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Chapter 75 Good-hearted Advice

What could he do even if he couldn't stop worrying?

The children were bound to leave their parents someday; all he hoped for now was that his precious daughter would do well in North City.

She wasn't someone who courted trouble, yet she didn't fear it either.

In Captain Kang's view, his beloved daughter absolutely wouldn't initiate trouble; as for fearing trouble... after the broken engagement with the Zhou Family, as his daughter's temperament changed, she seemed to handle troublemakers without a trace of fear, even gaining the upper hand.

Whether it was dealing directly with conflicts with Mrs. Zhou or countering the cunning plans of new neighbors, it was clear to see that Li Bao, his daughter, had now become a little girl with plans of her own.

Thinking this, Captain Kang felt his worries dissipate quite a bit.

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Returning to the compound, Kang Guosheng didn't rest but called for his wife to pick up the twins and asked Kang Li to hold Xiao Ming Rui's hand. The group of six then headed to the Friendship Store.

In the current era, washing machines were available for purchase but could only be seen at the Friendship Store and major department stores. The prices at department stores, however, were noticeably higher than those at the Friendship Store.

As Kang Li had foreign exchange coupons, she naturally chose to buy at the Friendship Store.

“Li Bao, are you buying this now?”

Hearing the price of the washing machine from the salesperson, He Hui was surprised and saw Kang Li following the salesperson to make the payment. Feeling anxious, she hurriedly followed and thought to persuade her sister-in-law a bit not to waste this money, to learn to manage household expenses.

Unexpectedly, Kang Li responded with a smile, “Compared to buying in a department store, the price here is quite reasonable.”

“Even so, it’s still a lot of money.”

He Hui took Kang Li by the arm, pulling her aside, and said in a lowered voice, “It’s not that I don’t want you to buy it; it’s just really expensive. Washing by hand doesn’t damage the clothes...”

Besides, how will you manage later? Spending such a large amount of money all at once, what will you do when you need money later and find yourself short?”

Kang Li replied, "I know you're trying to be helpful, Second Sister-in-Law, but as you can see, I have Ruirui and the other two to take care of. Washing by hand is not only troublesome but also time-consuming. The key issue is washing large items in the winter; I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to handle it."

Kang Li understood her Second Sister-in-Law He Hui's point, especially about "hand washing not damaging the clothes."

Due to supply constraints, a household could barely get enough cloth coupons throughout the year, making it necessary for a piece of clothing or pants to be worn year after year. Over time, clothes inevitably couldn't withstand much scrubbing.

This was also true for bedsheets and the like.

Despite this, Kang Li didn't dwell on it too much. She knew that people currently praised frugality, and although she didn't oppose frugality, she wouldn't let her family wear the same clothes for several years or continually patch them up if conditions allowed.

After all, she had the System. She could get whatever she needed by exchanging points at the System Mall.

Moreover, the era of economic reforms was not far off. The time of relying on coupons and certificates would soon be past, making purchases much more convenient.

After hearing Kang Li's reasons, He Hui remembered how delicate her sister-in-law was, recalled Kang Li's responsibility for caring for three babies, and thought of her standing next to a water faucet, washing large clothing items and bed covers in winter... how difficult it must be.

With these thoughts, she no longer tried to convince Kang Li and said, "Let's go and complete the process."

As the washing machine was delivered, Kang Li took the payment receipt, and the group of six left the Friendship Store.

It should be mentioned that before purchasing the washing machine, Kang Li asked her second brother, Kang Guosheng, to look after Xiao Ming Rui and the other two kids and reminded the kids to stay with their Second Uncle and behave.