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Chapter 641: This Move Is Well Calculated!

Almost instantly, lights turned on in all the rooms of the Kang family, as well as in the homes of the neighbors to the left and right.

"Xu Chunxia, if you're sick, hurry up and go to the hospital. Why the hell are you wailing like a ghost in my yard?"

Kang Li came out from the main room, her expression cold. She stepped forward, lifted Xu Chunxia up, and slapped her twice across the face. Then she asked, "Are you awake now? Do you even know what time it is?"

Crying out with a "wah," Xu Chunxia looked at Kang Li in disbelief, "Li Bao... Li Bao, why did you hit me?"

"You ask me why I'm hitting you?"

Kang Li stared into Xu Chunxia's eyes. "Running into someone else's house and going insane in the middle of the night, anyone would slap you for this!"

"But I really had no other choice! Li Bao, please help me!" Xu Chunxia reached out to grab Kang Li's arm, but Kang Li casually let go, letting her fall to the ground, and said coldly, "I told you I can't help you. Do you have the memory of a goldfish?"

Cai Xiufen: "I'll take Chunxia back home. Everyone else go back to sleep!" She grabbed Xu Chunxia and, with a grim expression on her face, began to drag her out of the yard.

"Auntie... Auntie, let me go. Only Li Bao can help me. If I go back, my parents will sell me!" Xu Chunxia struggled, not wanting to return to that home, not wanting to be sold. She wanted to go to North City, to live in the big city.

"My Li Bao has no way to help you. Whatever your plans are, speak directly to your own parents."

Cai Xiufen, pulling Xu Chunxia along in front, and Captain Kang, with a dark expression and hands clasped behind him, followed behind.

Meanwhile, at the entrance to the Kang family's courtyard, a crowd had gathered, discussing Xu Chunxia's mad behavior.

"What the hell was Chunxia doing in Team Leader's House's courtyard just now?"

"Begging Li Bao for help."

"Help? What kind of help did she want from Li Bao?"

"I guess she wanted Li Bao to take her to North City."

"What? Who does she think she is, to have the audacity to ask Li Bao to take her to North City? Tsk, tsk, tsk, she's got some nerve!"

"I heard someone banging on the gates of Team Leader's House like crazy, so I came out from my yard. I heard Chunxia's conversation with the Team Leader. It seems like Chunxia's mother and father want to marry her off to a lame man, and Chunxia doesn't want to, so she hoped Li Bao would take her away from our village to find a way to make a living in North City."

"Is there more to it?"

"There is. Chunxia's real plan... is to have Li Bao find her a match in North City!"

"That's quite a scheme!"

"Would Li Bao agree to it?"

"If she had agreed, Li Bao wouldn't have given those two slaps just now."

"True. It's her parents who are heartless, wanting to marry her off to a lame man... No, actually, the Xu family is planning to sell their daughter, that's why Chunxia came up with this idea at Li Bao's place."

"As parents themselves, the Xu family is incredibly cruel. They betrothed Chunyue to an old bachelor just for a three-hundred-yuan bride price, and now they want to sell Chunxia. They simply don't treat their daughters as humans; they're treating them like livestock, selling them off!"

"I was coming back from the town the other day when I ran into a relative of mine from the Elm Bay brigade. As soon as she saw me, she told me Chunyue gets beaten and scolded by her husband every day, especially when he drinks. He practically beats Chunyue to death. To date, Chunyue has been beaten into miscarrying three times."

"Hasn't anyone tried to intervene?"

"How can they intervene? Chunyue's husband says he bought his wife for three hundred yuan. He mentioned that Chunyue's parents gave their word—once she became his wife, they wouldn't care whether she lived or died."

Chapter 642 Too Shameless!

"Oh, my heavens! Are the Xu couple too heartless? I mean, every household loves having boys, but our daughters are born to us as well. How could the Xu couple say such things?"

"Don't drag the conversation off topic; we're here to talk about Chunxia's situation, so why bring up Chunyue's issue again?"

"As for Chunxia's issue, I guess that's all there is to it. After all, an arm can't twist a thigh. Besides, Li Bao isn't her 'who-knows-who,' so why should she help her? Moreover, everything costs money outside, Chunxia is thinking too simply!"

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Kang Li wouldn't bother to concern herself with how the villager onlookers were discussing Xu Chunxia and her parents outside; she just felt the previous owner had bad luck to become friends with Xu Chunxia.

Full of schemes, not taking the proper path, cunning friends, whom she had severed ties with, yet still had the nerve to come and ask for help—did she really think she was somebody important?

"Li Bao, what exactly is going on with that person who was looking for you?"

In the brightly lit main hall, Big Brother Kang and his wife, along with Kang Guosheng and his wife, and Third Brother Kang's couple, were sitting in the living room. All turned their eyes to Kang Li, as they tacitly let Kang Guosheng speak up, voicing their collective confusion.

Sitting next to Kang Li, Luo Yanqing didn't wait for her to speak. He directly revealed what he knew, and concluded, "That's pretty much how it went down. Xiao Li made herself very clear that night, but who expected her to make such a scene tonight?"

"That's utterly shameless!"

Elder sister-in-law Kang's expression was extremely grim.

"She's the one who wronged our Li Bao, and now she sticks to him as if Li Bao did something wrong to her. Where does she get the nerve?"

Third sister-in-law Kang's expression was equally grim. She said, "Knowing the issues between our family and the Zhou Family, she still went chasing after Zhou Weimin but failed. Now, she's trying to use Li Bao to escape from her own family—her calculations are really something!"

Upon hearing this, He Hui, the other sister-in-law, shared their indignation: "The elder sister and the third little sister-in-law are right. That Xu Chunxia is shameless and especially calculating. Li Bao..."

She looked at Kang Li: "We won't be the fools. Don't bother about her matters!"

Kang Li smiled, "Rest assured, second sister-in-law, I hadn't planned on meddling in her affairs anyway. Besides, I'm not her 'who-knows-who,' so I have neither the responsibility nor the obligation to worry about her messy affairs."

"That's good," He Hui nodded but was still not at ease, "If she shamelessly comes to find you again, just give her a few more slaps."

"Cool it, second sister-in-law, I definitely won't be at a loss!" Kang Li said with a smile, then added, "Why don't you all go to sleep? I and Luo Yanqing will wait in the main hall for Dad and Mom to come back."

Kang Guosheng said, "Let's wait together."

Big Brother Kang, Third Brother Kang, and Elder sister-in-law Kang, the sisters-in-law, expressed no objection.

Xu Family.

"I've said my piece to you two. If you can hear it, good; if not, once the officers from the station take you away, it will be your own fault."

Captain Kang, watching Father Xu and Mrs. Xu with a cold eye, his face darkened and his voice lacked any warmth.

"Captain, we are not selling our daughter. We just think that the match is really good, so we wanted to send Chunxia over there for her happiness, not to push her into a pit of fire!"

Mrs. Xu said in a frightened whisper, glancing at Captain Kang.

"Whatever good match you think you have, the child herself must agree; otherwise, what you're doing is indeed selling your daughter."

Captain Kang looked coldly at Father Xu:

Chapter 643 You have no way?

"Xu Laoer, we are now in a new society that values freedom of marriage. If the children are unwilling, even you as parents can't force them into marriage.

Moreover, the new society emphasizes gender equality. The two of you favoring sons over daughters is going against the state policy. Speaking of your sons, Chunlai and Chunwang, do you really not see what they're like?

One is just short of needing a shovel to do anything, which shows how lazy they are. In contrast, look at your daughters — which one of them isn't hardworking? If you truly break your daughters' hearts, there will come a day when you'll regret it!"

Having said this, Captain Kang paused for a moment, then continued, "The matter of your eldest daughter Chunyue's marriage had already caused quite a stir in the village. Now you're about to ruin another of your daughters — can you actually sleep at night?"

Father Xu: "Team Leader, that is indeed a good marriage proposal. The man's father is the head of our town's grain station, and his mother is a doctor at the town health clinic. If it weren't for the young man having suffered from polio in childhood, leading to his disability, he wouldn't have offered five hundred yuan as a betrothal gift and a temporary job to secure the marriage with my daughter Xu Chunxia."

"Why does a perfectly fine girl have to marry a man like that?" Cai Xiufen said with displeasure: "Usually, if a family agrees to such a match for their daughter, it's because they have a heavy burden and just can't make ends meet, forcing them to do wrong by their daughter and push her out to suffer. But is your family really in such dire straits?

Also, will the five hundred yuan dowry offered by his family end up in Chunxia's pocket, and will the temporary job they're offering really be in Chunxia's hands?

To be frank, you as her parents are just being selfish, wanting to use your daughter to gain benefits for your two sons. But you must understand, to get those benefits,

Chunxia herself must be willing. Otherwise, just like what Li Bao's dad said, wait for the police to take the two of you away."

Seeing that Father Xu and Mrs. Xu hung their heads in silence, Cai Xiufen's expression turned even colder: "Li Bao's dad and I have said all that we have to say. What you do next is entirely up to you."

Her gaze then shifted to Xu Chunxia: "You're not young anymore, and when you encounter issues, you need to figure out how to resolve them yourself. Li Bao doesn't owe you anything; don't keep bothering her with your problems. She can't help you, even if you seek her out a dozen times."

As her words ended, Cai Xiufen turned around and signaled for Captain Kang to leave.

"What a disgrace, giving birth to you was all for nothing if I can't decide on your marriage! I'm telling you, if you don't agree to the marriage proposal your sister-in-law suggested, then get out of this house and never come back!"

The footsteps in the courtyard grew distant, and Mrs. Xu, with her piercing triangular eyes, started to assert her authority over Xu Chunxia.

"If you dare to force me, I will have the courage to go to the police station, to the Women's Federation to report you!"

As Xu Chunxia's words came out, Mrs. Xu immediately lost her confidence.

Seeing this, Xu Chunxia dropped another harsh line: "In this house, if anyone tries to make my life difficult, I'll make sure they have it worse. As the Team Leader also said, we are now in a new society that values freedom of marriage. Even you, as my parents, cannot decide on my marriage without my consent."

After speaking, Xu Chunxia returned to the room she shared with her two sisters.

"His dad, look... what do we do now?"

Mrs. Xu's face was full of despair.

Father Xu glanced at Mrs. Xu: "You don't have a solution?"

"..." Mrs. Xu was taken aback, then suddenly slapped her thigh and whispered to Father Xu:

Chapter 644: Don't Take the Blame for Yourself

"We've got it, we can do it this way..." After Mother Xu finished explaining her idea, Father Xu decisively nodded, "Let's go with that." Without a hint of hesitation.

Yet, Mother Xu began to waver, "If we really do that, do you think that damned girl... Do you think that damned girl would really report us to the police station?"

"Are you scared?"

Father Xu narrowed his eyes.

Remembering the punches Father Xu used to land on her, Mother Xu quickly shook her head.

"Then it's settled."

Father Xu decided.

When Xu Chunxia returned to the room she shared with her sisters Chunmei and Chunxiang, and climbed onto the kang bed, she saw that Chunmei and Chunxiang had simultaneously opened their eyes.

"Third Sister, did Captain Kang and Aunt Cai manage to finalize your affair with our parents?"

"Yeah, Third Sister, is it settled? Don't you have to marry the family that Elder Sister-in-law Kang mentioned?"

Xu Chunmei and Xu Chunxiang asked Xu Chunxia one after another.

"Captain Kang said everything he needed to say, but looking at the way our parents are, they probably haven't given up yet. However... I'm not scared. If they dare to marry me off to a cripple, I'll take them to the police station, to the Women's Federation and sue them!"

With her eyes brimming with hatred, Xu Chunxia clenched her teeth and said, "Then, they'll have plenty of regrets!"

Xu Chunmei and the other were stunned, and after a moment, Xu Chunmei said, "If you go through with that, our parents might end up being sent to a farm for re-education."

"If they dare treat me like this, then they shouldn't expect any mercy from me!"

Xu Chunxia was completely fearless now.

With the police station and the Women's Federation able to take up her case, she wanted to see if her crafty parents dared to continue pursuing their plan.

However, Xu Chunxia didn't know that in the face of interests, how could Father Xu and Mother Xu give up on such a "good marriage prospect"?

Moreover, in their view, they were simply marrying their daughter off to a man with a physical handicap, which wasn't wrong in the slightest. Should anyone claim they were selling their daughter, Father Xu and Mother Xu would adamantly deny it!

The Kang Family.

"Dad, Mom, you're back?!"

Seeing her parents entering the main room, Kang Li was the first to stand up, with a face full of guilt she said, "It's all my fault, otherwise, Dad and Mom wouldn't have had to make a trip to the Xu family late at night."

"Don't take the blame yourself."

Cai Xiufen took her beloved daughter's hand, and the mother and daughter sat down on the bamboo couch. Cai Xiufen said, "It was Chunxia who shamelessly came to our house to cause trouble for you; you don't owe her anything."

"Everyone go back to your rooms and sleep."

Captain Kang waved his hand, and seeing this, the rest of Big Brother Kang's family got up to leave. Big Brother Kang asked, "Chunxia won't come to bother our Li Bao again, will she?"

"A tree lives on its bark, a man lives on his face; I said all that needed to be said in her house. If she comes looking for trouble again, whoever it is at home should just use the broom to drive her away,"

Now, Captain Kang was very disgusted with the whole Xu family, even considering Chunmei and Chunxiang as nice individuals, Captain Kang resented them too, feeling that the whole family was shameless!

"With Dad's words, we know what to do now."

Big Brother Kang said, beckoning Elder Sister-in-law Kang to return to their room, not forgetting to say goodnight to Captain Kang and his wife, "Dad, Mom, we're going to bed."

Captain Kang nodded.

Cai Xiufen looked up, "Go ahead."

"Dad, Mom, we'll also go back to our room now."

That was the voice of Kang Guosheng.

Captain Kang waved his hand.

Third Brother Kang and his wife followed Kang Guosheng and his wife out.

At this moment, only Captain Kang's older couple, Kang Li, and Luo Yanqing, the four of them, remained in the main room.

"Mom, did Chunxia's parents take to heart what you and Dad said?"

Though she asked with her lips, Kang Li already had a pretty clear guess about the answer in her heart.

Chapter 645: Should I praise you?

After all, Kang Li had some impressions of what kind of family the Xu family was, left behind in the original host's memory.

They severely favored sons over daughters. Even though both sons were self-indulgent laziness and good-for-nothings, in the eyes of Xu Chunxia's parents, their sons were the best, bearing the important duty of continuing the Old Xu Family's lineage.

Based on this, Xu Chunxia's parents would likely not give up any opportunity to benefit their family and sons.

"That couple's preference for sons over daughters is well-known in our village, and they're greedy too. If they easily listened to what me and your dad have said, no one would believe it!"

Cai Xiufen's complexion was not very good. She said, "However, if Chunxia is smart, she'll know how to deal with her parents."

"Go to the police station and the women's federation to report her parents," Kang Li didn't ask; she used a declarative sentence.

Pinching her beloved daughter's nose, Cai Xiufen's words were filled with indulgence; "You're the clever one."

Kang Li smiled, "Dad just mentioned it, didn't he? He said everything that needed to be said at the Xu family. With my dad's wisdom, he definitely brought up the police station and the women's federation to intimidate Xu Chunxia's parents and also indirectly told Xu Chunxia that if her parents persisted stubbornly, the only way for her to protect herself was to seek help from the police station and the women's federation."

"My daughter's brain is definitely up to par."

Cai Xiufen generously praised her.

Hearing this, Kang Li glanced at Luo Yanqing and smiled uncomfortably, "Mom, you keep praising me so much, aren't you worried that people might laugh at your daughter?"

"Mother is right, you are indeed smart. You should be aware of this, and I know it too."

Luo Yanqing's lips curved up, his smile brimming in his phoenix eyes.

"Alright, let the kids go sleep; it's almost ten o'clock," Captain Kang said as he walked toward their bedroom.

Cai Xiufen, "Is the courtyard gate closed?"

Captain Kang, "Yeah."

"Listen to your dad, go sleep."

Standing up, Cai Xiufen gently patted her beloved daughter's hand.

"Goodnight, Mom."

Kang Li said with a smile, and then she and Luo Yanqing went back to their room.

After lying in bed, Kang Li pressed her lips together. She was silent for a long while before softly speaking, "I've never seen anyone so shameless. How does she think so highly of herself, believing that I would overlook past grievances and meddle in her troubles? Or does she see me as some kind of fool?"

Luo Yanqing's magnetic voice contained a hint of laughter, "My wife is the cleverest, not some fool." Hearing this, Kang Li snorted proudly and said, "I've always been smart, maybe even smarter than you!"

"IQ? Is that 'Intelligence Quotient'?"

Holding his petite wife in his arms, Luo Yanqing asked.

Kang Li countered, "What do you think?" Was this man really asking when he already knew the answer, just for fun?

"You think I'm asking what I already know?"

A smile in his eyes, Luo Yanqing gently kissed Kang Li's forehead, "I'm guessing."

Kang Li, "Should I praise you now?"

Luo Yanqing, "Go ahead."

Kang Li, "Wow! My Professor Luo is so smart!"

Luo Yanqing chuckled lowly.

A moment later, Kang Li asked, "Laughed enough?"

"You tell me, I'm all ears." Subduing his laughter, Luo Yanqing lifted Kang Li's chin and kissed her lips again.

Kang Li glared, "Stop it, I'm talking to you."

"Go on, I'm all ears."

Amusement and indulgence filled Luo Yanqing's eyes.

Kang Li puffed her cheeks, "Tonight, Xu Chunxia really infuriated me."

"My dear, it's unnecessary to get angry over someone like that."

Chapter 646: My Man is Really Dominant!

Gently patting his wife's back, Luo Yanqing said softly, "With her mind in the wrong place, even if she gets through this tough time, there's no telling when she'll take a big fall."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li sighed, "Actually... I think she's quite pitiable, but she's also loathsome. If she had been sincere in being friends with me before, then now that she has come to me for help, even if I can't take her to North City, it would not be unacceptable to help her in some other way.

It's not that I'm holding a grudge, it's just that she takes too much for granted, thinking that I owe her and should help her escape her family that favors sons over daughters."

"To return evil with kindness, how should kindness be returned? I am not the type to turn the other cheek, for someone to slap me and for me to applaud 'Good job! Good job! Would you like to hit me again?'"

"Whoever dares lay a finger on you, I'll make sure they know what regret means!"

A dark glint flickered in Luo Yanqing's phoenix eyes, and his tone did not seem the least bit joking.

"My man is so domineering!"

Kang Li planted a kiss on Luo Yanqing's handsome face, curving her lips into a smile: "This is a kiss of love for you!" In an instant, a surge of affection stirred in Luo Yanqing's eyes, feeling both warmed and blissful in his heart.

Being gazed at by her man with unerring eyes, Kang Li's face grew hot: "Let's sleep, it's getting late." She closed her fox eyes and rubbed her face against the man's chest: "Good night."

Luo Yanqing's lips curved into a faint smile, stifling a laugh, he whispered gently: "Good night."

Meanwhile, at the Zhou Family.

Zhou Weimin had returned from the creek at the foot of the mountain and had been silent ever since. Now, he lay on the heated brick bed and couldn't fall asleep no matter what.

"I need to sleep if you don't," Su Qing's tone wasn't very pleasant: "I know why you're like this, and if you truly regret marrying me, let's go get a divorce tomorrow. I, Su Qing, will definitely not stand in the way of you winning back your first love."

She didn't take a look at what kind of man Kang Libao's husband was after all: good looks, presence, and certainly not an ordinary background, otherwise, he wouldn't drive a car to pick Kang Libao up and bring her back to her hometown.

Besides, there was also a jeep escorting them along the way.

Indeed, in Su Qing's eyes, the jeep driven by Wang Yue and Li Jun was escorting Luo Yanqing to Aoli Village, and it didn't have much to do with Kang Li.

Based on the builds of Wang Yue and Li Jun, they didn't seem like ordinary folks.

Having such men following at one's side, you're either a senior official or someone with an extraordinary occupation.

Either way, the man lying beside her could not compare with Kang Libao's husband.

"What nonsense are you talking about?"

Zhou Weimin frowned, lying with his back to Su Qing, he said, "Since I married you, I've never regretted it. Besides, we have Longlong. Don't go throwing the word 'divorce' around so casually."

"No regrets? Who are you trying to fool?"

Su Qing's voice carried a hint of a cry, "The moment you get home from work and from your mother's mouth, you learn that Kang Libao has returned to the village. You looked off right then. When your mother was calling me a 'vixen', you didn't even try to stand up for me.

Not to mention... not to mention how you've treated me the last two years... I didn't have money to buy medicine when I got a cold, which turned a minor illness into a serious one, bronchitis with coughing up blood. Did you know about these?

You didn't know. You just showed me a cold face whenever you came home, handed your salary over to your mother every month, and watched as your mother harangued me. Zhou Weimin, if you really don't want to live this life, just get a divorce. Let me go, and free yourself too."

Zhou Weimin: "How would I know you were sick if you didn't tell me? If my mother didn't give you money, did you tell me? Keeping everything to yourself, and now you're listing my faults, am I to blame?"

Chapter 647: Looking for Trouble

"Do I want to hold it in? Every time I ask you for money, you either say you don't have any or accuse me of always asking for money. Being accused like that, don't you think I have any self-respect?"

Su Qing's heart grew heavier as she spoke: "I've been sent down to this village for more than two years, and I've often heard the old folks say, 'marry a man and you'll be clothed and fed,' but how have you treated me? And why should I have to live so repressed?"

Sitting up, Su Qing slapped Zhou Weimin hard twice on the body, her face now streaming with tears.

"Can't you just settle down?" Zhou Weimin couldn't lie down any longer with all the commotion, his temper flaring. He angrily threw off the coarse blanket covering him, sat up, and looked coldly at Su Qing: "Have I starved you or left you naked?"

Su Qing: "Have you ever bought me a new piece of clothing since we got married?"

"Can't you buy it yourself?"

The house was not soundproof, and to avoid waking others and especially their son, Zhou Weimin kept his voice low no matter how uncomfortable he felt inside.

"How can I buy it with no money?"

Su Qing also suppressed her emotions, her voice full of pain and indignation.

"Fine, from now on I'll set aside ten yuan a month from my salary for you." Zhou Weimin knew his mother well, and unless it was for household expenses, not a cent that landed in her hands would be leaked out.

But then again, he had given a whopping two hundred yuan as a bride price when he married the woman before him.

And they hadn't even been married for two years. She hadn't seemed to buy much on a daily basis, so where had the money gone? Zhou Weimin was puzzled but didn't feel like asking Su Qing for a detailed account.

The reason?

He gave it as a bride price, hence how Su Qing wanted to spend it was none of his concern.

"You earn thirty-five yuan a month but only give me ten, isn't that a bit too little?" Su Qing stopped her tears and looked straight at Zhou Weimin, "I'm not asking for much, just fifteen a month, not a yuan less."

Zhou Weimin expressionlessly said, "Just ten, take it or leave it." Lying back down on the kang bed, he still turned his back to Su Qing: "My job didn't come with the wind. Before I formally started working, I made it clear in front of the whole family,

that for the first four years, not a single penny of my salary could be touched, all of it had to be handed over to the public fund, held by my mother. When the four years were up, I only had to give half of my salary to the family. Today, you make such a fuss with me, complaining about my mother grinding you down,

not giving you money for treatment, whether it's true or false is not the point for now, but just because I am her son, it doesn't mean that I can criticize my mother's faults just because you're my wife."

Tears welled up again in her eyes, Su Qing's voice choked: "According to you, I deserve to be ground down by your mother at home and continue to live a repressed life in the future?"

"Didn't I agree to give you ten yuan each month? Don't be too greedy. As for you saying my mother grinds you down, it all comes down to my mother making you cook, wash, and work, but which daughter-in-law doesn't do these things?"

What about city people? Don't they eat daily and wear clothes?

If they need to eat and wear clothes, and don't cook or wash themselves, should they expect to be served like the young ladies of the large households before liberation, attended by maids and nursemaids?

"But every time it's me washing clothes for the whole family..."

Before being sent down to the countryside, she only washed her own clothes at home, occasionally adding a couple of her parents' garments to the basin. When had she ever washed for the entire family?

Even after coming to Aoli Village to join the work brigade, before she married into the Zhou Family, she only ever washed her own clothes,

Chapter 648: 648: So What Do You Want?

Unexpectedly, becoming a daughter-in-law of the Zhou Family meant that with every laundry day, she was greeted by a huge pile of clothes. Was this not tormenting her, what was it?

"The worst part is, they even throw their underwear at me to wash, Zhou Weimin, do you think this is acceptable?"

Upon hearing Su Qing say this, Zhou Weimin fell silent for a long while.

Su Qing's voice choked up as she urged, "Say something!"

"What do you want, then?"

It was one thing to wash the outer garments for the whole family, but letting his wife wash their underwear was a bit too much. Especially when Zhou Weimin thought about his own wife washing such things for his brothers and their wives, his stomach churned with discomfort.

Su Qing: "Let's divide the family."

"That's impossible," Zhou Weimin said, "My parents would never agree to it." He paused briefly, and without waiting for Su Qing to respond, Zhou Weimin added, "I'll talk to my mother later. From now on, you'll only wash our clothes, and not bother with others'."

"Is it really impossible to separate?"

Su Qing was persistent.

Although she often clamored for a divorce, in reality, her true goal was to split the household. After all, divorce was not looked upon favorably in those times. If they truly divorced, there would definitely be plenty of gossip.

And as the woman, she would undoubtedly hear more unpleasant things.

Besides... she couldn't return to the city at the moment, and if she stopped living with Zhou Weimin, she would have to move back to the Educated Youth Spot and then rely on the work points she earned to exchange for food rations.

Earning at most five or six work points a day, all the points accumulated over a year could barely afford her enough food to satisfy her hunger, let alone a full meal.

Not divorcing while staying in the Zhou Family was obviously different.

Zhou Weimin had a salary, and the elder brother in the army sent home a monthly allowance. The Zhou Family was not lacking in labor, and although their meals weren't extravagant, at least they could eat their fill and occasionally have some meat.

So, no matter how much she caused a stir today, all she wanted was to split the household.

If she truly could not achieve her goal, she had to fight for some benefits for herself.

Now, not only was she getting ten yuan a month, but she also no longer had to wash the unrelated Zhou Family members' clothes. Honestly, she felt quite satisfied with this outcome.

"We can't,"

Zhou Weimin replied without a second thought.

Su Qing: "What about cooking and working?"

Zhou Weimin: "Don't push your luck! You're not the only one cooking, and no one said you have to earn a certain number of work points each day. If you think of yourself as a young lady from the old society, it might be difficult to accommodate you in this family."

"How... how can you say that about me?"

Su Qing forgot to cry, her face color changing rapidly, her tone clearly uneasy and tense, "Do you realize what you've just said could ruin me?"

"If you know to be afraid, then don't position yourself so high," Zhou Weimin was gradually getting sleepy. He closed his eyes, not intending to speak anymore.

But to his dismay, Su Qing started to make trouble again, "I think you regret it, regret marrying me, regret not being able to marry Kang Libao!"

"...Think what you will."

Zhou Weimin didn't want to speak but, after a lengthy silence, he finally said something, his tone devoid of emotion.

"Kang Libao... Kang Libao is so good that you can't forget about her, is that it? Ever since we got married, you've never shown me a kind face. If you think she's so great, why did you bother with me in the first place? Was it just for a moment's novelty? Now that you have me..."

Zhou Weimin's ears were bombarded with incessant complaints, and he felt incredibly irritable. He pulled up the quilt and wrapped it around his head to muffle Su Qing's voice a bit.

"I am an educated youth from the city, good-looking, and even popular,"

Chapter 649: Not Allowed

"If I really wanted to find someone in Aoli Village, it wouldn't be hard at all; it was you... you provoked me..."

Listening to Su Qing repeatedly distort the facts, Zhou Weimin felt a surge of frustration and poked his head out from the sheets. He turned over and coldly looked at Su Qing, "You know very well who provoked whom. I'm not arguing with you just to save you some face, but if you keep this up, I won't mind setting the record straight."

Knowing he had a fiancée, yet she frequently visited his home under the pretense of flattering his mother, thinking his mother was a good person when she actually wanted to be in touch with him.

And occasionally creating chance encounters on his way home from work.

Her intentions couldn't be more obvious.

Su Qing had nothing to say and dared not continue.

Yes, she knew better than anyone how her marriage with Zhou Weimin came about.

After a long silence, seeing that Su Qing did not make another sound, Zhou Weimin looked at her with a complex expression in his eyes. He turned over again, facing away from Su Qing.

How blind he had been, to have chosen such a woman, only to lose the one he truly loved...

On a summer day when the days were long and nights were short, everyone in the Kang Family had already gotten up.

After washing up, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, leading Mi Rui and other junior nephews, swiftly exited the courtyard.

"Kang Li, what are you guys up to?"

Someone saw Kang Li's group and couldn't help but ask curiously.

"Exercising."

Kang Li smiled in response and continued running towards the foot of the mountain with Luo Yanqing and the group following behind.

"Ruirui, does your aunt jog every day in North City?"

Kang Yiyu and Mi Rui ran side by side, trailing behind the twins at a relaxed pace. Kang Yiyu glanced at the backs of his aunt and uncle and quietly asked Mi Rui.

"My mom sometimes jogs, sometimes does exercises, but she exercises every day."

What Mi Rui said was true.

In North City, Kang Li consistent with her morning exercises, even on rainy days, she would do some simple exercises in the living room.

Kang Yiyu: "Then I will also stick to exercising."

Milk Bun Ming Han then said in a babyish voice, "Exercising regularly is good for your health, that's what mom says!"

Xiao Ming Wei: "Just eating without exercising will make you a Big Fatty, and you'll get sick easily."

Kang Yiyu: "Is that what your little aunt said too?"

Xiao Ming Wei while jogging and nodding: "Yeah. It's what my mom said."

When they reached the foot of the mountain, Kang Li had Mi Rui and the rest of the nephews not split up and follow her in doing morning exercises on the spot.

Not to mention how well Kang Yichen and the older ones performed, just watching Mi Rui, Kang Yiyu, Kang Yihang, and the five little twins, especially the twins with their short arms and legs, do morning exercises was just too cute.

About seven or eight minutes later.

Kang Li called Luo Yanqing to prepare Mi Rui and all the nephews big and small to head home when suddenly, Kang Yiyu said, "Little aunt, can we go up the mountain this afternoon?"

As soon as Kang Yiyu spoke, Kang Yihang said, "Little aunt, there are lots of ripe wild fruits on the mountain now. After breakfast, let's go up to the mountain, okay?"

"Mom, mom, I want to go to the mountain too."

Milk Bun Ming Han came over.

"Me too, me too, mom, Vivi wants to go to the mountain too."

Xiao Ming Wei raised her little hands high.

"No." Kang Li deliberately put on a stern face, "The mountain is dangerous; none of you can go."
However, Kang Li thought to herself that after breakfast, she must go up the mountain for a bit, but she absolutely couldn't let the little ones know.

Kang Yiyu pouted, "Why not?"

Chapter 650: Did I Say Something Wrong?

"Auntie already said, the mountain is dangerous, one misstep and you might encounter wild boars or wolves or something. Then you wouldn't be able to run away quickly, what would we do?"

"Wild boar, wolves... Are there really any on the mountain? Why haven't I seen them? Auntie, you wouldn't be deceiving us, would you?"

Kang Yihang looked at his beloved auntie, obviously skeptical.

"Just because you haven't seen them doesn't mean they're not there."

Rubbing the little guy's head, Kang Li softly laughed and said, "Alright, let's get organized, we're going back now."

Kang Yiyu continued to persuade his beloved auntie, "Auntie, lots of kids from our village go up the mountain to cut grass for the pigs, and they're all fine."

Kang Li said, "The kids you're talking about didn't go up the mountain; they just cut grass at the foot of the mountain."

Kang Yiyu: "That's not true, they did go up the mountain, they cut it on the hillside."

Kang Yifei knocked on Kang Yiyu's forehead: "Kang Xiaoyu, is that how you talk to your auntie? Be careful or I'll tell our dad when we get back and see how he deals with you."

"Did I say something wrong?"

Kang Yiyu rubbed his forehead, his eyes full of grievance.

"Yifei, how could you knock on your brother's head like that?"

Kang Li winked at Kang Yifei and then bent down to console Kang Yiyu, "Our Yiyu is the best behaved, let's not feel wronged. Auntie only disagrees with you going up the mountain because she's worried you might have an accident. Be good, and once you're a bit older, Auntie will take you up the mountain to play, how does that sound?"

"Pinky promise."

Kang Yiyu held out his little pinky finger.

"Alright, Auntie will make a pinky promise with you." Kang Li also extended her pinky finger, hooking it with the little guy's and covering it with her thumb, she said, "If Auntie lies, she'll grow a long nose."

Kang Yiyu: "Auntie is a fairy, she doesn't grow a long nose, but if Auntie lies to me, then... then, you'll have to sing a song to me."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li "pfft" laughed, "Then you listen up, Auntie can sing a song for you right now."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Dad, Dad, mom is going to sing a song now!"

Luo Yanqing: "Hmm."

Milk Bun Ming Han: "My mom sings the best!" He said this to a bunch of his cousins.

Kang Yilin: "Hanhan, I know Auntie sings beautifully; Auntie used to sing to us a lot before."

"Correct, Auntie sings the most beautifully. Not only do we all love listening to Auntie sing, but all the kids in the village love it too."

Kang Yiheng chimed in.

"What a beautiful jasmine flower, what a beautiful jasmine flower, fragrant and beautiful on its branches, aromatic and white, everyone praises it. Let me pick you, to give to someone else's home, jasmine flower ah jasmine flower..." Kang Li walked ahead, Luo Yanqing walked alongside her, singing while not forgetting to look at her three sons and nephews.

And the smile on her face at that moment was as lovely as a jasmine flower.

Luo Yanqing occasionally glanced at Kang Li, his gaze both gentle and doting.

After Kang Li sang "Jasmine Flower" a couple of times, everyone, including Luo Yanqing, clapped enthusiastically.

"Auntie, sing another one!"

"Auntie sings so beautifully, another one please?"

"Mom, Vivi wants to keep listening to mom sing."

"Mom, mom, you sing the most beautifully!"

"Mom, I want to listen to you sing more."

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Hearing her nephews and her three sons' praises and requests, Kang Li turned her gaze to Luo Yanqing. Her lips curved into a smile, she raised her eyebrows and asked, "Another song?"

Luo Yanqing's gaze was soft, his lips curled into a smile: "It's beautiful, please do us the honor of another song, Comrade Kang Li."