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Chapter 701 Are You Hot?

Speaking of which, Luo Yanqing's Phoenix Eyes shone with guilt as they turned dark as ink, "I'm not a good husband."

Director Song said, "You can't say that. Your job is just special by nature. Li Bao understands and supports you. Otherwise, why would she still choose to marry you after knowing about your personal and family circumstances?"

After listening to Director Song, Luo Yanqing couldn't help but think of the reason Kang Li gave for marrying him, and his handsome face immediately flushed.

"Are you feeling hot?"

Today, the temperature wasn't high; it was already September, and they were sitting in the canteen, not standing under the sun. Why was this young man's face suddenly turning red?

Director Song looked at Luo Yanqing, puzzled.

"It is a bit hot," Luo Yanqing replied, coughing lightly and feigning composure. He couldn't possibly tell Director Song that the reason his face was red was due to thinking about his wife's words on his good looks being the reason she married him without a second thought.

Hearing this, Director Song did not express any doubt.

He didn't feel hot at all, but he didn't pursue the subject further. Instead, he said, "Li Bao will be back soon, right?"

"Hmm."

Luo Yanqing nodded, "In a day or two."

"Speaking of which, you're really lucky, not only to have such a good wife like Li Bao but also to have a good in-law family."

Director Song remarked, "When Li Bao was at home, she truly doted on and took care of Ruirui and her siblings as if they were her own children. Now that Li Bao is not at home, your mother-in-law has been diligently looking after the kids,

Li Bao's brother and nephew are also very good to Ruirui and her siblings. You should remember Li Bao's kindness. Otherwise, putting aside how Li Bao's own parents and siblings might deal with you, I, as godfather, will be the first to set you straight!"

"Xiao Li is my wife. I would never be ungrateful to her."

Though Luo Yanqing's tone was light, his expression was very serious, and the words he uttered were like promises, leaving no room for doubt.

Director Song said, "Don't just talk the talk."

Luo Yanqing replied, "Do you have some kind of misunderstanding about me?" Was it assumed he simply talked big and enjoyed pretending? If that's what was thought, then that would be quite an injustice!

Caught under Luo Yanqing's piercing gaze, Director Song coughed twice, picked up his empty meal box, and stood up, saying, "I'm done eating, you take your time." Without waiting for Luo Yanqing to respond, he walked towards the sink.

Seeing this, Luo Yanqing didn't show any surprise. He knew that Director Song was avoiding him and that the words Director Song had just said were just said in passing.

After finishing the last bite of his meal, Luo Yanqing stood up and also walked towards the sink with his meal box.

"Whenever you can, don't forget to pay some attention to your father-in-law and mother-in-law. Doing so will deepen your relationship with Li Bao." After washing his meal box, Luo Yanqing walked side by side with Director Song out of the canteen, not expecting him to suddenly say that.

Caught off guard, Luo Yanqing paused and then nodded, "Hmm," in agreement.

Director Song said, "Actually, I've had an idea I've wanted to share with you, but I was concerned about your feelings, so I've held back from mentioning it in front of you. Are you willing to listen to it now?"

Luo Yanqing was unfazed by the rapid change of topic from Director Song and responded with an indifferent expression on his handsome face, "Go ahead."

"Well, I'm really going to say it..."

As the two walked slowly, Director Song glanced at Luo Yanqing's expression and found nothing amiss; he then cleared his throat and said, "It's about this, concerning your birth mother... I think it's best if you could offer some help. You don't have to do it yourself; just with your consent, I will ask the organization to provide assistance to your mother's family."

Chapter 702: Don't Care

Luo Yanqing frowned.

Seeing this, Director Song spoke in a warm, gentle voice, "Don't rush to conclusions, listen to me finish what I have to say."

Luo Yanqing, "Why should I help them out?"

Director Song, "By giving a little support, your biological mother's family will be able to stand on their own two feet and look forward to life, avoiding the possibility of them coming to you with their problems every time they face a difficulty."

"Whatever plans they might have regarding me, I have to be willing to go along with them."

Luo Yanqing's voice was clear and sharp, without a hint of warmth.

"I understand what you're saying, but isn't it bothersome to have them buzzing in your ear like mosquitoes? Maybe you'll say that at the bureau, they can't reach you, but have you thought about Li Bao and Ruirui? If your biological mother and the others show up time and again in front of Li Bao and the other mothers, are you sure Li Bao won't get annoyed and angry with you?"

Luo Yanqing quietly listened to Director Song's remarks, speechless.

"Li Bao is very understanding, and Ruirui, along with the others, are well-behaved kids, but no matter how good-natured someone is, if they're constantly plagued by troubles, they're bound to become impatient. And then, it's likely that feelings of resentment will arise."

Director Song watched Luo Yanqing's expression subtly change without stirring himself, and, not seeing any particular reaction, he continued, "Based on the incident where your biological mother and her two sons found their way to the compound before, she doesn't appear to be a woman who is particularly unreasonable or troublesome. This can be inferred from the fact that she hasn't come to North City again."

"How would you like me to support them?"

Luo Yanqing halted, his gaze fixed intently on Dean Song.

"According to Director Nie, your biological mother has quite a few sons. There are at least four who are grown or about to grow up. The eldest is already married and can be disregarded, but the second, third, and fourth sons—I think sending them to serve in the military might be a good option. What do you think?

That way they can receive a stipend every month, which not only allows them to send a portion back to support the family and the younger brothers but also enables them to save a little for themselves. In the future, when they want to get married, they won't have to worry about not having any money."

Luo Yanqing resumed walking, his lips tight, and after a long moment, he spoke indifferently, "I need time to consider it."

"Mrs. Qi mentioned that your two half-brothers are strong and tall, and serving as soldiers, they might actually make a name for themselves. Even if one day they are demobilized or switch to a different profession, at the very least, their thought process will be vastly different from what it is now."

Still not hearing Luo Yanqing respond, Director Song sighed lightly, "After all, they are related to you in some way. If—I'm just saying if—they keep lazing around and end up with a hard life, they will certainly turn to you again. If you ignore them and let them make a fuss, it will cause some trouble for you and Li Bao."

"I don't owe them anything!" Luo Yanqing's face was expressionless. "They are not my brothers! I've already made it clear to that woman, I will send her living expenses as the law requires when she's of age."

After a brief pause, Luo Yanqing continued, "As for the troubles you mentioned, I don't care about them, and I believe Li Bao won't care either."

Director Song, "So you've made up your mind not to help out your biological mother's family?" He genuinely meant well, since after all, Wang Guilan is this young man's biological mother.

If they are not properly appeased and given something to look forward to in life, who knows when they might bring her second husband's whole string of sons to stir up trouble in North City again.

With a mother like a crazy woman stirring up issues, could a son focus on his work?

Especially when the nature of the work is far from ordinary,

Chapter 703: Hit the Nail on the Head

Any slipup could easily render all the efforts made thus far in vain.

Meanwhile, Li Bao's life would surely become a complete mess.

This was something he neither wanted to see nor wished to happen!

Sometimes things happen by sheer coincidence, Director Song and Luo Yanqing were discussing the Wang Guilan family, unaware that outside the compound, a man and a woman were pleading with the guard at the gate to let them enter, claiming they were relatives of Luo Yanqing, specifically his brother and sister-in-law.

"I don't know who you are, nor do I know your relationship with Comrade Luo. For now, please wait over there, I need to call Comrade Luo's home to verify your claims."

The guard glanced at the man and woman standing before him, saw them move aside, retracted his gaze, walked to the sentry box window, picked up the telephone handset, and dialed a number from a registry book.

"Hello, yes, I'm his mother-in-law. Comrade, you're saying... alright, I understand, but I need to ask my son-in-law's opinion. Yes, don't let them in for now... Mhm, call back in ten minutes, alright, I'll call my son-in-law right now."

Cai Xiufen hung up the phone and took out a palm-sized phone book from the drawer of the coffee table. Then, she found the number for the research institute and dialed it. Soon after, the call was transferred to Director Song's office.

After a brief exchange and clarifying the situation with Director Song, Cai Xiufen sat on the sofa, quietly waiting for Luo Yanqing to call back.

As time trickled by, several minutes passed, and the ringing of the landline broke the silence. Cai Xiufen picked up the handset, "Hello, Yanqing, are you aware of what's happening?"

So... what do you plan to do then? Shall we invite them over to our house... alright, I understand, don't worry at all, your mother is in good health. Just focus on your work. When Li Bao gets back, I'll have her call you. Okay, that's it, I'm hanging up now."

After finishing the call with Luo Yanqing, Cai Xiufen put the handset back on the base when the landline rang again, which she suspected was the sentry box calling.

"... I've inquired, and my son-in-law is busy at work and can't come back. He said..." After relaying Luo Yanqing's wishes to the guard, the call ended, and Cai Xiufen went back to her own business.

Outside the compound.

"Comrade Luo is not at home, his family is not available to see you, please leave as soon as possible."

"Why should we leave? We came to see Big Brother Luo, and if he isn't home, can't we go in and sit with our sister-in-law?"

"Comrade Luo's family is not available to see you. If you continue to make a fuss, I will have to contact the police station directly."

"You're bullying us!"

Cui Shuicao's face turned sour because the guard wouldn't let her and Meng Xingsheng enter the compound, which made her grind her teeth in anger.

"Let's go, if the police come, we might end up locked up."

Tugging at Cui Shuicao's clothing, Meng Xingsheng said gruffly, "Later... we'll come back when Big Brother Luo is home."

"Spineless wimp! Tell me, what good are you?"

Cui Shuicao glared, swatting away the hand Meng Xingsheng had on her clothing, and stalked off angrily from the entrance of the compound.

Meng Xingsheng followed closely behind Cui Shuicao.

At the research institute.

In Director Song's office.

"Didn't I guess it?!"

Looking at Luo Yanqing, Director Song shook his head with a complex expression.

"I did not do as they wished."

Luo Yanqing sat on the sofa, his face not looking very good.

Director Song: "Do you think your brother and sister-in-law will easily go back to their hometown?"

Chapter 704: There's No Need for You to Put It That Way

Luo Yanqing: "I said I don't have any brothers, how many times do you want me to say it?"

"Fine, fine, fine, the Meng Family's brothers have nothing to do with you." Isn't this just self-deception! Born of the same mother, sharing half of the same blood, even if this boy doesn't acknowledge it, he can't erase the fact that he and the Meng brothers are half-brothers.

"There's no need for you to put it that way, I only know that I am me, and they are they, and to hope that I'll acknowledge them, it's impossible in this lifetime!"

Blood relations can't be denied, but who has decreed that blood relations necessarily equate to kinship?

Luo Yanqing's facial expression was stern as he stood up: "I'm going to be busy." As his words fell, he took long strides out of Director Song's office.

"This kid..."

Director Song muttered to himself: "Still as hot-tempered as ever, I suppose he only shows his good nature in front of Li Bao."

The courtyard.

After lunch, Min Rui rested at home for a while before being taken to school by Cai Xiufen.

"Grandma, who is coming to our house?"

At the entrance of the elementary school, Min Rui suddenly asked Cai Xiufen.

"Nobody is."

Cai Xiufen's eyes were affectionate as she smiled and touched Min Rui's head: "Go on in."

"I heard Grandma talking on the phone with Dad."

Min Rui stood still, not moving.

"How about this, when you come back from school this afternoon, Grandma will tell you then."

Knowing Min Rui as well as she did, Cai Xiufen understood that if she didn't tell him, the little guy would definitely keep thinking about it, and he might get distracted in class.

Based on this, Cai Xiufen had to compromise.

"Okay."

Min Rui was silent for a good while, then briskly agreed, and then waved to Cai Xiufen: "Goodbye, Grandma." He turned around and entered the school gate without much delay.

Back in the courtyard, Cai Xiufen tidied up the house neatly and sat down on the sofa to knit a sweater.

About two hours later, she heard the courtyard door "creak," followed by the sound of it closing, and then came a series of familiar footsteps.

"Li Bao?"

She murmured softly, putting down the knitting in her hands, and Cai Xiufen stood up, walking quickly towards the living room entrance.

Sure enough, she saw her precious daughter carrying a suitcase and a bulging travel bag, coming towards her.

"Mom, I'm back!"

"It's good you're back."

Once in the living room, Kang Li put the suitcase and travel bag in place, and the next moment, she embraced her mother: "Mom, I've missed you so much!"

Gently patting her precious daughter's back, Cai Xiufen's heart swelled with warmth, but she teased: "You're so grown up and still can't be away from Mom like a little kid."

Her words carried laughter and indulgence as Cai Xiufen continued: "Are you hungry? I'll make you something to eat. In the meantime, call the brigade department; your dad and the others were so happy to hear on the radio that you won a gold medal."

Kang Li's eyes curved with joy: "I'll call Dad right now."

Cai Xiufen: "Yanqing is probably at work by now, wait until this evening, and then you can also give him a call."

Kang Li: "Alright, I'll do as Mom says."

Cai Xiufen: "Ruirui and the others talk about you every day; they'd probably jump for joy if they knew you were back."

"Doesn't Mom miss me?" Kang Li blinked her beautiful fox eyes: "I am Mom's dear daughter after all."

"Miss, miss, miss, I think about you every day."

Cai Xiufen shook her head with amusement: "Alright, take a seat and rest a while. Remember to call our brigade department, and I'll go make you some dumplings."

Kang Li asked: "Are we having dumplings for lunch?"

Cai Xiufen nodded: "We've had noodles too often, so I thought I'd switch things up for the kids."

Chapter 705: You Are Mistaken About That

Kang Li: "Then I better eat more."

Cai Xiufen: "Okay, Mom will make you a few more." Saying this, Cai Xiufen left the living room.

Aoli Village.

Team headquarters.

Captain Kang was exceptionally happy upon receiving Kang Li's call.

"How's your health?"

"Very good, Dad. How have you been recently?"

"Able to eat and drink, feeling spirited, don't worry about me."

"Still, you should take more care, otherwise Mom and I will worry."

"Dad knows. You take care of yourself too, and keep an eye on your mom."

"Mhm."

Kang Li responded and then said, "In a couple of days, I'll send some things home, Dad. Remember to have my oldest brother or third brother pick them up at the post office."

Captain Kang: "Okay."

Kang Li: "I'll be participating in a competition in North City in a few days. I'll continue to make you proud then."

"You've already made Dad very proud, my heart's been so happy these days, my daughter is incredible, everywhere I go, I beam with pride."

Hearing Captain Kang say this, Kang Li laughed out loud: "Then I'll continue to make you even prouder."

"Though I'm happy when you make me proud, nothing is more important than your health. Don't overwork yourself," Captain Kang cautioned.

Kang Li chuckled in response: "Got it."

After chatting for almost four or five minutes, father and daughter hung up the phone.

"Did you talk to your dad?"

Cai Xiufen, carrying a plate of steaming hot chive and pork dumplings along with the prepared dipping sauce, walked into the living room smiling and casually asked Kang Li.

"Just got off the phone."

Smiling, Kang Li sniffed, her voice sweet as she laughed, "It smells so delicious!"

"Go wash your hands."

With eyes full of love, Cai Xiufen gestured towards the outside of the living room.

"I'm on it."

Getting up, Kang Li moved briskly and disappeared outside the living room in a blink.

"Mom, do you want to eat some more?"

After washing her hands, Kang Li returned. She sat on the sofa, picked up the chopsticks, and looked at her mom with a smile as she asked.

Cai Xiufen shook her head: "You go ahead and eat. It was just Ruirui and me for lunch, I ate quite a bit."

"Then I'm starting."

Eyes sparkling with joy, Kang Li picked up a plump white dumpling, dipped it in sauce, and then took a bite, her eyes blissfully closing in delight.

Cai Xiufen: "Is it really that delicious?"

Kang Li nodded vigorously: "Mhm, delicious. When I was abroad at first, I didn't notice much in terms of food, but after a couple of days, I really missed the food Mom makes."

"You're just sweet-talking." Cai Xiufen smiled indulgently yet helplessly, as she asked, "Are there restaurants run by our countrymen over there?"

Kang Li responded with a laugh: "There are, but the taste doesn't compare to what we have back home; it's not as authentic, and definitely not as delicious as what Mom makes."

"Always sweet-talking to make your mom happy." Cai Xiufen said with a beaming smile: "I think Hanhan got her sweet mouth from you."

"You got that wrong."

Kang Li shook her head and then smiled, saying, "Hanhan naturally says nice things. It's like she's a little sun, warming your heart the moment she speaks, and she didn't learn that from me."

After eating down to the last three dumplings, feeling no room left, Kang Li gently scratched her chin and cooed to her mother: "Mom... I can't eat anymore. Maybe I'll finish these three later or perhaps... I'll finish them at dinner."

"It's okay to leave them; nobody said you had to finish the plate." Cai Xiufen picked up the plate and the small porcelain bowl with the dipping sauce, saying:

Chapter 706: I Just Find it a Bit Strange

"Get up and walk around the living room in a bit, so your stomach doesn't feel upset."

Kang Li made an acknowledging sound.

Cai Xiufen went to the kitchen.

"Mom. " Kang Li followed her into the kitchen, leaning against the doorframe, watching her mother wash the dishes, bowls, and chopsticks she had used, and said, "You've been working hard these days!"

"What's this about working hard or not?!"

Cai Xiufen glanced at her beloved daughter and said, "Isn't the reason I'm here in North City to take care of you? Besides, it's not like our old home where there's endless chores to do. Aside from cooking for Ruirui and taking them to and from school, I'm mostly free."

"Free? I saw the sweater you're knitting on the couch."

Kang Li pouted rather petulantly and said, "I've told you more than once not to tire yourself out knitting sweaters, but you never listen, always keeping yourself busy."

Cai Xiufen dried the dishes and chopsticks and put them away in their places. She said, "You know, when you get to a certain age, if you sit around doing nothing all day, not only will you feel uncomfortable, but it's also quite easy to fall ill."

After tidying up the kitchen, the mother and daughter returned to the living room.

"Mom, is there something you want to talk to me about?"

Sitting down on the sofa, Kang Li saw her mother hesitating to speak and couldn't help but look puzzled.

"Today, at lunchtime, a young couple came to the gate of the compound, claiming they were Yanqing's brother and sister-in-law. "

Cai Xiufen told her about Meng Xingsheng and Cui Shuicao appearing at the compound gate earlier that day. In the end, she said, "However, Yanqing told me not to bother with them, and ultimately they didn't manage to come in."

Kang Li frowned, "What did they want with Luo Yanqing?"

Cai Xiufen: "They were simply reaching out for money."

"But Luo Yanqing had already agreed with his mother that when she reached the age to be cared for, he would send her living expenses according to legal provisions."

Kang Li said this and paused briefly before continuing, "Moreover, his mother didn't come this time, which suggests that today's matter probably doesn't have much to do with her. So where does that half-brother of his get the audacity to bring his wife to North City to look for Luo Yanqing?"

"Let it be, don't think about it. Yanqing said there's no need to deal with it. If they come looking again, you don't have to agree to meet, and the security guards at the main gate definitely won't let them in."

"I just find it a bit strange."

"There's nothing strange about it. It's common everywhere. When a family suddenly has a relative who's capable, some people think about clinging to that relative, hoping to reap some benefits from time to time, like a windfall."

"A windfall?"

Kang Li paused, then said, "Actually, as long as they're not clinging to us for a constant bloodsucking, I don't mind giving them a hand from time to time."

Cai Xiufen: "Don't be soft-hearted. Once some people latch onto you, it's very hard to shake them off."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li didn't respond but asked her mother, "Mom, do you think they will come again?"

Cai Xiufen: "Only they know that."

The two people being discussed by Kang Li and her mother, namely Meng Xingsheng and Cui Shuicao, were at this moment standing face to face in a secluded part of the park, giving each other the silent treatment.

Well, to call it a silent treatment isn't entirely accurate; it's more like Cui Shuicao giving Meng Xingsheng the silent treatment by herself—she had been glaring at him in anger for about four or five minutes without a word.

Meng Xingsheng licked his lips, mustered up the courage, and said, "Before coming to North City. I told you that even if we found the compound where Big Brother Luo lives, Big Brother Luo. Luo wouldn't see us. You were the one who didn't listen and insisted on coming. "

Chapter 707: Deciding to Take Action

Cui Shuicao was extremely annoyed, "Why won't he see us? You're his brother. We've come all this way to visit him; does he treat his own brother like this?"

"Big Brother Luo... Big Brother Luo doesn't acknowledge me as his brother. The last time my mother brought me and my third brother to North City, Big Brother Luo didn't even give me and third brother a glance. Even when facing my mother, he showed no expression, let alone call out to my mother."

Unable to enter the courtyard, Meng Xingsheng felt just as he was telling Cui Shuicao now; deep down, he actually understood the situation all too well. But he couldn't convince Cui Shuicao, so he kept quiet, putting up with her complaints all the way to North City.

Now that she couldn't step into the courtyard, Cui Shuicao naturally let loose her tongue and took her anger out on Meng Xingsheng.

"What can be done about it? You are brothers, no one can deny that!"

Cui Shuicao was extremely annoyed, "If you had been more assertive before, I don't believe we wouldn't have been able to get in! Now, after all the talking, it's your fault; you're too cowardly. Someone at the gate shouts at you a couple of times, and you start yelling at me to leave. Meng Xingsheng, how can you be so spineless?!"

"Would you like to be taken to the police station?"

He was a coward, he was spineless? But wasn't he just worried that they really would be locked up at the police station? With the memory of that previous incident, he was afraid and didn't want to stay at the police station again. What was so wrong with that?

Cui Shuicao sneered, "Afraid of being taken to the police station when visiting your own brother? Later, when you want to snatch away the prey, aren't you worried the job might not be done and you might accidentally fall into the hands of the police?"

"I... I am worried, of course, but what you're talking about is just a 'what if.' Besides, as long as we're careful, there definitely won't be any mistakes," said Meng Xingsheng crouching down, his voice muffled as he looked at the weeds on the ground.

"So annoying, I've never seen a man as cowardly as you!" Kicking Meng Xingsheng lightly, Cui Shuicao ground her teeth, "Tell me, what are we going to do next?"

Meng Xingsheng: "Find a place to stay."

Cui Shuicao: "And then what?"

Meng Xingsheng was silent.

Cui Shuicao could not hide her irritation, "I don't care, we act tomorrow. Once the money is in hand, I'm going to buy a pair of little leather shoes and a ladies' wristwatch."

Just thinking about soon being able to wear the little leather shoes she had long coveted and the ladies' wristwatch displayed on the department store counter, the anger in Cui Shuicao's heart dissipated in an instant, and her expression softened a bit.

"Can't we change..."

Meng Xingsheng hadn't finished his sentence, when Cui Shuicao interrupted him, "No! Since that brother of yours looks down on us and doesn't even want to see us, if he's going to be so unfeeling, don't blame us for targeting his kid."

"After all, he is my brother."

Scratching his head, Meng Xingsheng felt restless.

"You consider him a brother, but he doesn't acknowledge it. Otherwise, would he have shut us out?" Cui Shuicao curled her lip, then said, "Your brother has three children, we'll just take the younger two."

The younger, the better-looking, the easier they are to sell, and the higher the price.

After all, raise them for a year or so, and they should be about tamed.

On the contrary, not only is it troublesome to raise them, but one also has to worry about losing both money and child if they're not careful!

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Kindergarten.

"Mommy!"

When the twin boy and girl saw their mother standing beside Grandma, they were so excited they jumped and skipped, telling their little friends and teacher, "My mom's back, my mom has brought back a gold medal!"

"Really? Really? Vivi! Is Aunt Kang really back?"

Chapter 708 Kang Li Annoyed

Song Xiaoran blinked her lustrous black eyes and asked Xiao Ming Wei.

"Look there, my mom and my grandma are standing outside the main gate, and they are right at the front!" Xiao Ming Wei motioned for Song Xiaoran to look in the direction she was pointing, her large eyes shaped like black grapes now curved into crescents.

Milk Bun Ming Han immediately ran out of the line, "Mommy, you're back? I missed you so much!"

In no time, the children started cheering, "Teacher Lizi! Teacher Lizi is awesome!" Having twins at the kindergarten and Kang Li going abroad for competitions and winning several gold medals were already known by all the youngsters and teachers in the kindergarten.

At this moment, seeing Kang Li, it was not just the children who cheered happily, but also the kindergarten teachers were all visibly excited.

It turned out that "Teacher Lizi" hadn't been on the show to tell stories recently because apart from being a host, she was also an outstanding athlete. Thus, when the country needed her, she stopped her work at the TV station, went abroad for competitions, and brought glory to her homeland, really impressive!

The kindergarten teachers thought this way, the kids thought this way, and even the parents at the main gate felt warm inside at this moment.

They hadn't expected that they could meet the sports star reported in the newspapers and broadcast up close today.

Kang Li found herself surrounded by the parents, with the cheers of the children rising above each other around her. Her delicate and fair face was filled with smiles, yet she felt extremely annoyed inside.

Why had she forgotten to wear a mask before leaving the house?

Now, because of her, the area outside the kindergarten gate had turned chaotic.

Feeling guilty, Kang Li eventually had no choice but to politely speak a few words to everyone, basically urging them to line up properly, maintain order while picking up the children, and not to continue causing chaos because of her.

She then smiled and spoke briefly to the gathered children inside the gate. Amidst the continuous shouts of "Teacher Lizi," she told a brief five- or six-minute story, calming the excited emotions of the children.

Finally, she took the twins and finally managed to extricate herself from everyone's warmth, crossing the road toward the elementary school.

Milk Bun Ming Han, "Mommy, mommy!" Looking up at his mom, Milk Bun Ming Han continued, "Mommy, mommy!"

Xiao Ming Wei followed suit.

The two kept calling out for their mom.

Kang Li was both amused and helpless, but she cooperated with the twins, her lips curling in a smile, responding to the two little ones.

At the entrance of the elementary school.

To avoid being surrounded again, Kang Li stood beside, holding the twins and speaking to them with her back to the parents picking up their kids, trying her best to lower her presence.

"Mommy..."

Min Rui, led by Cai Xiufen, walked over and seeing the back of Kang Li, the child's eyes suddenly brightened, softly calling out to his mother's back.

"Ruirui!"

Hearing the voice of her eldest, Kang Li turned around, stood up, and bent down to open her arms towards Min Rui.

Without a second thought, Min Rui briskly walked a few steps and jumped into his mother's arms.

"Our Ruirui has grown taller," she said, rubbing the top of the child's head with an affectionate tone.

At that moment, Min Rui realized what he had done, his face turned red, and he buried his head in his mom's chest, too embarrassed to look up.

Xiao Ming Wei, "Mom, big brother is shy!"

Milk Bun Ming Han, "Vivi, did you have to point it out?"

Xiao Ming Wei puffed her cheeks, "Big brother is shy anyway! Look how red his face is!"

Milk Bun Ming Han glared:

Chapter 709 Acting

"I'm not blind." Stinky little sister, don't you know your brother is thin-skinned?

"Alright, you two mustn't quarrel. Your big brother is just a little bit shy, that's all. But in Mom's eyes, even though your big brother is older than you, he's still a child."

Rubbing her eldest son's hair again, Kang Li hugged the little one and patted his back lightly: "There's nothing bad about getting a hug from Mom. It actually shows that Mom loves our Ruirui, and Ruirui loves Mom too."

Min Rui slowly raised his head: "Ruirui loves Mom."

"Mom knows." Kang Li smiled and said, "Let's go, let's head home." The twins, each held by one of Cai Xiufen's hands, crossed the zebra crossing to the pedestrian sidewalk on the other side and headed towards their home complex.

Xiao Ming Wei suddenly asked, "Mom, was it wrong of me to say big brother was shy?"

There was a sly gleam in Kang Li's eyes as she looked down at the little girl: "It wasn't 'wrong,' but there's a saying, 'know it but don't say it.' Even though you know, sometimes it's better not to say it. Otherwise, it can make the person you're talking about lose face, um, feel embarrassed, or even uncomfortable."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Big brother felt embarrassed just now, didn't he?"

Kang Li: "You ask your big brother."

Xiao Ming Wei: "Big brother, when I said you were shy just now, did you feel embarrassed?"

Min Rui hesitated for a moment, then nodded: "Yeah." He felt embarrassed, but more uncomfortable.

"I'm sorry, big brother. I won't say that about you again."

Xiao Ming Wei apologized in her sweet, childlike voice.

Min Rui shook his head: "It doesn't matter."

Suddenly, a cry of "Ouch" came from behind Kang Li and her group.

Xiao Ming Wei turned her head to look and blinked before saying, "Grandma, Mom, a lady has fallen over!" Kang Li stopped walking, holding Min Rui by the hand, turned around and saw a pregnant woman, supporting her swollen belly, sitting on the ground about ten meters behind them.

Cai Xiufen: "Let's go over and have a look."

By this time, there were already bystanders gathered around the pregnant woman.

"Comrade, are you alright?"

"Comrade, where is your family?"

"Comrade, how about I take you to the nearby hospital for a checkup?"

"I... I'm fine, thank you all, thank you, I really am fine, I just need to sit here for a while, you don't need to worry about me."

"Your belly is so big, and you suddenly fell to the ground, how can you possibly be fine? Comrade, don't be polite with us all. If you're feeling unwell, just say so."

"I really am fine."

The "pregnant woman" sitting on the ground was none other than Cui Shuicao. She feigned weakness in her legs and calmly "fell" to the ground, merely to draw Kang Li and Cai Xiufen's attention so that Meng Xingsheng could carry out his plan.

She hadn't anticipated that the well-meaning passersby would surround her, insisting on taking her to the hospital.

At that moment, Cui Shuicao's mind was filled with irritation, but fearing she would give herself away, she could only shake her head and repeatedly wave away the offers of help, maintaining that she was fine.

"Comrade, you look so young; is this your first time being a mother?"

"Yeah."

"No wonder! Let me tell you, dear, when you're pregnant and you fall down like this, if you don't rush to the hospital to have it checked out, it could lead to serious problems."

"Yes, yes, young comrade, drop the stubbornness, let's get you to the hospital."

"Auntie, my belly doesn't hurt, and as you can see, there is no blood under me. I just couldn't walk anymore because I was too tired, and my legs gave out, so I sat down. If I rest for a bit, I'll be able to stand up."

Cui Shuicao felt like cursing in frustration, but she continued to politely reject the bystanders' offers of assistance.

Chapter 710 Kang Li Takes Charge

"Li Bao, keep an eye on the kids; Mom's going to go have a look."

People of this era were very honest, and Cai Xiufen was the women's director in her hometown. Faced with such an incident today, she couldn't ignore it without overcoming the unease in her heart.

"I should go instead."

As Kang Li spoke, she instructed Min Rui, "Stay by Grandma's side and don't wander off."

Min Rui nodded, "Mhm."

"Mom, don't let go of Hanhan or Vivi's hands."

To be on the safe side, Kang Li didn't forget to remind her mother before stepping away.

Cai Xiufen: "Don't worry."

Unexpectedly, Kang Li had walked no more than seven or eight meters when a shocked cry from Cai Xiufen came from behind, "Who are you? What do you want to do?"

This was followed by the loud crying of the Twin with mixed sex and the panicked shouting of Min Rui, "Bad person, go away!"

By this time, Kang Li had already taken a few quick steps to reach her mother's side, and at the same time, Wang Yue and Li Jun also rushed over from not too far away.

A "thud" sound of something heavy hitting the ground.

Meng Xingsheng hadn't expected that, despite his height and strong build, he would be kicked to the ground by Kang Li with one kick. He tried to get up but was immediately pressed down hard, unable to move even a little.

"I suspect that the pregnant woman is his accomplice."

Kang Li pointed to Cui Shuicao, who had quickly stood up, looking panicked and ready to flee, and said to Wang Yue and Li Jun.

"Take care of this one."

Releasing Meng Xingsheng's left arm, Li Jun took a strong step and easily caught Cui Shuicao.

Cai Xiufen still hadn't recovered from the shock; she clutched the twins' hands, while Grandma shielded Min Rui, staring at Meng Xingsheng without blinking.

"Mom, are you okay?"

Seeing her mother standing still in shock, Kang Li couldn't help but ask.

Cai Xiufen slowly came to her senses. She shook her head and said with anxious eyes, "Quick, check on the children!"

Xiao Ming Wei was scared and cried breathlessly.

Fear was vaguely visible in Min Rui's eyes, but at this moment he was clenching his little fists tightly, glaring fiercely at Meng Xingsheng, appearing relatively calm.

Patting Xiao Ming Wei's head and softly assuring the little girl not to be afraid, that the bad person had been caught, Kang Li then touched her eldest son's head and said, "Ruirui is very brave. It's all right now; relax, don't be tense."

When Kang Li's gaze shifted to her younger son, her eyes immediately filled with tension and anxiety, "Hanhan! Hanhan, don't scare Mommy. Hanhan, be good, okay? Say something to Mommy, will you? Hanhan..."

Milk Bun Ming Han had a vacant look in his eyes, tears on his face, and large beads of cold sweat falling from his forehead while his whole body trembled.

"Li Bao, what's wrong with Hanhan?"

Cai Xiufen also noticed that something was off with Milk Bun Ming Han and urgently asked Kang Li.

Anxiety filled Min Rui's eyes, "Mom, brother won't have anything wrong with him, right?"

Seeing Grandma, Mom, and Big Brother all looking at her second brother, Xiao Ming Wei couldn't help but stop crying and started repeatedly calling out to her second brother, "Second Brother! Second Brother! Second Brother..."

Picking up Ming Han, Kang Li said to Li Jun, "Her belly is fake!"

Among the onlookers gathered around, there were not a few clever folks who could roughly guess what was going on. Upon hearing Kang Li's words, one of the women stepped forward to touch Cui Shuicao's big belly, and then the woman shouted out loud, "It's a fake belly, all right; we've all been fooled!"

Before the words even finished, the "fake belly" under Cui Shuicao's clothes was ripped off by the woman who had spoken.

"That's downright despicable!"

"Tying a sack around the waist to pretend to be pregnant; I bet she and the man who tried to steal the children are in cahoots!"