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Chapter 78: Many Cunning Thoughts

When Kang Li saw two small trucks parked outside her family's gate, one of which was loaded with a television, a sewing machine, a bicycle, and a radio, even her usually calm demeanor couldn't stop her eyes from widening.

At the same time, He Hui showed surprise on her face; she knew her husband wanted to buy a television for his younger sister as a wedding gift, but she hadn't expected him to also purchase a sewing machine, a bicycle, and a washing machine—the three big items.

Plus a radio.

However, she wasn't one to speak out of turn, so she didn't directly ask Kang Guosheng anything.

And Kang Guosheng didn't care about the onlookers who were there to see the spectacle; he even hoped people would gather around, so everyone in the courtyard would know that his sister, Li Bao, was the treasured one of the Kang Family, not some greedy, vain girl married off to Luo Yanqing, a man on his second marriage. And his family did provide a dowry for his sister, a significant one at that.

"The television is a wedding gift from your second brother and your sister-in-law. As for the sewing machine, the bicycle, and the radio, they are from the family as your dowry."

As soon as Kang Guosheng said this, a low sound of gasps could be heard.

“Why did you buy these for me? I don’t have a special need for them, and besides, if I wanted them, I could buy them myself.”

Suppressing the emotion within her, Kang Li’s face still betrayed her moved feelings.

“Whether you need them or not is one thing, but as your parents and elders, how can we not provide you with a dowry that matches our affection for you?”

Before Kang Li could respond, Kang Guozheng called out to the two delivery drivers to unload the goods and helped move the items into the courtyard.

Watching the washing machine, television, bicycle, sewing machine, and radio each enter the Luo Family’s gate, Loo Ping was so jealous she was almost ready to rush forward and move all the items into her own home.

Wang Chan, although also uneasy by the sight, didn’t lack these items in her own home. Yet, the thought of a newly-married young wife obtaining such substantial dowry items stirred up animosity within her.

This was especially so since the young wife was Luo Yanqing’s, and he had a special relationship with the Song Family, making her dislike Kang Li even more, finding today’s display overly ostentatious.

Completely forgetting what Kang Guosheng had said about the dowry.

“Sister Loo, what’s happening? Why does it look so lively here?”

Hearing the commotion outside, Su Man walked out from her home, puzzled, and stood beside Loo Ping outside the Luo Family’s gate.

“It’s quite the spectacle, but you came out a little late, Xiao Su. You missed seeing all the things that Professor Luo’s family bought today.”

The envy and jealousy in Loo Ping’s eyes were still hard to hide. She glanced at Su Man and said with a pout, “A washing machine, a television, a sewing machine, a bicycle, and a radio—one of each. Look how everyone gathered here is envying them.”

Upon hearing this, Su Man’s hands tightened at her sides—she felt equally envious and jealous, but masked it well, simply smiling and saying, “That must have cost quite a lot of money, right?!”

Loo Ping: “Yes, indeed, it must have cost a good amount of money. I made a rough estimate, and it definitely couldn’t be less than two thousand yuan.”

Su Man: “Spending so much, how will they manage their future expenses?”

Frowning slightly in concern, Su Man adopted a perplexed expression: “Actually, I’ve also thought about buying a washing machine for my family, but then I remembered that these machines are imported goods, and even if you buy them at the Friendship Store,

they still cost quite a few foreign exchange coupons. If you convert it into our own money, the cost would be even higher. Considering that, I dismissed the idea. After all, life should be about steady and sustainable living.

We can't just be spendthrifts because we want to avoid a bit of hard work. If we did that, and suddenly the family faced an emergency requiring a hefty sum of money, where would we get it from?"