. Are you reluctant to tell me, or what’s going on?”

“Li Bao came back the day before yesterday, and her husband was with her. They drove two cars into the village. Today, they hosted eight tables for a wedding celebration at her parent’s home,” Mrs. Zhou said, her tone laced with discernible sourness.

Upon hearing this, Zhou Weimin was stunned.

After a while, he came to his senses, propped up the bike stand, and pretended as if nothing had happened. “Li Bao is back, huh? Then... then the three kids I saw at Uncle Kang’s courtyard entrance just now must be Li Bao’s husband’s children, right?”