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Chapter 711 Worry

"That's right, that's what I think too. She first pretended to fall and sat on the ground, thinking to attract that female comrade over, creating an opportunity for her accomplice to snatch the child away from that elder sister's hands!"

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Spectators around were discussing animatedly.

Cui Shuicao tried to break free from Li Jun's grip, screaming incessantly, "Someone help, save me, he's a kidnapper! He's going to take me away and sell me! Aunties, brothers, sisters, save me! He's going to sell me..."

Unexpectedly, not a single person in the crowd spoke up for her.

Not to mention that Li Jun directly showed his credentials, and now, even if Cui Shuicao screamed herself hoarse, no one would say a word on her behalf. As for Meng Xingsheng, the moment he was kicked to the ground by Kang Li and pinned down by Wang Yue, he knew any further struggle was futile.

Especially when he realized Kang Li had recognized him... Invisibly, he was even more certain that he was finished!

Meng Xingsheng might not understand the law, but he knew that what he had done moments ago was definitely no good deed, and now that he was caught, he was surely going to be convicted...

Back at home, Cai Xiufen sat on the sofa, staring blankly at the living room door.

Min Rui and Xiao Ming Wei were sitting on the opposite sofa, neither had the heart to do their homework, likewise staring towards the living room door.

After a long while, Xiao Ming Wei turned her gaze to Grandma, asking with a sobbing voice, "Grandma, my second brother won't be in trouble, right?"

"Mhm, there will be no trouble, Hanhan is so well-behaved, he won't be in trouble."

Cai Xiufen's words were for Xiao Ming Wei and Min Rui to hear, as well as for her own reassurance.

Xiao Ming Wei: "Then when can my mom and second brother come back home?"

Cai Xiufen: "They'll be back in a little while."

In the research institute.

"Okay, let's wrap up for this afternoon."

"See you this afternoon, Chief (Professor Luo)!"

"Mhm."

After all the team members had left one after the other, Luo Yanqing tidied up his workstation, then took off his lab coat and put it away, and stepped out of the laboratory.

"Yanqing!"

Director Song hurried over, "There's been an incident at home, you need to rush back now, or better yet, go directly to the hospital!"

At these words, Luo Yanqing's heart clenched, but his face remained quite composed, "Did something happen to Xiao Li?" Xiao Li had returned from abroad yesterday, and in the evening he had spoken to her on the phone, she said she was all fine, how could she end up in the hospital overnight?

The more he thought about it, the more anxious he became, so much that Luo Yanqing couldn't care less what Director Song was saying, and started striding away with long steps.

Director Song: "It's not Li Bao who's in trouble, it's Hanhan who's been hospitalized!"

Luo Yanqing's steps paused, then continued moving forward, listening as Director Song explained on the side, "This is what happened, that half-brother of yours, Meng Xingsheng..."

Before coming to find Luo Yanqing, Director Song had received a call from Wang Yue. From the call, Director Song learned about what Meng Xingsheng and Cui Shuicao had done, and that Min Rui and the others were frightened, especially Luo Minghan, who was scared as if he had lost his soul, and therefore had to be taken to the hospital for an examination.

After finishing the account of what Meng Xingsheng and Cui Shuicao had done, Director Song added, "I'll go back with you. Li Bao needs someone by her side right now, and someone has to go to the police station too. You, go directly to the hospital; I will head to the police station to get a more detailed understanding of the situation."

Luo Yanqing: "He tried to snatch Luo Minghan on the street, just to sell him off for five hundred yuan?"

Director Song: "When the police asked him, Meng Xingsheng confessed everything. It all started because he wanted to marry Cui Shuicao, but his family didn't have the money for the bride price. He previously used the excuse that Comrade Wang Guilan was ill, hoping you would provide some financial support,

Chapter 712: It's Okay, I'm Here

"But when you knew that Comrade Wang Guilan was not seriously harmed, you ignored the matter..."

Luo Yanqing, "So, he focused on the child instead, but how did he think to use the child..."

Director Song, "Wang Yue didn't mention this on the phone. Here's what, when I get to the police station, I will personally ask the comrades there."

Luo Yanqing was silent.

Director Song, "I mentioned something to you the other day, you really should think it over. Otherwise, your biological mother's family is like a ticking bomb."

Both got into the car, Luo Yanqing's lips tightly pressed until the car reached the police station that Wang Yue had mentioned. It was then that a clear, emotionless voice spilled from between Luo Yanqing's lips, "I will make a trip to Langcheng."

The car stopped steadily, and Director Song opened the door. He looked at Luo Yanqing, "I've checked, and Langcheng is recruiting soldiers this year. It has already started for a couple of months and should end at the end of September. You had better make a decision soon."

Leaving those words, Director Song got out of the car and casually closed the door.

Watching the car drive away, he withdrew his gaze and entered the main entrance of the police station.

"You... how did you come?"

In the hospital room, Kang Li saw Luo Yanqing, her eyes involuntarily reddening.

"Wang Yue made a call to the station, Godfather told me."

Casually closing the hospital room door, Luo Yanqing stepped forward, drew Kang Li close to his chest, and looked towards the bed, "It's okay, I'm here." Milk Bun Ming Han was lying on the bed, his eyes tightly shut. He was not sleeping peacefully, occasionally seeming like he was about to be startled awake.

"The doctor said Hanhan was overly frightened, which caused the anomaly... Luo Yanqing, it's my fault, I didn't take good care of the child, and let that madman scare him!"

Kang Li blamed herself, looking at Milk Bun who slept extremely restlessly on the bed, her heart wrenching with pain, "If anything happened to Hanhan, I would never forgive that madman! But... but even so, what can be done? If Hanhan really... I would blame myself to death!"

"It's not your fault, it was an accident. If anything, it's my fault, not yours."

Luo Yanqing's voice was gentle, "That Meng Xingsheng once tried to get money from me under the pretext that my mother was ill. Godfather informed me about it, saying Uncle Nie went to check,

and found that Meng Xingsheng was making it up. Hence, he didn't directly communicate with me. Unexpectedly, when his scheme to get money from me failed, and not knowing who put the idea in his head, he thought of using illegal means to acquire money."

"How could he be so heartless and inhumane?"

Kang Li's tone was devoid of any warmth.

Luo Yanqing, "This incident will teach him a lesson."

Kang Li, "What do you plan to do?"

Luo Yanqing, "I want to go to Langcheng."

"You mean to visit your biological mother's house?"

Though it was a question, Kang Li already knew the answer.

"Yes."

Luo Yanqing nodded, "After all, she did give birth to me. Back then, she abandoned me and took all the family's money. I hate her, but it's been over twenty years, and it has faded. Besides, now that I have you by my side, I only want to see her as an ordinary relative in the future."

Also, because of my relationship with her, even if I don't want to get involved with her family, in order to reduce the troubles she and her sons might cause you and the children, I should help out a bit.

However, I haven't made up my mind yet. I will decide after I visit my mother's house."

Kang Li, "I'll go with you."

Luo Yanqing, "Okay."

"If your mother begs you for anything because of that madman, you must not agree!" Kang Li firmly looked into his eyes, "I forbid it!"

Chapter 713: The Pain of Da Minghan

Luo Yanqing: "Mm." Beg him? If that man still had any care for his son in his heart, he wouldn't ask for Meng Xingsheng's favor in front of him. On the contrary, her begging was pointless!

"Then we have an agreement, no changing one's mind."

Kang Li emphasized.

Luo Yanqing nodded lightly: "Okay."

On the hospital bed, Milk Bun Ming Han seemed to be asleep, but in reality, his consciousness was awake; he was now sitting deep within his mind, blankly staring at Da Minghan, who was sitting cross-legged in front of him.

"I know you're like this because you were influenced by my emotions..."

With eyes full of regret, Da Minghan said to Milk Bun Ming Han, "It's my fault. I should have realized... I should have known you're not me. I should have known that this world now is not the same one where I grew up... Things are different, so I shouldn't have panicked and feared, shouldn't have had such strong emotional fluctuations that scared you too.

I'm sorry... If I could have been calmer, if I could have been calmer when I saw that bad man, you wouldn't be so scared that you can't even speak now. And... and that day in the car,

When Vivi said the uncle standing on the roadside looked weird, if I had recognized his face, I could have warned you ahead of time, it was him... When Vivi and I were five years old,

around the same time as now, he and a woman, the one that Uncle Li Jun arrested, used toys to lure us out of the department store,

picked us up, covered our mouths with cloth, causing Vivi and me to lose consciousness, and later we were sold to different families. Xiao Ming Han, when I was alive, life before and after the age of five was completely different...

The family that bought me was nice to me at first, but soon after, they had their own son and felt I was superfluous. They beat and scolded me every day, wouldn't feed me enough, made me do a lot of work, and didn't allow me to go to school.

I worked like an ox and a horse in that family, and though I was sixteen, I only looked as tall as a thirteen- or fourteen-year-old child. They still found me an eyesore, an idle eater at home. But I was not idle; I had to work the fields, cut pigweed, rarely having a moment's rest.

When I was sent to work in the city, I thought I could finally live a bit easier, but then I fell from the scaffolding on a construction site, trying to save someone else, and ended up killing myself. I died at sixteen, Xiao Ming Han... Did you hear that?

I died at sixteen. At the moment of death, memories of before I was kidnapped by that bad man flashed in my mind, and then I appeared inside your body.

Xiao Ming Han, I am Da Minghan, actually just you. I wanted to protect you and Vivi until adulthood, to make sure nothing happened to you when you were five, to make sure you weren't abducted by bad people, to make sure you passed sixteen safely, but in the end, I failed to help you, instead frightening you into illness.

I don't want to lie to you, Xiao Ming Han. I hate that bad man for selling Vivi and me, so... in the moment he attempted to snatch you away from Grandma, out of terror, I felt completely enveloped by fear,

yet I forgot you were still a child. I forgot that being in your body, I would affect you... Xiao Ming Han, I'm sorry. If you could just talk, as long as you say something, let me take any punishment you give, alright?

Daddy has come to the hospital. Mommy is very sad, and she blames herself, thinking it's her fault for not taking good care of you, letting you be scared into sickness... Xiao Ming Han, the bad men are all captured by Uncle Wang Yue and Uncle Li Jun now, I won't be afraid of them anymore,

Chapter 714: Milk Bun Ming Han Awakened by Da Minghan

"You are braver than me, so you don't need to worry or be afraid anymore. Xiao Ming Han, your dad and mom love you very much, especially mom, you don't want to see mom sad, do you?"

Milk Bun Ming Han: "Mom ..."

Da Minghan: "Yes, Mom is right here by your sickbed, Xiao Ming Han, open your eyes and look at Mom, Mom is really worried about you!"

"Bad... the bad people, was Da Minghan sold by bad people? Da Minghan had it tough... "

Sitting deep in his mind, Milk Bun Ming Han's eyes moved slightly, and he slowly reached out his hand to touch Da Minghan's face: "Fight the bad people! Da Minghan is not afraid... Mom and Dad will fight the bad people!"

Da Minghan's eyes filled with tears, and he hugged Xiao Ming Han: "I'm not afraid anymore, Xiao Ming Han's parents are also my parents, I can feel how much Dad and Mom like Xiao Ming Han and protect him, that means they like me and are protecting me too!"

"Da Minghan, don't cry... " Milk Bun Ming Han raised his head to wipe away Da Minghan's tears: "The bad people have been caught, we don't need to be afraid of them anymore!"

"Mmm mmm mmm!"

Da Minghan nodded again and again, tears still streaming down his eyes, he said, "Let's not make Dad and Mom worry, okay? Xiao Ming Han, you saw it, right?"

"Mom kicked the bad guys so hard, she flew them away, Mom is very powerful, she will definitely protect big brother, you, and little sister. You should be happy and joyful every day just like before, okay?"

Xiao Ming Han: "Da Minghan, little sister and I won't be sold by the bad people, I will always be with Dad, Mom, and my brothers and sisters."

"Hmm."

Da Minghan cracked a smile and said: "A family should always be together, I will stay by Xiao Ming Han's side, and I will stay beside Dad, Mom, and my brothers and sisters."

Gently patting Milk Bun Ming Han's back, Da Minghan withdrew his hand and sat back in his original spot: "Alright, you've slept from daylight till it's dark now, if you don't open your eyes soon, Mom is really going to be worried sick."

The sky outside the window had already turned completely dark, Luo Yanqing went to call home, leaving only Kang Li in the ward watching over their younger son, she gently held the little guy's hand and pressed it against her face, whispering,

"Mom knows you've been scared, but she has always known, our Hanhan is our little man, not like a little mouse that gets so scared it hides in its hole and doesn't dare to come out, Hanhan, am I right?

You're the bravest, and even said that when you grow up, you want to protect Mom. Now, open your eyes and look at Mom, okay?"

As Kang Li's words ended, on the sickbed, Milk Bun Ming Han slowly opened his eyes, and when he saw his mom, he burst into loud cries.

Seeing Milk Bun's eyelashes tremble, Kang Li was afraid her own noises would startle the little one, so she fiercely subdued her emotions and held her breath, just focusing on watching.

When she saw that little Milk Bun really opened his eyes, tears of joy streamed down from her striking, clear fox-like eyes.

"Mom..."

Milk Bun Ming Han stretched out his little short arms, asking for a hug while crying and repeatedly calling for Mom.

\ "Ah!\ "

Kang Li exclaimed joyfully, as tears slipped down her cheeks, she stood up to hold Milk Bun, softly saying, "Mom is here, Mom is here, our Hanhan is indeed very brave, following Mom's voice and opened his eyes..."

"Mom! Mom..."

Milk Bun kept calling for Mom, crying loudly and incessantly.

"It's okay, don't be afraid, the bad people have been caught, they won't hurt our Hanhan anymore, our Hanhan is not afraid okay!"

Chapter 715: I Believe in You

Sitting by the bed, Kang Li held Milk Bun tightly, her face wet with tears now blooming with a smile as she said, "Tell Mom, do you feel better now?"

Milk Bun Ming Han nodded his little head, his crying gradually ceased. Sniffing and hiccuping from sobs, he said, "The bad uncle wanted to carry Vivi away, and Vivi was terrified, afraid she'd never see her parents again, afraid the bad uncle would sell her."

"That won't happen, Mom won't let the bad guys take our Hanhan away. Mom and Dad will keep our Hanhan safe and ensure she grows up healthy."

At the doorway of the hospital room, Luo Yanqing, back from making a call, looked at the scene inside and felt his tense heartstrings relax slightly.

He made no sound but turned to call a doctor to perform a thorough examination on Milk Bun Ming Han to check for any lingering effects.

About ten minutes later.

Hospital room.

Luo Yanqing questioned the doctor who had just finished examining Milk Bun Ming Han: "Doctor Zhao, how is my son doing?"

Without immediately responding to Luo Yanqing, Doctor Zhao, wearing a gentle smile, asked Milk Bun Ming Han a few questions, casually exchanged a few words with him, and then turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing:

"The little guy is doing quite well. He might wake up frightened during the night for the next two or three days, but it's nothing serious. Oh, and remember to continue having him take the medicine I prescribed earlier, Check latest chapters

the medication will help calm and soothe the child, effectively alleviating symptoms of fright. Additionally, as parents, you need to spend more time with him, talk to him; doing so can help stabilize his emotions, allowing him to return to normal sooner."

Luo Yanqing nodded, indicating that he understood.

Doctor Zhao: "You can proceed with the discharge now or you could still do it tomorrow morning; it's up to you."

"Mom, I want to go home!"

Milk Bun Ming Han, held in his mother's arms, leaned on her shoulder and murmured in his milk voice.

"Okay, we're going home."

Patting the little guy's back of the head, Kang Li responded softly.

Luo Yanqing: "I'll go handle the discharge procedures."

Kang Li: "Let's go together." There wasn't much to pack in the hospital room, Kang Li got ready to leave the room with Luo Yanqing while holding Milk Bun.

"I'll carry him." Luo Yanqing took Milk Bun Ming Han in his arms and said, "Let's go."

The courtyard.

"Yanqing said in the call that you needed to stay in the hospital tonight, how come you are back now?"
Seeing Kang Li carrying Milk Bun Ming Han into the living room, Cai Xiufen hurried forward to take the little guy, asking her precious daughter.

"Hanhan woke up, and after the doctor's examination, it turns out there's nothing seriously wrong. Don't believe it? Ask Hanhan."

Kang Li said laughingly, her soft gaze falling on Milk Bun.

"Grandma."

Milk Bun Ming Han called out affectionately to his grandma and then said somewhat listlessly, "I'm fine, Grandma, you don't have to worry."

"Big brother, big brother, are you really alright?"

Xiao Ming Wei, led by her brother Ming Rui, came over and said adorably, looking up, "Vivi was almost scared to death by big brother. Big brother, tell me, are you really okay now?"

"Yeah, I'm fine." Milk Bun glanced at his sister Ming Wei, then turned to his brother Ming Rui, "Brother, I was just a little scared, but now I'm fine. Mom said I'm very brave, said I'm a little man and that I won't be defeated by the bad guys!"

Ming Rui: "I believe you." Pausing for a moment, Ming Rui pressed his lips together, his face tense as he continued, "But you need to be even braver, otherwise, your sister might outbrave you!"

Chapter 716 You can definitely do it!

But the concern in his eyes was plain to see.

"I understand."

Milk Bun Ming Han's small head drooped like a frosted eggplant as he quietly asked Da Minghan, "Vivi is braver than me, isn't she?"

"You're both brave. It was my emotion that affected you. That's why you were overly frightened,"

Da Minghan replied.

"Really? Actually... I actually know that today I wasn't as brave as my sister. But it won't happen again. I want to be a man, and when I grow up, I'll protect Mom!"

Milk Bun Ming Han lay on Grandma's shoulder, his eyes filled with determination.

Da Minghan encouraged him, "You will surely be able to do it!"

"Why hasn't Yanqing come back?"

After setting Milk Bun on the couch, Cai Xiufen casually asked Kang Li.

"He went to my godfather and godmother's place, said he had something to discuss with my godfather."

After answering her mother, Kang Li headed to the kitchen to prepare something to eat.

Cai Xiufen: "Sit down and rest a bit. I'll heat up the porridge and steamed buns for you."

Kang Li shook his head: "I'll heat it up."

At the Song Family's.

"Is Hanhan all right?"

Upon entering the Song Family's living room, Luo Yanqing was greeted and ushered to sit on the couch by Director Song and Mrs. Qi. Mrs. Qi then went to the kitchen while Director Song immediately inquired about Milk Bun Ming Han's condition.

Luo Yanqing: "The doctor said it's nothing serious, just need some medicine to relieve the shock and he should recover normally."

Director Song: "Did Li Bao and the children go home?"

Luo Yanqing hummed in response.

At this point, Director Song shifted the topic to Meng Xingsheng: "After being interrogated by the officers at the station, Meng Xingsheng said that he resorted to such desperate actions because his beloved girl, Cui Shuicao, who is now his wife, incited him.

Also, Meng Xingsheng confessed that Cui Shuicao's uncle has been engaging in this illegal trade for several years, and thanks to this conscienceless business, has been living the good life.

With Meng Xingsheng's testimony and after further rigorous questioning of Cui Shuicao by the officers, it was confirmed that what Meng Xingsheng said was true, and they learned that Cui Shuicao and her mother had been brought to the city by her uncle to help out.

By the way, it was the first time for Meng Xingsheng; he had hesitated before committing the crime and was forced by Cui Shuicao to finally take the criminal path. Also... Meng Xingsheng became a live-in son-in-law at the Cui Family. As for what exactly happened, you should be able to find out when you go to Langcheng from your birth mother."

Pausing for a moment, Director Song continued, "The station has already called the local police department in Langcheng, and right now Cui Shuicao's mother and uncle are likely under control. I reckon the police in Langcheng might just be able to trace the vines and crack a major child trafficking case!"

Luo Yanqing did not respond.

Director Song looked at Luo Yanqing for a while, then suddenly said, "Meng Xingsheng wishes to see you."

"No."

Luo Yanqing flatly refused, adding, "Tomorrow morning, I will head to Langcheng with Xiao Li."

Director Song: "Go ahead. Tomorrow is the weekend, anyway. I'll call the station and say you've given the team a day off to rest."

"Mm."

Luo Yanqing had no objections to Director Song's suggestion.

In Langcheng.

At Stone Bridge Commune, Ma Wang Brigade.

The night was eerily quiet, with Meng Xinwang, Meng Xingping, Meng Xingguo, the Fourth Brother, and the younger ones, Little Wu and Xiao Liu, all sitting on Grandma's kang bed.

After who knows how long, Meng Xingping said, "Auntie Cui from the Cui Family was taken away by the officers. Mom, what trouble could Auntie Cui get into?"

Wang Guilan furrowed her brows, "How should I know."

Meng Xingguo: "I haven't seen my second brother and Cui Shuicao around the village these past few days."

Chapter 717: He Can Only Blame His Own Bad Luck!

Wang Guilan glanced at Meng Xingguo with accusation, "Which one is your second brother? He has severed ties with our family, so he has nothing to do with us anymore."

"Mom, now is not the time for harsh words."

Meng Xingping spoke up, "The officers from the police station wouldn't arrest someone for no reason, and since my second brother and Cui Shuicao haven't been seen in the village for two days, I'm really worried that he might get implicated in the matter Auntie Cui is involved in."

In fact, when Mrs. Cui was taken away by the local police station's officers, the matter was handled very discreetly, but as soon as she saw the credentials of the plainclothes officers, she immediately began wailing,

and thinking of running outside, she caused quite a commotion. Furthermore, since someone in the village recognized one of the plainclothes officers, the whole village tried not to talk loudly about Mrs. Cui being taken away, but there was much speculation in private.

Almost at the same time, Mrs. Cui's maternal family side was also secretly controlled by the public security.

To prevent the big fish from escaping.

"He can only blame his own bad luck!"

Wang Guilan said irritably, "You've made it clear what kind of person that wretched woman is, but that good-for-nothing wouldn't listen to a word, just to be with Cui Shuicao,

he was willing to cut ties with our whole family to become a live-in son-in-law at the Cui family. If today's matter does not involve him, then fine, but if it does, when you go out, don't even mention that our family ever had such a person to avoid bringing trouble to us from the villagers' gossip."

Although she said this, what Wang Guilan truly felt in her heart, only she knew.

"What kind of trouble could an old country lady like Auntie Cui possibly get into?"

Meng Xingguo mumbled.

"Why do you care so much?" Wang Guilan glared, "If you have leisure time to ponder blindly, it means you're simply too idle!"

Meng Xingguo felt extremely uneasy, "Mom, I just mentioned it in passing."

"Scram, scramble, all of you go back to your own rooms to sleep, stop bothering me," Wang Guilan said, waving her hands as if shooing flies, "Why are you still sitting? You might not be tired, but I am exhausted, get going now!"

Meng Xingwang and his brothers looked at each other and after a moment, one by one, they left the room.

The room became quiet, and Wang Guilan turned off the light and lay down on the bed, tossing and turning, unable to sleep.

Her son was birthed by her, and no matter how worthless, he was still a part of her. If her second son really was involved in something with the Cui matriarch, what would she do then?

Yanqing definitely wouldn't help, and with that prior incident, she had no face to ask Yanqing to help her second son.

She could only blame herself for giving birth to several worthless sons in the Meng family!

At this moment, Wang Guilan would never have imagined that the son she had heartlessly abandoned years ago, who she had only seen once last year and with whom she had parted on bad terms, would soon appear before her.

Indeed, the next day just after noon, a jeep drove into Ma Wang Brigade and slowly stopped in front of the Meng Family Courtyard.

Those curious, looking for excitement, and the children who had chased after the car from the entrance of the village, were now all gathered around.

Luo Yanqing got out from the driver's side, walked around from the front of the car, and opened the passenger side door for Kang Li.

Once Kang Li got out, Luo Yanqing closed the car door, and the two of them entered the Meng Family Courtyard under the curious and investigative gazes of the onlookers.

Wang Guilan and her husband Meng Xingwang, along with Meng Xingping and his brothers, were all stunned in the middle of the courtyard.

After a while, Wang Guilan rubbed her eyes, fearing she was seeing things, but the reality was that Yanqing, the son she had abandoned many years ago, was standing right before her.

Chapter 718: Luo Yanqing and Kang Li Are Invited Inside

Regaining her composure, Wang Guilan, fighting back tears in her eyes, hurriedly greeted Luo Yanqing and Kang Li, "Quick! Come inside and sit!"

Following that, she pulled out money and coupons from her trouser pocket and handed them to Meng Xingping, "Go, borrow the Team Leader's bicycle and head to the town cooperative to get some meat, and also buy some noodles and eggs on your way back."

Meng Xingping, slapped on the back by his mother, instantly snapped back to reality. He briskly acknowledged and dashed out toward the courtyard gate.

"No need..."

Before Luo Yanqing could finish his sentence, Wang Guilan interrupted, "What do you mean, no need? Come on, come inside and sit. Now that you've come to the door, we can't let you leave without even a meal."

Outside the courtyard.

"Who is that young man? He looks so handsome! The girl with him, they're a couple, right? I'm really seeing something today; how can there be such good-looking boys and girls in this world?"

"Like celestial beings."

"Exactly, I think that girl is a fairy from heaven."

"What do you think their relationship is with Old Meng's Family? Why did they come to Old Meng's door?"

"I heard Wang Guilan had another man before she remarried Xinwang's dad, maybe that young boy was Wang Guilan's son with her previous man."

"I hardly believe that; with Wang Guilan's looks, how could she give birth to such a handsome child?"

"Yeah, I also doubt it. Think about Xinwang and his brothers' looks."

"What about them? Xinwang and his brothers aren't ugly, they're spitting images of their deceased father. Besides, maybe Wang Guilan's previous man was good-looking."

"If I may say, if that boy we just saw is indeed the son of Wang Guilan and her previous man, then it looks like Wang Guilan's family is set for some good days ahead!"

"Why don't you consider that the girl could also be the offspring of Wang Guilan and her former man?"

"Nonsense! We have to recognize, even if reluctantly, that Wang Guilan has birthed six boys; it is clear that she is destined to give birth to boys during her lifetime. How could she and her previous man have a girl?"

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Wang Guilan, of course, was unaware that she was the subject of conversation among some of the village's gossip-loving women.

At that moment, she invited Luo Yanqing and Kang Li to sit in the main hall, and then asked, "What brings you here? Is there something you need?"

"Indeed, there is something I need to ask you about."

Luo Yanqing's fair and handsome face showed no expression as he recounted the deeds of Meng Xingsheng and Cui Shuicao, which caused everyone in the Meng Family, including Wang Guilan, to pale.

However, Luo Yanqing did not mind and pursed his lips, looking directly into Wang Guilan's eyes, "Do you know what they've done?"

Wang Guilan shook her head. "I only found out last night when a few people at home discussed those worthless things, and his wife not being seen around the village... Right, that worthless man broke ties with this family for a woman,

and the village's Team Leader and secretary can attest to that as they were witnesses and recorded it in writing. To be with a promiscuous woman, he voluntarily went to stay at her family's home as a live-in son-in-law... yesterday afternoon..."

Without any concealment, Wang Guilan laid out everything about the fallout with Meng Xingsheng's family and how Mrs. Cui was taken away by the police station's officers yesterday.

Lastly, she asked, "The police officer's visit to our village to make arrests, is it related to that worthless man's doings?"

Luo Yanqing nodded, "To be more precise, it was his wife who instigated him into committing crimes."

After a moment's silence, Luo Yanqing glanced at the Meng Family members:

Chapter 719 What Are Your Plans for This Family?

"Meng Xingsheng's case is likely to lead to a major investigation," Luo Yanqing warned the Meng Family. "Whatever you heard today, it would be best to forget it once you leave the house. Otherwise, if any rumors spread before the case is cracked, resulting in any mishap, you might all become suspects and be taken away for questioning by the police."

"That won't happen, don't worry," Wang Guilan glared fiercely at Meng Xingwang and the others, including her daughter-in-law Niu Weizhen. "If anyone in this family dares to blabber outside, I'll make sure to smash their mouth!"

Luo Yanqing's chilling gaze swept over Meng Xingwang and his brothers. "If you want to live in peace, keep your mouths shut."

Meng Xingguo, always quick-witted, quickly promised on behalf of his brothers, "We won't talk nonsense outside."

Without responding, Luo Yanqing's gaze returned to Wang Guilan. "There are a few words I'd like to discuss with you alone."

"Let's go to my room then."

Wang Guilan got up, "The house is a bit of a mess, please don't laugh." She led Luo Yanqing and Kang Li into her own room, then instructed Meng Xingguo, "Stay outside the door, and everyone else keep to the side."

Meng Xingguo acknowledged.

Inside the room, Wang Guilan's mouth twitched as she asked Luo Yanqing, "The second brother... will he be sentenced?"

"Yes," Luo Yanqing nodded.

"How many years approximately?" Wang Guilan asked.

"At least five years," Luo Yanqing answered. Even if it weren't for five years, he would ensure that Meng Xingsheng got reformed for five years.

"That's not too long, this length of time is bearable. I hope the second brother... I hope the second brother can reform. There is something I would like you to help with," Wang Guilan began, noticing a shift in Luo Yanqing's expression and quickly continued, "It's nothing big. I just want to get the second brother out of the mire with the Cui Family... whatever the case, he's my own flesh and blood, and if he has committed such acts, it's my fault for not raising him right.

But the Cui Family is no good door to enter. If he continues to be tied to the Cui's daughter, when the second brother gets out, it's unpredictable how the incorrigible girl from the Cui Family might lead him into trouble and make a big mistake again."

"That help you don't need from me," said Luo Yanqing, "As long as the person concerned has sufficient reason, they can directly propose a divorce, and the government will dissolve their marriage according to the law. However, I can convey a message to Meng Xingsheng for you. As for whether or not to divorce, that's up to him to decide."

"Alright, let's do it that way."

As time trickled by, Luo Yanqing was silent for a while before asking, "What are your plans for this household?"

"What plans can I possibly have? The eldest and the third brother are working to earn work points, we're just getting by a day at a time."

"If you agree, I could help get Meng Xingping and Meng Xingguo enlisted in the military."

"This... what's there to disagree with?" Wang Guilan's eyes reddened as she choked up, saying, "I know you're helping me, helping our family. I agree, I agree, let them go!"

"You'd better think it through. Although it's peacetime now, there's no guarantee that there won't be localized wars... you should understand what I mean."

"I understand, but what about it? Since... since we eat the country's rice, we should... we should entrust our lives to the country. Didn't your father do the same?"

"You should still ask them first. If they have no objections, I will take them to the County Armed Forces Department for the procedure when I leave."

With that, Luo Yanqing added, "Let the younger ones focus on their studies,"

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The nation needs talented individuals," Luo Yanqing mused. "Who knows? Perhaps one day they might pass the college entrance examination and become pillars of the country. And even if their abilities are limited and they can't gain entrance to a university, reading more books can never do harm. For instance, when factories in the city recruit workers, literacy is the first qualification they look for."

Wang Guilan: "I will listen to you."

Luo Yanqing: "As for Meng Xinwang..."

Wang Guilan: "He will stay at home with me to earn work points."

When Luo Yanqing heard what Wang Guilan had said, he did not comment but continued, "Given the situation with Meng Xingsheng, I would under no circumstances have made this trip, but you did bring me into this world...so here I am at your door.

I don't seek their brothers' gratitude; I only hope they won't waste the effort I've expended on them. And more importantly, being upright in posture and conduct is the most basic criterion for decent behavior. To live a life of integrity, one should not aim for a muddleheaded existence but be willing to endure hardships and utilize their intellect. That way, one's journey through this world will not have been in vain."

"I will tell them everything you've said."

A tumult of emotions churned within Wang Guilan. Of the seven sons she had given birth to, the one born to her first husband was outstanding in every way, but tragically, she did not know how to cherish him...

Luo Yanqing: "Tell them this too; today, I can offer them an opportunity to improve themselves, but if one day they betray their own conscience and commit deeds they should not, they should not blame me for setting them back to their original state."

This statement was unequivocally directed at Meng Xingping and Meng Xingguo.

Wang Guilan: "All right."

"Then that's settled. We must hurry back to North City. If Meng Xingping has returned, he and Meng Xingguo should come with us now." Having said that, Luo Yanqing took out two hundred yuan and placed it on the cupboard, "Take this money for the younger ones' school fees."

Wang Guilan refused: "I... I can't take it. Keep it for yourself." With her scoundrel sons having done what they did, no matter how thick-skinned she was, she couldn't bring herself to accept the two hundred yuan.

"It's not for you; it's for the younger ones to use for school fees."

As the words fell, Luo Yanqing and Kang Li walked out of the room to see Meng Xingping and Meng Xingguo standing outside. He said indifferently, "If you have no objections to what we discussed inside, then come with me now."

Before Meng Xingping and the other son could respond, Luo Yanqing and Kang Li had already left the main house.

"Mother, I'll go."

Meng Xingping declared his intention.

Meng Xingguo: "I will go, too."

This was an opportunity, and they had to seize it!

As if she hadn't heard what the brothers Meng Xingping and Meng Xingguo said, Wang Guilan hurriedly caught up to Luo Yanqing, "Yanqing! Would you and your wife stay for a meal? The events of the past were indeed too harsh of me, and you have every right to resent and hate me, but I beg you to stay for this meal, to eat just a bite!"

With tears in her eyes, Wang Guilan didn't care about losing face in front of her daughter-in-law Kang Li, nor did she regard the potential shame in front of her sons Meng Xinwang and their wives like Niu Weizhen— her eyes were filled with earnest pleading.

Luo Yanqing's lips were tightly pressed as he remained silent for a while, then he gave Wang Guilan a slight nod.

Immediately, Wang Guilan's face broke into a relieved smile, not bothering to wipe the tears from her eyes, she said, "Then you and your wife go back to the main house and sit, I will personally cook for you."

The meat, eggs, and noodles that Meng Xingping had put in the kitchen were ready, and the meat, already washed and sliced by Niu Weizhen, along with the side dishes, was prepared for cooking.

Wang Guilan hastened toward the kitchen, but midway she stopped, turned back to draw two buckets of water from the jar into the basin, and then went back to get a new towel and a bar of soap.