

## Weak B 781

### Chapter 781: Anger

Kang Li took Wen Yi from Wen Yue's hands, pressed a handkerchief against the little girl's forehead, observed Wen Yi's condition, and softly comforted Wen Yue: "Don't be afraid, the car will be here soon, and Auntie will take your sister to the hospital."

The car arrived quickly, Kang Li holding Wen Yi, Xu Mei holding Wen Yu, followed by many enthusiastic neighbors.

Of course, Mrs. Qi was among them.

"Godmother, Sister-in-law Xu and I will take the kids to the hospital now!"

Kang Li said to Mrs. Qi, and just then, Wen Yue got into the car too, her little face swollen and red, sobbing hiccups she said: "Aunt Kang, I want to go to the hospital too, I want to be with Little Yi and Little Fish."

"Okay."

Kang Li nodded.

Accompanying them to the hospital was also a male comrade; after all, with three children in distress, Kang Li and Xu Mei definitely couldn't manage alone, and they needed someone to run errands for registration, medicine, and such.

At the institute, Wen Siyuan received a phone call from the compound, his face turned pale almost instantly. He hurriedly got into the car Director Song had arranged to help and quickly rushed to the hospital.

Seeing his daughter Wen Yi with a bandaged forehead, her eyes tightly shut, and lying on the hospital bed without a trace of color on her face, his heart ached sharply. His gaze shifted, and seeing his younger daughter Wen Yu also pale-faced, trembling all over even though she was sleeping, felt like a heavy hammer crushing his chest.

At last, his gaze landed on Wen Yue, seeing his eldest daughter's face swollen beyond recognition and the clear palm prints on both cheeks, he wished he could instantly go home and tear Su Man to pieces.

He did favor sons over daughters, earnestly wishing for a son, and his wish was fulfilled, but that didn't mean he didn't care about his daughters. After all... after all, his daughters were also an extension of his life. How dare Su Man... how dare she treat them like this?

Although he didn't hear the specifics over the phone, what he saw in front of him was definitely related to Su Man!

"Sister-in-law Xu, Comrade Kang, can you tell me... can you tell me what exactly happened? Also, what did the doctor say about Wen Yi and Wen Yu's conditions?"

Kang Li said nothing, she just quietly applied medicine to Wen Yue.

Seeing Wen Siyuan's gaze on her, Xu Mei was silent for a while before she told him everything about the Jade Pendant incident in detail, and at the end, she said:

"After that, we as neighbors returned home and were unsure of what Xiao Su did to Wen Yue and the others. By the time we arrived at your home, we only found Wen Yue crying with Wen Yi in her arms on the ground,

while Wen Yi was bleeding from her forehead, already unconscious... Wen Yu seemed to have been frightened, crouching on the ground trembling. Little Kang, Little Hu, and I took the children to the hospital, and after the doctor's examination, they bandaged up Wen Yi, saying..."

The Little Hu mentioned by Xu Mei was the male comrade who had accompanied them to the hospital, who was currently not in the ward.

"Yueyue, can you tell Daddy what happened to your face and Wen Yi's head?"

After listening to Xu Mei, Wen Siyuan looked toward his daughter Wen Yue.

"The Jade Pendant was left for Little Fish by mom, but that woman claimed it was hers and wouldn't return it to Little Fish. Later, Granny Qi came to our house and asked that woman to give the Jade Pendant to Little Fish,

but she just threw the Jade Pendant onto the ground... Seeing her stare at the broken Jade Pendant and wanting to snatch it back, I... I just smashed the broken Jade Pendant and threw it into the latrine,

After that woman found out, she started hitting me... Little Yi and Little Fish were scared and crying, seeing me being hit hard and that woman twisting my arm, Little Yi started crying and calling for Aunt Kang to save me,

#### Chapter 782: What's There to Not Understand?

But when Little Yi was running towards the door... that woman pushed Little Yi on the back, and then... and then Little Yi hit the door frame, and her forehead wouldn't stop bleeding..."

Wen Yue choked with sobs, her words coming out in fits and starts, as she cried incessantly while buried in Kang Li's embrace.

Wen Siyuan, "Why did you smash the jade pendant?"

"That was what mom left for Little Fish. Neither my second sister nor Little Fish have grown up yet. We... we couldn't keep the jade pendant safe, so we agreed to smash it, so that woman..."

Before Wen Yue could continue crying and explaining, Xu Mei, with a rather unpleasant expression, looked straight at Wen Siyuan and interrupted, "Wen Yue smashed it, and that's that. It was Song Ning's jade pendant left for Wen Yu; if we don't smash it, do you want it to end up in your Xiao Su's hands again?"

"Sister-in-law, I... I didn't mean that; I just wondered why Yueyue and the others would think about smashing the jade pendant," Wen Siyuan explained.

Xu Mei rolled her eyes, "What's there to wonder about? Besides, didn't Yueyue make it very clear? She, along with Wen Yi and Wen Yue, are still young and were afraid that they couldn't keep their mother's jade pendant safe. So, they shattered it to prevent your Xiao Su from stealing it again.

You didn't see the expression on your Xiao Su's face after she threw the jade pendant on the ground. If I were Yueyue, I would also prefer to smash the already broken pendant into pieces rather than let it fall into someone else's hands."

Pausing briefly, Xu Mei continued, "By the way, your Xiao Su has been quite extravagant in the past month, dressing in new clothes every two or three days, and almost every day she goes out, she always comes back carrying a lot of stuff. That's not all either,

your Xiao Su even hired a nanny to help her take care of your precious son at home. I heard she's paying the nanny 25 yuan a month; that's no small salary. Seems to me,

either your Xiao Su has found some lucrative business outside, or she's spending your family's savings. In any case, her behavior in our compound has been very ostentatious for the past month or so!"

Wen Siyuan heard all that Xu Mei had to say but didn't respond for a long while.

It was nearly nine o'clock at this point, and glancing at the pitch-black night outside the window, Xu Mei showed a flicker of hesitation before she finally said,

"Xiao Wen, it's getting late, do you think you should call your parents and see if they can come to the hospital to look after Wen Yi and Wen Yu? It's fine for my family but the Kang Family still has three children. The kids need to go to school in the morning, and you can't expect Kang Li to stay in the hospital all night, right?"

"I can wait until your family arrives before I go back."

Just then, Kang Li spoke up, shifting her gaze towards Xu Mei, "Sister-in-law Xu, if you have something urgent at home, you can go first. I can stay a little longer."

"Humph! Haven't I already said that my family will be fine without me for a little while? But your household has three children..." Before Xu Mei could finish speaking, Wen Siyuan interrupted, "I'll call my parents right now."

He turned and left the ward. With a deep frown, he headed to the duty room, where he contacted his parents using the landline. Then, instinctively, he dialed his home phone number, but as he was about to press the last digit, he suddenly put the receiver back on the phone cradle.

He didn't know what to say to his wife, Su Man, once the call went through.

Running his hands through his hair, Wen Siyuan was extremely restless. He bypassed the doctor on duty and returned to the ward the way he had come.

"Yueyue, do you want to go back to the compound with Aunt Kang and Aunt Xu?"

"I want to stay and accompany Little Yi and Little Fish."

"The doctor said Wen Yi's condition isn't severe; you don't need to worry too much."

"What about Little Fish? She was terrified!"

#### Chapter 783 Kang Li Feels Awkward

"There there, it's okay. When Wen Yu wakes up, you chat with her nicely, and she'll gradually recover,"

Kang Li stroked the little girl's head and sighed inwardly. She wondered how Wen Siyuan would handle the family conflict this time.

Ironically, Xu Mei was thinking exactly the same thing as Kang Li. As soon as she saw Wen Siyuan return to the ward, she asked directly, "You're going to have to talk to Xiao Su. Whatever happens, she can't lay hands on the children."

Wen Siyuan nodded. "I know."

Wen Yue: "Dad, can you divorce that bad woman?" Wen Yue's eyes were nearly slits due to her swollen face, but the plea in her eyes was easy to see.

"If Dad divorces your Auntie Su, who will take care of you and your brother at home? You know, Dad is very busy with work, and both last year and this, he has had to come home to resolve conflicts for you.

Dad realizes that Auntie Su's temper sometimes isn't very good, but Dad has told you all to behave at home..."

Wen Siyuan hadn't finished speaking when he heard Wen Yue interject, "But we haven't been misbehaving. I just wanted to get Little Fish's Crescent Moon Jade Pendant back from her. She refused to give it to me and even claimed it was hers. When I heard that, I got angry, and that's when we started arguing.

Then, when I smashed the broken jade pendant, it had nothing to do with her. What right did she have to hit me, to push Little Yi?"

"...Your Auntie Su was indeed wrong this time, and Dad will speak to her about it,"

After a long silence, Wen Siyuan responded.

"Why can Uncle Luo find such a good mother like Aunt Kang for Ruirui and the others, but you can't find us a good stepmother?"

Tears welled up in Wen Yue's eyes as the young girl felt extremely aggrieved.

Kang Li felt quite embarrassed at this moment. She helped Wen Yue wipe her tears but did not look at Wen Siyuan or say anything.

"Yueyue, actually, the Auntie Su your dad found for you is quite a good person. Today's incident must have been a moment of confusion for her, so she didn't return the jade pendant to Wen Yu.

Also, when she laid hands on you and Wen Yi, it must have been an impulsive act driven by her emotions. You can't ask your dad to divorce your Auntie Su just because of today's incident. If that happens, who will wash your clothes, cook for you, and take care of your brother?"

Wen Yue: "Aunt Zheng can take care of us."

Xu Mei: "Without an adult at home, can you guarantee that this Aunt Zheng you mention will treat you well? Think about what life was like at home for Ruirui and his siblings before Aunt Kang came to our courtyard."

Kang Li really wanted to protest, wondering why she was being dragged into this.

"But I don't like her!"

Wen Yue said with a sobbing voice, "She deceives children of their things and she hit me, twisted my arm... What if she beats me up again in the future?"

At these words, Xu Mei's face showed difficulty. How was she supposed to respond?

After all, she was just an outsider and couldn't make promises on behalf of Xiao Su.

Just then, Wen Siyuan's voice, low and tinged with fatigue, sounded, "Don't worry. If your Auntie Su dares to lay hands on you girls again, Dad will go straight to file for divorce!"

Wen Yue, wide-eyed with tears, asked, "You're not lying to me?"

"Mm."

Wen Siyuan nodded.

Wen Yue: "Will Aunt Zheng still stay at our place?"

After pondering for a moment, Wen Siyuan replied, "What do you think?"

"I... I'll listen to Dad..."

She knew that Aunt Zheng was paid a salary for working in their house, but her dad was working hard on his own. If she insisted on keeping Aunt Zheng, then her dad would have to allocate part of his monthly salary as payment. Would this... Would this put too much burden on Dad?

#### Chapter 784 What Do You Plan to Do?

With a silent sigh, Wen Siyuan said, "We'll talk about it later, is that okay with you?"

Wen Yue nodded and murmured an "Mhm" in response.

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"Mom, this is the ward."

The speaker was a seventeen or eighteen-year-old teenager named Wen Sinan, Wen Siyuan's younger brother. He had just graduated from high school that year and was currently unemployed at home. After receiving a call from Wen Siyuan, Mrs. Wen asked her youngest son, Wen Sinan, to give her a ride to the hospital on his bike.

As for the other family members, Mr. Wen and Wen Siyuan's elder brother and sister-in-law would all have to work early the next morning, so naturally, they couldn't stay up all night. Left at the family home were Wen Siyuan's younger brother Wen Sihan, youngest brother Wen Sinan, and little sister Wen Yanling,

Among them, Wen Sihan had responded to the nation's call three years earlier and went to the Northeastern countryside to join the rural labor force, while little sister Wen Yanling was only fourteen and currently in junior high. Therefore, the only option was for the unemployed youth Wen Sinan to accompany Mrs. Wen out of the house.

"Mom! Fourth brother."

Hearing Wen Sinan's voice, Wen Siyuan quickly opened the door to the ward: "Come in."

"Xiao Wen, now that your family is here, my sister-in-law, Xiao Kang, and Xiao Hu don't need to stay here any longer." As soon as she saw Mrs. Wen and Wen Sinan, Xu Mei immediately stood up from her chair. Saying this, she motioned for Kang Li and Hu Minghui to return to the compound.

Mrs. Wen: "Thank you all, if it weren't for you neighbors, my three granddaughters might have suffered even more!"

Through the phone, Wen Siyuan had already informed Mrs. Wen about the situation of Wen Yue and her sisters. Even with many worries in her heart, Mrs. Wen still managed to squeeze out a smile to thank Kang Li, Xu Mei, and Comrade Hu.

"We and Xiao Wen are neighbors; we see each other every day. There's no need for formalities with us, comrade," Xu Mei said with a wave of her hand, smiling as she looked towards Kang Li and Hu Minghui: "Let's go."

Kang Li nodded slightly.

After nodding in response to Xu Mei, Hu Minghui casually patted Wen Siyuan on the shoulder in a comforting gesture: "Call me if you need anything. If I can help, I definitely will."

"Thanks!"

Wen Siyuan's eyes showed gratitude.

"What's there to thank for? We all live in the same compound. It's normal for everyone to help each other out when someone has trouble," Hu Minghui said.

With that, Hu Minghui followed Kang Li and left the ward.

Watching the three walk away, Wen Siyuan's lips tightened as he rubbed his forehead and entered the ward, closing the door behind him.

"What on earth happened with your wife, causing all three kids to end up in the hospital?"

Twenty minutes earlier, Wen Yue had fallen asleep in Kang Li's arms and was then placed on Wen Yu's hospital bed; the two sisters slept side by side. Now, Mrs. Wen, looking at her three granddaughters lying on the two hospital beds, felt extreme dissatisfaction with Su Man.

She had always been indifferent towards her granddaughters and even forced her most promising second son and his wife to divorce. She then arranged through a matchmaker to connect with the Su Family, marrying Su Man into her family to give her second son a boy, to avoid the whispered gossip that her second son was without heirs.

There was no doubt that her intention was for the well-being of her second son.

Su Man, as a daughter-in-law, hadn't disappointed her; she had given birth to a son for the second son. But that was no capital for that wretched girl Su Man to act arrogantly, nor was it a reason for her to mistreat her granddaughters!

Her face changing colors, especially as her gaze fell on Wen Yue's face and Wen Yi's forehead, Mrs. Wen couldn't help but clench her teeth in anger.

Wen Siyuan: "I have no idea how Su Man could be so careless."

Mrs. Wen: "What do you plan to do now?"

"What can I do?" Wen Siyuan gave a bitter smile, "I can't possibly divorce her, can I? I'm busy with work, barely getting any vacation time all year round, and Pengpeng is still little. If I really divorced her, who would look after the four kids?"

Chapter 785: Familiar

Mrs. Wen's face was cold, "That doesn't mean we can just let her off easily!"

Wen Siyuan, "I will have a good talk with her. If she doesn't change her temper, when the children are a bit older, even if they don't divorce, separation is certain."

"I will go to the Su Family later to ask her parents exactly how they raised their daughter, to bring up such a vicious creature with such shallow eyelids!"

Speaking of this, Mrs. Wen looked at Wen Siyuan with displeasure, "It's also because you weren't discerning enough. We had originally introduced you to Su Qing, the eldest daughter of the Su Family, yet you ended up fancying Su Man, that little tramp. If you ask me, that little tramp must have deliberately appeared in front of you, seducing you, stealing her sister's limelight."

Okay, Mother Su got it!

At the same time, after listening to Mother Su's words, Wen Siyuan involuntarily recalled the scene when he followed the matchmaker to the Su Family for a matchmaking visit, and shortly after, his expression clearly became displeased.

Mrs. Wen turned the topic to her three granddaughters, "Wen Yue and the others won't have any serious problems, right?"

Wen Siyuan, "Yueyue's face will be fine once the swelling goes down. As for Wen Yi and Wen Yu, we'll have to wait for them to wake up and get checked to know the specifics."

"Fourth Brother and I will stay here. You go back and handle things, you'd better teach that little tramp a good lesson to prevent her from causing trouble at home every so often, affecting your work, and also making it hard for me to go to work properly."

Just thinking of Su Man made Mrs. Wen irritable and wanting to lose her temper.

"I do need to have a good talk with her today," Wen Siyuan nodded slightly, then continued, "Sinan is currently unemployed at home, mom... mom, can you pass your job to Sinan, to help me look after the kids for a few years?"

Mrs. Wen glared, "I help you with the kids, and that little tramp Su Man gets to enjoy her leisure time?"

"I will find a way to get her a job so that she's busy working outside during the day. By the time she gets home, she definitely won't have the energy to cause conflicts with Yueyue and the others again." Wen Siyuan explained his idea.

Hearing this, Mrs. Wen neither nodded nor shook her head, but said, "If Sinan takes over my shift, whether or not we have to change job positions, he will inevitably earn thirty or so yuan less each month."

Wen Siyuan, "I will cover that money."

Unexpectedly, Mrs. Wen shook her head, "I can't agree to that. If it weren't for those troubles that little tramp Su Man keeps causing, I wouldn't mind living under the same roof with her. But now, just thinking about all her flaws makes me afraid I won't last two days before I end up in a scrape with that little

tramp. If that happens, I would make a total fool of myself! Besides, your dad is currently pulling strings, and maybe in a few days Sinan will be able to work at the factory with your dad."

After a long silence, Wen Siyuan moved his lips slightly and said, "I understand, but I still need you and Fourth Brother to look after Wen Yue and the others at the hospital for the next couple of days."

"Brother, I have no problems with that. I've been idling at home recently anyway, so staying at the hospital to take care of Yueyue and the others is fine by me. You just go ahead and take care of your business."

Wen Sinan readily responded.

"Alright, Fourth Brother and I will help you watch over them for a couple of days."

Although she agreed verbally, Mrs. Wen felt a pang of heartache.

Skiping work for two days would mean several yuan less in wages at the end of the month!

"By the way, that beautiful young girl I saw in the hospital room seemed familiar, but I can't remember who she is right now."

Remembering Kang Li's face, Mrs. Wen felt it was increasingly familiar, but she just couldn't recall her name.

Wen Siyuan, "That's Comrade Kang Li, the wife of our neighbor Comrade Luo."

## Chapter 786: No Comparison

"Yes, yes, that's her. How could I forget?"

Mrs. Wen clapped her hands and then said, "I've been meaning to ask you, is the outstanding female athlete Kang Li, who often appears in the news reports recently, the same Comrade Kang we are talking about now?"

Seeing Wen Siyuan nod, Mrs. Wen immediately froze. After a moment, her gaze that fell on Wen Siyuan was rather complex, "Such a good comrade. How come she didn't end up being your wife?"

I remember now, Comrade Luo, like you, was also in his second marriage, and look? His wife is incomparable to yours.

That girl, I could tell at a glance she was a good one, and not only is she kind-hearted and beautiful, but the one you married can't even compare to a single hair on her head."

Wen Siyuan: "Su Man gave birth to our children, it's not quite appropriate to talk about this now, but I admit, I didn't have the foresight that Comrade Luo had."

But could he compare himself to Luo Yanqing?

The man returned from overseas and, as soon as he started at the research institute, had the qualifications to set up his own project research group, and has produced quite a few research results to date, while he... is merely a researcher in someone else's project group, with naturally different treatment.

Just like finding a partner, Luo Yanqing isn't in a hurry, the leaders above proactively find him candidates, and each one they find is more attractive than the last, especially Comrade Kang Li, whose character and appearance are beyond reproach.

And her learning and talents are quite impressive.

As his thoughts turned to this, Wen Siyuan suddenly said, "I really should have let the organization help me find a match." Right, how could he have forgotten? Due to the nature of their work, the leaders above were all concerned with the marital matters of all research personnel.

It's just that some people prefer to find someone on their own or through family, relatives, and friends. Once they see eye to eye, the relevant department would quickly review the woman's personal and family situation, and only after no issues were found would they approve the marriage application.

Mrs. Wen: "Are you regretting that your family helped you find someone?"

Wen Siyuan: "No, I just think I don't have great judgement."

"Well, there is no medicine for regret in this world. You'd better head back and sort out the issues at home."

Mrs. Wen waved him off. After Wen Siyuan left, she muttered to Wen Sinan, "You've got to keep your eyes peeled when looking for a partner, don't be like your second brother, bringing home such a shrew."

With a long sigh, Mrs. Wen added, "Comrade Kang is truly wonderful. The last time your brother's wife was pregnant and went to her mother's house, she left the three girls at home. Yueyue got scalded while cooking for Wen Yi and Wen Yu. Luckily, Comrade Kang arrived in time to help, or who knows how big a scar Yueyue would have on her hand!"

Wen Sinan: "Didn't mom say, Comrade Kang is kind-hearted and beautiful?"

Mrs. Wen raised an eyebrow: "Did I say anything wrong?"

Wen Sinan: "How could you? Comrade Kang is indeed great."

The courtyard.

"Hearing you say that, Wen Yi won't be left with any lasting effects, will she?"

As soon as Kang Li arrived home, she reported briefly on the condition of Wen Yue and her sisters to her mother, who now expressed her concern, "Will that little girl end up in the same state as Hanhan that day?"

"I think so."

Wen Yu and the twin with mixed sex were about the same age, attending the senior class at the kindergarten. If the little girl had not been frightfully scared, she would not be trembling even in her sleep.

"Why does Xiao Su have such a temper! Now look what's happened. She's got the Wen girls all sent to the hospital, and who knows how her husband will react when he comes back."

Chapter 787 Suppose I Say

Cai Xiufen sighed.

Kang Li said indifferently, "The kids at home are still young, divorce is definitely out of the question."

"Why would you consider divorce? Just solve whatever issues have arisen. Mentioning divorce is not only hurtful but also looks bad."

Cai Xiufen spoke offhandedly. Hearing this, Kang Li's eyes darted around, and she asked with a smile curved on her lips, "If I were to divorce Luo Yanqing one day, would mom disown me as her daughter?"

Cai Xiufen scolded her doting darling daughter, "What silly things are you saying? What's so bad about Yanqing that you would want to divorce him?"

Kang Li laughed, "I was speaking hypothetically."

Looking at her daughter, Cai Xiufen said helplessly, "Fine, even if one day you do divorce Yanqing, from mom's perspective, you must have been wronged. Then we can go ahead with the divorce. Your dad and I can surely take care of you."

"I knew mom is the best!"

Kang Li's smile was as radiant as flowers, her beautiful eyes gleaming with happiness.

"Smooth talker!"

Cai Xiufen laughed lovingly at her daughter and shaking her head, she said, "But seriously, don't go making one move after another. Aside from not being able to spend much time with you, there's nothing else to criticize about Yanqing. Plus, when he is home, I can see it clearly, he does everything but put you on a pedestal."

"Putting me on a pedestal shows he cares, besides if not to me, to whom should he be good?"

With a mischievous glint in her eyes, Kang Li laughed sweetly, feeling no embarrassment in front of her mother.

After staying in her mother's room for about half an hour, Kang Li stood up to return to her own room. However, upon leaving her mother's room, she checked on the three kids in their room, saw them sleeping soundly with their blankets properly covering them, and then proceeded to the master bedroom.

Next door at Wen's family.

Wen Siyuan returned home, saw the bedroom light still on, and knew that Su Man had not gone to sleep yet. However, he didn't rush in but first walked around the three sisters' room. Seeing bloodstains still on the door frame and the floor that hadn't yet been cleaned, his expression instantly turned very cold.

The gate was opened by Sister-in-law Zheng. Initially stunned upon seeing Wen Siyuan, she froze until Wen Siyuan confirmed his identity and had already entered the gate, then her mind slowly returned to normal.

Knowing the master's return was definitely related to the events that had occurred at home earlier in the evening, Sister-in-law Zheng returned to her room, shut the door, and told herself it was best not to meddle in the master's affairs, else the fire might just burn her, a mere worker.

Sister-in-law Zheng had been working as a housekeeper in Wen's family for a month now. She clearly understood that although the mistress seemed gentle and easy to talk to, she actually had a cunning nature.

If her own home situation weren't so tough, she wouldn't put herself through this profession.

Alas! As people often say, with a stepmother comes a stepfather; she hoped that the master of the house cared for his daughter and wouldn't be deceived by a few words and tears from the mistress, thereby allowing his own daughter to suffer needlessly today.

What Wen Siyuan and Su Man discussed that night were known only to them. The next morning, before going to the hospital, Wen Siyuan spoke privately with Sister-in-law Zheng for a few minutes,

then, he called Director Song, explained the situation at home honestly, and after hesitating for a while, he made his request,

As time ticked by, he finally heard Director Song's answer, which unquestionably relieved Wen Siyuan greatly. He said sincerely,

"Director, thank you. I really had no other choice but to make this call. Why would I mind? Besides, you also said that with good performance, it could become permanent in up to two years, alright, then I'll just wait for your call at home."

Chapter 788 No Room for Negotiation

"Right, take down the landline number of my home..."

After reciting the home phone number, Wen Siyuan placed the receiver back on the cradle.

About five or six minutes later, Director Song's call came through.

Wen Siyuan: "... yes, I understand, so I'll take her to handle the paperwork right away. No, it wasn't a bother, rest assured, I've made things clear with her. Okay, I'll sort out the home affairs and then return to the station... alright, goodbye."

After the call ended, Wen Siyuan stood up without showing much emotion and called for Su Man. Seeing her emerge from the room, he turned and headed towards the door: "I also need to go to the hospital, so you better be quick."

Su Man, clutching her purse, hastened her pace to keep up with Wen Siyuan: "The job was something I asked Director Song to find for you, working at the counter in Red Star Department Store. If you do well, you could become a regular employee in no more than two years."

"A temp job? You want me to take a temp job?"

Su Man exclaimed, her face looking quite distressed: "Why can't it be a permanent position?"

Wen Siyuan's tone was indifferent: "What's wrong with a temp job?"

Stopping in his tracks, Wen Siyuan stared directly into Su Man's eyes with an imposing gaze and said word by word: "I made myself very clear last night. If you dare go behind my back again, disregarding what I've told you, we will go and file for divorce immediately!"

"Fine, I'll do it..."

Su Man's tone immediately softened. She knew that Wen Siyuan wasn't joking with her last night, and she also knew... she also knew she was in the wrong this time. If it weren't for their son Pengpeng, this man would not only divorce her but also have her sent to the police station.

The most critical point was that Wen Yi and Wen Yu's situation was still unclear. If something were to happen to those two girls, her life would certainly not be easy in the future.

"The monthly salary is twenty-five. You'll take out fifteen each month, and I'll add another fifteen to pay Sister-in-law Zheng's wages. Additionally, after work, you're responsible for looking after Pengpeng yourself, and you'll also wash your own clothes, instead of dumping everything on Sister-in-law Zheng."

"Why pay an extra five? I had already agreed with Sister-in-law Zheng on twenty-five."

"Sister-in-law Zheng is responsible for looking after Pengpeng during the day, picking up and dropping off Wen Yi and Wen Yu, as well as cooking and washing the children's clothes."

"That's too much!"

"Do as I said."

Wen Siyuan left no room for negotiation with Su Man.

After taking Su Man to complete the onboarding process at Red Star Department Store, Wen Siyuan headed to the hospital without saying another word to her.

Today, Su Man started her job. Though it was easy work, for someone who had lived through a life already and carried a bit of arrogance, she found it dull, which naturally affected her attitude towards the customers.

Furthermore, having firsthand experience dealing in the black market, where she could net twenty to thirty on slower days and up to fifty on good days, she hardly cared about standing at a counter for a month to earn a mere twenty-five.

Okay, the more she thought about it, the more resentful Su Man became about Wen Yue ruining the Jade Pendant!

With her spirits down, her attitude towards the customers became even worse.

"Xiao Su, if you don't want to do this job, go and talk to the supervisor. Don't take it out on the customers."

The person in charge of the next counter was a woman in her forties, who couldn't stand to watch Su Man's attitude towards the customers and thus gave a warning.

Su Man's face flushed red: "I..." Mind your own damn business! Bowing her head, a flicker of defiance flashed in Su Man's eyes.

If she hadn't wanted to avoid divorce, she wouldn't bother with this counter job. Even if they paid her thirty-five rather than twenty-five a month, she wouldn't do it!

Hospital.

Wen Siyuan: "A concussion?"

Chapter 789 Confiscation of Savings at Home

Doctor: "It is indeed a concussion, and hospitalization for treatment is necessary."

Wen Siyuan: "How many days?"

Doctor: "About a week."

Wen Siyuan: "When will my youngest daughter be able to speak?"

After a moment of thought, the doctor spoke, "That. is hard to say."

"I don't understand what you mean."

Wen Siyuan frowned.

"From my observations, the patient is currently unwilling to speak. In other words, it all depends on the patient herself."

The doctor's tone was gentle and polite: "The parents could spend more time with the child and talk to her more."

Seeing Wen Yu sitting on the hospital bed, staring at her sisters Wen Yue and Wen Yi, the doctor couldn't help but ask, "Is the patient's fright related to her two sisters?"

At this, Wen Siyuan paused, then nodded his head.

"Then explain the current situation of her sisters clearly to the patient, tell her that her sisters' injuries are not serious, and that they will recover in a few days."

The doctor made the suggestion and, after his words fell, reminded Wen Siyuan and Mrs. Wen a couple more things before turning and leaving the ward.

"How have you handled the situation at home?"

As footsteps receded down the hospital corridor outside the room, Mrs. Wen called Wen Sinan and Wen Yue to breakfast with her three daughters, and then turned her gaze to Wen Siyuan to ask the question.

Upon hearing this, Wen Siyuan recounted how he had asked Director Song for help in arranging work for Su Man, and how he took Su Man to the Red Star Department Store to complete her hiring process before coming to the hospital. He finished by saying, "As for Wen Yue and the others, they will be mainly taken care of by Sister-in-law Zheng, the nanny we've employed at home."

"You've hired a nanny for the house?"

Mrs. Wen was first surprised, then immediately disapproving, "Why spend that money?"

"Mom. if I don't hire someone to look after the children, do you want Su Man to continue causing trouble at home?"

Wen Siyuan, frowning, showed a hint of distress on his face, "I've told you before, I wanted you to help me look after the children for a few years, but you flat-out refused. Now, in order to have peace at home and to ensure that work doesn't suffer, I have no choice but to hire someone to help take care of the children, and by the way, do the laundry and cook for them.

As for Su Man, she's currently a temporary worker, and she has to give more than half of her monthly salary towards part of Sister-in-law Zheng's wages. I will cover the rest. I've already discussed this matter with both Su Man and Sister-in-law Zheng."

Mrs. Wen, with a stern face, asked, "How much per month?"

Wen Siyuan: "Thirty."

Mrs. Wen's eyes widened, "That much?"

"Pengpeng is still young and needs more attention, plus Wen Yi and Wen Yu need to be picked up and dropped off at kindergarten. Sister-in-law Zheng has to do all of this by herself. Thirty a month isn't too much for her."

In Wen Siyuan's view, thirty really wasn't a lot.

Consider this: she has to watch the children at home, cook for them and do their laundry, as well as ferry two children to and from kindergarten. The work isn't physically demanding, but it is taxing, and with the lingering traditional attitudes of the old society, the title of 'nanny' doesn't carry a good reputation.

For this reason, families that were just getting by, would not necessarily want to work as a domestic helper for someone else.

"Forget it, I'm done interfering, you just play the big-hearted fool!"

Mrs. Wen, frustrated, waved her hands and said with a cold face, "Others marry a wife to have a partner in life, but the one you brought into the house is a troublemaker. Don't believe me, just wait and see. With your wife's temperament, I'm afraid she won't last long at the department store."

"As long as the money at home isn't in her hands, she'll have to go to work if she wants spending money, otherwise it's up to her."

Besides the sum set aside for half a year's living expenses, all other savings were now in Wen Siyuan's pocket.

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Alright, it was actually a bankbook, which was in the hands of Wen Siyuan at the moment.

By doing this, Wen Siyuan's intention was to cut off Su Man's thoughts of causing trouble at home, but unbeknownst to him, Su Man had been dabbling in the black market for over a month and had at least four to five hundred yuan, if not close to a thousand eight hundred yuan.

However, Su Man naturally wouldn't hand over this money to Wen Siyuan.

Since Wen Siyuan hadn't asked Su Man about what she had been doing outside over the past month, he naturally had no idea that Su Man had a substantial amount of private money.

Mrs. Wen, "Since you've taken care of everything, when do you plan to return to your unit?"

Wen Siyuan, "This afternoon."

"Have you eaten?"

Glancing at the porridge and steamed buns bought from the hospital cafeteria, Mrs. Wen casually asked Wen Siyuan, who responded, "I ate before I left. You guys go ahead and eat."

Wen Sinan and Wen Yue, along with the Third Sister, hadn't touched their breakfast, waiting to eat with Mrs. Wen.

"You..."

Mrs. Wen sighed and said to Wen Siyuan, "Before you go back to your unit, it would be best to speak with your wife again. Tell her to learn from Comrade Kang when she's free, to see what she does daily,

how she takes care of the children, and how well she gets along with three children at home, even though she's a stepmother too. When I visited your compound to look after Yueyue, I've often heard people in your compound praising Comrade Kang."

"Alright."

He agreed verbally, but Wen Siyuan knew in his heart that expecting Su Man to learn from Kang Li was simply impossible.

Because no one knew better than he did what kind of relationship existed between Su Man and Kang Li.

Frankly, Wen Siyuan found it puzzling. Both families were neighbors, and both individuals were about the same age. Kang Li might seem a bit cold, but she was approachable. Why then did Su Man bear prejudice against such a woman?

Could it be the jealousy between women?

Feeling that Comrade Kang looked better, thus unwilling to maintain a good relationship with her?

Or was it because Comrade Kang was capable, not only earning royalties with her pen but also hosting children's programs at the TV station and winning glory for the country in competitions?

But these were facts, and true merit. What use was jealousy?

Instead of learning from others' strengths and compensating for her shortcomings, she only knew how to draw comparisons, then became psychologically unbalanced, looking for trouble, and turned the good neighborly relations into cold strangers upon meeting?

Thinking this, Wen Siyuan's dissatisfaction with Su Man increased slightly.

"Grandma, that woman doesn't get along with Aunt Kang at all."

Glancing at her father, Wen Yue continued to tell Mrs. Wen, "She often causes trouble for Aunt Kang. There was one time Aunt Kang got so angry that she hit that woman."

"Really?"

Mrs. Wen turned her gaze back to Wen Siyuan.

"Su Man has a spiteful tongue, repeatedly slandering Comrade Kang maliciously. That time, her words must have been too offensive, prompting Comrade Kang to physically confront her."

Recalling the conflict between Su Man and Kang Li, Wen Siyuan's brows furrowed deeply.

"It really shows that neither people nor situations should be judged by just appearances. When you had your eye on Su Man, I thought her face looked joyful, and she seemed like a good person. I didn't expect that both of us were deceived!"

Saying this, Mrs. Wen took a bite of a vegetable bun and didn't pay any more attention to Wen Siyuan.

Train station.

"Training is important, but don't neglect your body. If you feel unwell during training, remember to tell your leaders. Don't just tough it out."