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Chapter 661: Gratitude

But what was done was done, and since your granddaughter fought desperately to give birth to that baby, even though you hated the man who wronged her, you shouldn't have discarded the newborn in the mountains,

fortunately, my daughter and son-in-law came across him and quietly brought him home. Otherwise, you and Brother Loh would have lost this last trace of lineage."

"Young Brother Kang, thank you, I, Old Loh, am truly grateful!"

Old Man Loh bowed deeply to Captain Kang.

"Please don't do that, Brother Loh, sit down, I still have something to say to you."

Quickly standing up to stop Old Man Loh from bowing, Captain Kang and Old Man Loh sat face to face, and he conveyed what Luo Yanqing had told him to pass on. At last, Captain Kang added, "The child has a coin-sized blue birthmark on the inside of his left wrist, which I suppose both you and your wife know about..."

Old Man Loh, confused, shifted his gaze to his wife, and upon seeing her nod, he replied to Captain Kang, "Yes, there is such a birthmark."

"My son-in-law means to say that the child will be taken to the Langcheng Welfare Institute. If you and your wife ever want to take him back, just give them the child's name and the birthmark. Also,"

"my son-in-law said he would take a photo of the child and send one back to North City when he gets there, and he'll leave one at the Langcheng Welfare Institute so you have it when you go to find the young lad. You can also bring the photo with you."

"Young Brother Kang, how did we ever come across such good people as your family? Thank you! Really, thank you all so much! Please pass on my thanks to your great-niece and your son-in-law. I, Old Loh, will never forget their kindness in this lifetime!"

Old Man Loh was tearful, holding Captain Kang's hand for a long time without letting go.

Patting the back of Old Man Loh's hand, Captain Kang whispered into his ear, and immediately, Old Man Loh's eyes widened: "Young Brother Kang... did your great-niece really say that?"

"Mmm."

Captain Kang nodded, "Brother Loh, you and your wife take good care. Don't worry about the child. My son-in-law said that the director of the Langcheng Welfare Institute is a kind man, and the staff there are all very compassionate and patient. The child won't have any trouble there."

"Alright, I understand!"

Wiping the tears from his face, Old Man Loh thought for a moment and said, "The child will be named Loh En, yes, let his name be Loh En."

"Actually..."

Captain Kang understood why Old Man Loh named his great-grandson 'Loh En'. He wanted to say it wasn't necessary. His family, including his son-in-law Luo Yanqing, didn't do what they did for any reward.

They simply felt that it was a life, and they couldn't stand by and let the little baby die in the mountains. None of them could do that.

Old Man Loh's determination was firm: "It's settled then, Young Brother Kang, tell your son-in-law I've named the boy 'Loh En', and I want him to be grateful for his lifetime to those who have helped him, grateful to our country, grateful to our new society!"

"Alright then."

Captain Kang nodded and said no more.

When he got home, Captain Kang relayed Old Man Loh's words to his family, then turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing: "Since you've taken on this responsibility, Dad hopes you handle it well."

As he spoke, he took a crescent moon-shaped jade pendant tied with a red string from his pocket and handed it to Kang Li: "Keep this safe, it belonged to the child's great-grandma, who said her granddaughter held onto it until her death. She's passing it on to the child now, as her granddaughter's last wish."

Chapter 662 Joking

Kang Li didn't accept: "It wouldn't be appropriate for me to hold onto it. When Dad has time, he'll return it to them. It's not too late to give it to their great-grandchild when the elderly couple meets them."

"Alright."

Captain Kang tucked the crescent-shaped jade pendant back into his pocket: "Let's do that in the evening. I'll make time to go over there."

After lunch, the family sat on the side of the hall, chatting idly while eating wild fruits.

"Dad, try these hackberries. They're pretty good."

Kang Yikai handed his father a small handful of hackberries, grinning as he said, "I'm not kidding, these hackberries are really good."

"Like I need you to tell me? When I was a kid, I used to run up to the mountains a lot. Every June or July, your uncle, your third uncle, and I would go up the mountain and look for wild fruits. We ate plenty of these hackberries back then."

Taking the hackberries from Kang Yikai's hand, Kang Guosheng pinched some and chewed for a while before nodding, "It's the same taste."

"Dad, these hackberries are really strange, kind of like chicken feet. My aunt said the old people in the village call them golden hook pears."

Kang Yikai picked up another handful of hackberries to closely examine.

"Your aunt is right," Kang Guosheng said. "The old folks in the village indeed call these hackberries 'golden hook pears'. Don't you think it's similar?" He arched an eyebrow, looking at his eldest son.

"No, no, I don't think it's dissimilar."

Kang Yikai shook his head like a rattle-drum: "It's exactly like it! Dad, these hackberries really do look like golden hook pears, Auntie is absolutely right!" How could he dare to disagree? He wouldn't dare, not even with a hundred times the courage!

The aunt was their Old Kang's home's precious treasure. Whatever the aunt said was absolutely right. No one in the family dared to object; if they did, they could expect to be at the receiving end!

"These hackberries do really resemble chicken feet, bro. Have you seen them before?"

Kang Yihao suddenly asked Kang Yikai.

"No."

Without thinking, Kang Yikai replied.

"Kai, if you've never seen hackberries before, then why did you cheer so happily and agree with your third brother when he spotted the hackberry tree and told our aunt and uncle about it?"

Kang Yichen looked at Kang Yikai, his eyes full of teasing.

Scratching the back of his head, Kang Yikai chuckled: "My third brother said it was a hackberry tree, which means he must have seen them before. Since my third brother wasn't wrong, of course, I had to cheer, backing my third brother up in front of my aunt and uncle, to prove that he was right."

"Wow, you really have a silver tongue. I, your second brother, am impressed!"

While Kang Yichen said this, his eyes looking at Kang Yikai clearly spelt out "sophistry." In his view, Kang Yikai most likely just casually agreed at the time.

"Mommy, the mulberries are delicious."

Milk Bun Ming Han held a small bowl of mulberries, eating with a spoon both happily and contentedly. At that moment, he offered a spoonful to his mother's lips: "Mommy, you eat too."

"Thank you, Hanhan!"

Kang Li opened her mouth, her brow and eyes brimming with a smile. After she ate the mulberry fed by Milk Bun, she said with a chuckle, "Eat slowly, be careful not to get the juice on your clothes."

"I'll be very careful!"

Milk Bun Ming Han nodded his tiny head, clearly remembering what his mother had said about how difficult it was to clean the juice of mulberries if it got on clothes or hands.

"Mommy, the white mulberries are so sweet!"

Xiao Ming Wei followed her brother's example, feeding her mother a plump white mulberry.

"Hmm, they are especially sweet."

Kang Li ate the mulberry fed by her daughter and nodded with a smile in her eyes.

"Dad said that you and Li Bao are taking the kids back to North City in two days?"

Kang Guosheng was chatting casually with Luo Yanqing. Hearing his question, Luo Yanqing nodded lightly.

Chapter 663 Accident

"Xiao Li needs to attend a training camp, and when she gets back, she has to make some preparations. Besides, Xiao Li has promised the kids to enroll them in a talent class at the Youth Palace,"

Speaking of which, Luo Yanqing asked, "When do you plan to leave, Second Brother?"

Kang Guosheng: "Two days after you guys."

Luo Yanqing: "If there's time later, we can meet up again."

Kang Guosheng: "That's right, there will be plenty of time for us to get together in the future."

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Family reunions, joyful and happy days always fly by quickly, just like that, two days have passed, and tomorrow morning, Kang Li and Luo Yanqing will take Min Rui back to North City with them.

Of course, the little baby named "Loh En" by Old Man Loh will be taken away.

But just as Kang Li was packing up for the return to North City tomorrow, she faintly heard a commotion outside the courtyard.

"Mom, what's happening outside?"

She called out towards the main room, and then heard her mother say, "I don't know, I'll go check it out."

With the sound fading, familiar footsteps left the main room.

About ten minutes later, Kang Li hadn't waited for her mother to return, but she heard Third sister-in-law Kang's footsteps entering the main room.

"Third sister-in-law."

Coming out of the room, Kang Li indeed saw Third sister-in-law Kang, and she couldn't help but ask, "Did something happen in the village?"

"Let's sit down and talk."

Third sister-in-law Kang, with her five-month pregnant belly, beckoned Kang Li to sit on a bamboo chair.

"Third sister-in-law, let me help you sit down."

Kang Li stepped forward to help Third sister-in-law Kang get seated, then sat down herself on another bamboo chair: "Are First sister-in-law and Second sister-in-law outside in the yard?"

"Mm, they're all there! But, they've probably all gone to the Xu family's place by now."

Third sister-in-law Kang nodded lightly in response.

"Gone to the Xu family? Did something happen with the Xu family?"

Kang Li's clear fox-like eyes were full of confusion.

"To get Chunxia married off, her mother not only locked her in the room without food or water, but this morning, she also forcefully administered Medicine, thinking to take advantage of Chunxia's unconsciousness to deliver her to the groom's family.

As a result, Chunmei secretly ran to the town and reported her parents to the police station, and now, the comrades from the police station have arrived in our village, looking like they're going to take the two of them away."

Third sister-in-law Kang's expression became complex as she spoke: "Li Bao, how can Chunxia's parents be so cruel to their own child? A son is flesh that drops from one's body, isn't a daughter the same?"

Hearing this, Kang Li didn't respond but instead asked, "Is there something wrong with the groom?"

Third sister-in-law Kang: "He had childhood paralysis, and both his legs, to say they are disabled is putting it mildly, they are practically unusable. Normally, he either lies in bed or sits in a wheelchair.

However, his family is well-off. His father is the head of our town's grain station, and his mother is a doctor working at the town health center. With only two siblings, his younger sister is in junior high. In my view, their family actually wants to find a caregiver for their son."

Kang Li: "Do Uncle Xu and Aunt Gao know about this?"

Third sister-in-law Kang: "They definitely know. But, I've heard that the groom's family didn't conceal their intentions, and they offered a dowry of five hundred yuan, and they also promised a temporary worker's slot."

"Uncle Xu and Aunt Gao agreed, but Xu Chunxia didn't consent, so they locked Xu Chunxia in a room, even giving her Medicine,"

Kang Li voiced her guess.

"That's exactly what happened."

Third sister-in-law Kang nodded: "Even though a dowry of five hundred yuan is a lot, plus there's a temporary worker's slot, marriage is a big deal concerning Chunxia's whole life. However, Uncle Xu and Aunt Gao didn't care about that, only wanting money and a job, their hearts are too harsh."

Chapter 664 Harmony between Sisters-in-Law and Mother-daughter-in-Law

"Now Chunmei has reported them to the police station, and if things go poorly, they might both be sent off to who knows where for reeducation."

"If it really comes to that, it's only what Uncle Xu and Aunt Gao brought upon themselves."

Kang Li didn't show any particular emotion on his face.

"That means Chunxia and her brothers will probably be unwelcomed in our village after this."

Third sister-in-law Kang said, her heart involuntarily filled with a sigh.

"That's their family's business, it's got nothing to do with us."

A daughter doesn't want to marry, but her parents, driven by profit, insist on marrying her off, leading to the current situation. It can only be said that the fault lies with the parents who can't see reason."

Third sister-in-law Kang: "That's true, but we all live in the same village. With such an incident happening in the Xu family, it's embarrassing for us as well, don't you think?"

Kang Li: "Third sister-in-law, you're pregnant, and overthinking is not good for you. Just know that the trouble caused by the Xu family is their own doing. If their reputation suffers, it affects them, not us."

"Alright, maybe I am overthinking it."

Third sister-in-law Kang laughed uncomfortably. She then asked, "Should we go out and see what's happening?"

Kang Li shook her head: "No need. I still have unfinished things to pack. You can either keep sitting in the living room, or I can help you go back to your room to lie down."

"You should just go attend to your things. I've given birth to Fei Fei and the others, I don't need such careful attention. Go ahead with what you need to do. I'll sit here a little longer; mother and elder sister-in-law should be back soon."

Feeling warmed by Kang Li's words, Third sister-in-law Kang smiled and waved her off, and watching this, Kang Li stood up: "Then third sister-in-law, please take care of yourself. If you need anything, just call for me."

Smiling and nodding, Third sister-in-law Kang watched Kang Li go back to her room.

"Mom, are you saying Chunxia's parents were just taken away by the officers from the police station like that?"

Elder sister-in-law Kang's voice came from the courtyard. Hearing this, Third sister-in-law Kang stood up and walked to the doorway of the living room: "Mom, elder sister-in-law, second sister-in-law, are you back?!"

Cai Xiufen gave an "mm-hmm" and, glancing at her eldest daughter-in-law Wang Ju, said, "If they didn't take them away, what would the police officers be doing in our village?"

"It's not like it was any big deal, just a couple locking their daughter in her room for two days."

Elder sister-in-law Kang felt the Xu family's situation didn't warrant the involvement of the police officers.

"Elder sister-in-law, they gave their daughter medicine, luckily the dose was small and she woke up after a day's sleep. If the dose had been larger, it could have been fatal."

Once her sister-in-law He Hui explained, elder sister-in-law Kang suddenly understood: "I see, I oversimplified the situation."

"That's enough about the Xu family's troubles; you all go do what you need to. I must also sort out my things because I'll be leaving with Li Bao tomorrow morning. You and the eldest will have to pay more attention to our father's care."

Cai Xiufen was speaking to elder sister-in-law Kang.

"Don't worry, mom. My husband and I will take very good care of dad."

Elder sister-in-law Kang promptly expressed her stance.

Third sister-in-law Kang: "Mom, Fei Fei's dad and I will also take good care of dad."

"You're pregnant; just take care of yourself. Later, when you're in confinement, if Li Bao can get away, I'll come back to help. If he really can't leave, I'll make phone calls to check in."

Moved by Cai Xiufen's words, Third sister-in-law Kang felt emotional: "Mom, you don't have to worry about me. Fei Fei's dad is here, and he will take good care of me, not to mention my own mother will be there. The baby and I will definitely be fine."

Cai Xiufen: "Just be extra careful, to avoid any complications."

Chapter 665: You Don't Blame Me, Do You?

Third sister-in-law Kang: "Okay."

Cai Xiufen shifted her gaze to He Hui, her second daughter-in-law, "You're also pregnant now. Be extra careful on ordinary days. When it comes time for your confinement, if I'm in our hometown, I'll go to yours and the second son's place to take care of you. In any case, we'll discuss everything when the time comes."

As a mother-in-law, Cai Xiufen was fair and impartial. She had looked after each daughter-in-law during their postpartum confinement.

To tell the truth, eleven grandchildren meant Cai Xiufen had endured taking care of her daughters-in-law for eleven confinements. It truly wasn't a little tiring.

Her dedication in caring for her daughters-in-law during their confinements was clearly understood by Elder sister-in-law Kang and all four sister-in-laws, who therefore respected her greatly.

This also explained why they indulged and cherished the younger sister-in-law, which wasn't separated from being a good mother-in-law like Cai Xiufen.

He Hui smiled and nodded, "Okay."

In fact, her own mother had already promised to take care of her during her confinement when she gave birth, but since her mother-in-law had spoken thus, it would seem ungrateful to refuse now.

Thus, she would discuss everything closer to her due date.

By then, whether her mother-in-law could care for her during her confinement didn't matter, but she had received her mother-in-law's good intentions and accepted her sentiment.

Moreover, when she gave birth to her first two boys, her mother-in-law had taken very good care of her during confinement.

Whenever she wanted to eat something, she tried her best to make it for her.

When the time came for her to be old and frail, she would naturally take good care of her.

Speaking of which, since she and Kang Guosheng got married, although they hadn't visited his parents often, they had never failed to provide their in-laws with their yearly dues.

One could say that her devotion wasn't less than that of Elder sister-in-law, the third and the fourth sister-in-law, who lived near the parents-in-law and cared for them. However, she also knew well that if comparisons were made, among the current daughters-in-law, she was the least present.

After all, she wasn't physically there; her filial piety was only through sending money and goods, unlike the other sisters-in-law who could verbally express care and assist in daily chores for the elderly couple.

With this thought, He Hui instinctively grabbed Cai Xiufen's hand, "Mother, you must take good care of your health!"

"Don't worry, I'm as sturdy as ever!"

Giving He Hui's hand a gentle pat, Cai Xiufen said, "Alright, I'm going to pack up now." Withdrawing her hand, Cai Xiufen headed straight to the room she shared with Team Leader Kang.

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "Why don't you come to my place for a visit?"

He Hui and Third sister-in-law Kang had no objections.

As for what the sister-in-laws would discuss together, Cai Xiufen would not intrude, and Kang Li, the younger sister-in-law, was even less likely to be curious.

The reason?

Cai Xiufen believed she had done everything a mother-in-law should do and was not afraid of daughters-in-law speaking badly behind her back.

And Kang Li, whether the original host or Kang Li herself, had never had disputes with the sister-in-laws.

Being upright, she was not afraid of distorted shadows; why would she care about what the sister-in-laws discussed when gathered together?

So, mother and daughter went about their own business, not minding in the slightest that Elder sister-in-law Kang had invited He Hui and Third sister-in-law Kang to talk in the main house.

"Is everything packed up?"

Before going to bed at night, Luo Yanqing asked Kang Li.

With a soft "mmm," Kang Li raised her right hand to cover her mouth, yawned, closed her eyes, and said, "I'm sleepy, good night."

Luo Yanqing: "You're not mad at me, are you?"

At his words, Kang Li's sleepiness faded slightly. She shifted from lying on her back to lying on her side, facing Luo Yanqing, "What do you mean by that?" Her sleepy, fox-like eyes were half-open.

Chapter 666: Reluctant to Let Go

Kang Li moved the corners of her lips, and Luo Yanqing said, "It's about Xiao En..."

Kang Li's fox-like eyes fully opened, and she pinched the man's high-bridged nose. "Silly! Why would I blame you? You just remembered your own past and wanted to help Xiao En, that's all. It's not a big deal, I surely support you."

Having said this, Kang Li looked at Luo Yanqing for a good while and asked, "These past two days, either you deliberately avoid my gaze, or you look like you want to say something but stop yourself; were you worried about this?"

Luo Yanqing: "Mmm."

Kang Li snorted and said, "If I were to blame you for meddling, then what should I say about bringing Xiao En from the mountains to our home?"

Luo Yanqing looked guilty: "Xiao Li... I was just afraid you would be unhappy."

Kang Li's heart softened, and she pinched the man's nose again, smiling as she said, "Alright, alright, I know, I know, you care too much about my feelings, and that's why you've been worried these past two days that I might blame you."

Be at ease, I completely understand how you feel, and I'm broad-minded; I won't overthink things just because of a trivial matter, especially since you considered my health when you decided to help Xiao En; opting to send him to the Langcheng Welfare Institute rather than bringing him home for us to raise."

Luo Yanqing drew Kang Li into his arms, murmuring low, "In my heart, no one is more important than you, not even myself."

"Full marks for sweet talk, I'm very happy, but I'm really sleepy now, honey. Can we sleep?" She rubbed her face against his chest and yawned gracefully.

"Honey?"

Luo Yanqing curled his lips up, fond of the title.

"Mmm, you are my husband, and I'm your wife..."

Kang Li's voice was full of sleepiness: "Honey... good night..."

Before Luo Yanqing could respond, her fox-like eyes had already closed again.

Listening to her emit a soft, steady breathing, Luo Yanqing gently stroked her fair and clean cheek, his eyes soft and affectionate: "Xiao Li... wife, good night!"

His handsome face was flushing as he gently kissed the forehead of his beloved in his arms.

Early the next morning, after breakfast, Wang Yue and Li Jun cleaned up two cars and helped Kang Li pack the things she was taking into the cars; afterwards, they stood by the cars waiting for Luo Yanqing, Kang Li, Cai Xiufen, and Min Rui to come out.

"Boo hoo... Auntie, I can't bear to see you go!"

Kang Yiyu and Kang Yihang cried loudly beside Kang Li.

"Good boys, your auntie isn't saying she won't come back, no more tears, okay? When you grow up, you can also come to North City to visit your auntie..."

Kang Li comfortingly spoke to her little nephews.

"But it'll be many years before we grow up, boo hoo... I don't want Auntie to go..."

Kang Yihang cried loudly, fearing his beloved auntie might board the car and leave in a blink.

"I don't want Auntie to go, I like Auntie, I don't want Auntie to go, boo hoo..."

Third Brother Kang picked up Kang Yiyu, listening to his son's cries, his heart also felt reluctant for his sister Li Bao to leave; however, he knew that she had important things to do back in North City, and as family, they should not hold her back. Thus, he put on a stern face and said to his little son in his arms:

"Stop crying, your auntie still has a competition to attend, have you forgotten?"

"..."

Kang Yiyu's crying stopped immediately, moments later, he sniffled, his eyes brimming with tears: "But I like Auntie, I can't bear for Auntie to go..." he continued, sobbing as he spoke.

Chapter 667: Kang Li's Encouragement

Third Brother Kang, "Study hard, and when you grow up and go to college, go to North City. By then, you'll be able to see your auntie often. For now, be good and don't make your auntie worry about leaving."

"..."

Kang Yiyu didn't speak. He buried his head in his dad's shoulder, crying softly like a young animal.

"Auntie! I want my auntie..."

Kang Yihang was held in Captain Kang's arms. Seeing his dear aunt about to get into the car, the little guy flapped his hands in the air and stretched his body forward even more.

Captain Kang's eyebrows furrowed, and he was about to scold his little grandson when Big Brother Kang stepped forward and took Kang Yihang into his arms, "Huhang, don't you want your auntie to win the gold medal?"

"..."

The crying of Kang Yihang stopped abruptly.

Big Brother Kang softly soothed his little nephew, "If you behave, maybe your auntie will come back for the Spring Festival."

"Will auntie bring back a gold medal then?"

Kang Yihang asked tearfully in his childish voice.

Big Brother Kang, "Yes. Your auntie will definitely bring back a gold medal. Let's patiently wait for her at home. What do you say, is that good?"

Kang Yihang, "I'll listen to my uncle. I'll wait for my auntie to come back, but I... I still can't bear to see her leave, waah..." As he spoke, Kang Yihang began to cry softly.

While Kang Yichen and the other older nephews, unlike the younger Kang Yiyu and Kang Yihang who cried out loud, each had teary eyes and watched with undisguised reluctance as their dear aunt was about to leave.

Just as she was about to get into the car, Kang Li withdrew her foot. She turned around, walked back to Captain Kang and Big Brother Kang, and hugged both Kang Yiyu and Kang Yihang:

"Auntie also can't bear to part with you, but I have responsibilities and can't stay here to play with you anymore. Once I'm free, I will surely come back to see you.

Moreover, if you miss auntie, you can call or write to me. Besides, when I return to North City, I'll develop all those pictures we took and send them to you from the post office.

When you miss me, you can take out the photos and look at them. How does that sound?"

Kang Yiyu, "I want auntie's pictures."

Kang Yihang, "I want auntie's pictures too!"

"Didn't you forget? Auntie took lots of group photos with you!"

With a sparkle in her bright, fox-like eyes, Kang Li saw that the two little ones were comforted, gently pinched their cheeks, and spoke softly with a smile, "Be good, obey your parents, study hard, as your auntie is waiting for you to get into a university in North City."

"Yes."

Kang Yiyu nodded his little head vigorously.

Kang Li turned her gaze to the other nephews, "Auntie also can't bear to leave you..."

As soon as she said this, Kang Yichen and the others called out to their auntie with tearful voices.

"Alright, you are all big kids now, and you can't cry like Yiyu and Yihang. Remember, study hard and strive to get into a good university. Auntie believes you can do it, cheer up!"

With that, Kang Li made a motivating gesture at her nephews.

"We will work hard!"

Almost as if they had coordinated it, Kang Yichen and the others responded in unison.

"Cheer up!"

Kang Li encouraged.

"Yes."

Kang Yichen and the others nodded.

"Dad, I'm leaving then."

She looked at Captain Kang, sucking up her nose, her eyes slightly reddening, "You must take care of your health!"

Captain Kang, "Yes."

"Big Brother, sister-in-law, you take care too." Her gaze shifted from Big Brother Kang and his wife to Kang Guosheng and his wife:

Chapter 668: What do you want to do?

"Second Brother, Second Sister-in-law, take care of yourselves too." As a final note, Kang Li's gaze moved to Third Brother Kang and Third Sister-in-law Kang, "Third Brother, Third Sister-in-law, please take good care of yourselves, I'll often call home."

"Li Bao, you need to take good care of yourself."

Third Sister-in-law Kang said while wiping her tears.

"Yes, I will."

Kang Li nodded, then waved to everyone in the family big and small, "I'm leaving." She got into the car, and from the rolled-down window, she looked at each family member once more and waved again.

Cai Xiufen, holding Xiao Loh En next to Kang Li, also waved to Captain Kang and the others, and she said to Captain Kang, "Old man, remember to call me if anything happens at home!"

Captain Kang, "Understood."

Luo Yanqing stood by the passenger side of the black sedan; before he opened the door, he turned to Captain Kang, "Dad, we are leaving now."

His gaze shifted to Big Brother Kang, Kang Guosheng, and Third Brother Kang, waving to them, "Goodbye." He then waved to Elder Sister-in-law Kang, the three sisters-in-law, and Kang Yichen among others, then he opened the passenger door and sat down.

Min Rui was sitting in the jeep with his twin siblings.

The twins sat in the back seat, Min Rui was in the passenger seat, all fastened with seat belts, knowing they were about to leave. They looked out of the car window, shouting goodbye to Captain Kang and the others one by one.

"Mom, I'm worried about Ruirui and the others, maybe I should sit in the front car."

Kang Li looked at her mother.

"Go ahead, keep an eye on the children."

Cai Xiufen nodded.

Seeing Kang Li getting out of the car, Luo Yanqing pursed his lips, turned to look at his mother-in-law, "Mom, I'll go to the front car to accompany Xiao Li and the others."

Cai Xiufen paused, came to her senses, and couldn't help but smile, "Sure, you all can sit in one car."

Kang Li gave Luo Yanqing a reproachful look.

The two got out of the black sedan, Kang Li with a flushed face walked in front, Luo Yanqing followed, and they boarded the jeep at the front.

Captain Kang showed no unusual expression on his face.

Big Brother Kang and his three brothers and all three sisters-in-law were momentarily stunned, and then simultaneously revealed meaningful smiles.

—Brother-in-law really sticks to Kang Li!

At the entrance of the village.

Old Man Loh and his wife saw two small cars coming out of the village, and they just stared still until the two cars passed by them. Old Man Loh then said to his tear-wiping spouse, "Let's go back. We must live well, only then we might get a chance to see the child again."

"Mhm."

With a low hum, Old Lady Li supported her husband, and the two elderly walked towards their home along a narrow path.

About a mile out of Aoli Village, there suddenly came a sharp brake.

"What happened?"

Kang Li, holding Milk Bun Ming Han, was sitting next to Luo Yanqing, who was holding Xiao Ming Wei; they were talking when the car abruptly stopped, startling them both.

Upon hearing Luo Yanqing's voice, Wang Yue said, "A female comrade suddenly appeared in front of the car blocking the road."

"I'll go take a look."

Luo Yanqing said as he was about to unbuckle his seatbelt, but Kang Li stopped him, "I'll go, you stay in the car." Kang Li had already seen through the windshield who was blocking the road.

She placed Milk Bun Ming Han on the seat, unbuckled herself, got out of the car, and walked to the front.

"What are you trying to do?"

Seeing the bundle Xu Chunxia was clutching to her wrist, Kang Li guessed something, but her face showed no sign of it, merely staring directly into the other's eyes, "We still need to hurry on, please step aside."

Xu Chunxia stood still, she said, "You know what happened yesterday, right?!"

"I am not a curious person."

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The implication of your words is that I'm unaware of what you're saying.

Kang Li's expression remained unchanged, "Just live your own life and stop stirring up trouble."

"Li Bao... do you really have to be so heartless?"

Xu Chunxia tried to contain her brimming resentment, her eyes filled with pain and desolation: "To sell me off, my parents not only locked me up without food or drink but also forcibly drugged me to make me unconscious, so they could turn boiled rice into a fully cooked meal and force me to comply.

Li Bao, you are my friend, don't you feel any sympathy for me at all? No, even if I were a stranger, upon hearing about my situation, you should..."

"Stop right there."

Kang Li didn't have the time to listen to Xu Chunxia's prattle. She said, "You and I are no longer friends. Moreover, your affairs have nothing to do with me. Now, for the last time, step aside, we're in a hurry."

"Li Bao, please... please just help me?"

Xu Chunxia shamelessly refused to move, tears streaming down as she choked up, "Although the police station comrades took away my parents, they were only sentenced to clean the public toilets in town for two months. Once they return to the village, they are sure not to let me off!

I beg you, Li Bao, let me go with you. I can wash clothes, cook meals, and there's no problem with taking care of children. Just let me stay at your house for the time being..."

"Enough." Kang Li's voice was exceptionally cold as she interrupted Xu Chunxia, lifting her by the arm to the side of the road and casually tossing her into the nearby fields, word by word she said: "One should have self-respect and self-love; otherwise, you become detestable and repulsive to others!"

Having spoken, Kang Li turned and got back into the car.

Luo Yanqing said, "Drive."

Wang Yue replied, "Okay."

In the field by the road, Xu Chunxia got up, looking unwillingly as the two cars drove past. Biting her lip, she shouted after them, "Kang Libao, why are you doing this to me?"

With her hands clenched at her sides, Xu Chunxia saw the cars driving away without stopping and crouched down, hugging her knees as she began to cry, "Why? Kang Libao, why won't you help me?"

How can you be so heartless and uncompassionate? Kang Libao, I hate you, I hate you so much!"

"Mommy, that auntie is bad."

Milk Bun Ming Han suddenly raised his voice, "How dare she upset my mommy, when I grow up, I'm going to settle the score with that bad auntie!"

Clinching his little fists and shaking them, Milk Bun's face was tight, his expression dead serious.

"And me, I will also settle the score with that bad auntie, to see if she dares upset Mommy again!"

Xiao Ming Wei's face was just as stern, her eyes wide and round like black grapes.

"Good, some people are simply not worth our concern, let her be," Kang Li reassured.

As she ruffled the twins' hair, she saw that they clearly didn't understand and explained, "People like her, with narrow vision and full of petty schemes, offend many in their daily dealings. Even if we don't intervene, there will be others to teach her a lesson, and someday she will surely be the cause of her own downfall."

Min Rui: "Many misdeeds will bring self-inflicted punishment."

"Our Ruirui is so smart, learning to summarize for Mommy already, truly an excellent elementary student!" Kang Li praised her eldest son and saw the little guy's face turn red with embarrassment.

She glanced at Luo Yanqing and smilingly asked, "Professor Luo, don't you think our Ruirui is great?"

At her words, Luo Yanqing gave a soft "Hmm" in response.

"Mommy, mommy, I'm great too! When I start elementary school, I'll be an excellent student just like brother!"

Chapter 670: Yes, that's right

Milk Bun Ming Han put on his most persuasive face in front of his parents, "Daddy, do you believe in me?"

"Mmm."

Luo Yanqing nodded.

"I'll also become an outstanding primary student!"

Not to be outdone, Xiao Ming Wei straightened her little body while sitting in Daddy's lap.

"Vivi, why do you always have to copy me?"

Milk Bun Ming Han was not pleased, puffing up his chubby cheeks and glaring at his sister Ming Wei.

"I'm not copying you!"

Xiao Ming Wei "hmped," turning her head away, denying it.

Milk Bun Ming Han: "You are copying me, Vivi, and it's not cute at all."

"Big Brother isn't cute either."

She was the younger sister, unaware that she should give in a little. Second Brother is so mean!

"Childish."

Min Rui leaned back in the passenger seat, uttering these two words in a tone that was neither light nor heavy.

Milk Bun Ming Han turned to his sister, "Brother said you're childish."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Big Brother was talking about you, Second Brother!"

Kang Li kept quiet, listening to the two little ones bickering, with amusement in his eyes.

"You're not upset, are you?"

The car sped on, and Luo Yanqing suddenly asked Kang Li.

At that, Kang Li raised an eyebrow: "Are you talking about our car being stopped by Xu Chunxia?"

Luo Yanqing shook his head, then nodded again: "Being bothered by such a person must have put you in a terrible mood."

"Then you're wrong. I never let someone else's mistake punish me and spoil my mood," Kang Li said, blinking her eyes, she asked, "Don't understand?"

Luo Yanqing's eyes danced with amusement: "I understand. If the fault isn't your own, naturally there's no need to get mad at yourself."

"Exactly, that's the point."

Kang Li's eyes curved in a smile, and she snapped her fingers.

Her action was so natural and carefree that it not only made Luo Yanqing pause, but also had the twins widening their eyes in astonishment.

After a moment, Xiao Ming Wei blinked her starry eyes and said, "Mommy, I want to learn that snap you just did!"

"Mommy, mommy, I want to learn too."

Milk Bun Ming Han tried to imitate Kang Li's action a moment before, rubbing his thumb and forefinger together, but no sound came out.

Kang Li smiled, "When you both grow up, mommy will teach you, but too much snapping isn't good for your health."

"Really?" Milk Bun Ming Han was skeptical.

Kang Li asked with a smile, "Have you ever seen mommy snap her fingers at home?"

Milk Bun Ming Han shook his head.

Kang Li chuckled: "See, hasn't mommy told you the truth?"

Milk Bun Ming Han nodded his little head, then in his milky voice he said, "Then Mommy shouldn't snap her fingers anymore, so Mommy's body can stay strong!"

Moved by his words, Kang Li felt warmth in her heart, "Okay, Mommy knows!"

Luo Yanqing: "Having a good body is more important than anything else."

Kang Li cast a coquettish glance at him, lowering her voice, "I'm not a child." She was a grown-up, was it necessary for him to remind her so earnestly?

Besides, it's not like she had nothing better to do than to snap her fingers frequently.

With that thought, Kang Li felt she was being overly sensitive. After all, Professor Luo was speaking out of concern for her, and here she was mistakenly assuming he was treating her like a child, which seemed quite unreasonable.

Her cheeks reddening slightly, Kang Li cleared her throat and changed the subject: "Do you have any friends in Langcheng?"

Taken aback, Luo Yanqing nodded, "I had some, but we lost touch after I went abroad for further studies."

Kang Li: "Do you want to visit them this time we go to Langcheng?"

"The year I came back to the country, Director Nie told me he had joined the army, and I have no idea where he is now," Luo Yanqing said. He paused briefly, then continued: "I don't have many friends, and very few are close ones."