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Chapter 851 - No Need to Investigate Further

“Grandma Yu, don’t you think I’m bragging?”

Kang Li blinked her clear fox-like eyes, asking Old Lady Yu with a playful tone.

“Our Li Bao is smart and clever; she wouldn’t talk big.”

Old Lady Yu laughed happily, “Remember to show Grandma Yu the admission letter when you receive it.”

“Sure, I’ll definitely bring it over for you to see.”

Kang Li’s eyes curved, her smile was gentle and sweet, she made the promise readily.

Beside her, Luo Yanqing was conversing with Old Master Xiao.

From time to time, the sound of Old Lady Yu’s laughter could be heard in the room, showing just how happy Kang Li made her.

It was nearly eleven when Kang Li personally cooked a meal for the two elders, dined with them, and then tidied up the kitchen before saying goodbye with Luo Yanqing.

“Grandma Yu, the school is about to end, I and Luo Yanqing need to pick up the kids, so we can’t stay longer to accompany you and Grandpa Xiao. But rest assured, we’ll come back later. I’ll tell you a few jokes then, and let Luo Yanqing play a few more chess games with Grandpa Xiao.”

“Alright, Grandpa Xiao and I will be waiting for you to come over.”

Old Lady Yu nodded with a smile, “Don’t drive too fast on the way, and be careful.”

This was said to Luo Yanqing.

Luo Yanqing nodded slightly.

After sending off Kang Li and Luo Yanqing, Old Man Xiao returned to the room.

“Has Li Bao left?”

Seeing Old Man Xiao enter the room, Old Lady Yu asked.

“Yes.”

Old Man Xiao nodded.

After not hearing Old Lady Yu speak for a while, Old Man Xiao couldn't help but bring up a matter:
“Should we ask someone to investigate again? Maybe we'll discover something?”

“There will be no result.”

Old Lady Yu shook her head, “Without finding Ah Mei, we won't have any evidence. But there's no need to look for evidence anyway. Just look at Li Bao's face—do you think there's a mistake?”

Old Man Xiao frowned slightly, “Even so, you and I have both seen the investigative results Comrade Li gave us. Comrade Cai Xiufen did give birth to a twin with mixed sex at the town health center that year.”

Old Lady Yu: “The records show that the doctor and nurse who delivered Li Bao's mother either passed away several years ago or were transferred to an unknown location. Moreover, a decade ago, the archive room of that health center, along with the nearby data room retaining patient information, caught fire, leaving nothing behind. Thus, whether Li Bao was indeed born to her mother cannot be confirmed.”

Old Man Xiao: “But the records also don't mention Ah Mei being present at that location.”

“Too much time has passed, even if someone saw Ah Mei, who would remember her? After all, she was a stranger, and we certainly wouldn’t intentionally remember her either.”

Old Lady Yu paused for a good while before speaking again, “I still hold to what I said before, there’s no need for further investigation. Although everything is developing in a good direction now,

neither of us can guarantee that there won’t be more disturbances. If people find out the child Li Bao is related to me, it could cause her trouble.

In short, you and I both know in our hearts, and I’ve long accepted Li Bao’s identity as my own, let’s not complicate things further.”

Hearing this, Old Man Xiao was silent. After a moment, he asked, “That Fang Su, she’s not Ah Mei?”

“What a question... If she were, wouldn’t what we’ve been saying all along be nonsense? That year, when I and Li Bao and Li Bao’s mother met that Fang Su at the department store, at first glance, I thought she looked quite like Ah Mei. But after we got home, I told you, and we asked our acquaintances to find out more about Fang Su’s background. What were we told?”

Chapter 852 - Annoyed

Fang Su, that’s her original name, her husband’s last name is Feng, his identity is quite significant, apart from that, Fang Su’s background is entirely different from that of Ah Mei.

In fact, Old Lady Yu didn’t know that the information related to Fang Su’s identity, all the documents that could be found on the surface, were arranged by Feng Lin according to Fang Su’s instructions,

whether it was the family address, family members, or the experiences of the last ten years, whatever Fang Su said, Feng Lin made the documents exactly as stated.

In a word, Fang Su and the Ah Mei known by Old Lady Yu are entirely unrelated individuals.

As for whether Fang Su is really Ah Mei, Old Man Xiao didn't continue to worry, he asked Old Lady Yu, "About Li Bao's background...won't verify further?"

"Hmm."

Old Lady Yu nodded, "No need to verify, since I've already decided, then this is the truth."

Old Man Xiao: "You're certain that Pingan and Ah Mei had a child outside?"

"What's wrong with you?"

Old Lady Yu glared, "Pingan was taken back by people sent by his father and locked in a room, even when he was taken abroad from the mansion, was I allowed to see him? Speaking of which, with Li Bao's looks, do you think she could have no relation with Pingan? And whose child is Pingan anyway?"

"Why are you angry? I'm just trying to help you confirm."

Old Man Xiao's tone was very gentle, but Old Lady Yu still glared at him: "What's there to confirm? It's me who wants to be connected with Li Bao's child, not the young girl wanting to be connected with me! Besides, even if I have no blood relation with Li Bao's child, just the happiness from the family's joy in the past years, why can't I regard her as a granddaughter?"

"Don't be angry, your health can't afford it, it's my fault, I shouldn't assume things."

Old Man Xiao apologized with a smile.

Old Lady Yu snorted, asking: "Has the child sought anything from us?"

"No. Everything is my fault, I overthought."

Old Man Xiao continued to smile apologetically.

"Good to know."

Her expression eased, but her mood quickly fell, she said: "I know I don't have many days left, but I still wish I could see Pingan before I close my eyes."

"Why say such discouraging words?!"

Old Man Xiao felt distressed: "The doctor has said, as long as you take care of yourself, living another ten to twenty years is not a problem. Moreover, the world is changing, Pingan shares a bond with his mother, knowing you miss him this much, I estimate he will return in no time."

Old Lady Yu wiped the corner of her eyes, then said angrily: "If I see Jiang Hongfa again, I'm definitely going to give him a slap!"

Seeing Old Man Xiao's doubtful gaze, Old Lady Yu felt irritated: "What's with that look? Don't believe me?" Well, actually she was annoyed with herself.

"No."

Old Man Xiao shook his head, but his heart was inexplicably sour, at his age, he never forgot, the woman before him who he kept in his heart, has always only regarded him as a brother, without any romantic feelings.

In other words, what exists between them is only familial affection.

But he still holds onto the love buried deep within his heart, willing to spend his life by her side.

Taking care of her, being her companion.

But... but her life is coming to an end... the more he thinks about it, the more it hurts, Old Man Xiao knows that Old Lady Yu not only misses her son Pingan, but also that man — her husband Jiang Hongfa.

Chapter 853 - Kang Li Learns the Truth

“I think the old lady looks quite energetic; her health should be fine.”

Luo Yanqing said casually while driving, but Kang Li didn’t respond immediately. She remained silent for a moment before speaking, “If it were truly as you said, that would be a good thing. But the hospital’s diagnosis is a fact. However, if there were an error in the diagnosis, that would be even better.”

Yet, misdiagnoses are possible in real life, but they are really quite rare.

Moreover, the old lady has been rushed to the hospital twice for emergency treatment; to say the doctor’s diagnosis is mistaken would obviously be unfounded.

“Everything is improving now. I think it won’t be long before the old lady’s family can return from abroad.”

Kang Li found the change in Luo Yanqing’s topic not at all abrupt and said, “The old lady once mentioned her son Pingan to me, mentioning only this one relative. I think... if the old lady wants to see someone now, it would surely be none other than her son.”

The car remained silent for a while before Luo Yanqing asked, “Why didn’t you go abroad with them?”

“Her brothers and sisters are buried in the country, and the old lady couldn’t bear to leave. She chose to stay and accompany them.”

This was told to Kang Li directly by Old Lady Yu, as she stayed to accompany her siblings; that’s why she didn’t go abroad with her husband and son.

In Kang Li’s view, the old lady probably didn’t have much affection for her husband, but considering her son’s safety, she agreed to let her husband take their son, while she stayed behind to keep company with her deceased relatives at home.

In fact, Kang Li had guessed the truth!

More accurately, Old Lady Yu’s heart had been broken by her husband, causing her feelings, once intense, to fade away, becoming indifferent and finally uncaring, which tilted the scales in her heart towards staying in the country with her “relatives.”

Unfortunately... Old Man Xiao still thinks that Old Lady Yu misses her husband, never breaking the invisible barrier between them, silently harboring his feelings, and accompanying the one he loves for years.

Unconsciously, the car arrived at the entrance of Min Rui’s elementary school.

“Just another two or three minutes until school ends.”

Checking the time on his watch, Luo Yanqing said, "You just wait in the car; I'll go pick up Luo Mingrui and the others."

"Let's go together."

Kang Li was about to unbuckle her seatbelt.

"It's cold outside."

Luo Yanqing prevented her. "Stay seated, don't move."

Being watched intently by him, Kang Li had no choice but to smile and nod, "Alright, I'll wait here in the car."

The school bell rang, and soon the gates opened outward, releasing a cohort of students walking out.

"Dad!"

Bun Ming Han saw his father and ran over with his little legs: "Where's Mom?" The little one couldn't help but feel puzzled without seeing his mother.

“Is Mom busy with something, so she couldn’t come to pick us up?”

Ming Wei, following behind her brother Ming Han, looked up and blinked at Luo Yanqing.

Before Luo Yanqing could respond, Min Rui unintentionally saw Mom waving at him from the car and said, “Mom is sitting in Dad’s car.”

“Wow! Dad is awesome, driving with Mom to pick us up from school; I’m so happy!”

Bun Ming Han said as he walked to the roadside.

Min Rui held onto his brother’s hand: “Slow down.”

“I’m very careful, I won’t fall.”

Bun Ming Han explained for walking too fast; hearing this, Min Rui frowned, “Don’t speak too confidently.”

Chapter 854 - I Heard That, Your Mom

At that moment, a little classmate walking beside them suddenly lost his footing and fell flat on the ground with a “thud”.

Ming Han opened his mouth wide in surprise.

Luo Mingrui was about to let go of his brother’s hand to help the little classmate, but the child had already gotten up from the ground and continued walking forward.

“Brother, that sounded really painful!”

Coming back to his senses, little Ming Han patted his chest fearfully.

“Don’t walk too fast, and you won’t get hurt if you don’t fall.”

As he spoke, Luo Mingrui held his brother’s hand and followed behind Dad and sister to the car. Seeing Mom open the car door, little Luo Mingrui exclaimed with a smile, “Mom!”

“Hurry up and get in.”

Kang Li’s eyes were full of smiles.

When Luo Yanqing got out of the car, Kang Li moved from the front passenger seat to the back seat, making it easier to look after the three once they were all in, in case Luo Yanqing suddenly braked, and they bumped around in the car.

After the three were seated, Kang Li looked towards the driver's seat and said to Luo Yanqing, "Let's go, we're all set."

Upon hearing this, Luo Yanqing responded with a "hmm".

"Mom, did you and Dad specially come in the car to pick us up?"

This was little Ming Han's voice.

Just now, when he asked Dad, he didn't get an answer, which made him a bit upset.

"Nope!"

Kang Li shook her head and said with a smile, "It was on the way."

Ming Wei: "Mom, where did you and Dad go?"

“We went to Grandma Yu’s house.”

Kang Li replied with a smile, and the little girl asked, “Is Grandma Yu feeling better?”

“Much better.”

Kang Li’s voice was gentle as she spoke with the twins, while Luo Mingrui listened quietly from the side.

The car drove into the courtyard, and soon stopped at the gate.

“You’re back?!”

Cai Xiufen walked out of the kitchen and, seeing Kang Li’s family of five coming through the gate, greeted them with a big smile, “I’ve made a stew.”

“Great, great, I can already smell it!”

Little Ming Han glanced at the kitchen, immediately gulped down his saliva, and said, “Grandma, I want two bowls!”

Cai Xiufen chuckled, "Eat as much as you want, Grandma made plenty, enough to go around."

"Mom, Luo Yanqing and I ate at Grandma Yu's place, but you can serve me a bit more, as for Luo Yanqing, let him decide if he wants more..."

Before Kang Li finished speaking, Luo Yanqing said, "Mom, don't worry about me, I'll help myself later."

"Alright."

Cai Xiufen responded, then turned around to go back to the kitchen, not forgetting to call out to Kang Li, "Li Bao, don't forget to come and get the bowls."

"Got it!"

Kang Li responded.

"You and Luo Mingrui go wait in the living room, I'll get the bowls."

After washing his hands, Luo Yanqing directly told Kang Li and then headed towards the kitchen.

Little Ming Han: "Mom, Dad doesn't need us to fetch the bowls!"

"Your mom heard that."

Lightly flicking the little guy on the forehead, Kang Li laughed, "Does it hurt?"

Little Ming Han pretended to rub his forehead, but upon hearing this, immediately shook his head with teary eyes, "It doesn't hurt, not at all!"

Hugging the little guy and giving him a kiss, Kang Li waved her hand, "Let's go, we'll sit and wait to eat."

She walked ahead, not seeing little Ming Han making faces at his sister Ming Wei, bragging and pointing at his face with the expression in his eyes saying, "La la la, Mom kissed me, not you!"

"Mom!"

Ming Wei glared at her brother Ming Han, then called out towards their mom's back, "My second brother loves to pretend, Mom, don't let him fool you in the future!"

Kang Li turned her head doubtfully, "..."

“My second brother just wanted to trick you into kissing him, he pretended to rub his forehead, making you think you hurt him with the flick!”

Chapter 855 - You're Really Good at This!

Ming Wei was obviously tattling.

“My classmate said that the crying child gets the candy. I just want Mommy to kiss me. What’s wrong with that? Hmph!” Bun Ming Han crossed his arms, lifted his chin, and showed his “I’m right” face to his sister Ming Wei, acting all smug.

Ming Wei pouted, her eyes shimmering with tears: “Mom, second brother is bullying me!” Learned it on the spot, naughty brother, don’t think you’re the only one who knows how to act pitiful!

Kang Li could clearly see the twins engaging in a battle of wits. She found it amusing and bent down to give the little girl’s face a gentle kiss. Looking at the twins, she laughed and said, “If you want Mommy to kiss you, you can just say it outright. No need to act soft or pitiful!”

The saying that the crying child gets the candy while the sensible child gets no affection actually holds some truth.

Because crying children easily attract adult attention, while sensible children often understand and empathize with their parents’ hardships, they unintentionally get overlooked by their parents.

In their family, compared to the twins who were good at acting coy, the eldest son was less talkative and more attentive, clearly more reserved in personality. To prevent the little guy from feeling neglected and to protect the boy's pride, Kang Li didn't kiss Min Rui, in case he got shy.

She casually ruffled the hair of her eldest son, but just that was enough to make the young boy blush and feel a bit embarrassed.

"Mom, me too!"

Bun Ming Han eagerly pushed his head under his mom's hand.

"Me too, me too, Mom, I also want you to pat my head!"

Ming Wei refused to be left behind.

Kang Li felt helpless, but eventually granted their wishes. She ruffled their hair and raised an eyebrow asking, "All good now?"

"Yes! I love Mommy the most!"

Bun Ming Han replied loudly, simultaneously making a heart gesture towards Kang Li.

“You’re full of tricks!”

Kang Li watched the little guy send two heart gestures her way, her eyes almost overflowing with amusement.

“I learned it from Mommy!”

Bun Ming Han lifted his chin, full of pride.

“Alright, time to eat.”

Kang Li said as she walked into the living room with Min Rui.

Bun Ming Han was tugged back by his sister Ming Wei.

“You’re really something!”

Glaring directly into Ming Han’s eyes, Ming Wei was not convinced: “Next time, I’ll definitely beat you!” She just forgot the “heart gesture” this time; admitting defeat wasn’t a big deal.

Bun Ming Han raised his eyebrows: "Talk to me when you finally beat me."

Turning around, he deliberately started walking with a swagger he must have picked up from somewhere, looking ridiculously funny.

Ming Wei widened her eyes: "Second brother, is that what you call walking?"

"If it's not walking, do you think I'm crawling on the ground?"

He glanced back at his sister but noticed Grandma coming out of the kitchen looking at him, and in an instant, Bun Ming Han was so startled that he went back to walking normally.

Cai Xiufen laughed: "Grandma saw everything. You can't walk like that again; it looks silly. If your dad or mom sees, they might just smack you."

"Mom and Dad will give second brother a mixed-gender doubles match."

Ming Wei added with a mischievous smile.

Cai Xiufen: "Where did you learn to say that?"

Faced with Grandma's gaze, Ming Wei immediately wilted like a frosted eggplant, softly replying: "I heard it from the boys in class."

"Some things shouldn't be imitated."

Cai Xiufen said as she called the two to catch up, casually adding, "If you dawdle any longer, the stew and buns will get cold."

"Mom, you sit here."

Seeing her mother come in, Kang Li shifted to a small stool next to the seat, giving up her chair with the backrest for her mother, while Cai Xiufen placed the bowls on the table and lightly patted her forehead, saying:

Chapter 856: She Really Walks Fast

"Oh, my memory! I was going to take a bowl of stew over to your Godfather and Godmother, but as soon as I saw you come back, I forgot everything."

Hearing this, Kang Li put down her bowl and stood up, "Mom, sit and eat. I'll take it over to Godfather and Godmother."

Luo Yanqing: "Xiao Li, you keep eating, I'll go."

"There's nothing to argue about with such a small matter. You, Mom, and the kids start eating, I'll be back in no time."

Heading to the kitchen, Kang Li grabbed a small enamel bowl with a lid from the counter, walked to the stove, opened the pot lid, and started scooping the stew into the enamel bowl.

Of course, the small enamel bowl was washed clean. After all, it was kept on the counter and regularly used in the kitchen, so it couldn't have a layer of dust.

Besides, both Kang Li and Luo Yanqing are a bit OCD about cleanliness, and Cai Xiufen has always been quick and efficient; no need to mention the kitchen's hygiene.

The Song Family.

"Godfather, Godmother, Xuan Xuan."

Upon entering the living room and seeing Director Song, Mrs. Qi, and Song Xuan sitting around the table eating, Kang Li called out to each of them and said, "My mom made some stew, and she asked me to bring some over."

After placing the small enamel bowl in the center of the table, Kang Li removed the lid, instantly letting the aroma fill the air: "Have a taste, my mom's stew is truly delicious!"

"Oh, just the smell alone already makes it irresistible! It's so fragrant!" Mrs. Qi laughed and said, "Your Godfather loves stew the most; you brought it at the perfect time!"

"That's right, Godfather just loves this dish!"

Director Song beamed, "Thank your mom for me!"

Kang Li: "No problem."

Song Xuan took a bite of the stew, and moments later, with a smile in his eyes, he said to Kang Li, "Auntie, it's delicious."

"Then eat more of it."

With a smile, Kang Li bid farewell: "Godfather, Godmother, I won't stay any longer, otherwise when I go back, my bowl of stew might get cold."

Mrs. Qi looked at her with loving and doting eyes: "Why don't you stay and eat?"

"No, thanks."

Kang Li waved her hand, smiling, and said, "When I left, my mom had already served my bowl of stew." Saying this, she walked out of the living room: "Goodbye, Godfather, Godmother! Goodbye, Xuan Xuan!"

Mrs. Qi hurriedly got up, but before she could escort her out, Kang Li had already disappeared beyond the courtyard gate.

"She sure leaves quickly!"

Returning to the table, Mrs. Qi remarked to Director Song.

"Are you talking about Li Bao?"

Director Song asked.

"Who else could I be talking about other than Li Bao?"

Giving Director Song a slight eye roll, Mrs. Qi said, "I had only just stepped out of the living room, and in that short time, she had already reached the gate."

"Young people are always quick on their feet; isn't it normal to move fast?"

Director Song chuckled and said, "Hurry and eat, this stew really tastes good."

"There are many ingredients and a lot of seasonings in it; how could it not be fragrant?"

Looking at the tantalizingly aromatic stew in the bowl, Mrs. Qi said, "Li Bao's mom is generous with her cooking; just look at the slices of pork belly, and the fried tofu, meatballs, kelp, mushrooms, yuba—so many kinds of ingredients!"

"Not long ago, Li Bao's mom sent us a bunch of dried goods, including dried green beans, dried mushrooms, and dried black fungus... Next time, you should make a pot of stew for us too."

Director Song, stuffing his mouth with stew, said to Mrs. Qi, "Just make it taste like Li Bao's mom did."

"You're already thinking about your next meal while eating this one? You're something else!"

Chapter 857 - Can't You Let Me Finish What I'm Saying?

Mrs. Qi laughed, but she still agreed, saying, "Alright, I'll make it for us someday."

Director Song: "Do we have Sichuan pepper, star anise, bay leaves...those seasonings at home?"

Mrs. Qi nodded, "Yes, but not much left. I'll go buy more soon. With another month or so to New Year, the little we have won't be enough."

"Li Bao and Yanqing are probably going back to their hometown for the New Year."

Upon hearing Director Song say this, both Mrs. Qi and Song Xuan were stunned. Song Xuan asked, "Do Aunt and Uncle really have to go back to their hometown?"

Although he had heard Aunt, Uncle Guoan, and Brother Yang mention returning to their hometown for the New Year on the way home after the college entrance exam, if they really went back before New Year, he wouldn't be able to see Aunt and Ruirui for quite some time!

Thinking of this, Song Xuan couldn't help but feel a bit down.

"Your aunt hasn't been back for two years. Now that your uncle is on vacation at home, they need to go back to their hometown once and have a good reunion New Year with the family."

Though Director Song said this, he felt a bit low too, adding, "Celebrating New Year is just about having fun, and if there aren't many people at home, even New Year's Eve dinner loses its flavor."

"Why are you saying this?"

Thinking of their deceased son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Qi felt her eyes well up, wiping the corners of her eyes, "If Xuan Xuan's parents were still around, our New Year's Eve dinner would surely be lively too."

"Alright, alright, I'll stop talking, lest I bring out your sad memories again."

Director Song forced a smile and pointed at the stew in the basin, "Eat up, or it'll lose its flavor once it cools."

Elsewhere, Kang Li returned home to find that the stew in her bowl had been eaten by Luo Yanqing. Looking at the empty bowl, Kang Li's eyes widened, while Cai Xiufen laughed, "Yanqing helped you finish it..."

Kang Li asked Luo Yanqing crossly, "Why did you eat from my bowl?"

"Can't you let me finish my sentence?"

Cai Xiufen said irritably, "Yanqing saw your stew had gone cold and worried you'd get a stomachache after eating, so he helped you eat it and said he'd serve you some fresh from the pot once you came in."

Kang Li looked at Luo Yanqing, "Is that what Mom said?"

"Yes, I'll serve you right now."

Luo Yanqing nodded, stepping out toward the living room door. Kang Li shouted after him, “Aren’t you taking a bowl? Or are you going to serve it into your hands?”

“I’ll get you another bowl.”

His voice drifted back as his figure disappeared beyond the living room door.

“You, what should I say about you? Always picking on Yanqing!”

Cai Xiufen shook her head in mild exasperation, while Min Rui and the others had already returned to their rooms to do homework after dinner.

Kang Li retorted, “How am I picking on him, Mom? Don’t wrong your daughter.”

Pausing briefly, seeing Luo Yanqing enter with a bowl, she couldn’t help but say, “You guys eat really fast, don’t you? I just stepped out for a moment, and you’d already put down your chopsticks.”

“We’re not birds pecking at food, how slow do you want us to eat?”

Rolling her eyes at her beloved daughter, Cai Xiufen prepared to clean up the table, but Luo Yanqing had just placed Kang Li's rice bowl down and started tidying, saying, "Mom, take a break, I'll brush up in the kitchen."

Before Cai Xiufen could respond, Luo Yanqing's figure was already gone from the living room again.

"Mom, why are you looking at me like that?"

Seeing her mom wiping the table while staring at her, Kang Li felt puzzled and casually asked.

Chapter 858 - Caught by Mother-in-law

Cai Xiufen: "Don't bully Yanqing like you did just now, did you hear me?"

Kang Li: "I didn't."

Cai Xiufen: "Say it again?"

"Alright, I got it."

Kang Li admitted her mistake: "It was my fault. I lost my temper with Luo Yanqing without understanding the situation. I was wrong, I'll go apologize to your good son-in-law right now."

Speaking of which, Kang Li only had a few bites of stew in her bowl. When she got back, if Luo Yanqing hadn't helped her eat some of it, it would have definitely gotten cold. After all, the temperature wasn't high, and even with a heater inside, the food would lose its warmth after sitting out for a while.

In the kitchen.

"Why didn't you explain when I asked you?"

Handing the bowl to the man, Kang Li said on the side, "Mom scolded me and said I was bullying you."

Luo Yanqing's attractive eyebrows raised slightly, and he asked with a smile, "Are you jealous?"

Kang Li blurted out, "Not at all!"

"If you are, you are. I won't make fun of you."

Luo Yanqing let out a low chuckle.

"Your persona is completely messed up now!"

Even though he usually speaks little, he's getting more and more cheeky with her. What is she supposed to say to this man?

Luo Yanqing: "I don't have a persona."

"Liar."

Kang Li huffed and said, "Think about what you were like when I just arrived in this family and what you're like now."

"What you've seen is all of me! Besides, in front of you, I don't feel like I need a persona."

After cleaning the dishes and scrubbing the pots until everything in the kitchen was tidy, Luo Yanqing looked at Kang Li, his gaze tender and doting. He smiled and asked, "Is there anything else you want to ask?"

Kang Li took a step back: "You better restrain yourself."

"Have I done anything?"

Luo Yanqing stepped closer, his expression innocent.

“Your eyes...”

Honestly!

Staring at her like that, with such a tender and doting look, doesn't he know it makes her heart race?

“What's wrong with my eyes, hmm?”

Luo Yanqing deliberately dragged the last word. Seeing Kang Li's evasive gaze and the obvious blush on her cheeks, he reached out, drew his little girl into his arms, and buried his head in the crook of her neck, letting out a low laugh: “You're feeling embarrassed being watched by me, aren't you?”

It wasn't a question, it was a statement.

“...Am I so inexperienced?”

Kang Li denied it stubbornly.

Just then, Cai Xiufen walked to the kitchen door and, seeing the situation inside, was momentarily stunned before saying, "I didn't see anything. You... you tidy up the kitchen and come back inside, it's cold here."

With that, Cai Xiufen turned and left immediately.

Ah, how good it is to be young!

Cai Xiufen smiled, not feeling there was anything bad about her daughter and son-in-law embracing each other. In fact, seeing the young couple getting along well filled her with delight.

"It's all your fault, my mom saw us!"

Kang Li lightly punched Luo Yanqing's chest, her cheeks red: "How am I supposed to face my mom now?"

Luo Yanqing laughed and said, "How about I take you for a walk to help you digest? By the time we come back, maybe mom will have forgotten what she saw just now?" In fact, he also felt a bit uneasy, but since Mother-in-law didn't scold him, he just pretended nothing happened.

After all, sometimes playing dumb is quite necessary!

Kang Li's beautiful eyes widened: "It's so cold outside, are you trying to freeze me?"

Luo Yanqing's phoenix eyes twinkled with laughter: "I'll go get you a scarf and gloves."

Kang Li said nothing.

Luo Yanqing knew she had tacitly agreed, so he disappeared in an instant.

Chapter 859 - But Could You Bear to?

Actually, Cai Xiufen, to avoid making her precious daughter and son-in-law uncomfortable, wasn't in the living room at the moment but had already returned to her own room.

Luo Yanqing wrapped a scarf around his neck, took Kang Li's scarf and gloves in his hands, and naturally didn't tell Kang Li about the situation in the living room because he wanted to take a walk outside with her.

The sky was getting dark. He personally helped Kang Li put on her scarf and then helped her with her gloves.

"Let's go."

Holding Kang Li's hand, Luo Yanqing led her out of the kitchen. Moments later, their figures disappeared outside the courtyard gate.

In the cold and freezing winter, with the sky already darkening, there were hardly any pedestrians on the paths of the large courtyard. Under the street lamps, Kang Li walked slowly forward, her left hand tightly clasped by Luo Yanqing.

“Don’t you feel cold?”

This was Kang Li’s voice.

Luo Yanqing shook his head, “Not with you by my side!”

Hearing this, Kang Li’s mouth twitched, and she muttered, “I’m not exactly a heater.”

Luo Yanqing said, “How could a heater compare to you? In my heart, you’re the sun.”

Understanding the deeper meaning in Luo Yanqing’s words, Kang Li’s eyes twinkled mischievously, and she said, “So I’m your sun, huh? Aren’t you worried I’ll melt you?”

“Even if I melt, it would be worth it. But would you really let that happen?” Luo Yanqing glanced at Kang Li, his eyes shimmering as he followed her playful lead.

Kang Li laughed, "Impressive, Professor Luo, you're always the clever one."

Knowing her intentions to tease, she didn't respond according to his expectations but rather countered playfully.

Luo Yanqing's brows and eyes smiled, and without hesitation, he replied, "Not as clever as my wife."

"I feel I'm becoming less of a match for you."

Spending more than two years in the lab, and now out, he's even more adept at flirting than she is! This person has truly improved!

However, it was evident to Luo Yanqing that he didn't quite get Kang Li's meaning. He paused and looked at her, puzzled: "..."

Seeing this, Kang Li couldn't help but laugh aloud, "Didn't get it?"

Luo Yanqing, eager to learn, nodded, "Yeah."

"Well, I'm not telling you!" With a blink of her beautiful eyes, Kang Li smiled and said, "If you want to know, figure it out yourself."

“I can’t figure it out.”

Luo Yanqing smiled, looking at Kang Li tenderly. This was his girl, his wife, now gazing at him with a smile on her face, her eyes pure, lively, and charming. She truly looked so beautiful at this moment!

“Oh, I see...”

Kang Li pretended to think, then innocently said, “I guess there’s nothing to be done!”

They took steps forward, continuing their slow walk.

“Xiao Li.”

“Mm?”

“You’ve been working hard.”

“Why so sentimental all of a sudden? What are you up to?”

Kang Li glanced at Luo Yanqing, feeling quite puzzled.

“I just feel like marrying me has been hard on you.”

These words were from the heart, Luo Yanqing said, “During my vacation, you don’t have to do anything; I’ll handle everything.”

Kang Li replied teasingly, “Can you help with eating and sleeping? And what about, you know, when I need the bathroom? Are you sure you can help with that too?”

Upon hearing this, especially the latter part, Luo Yanqing’s ears turned red immediately. He coughed lightly a couple of times and said, “You know what I mean.”

Things like eating and sleeping, one must do themselves; even if he wanted to help, is it realistic?

“I’m just silly.”

Implying, “I don’t know.”

“Do you enjoy teasing me so much?”

Bending down next to Kang Li's ear, Luo Yanqing's low but slightly alluring voice slipped from his lips.

"You..."

Kang Li's cheeks flushed.

Why get so close just to talk?

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Is it that you're whispering in her ear?

There's nothing wrong with my ears, okay?

Seeing Kang Li lost in thought, Luo Yanqing just slightly pulled away the distance between them, but couldn't help drawing near again. Looking at his sharply defined handsome face, Kang Li casually pushed him away: "Don't get so close."

Luo Yanqing chuckled and asked, "Back to reality now?"

"I wasn't daydreaming." What are you talking about, getting back to reality?

Hmph!

Daydreaming? Did you expect her to admit it?

Luo Yanqing let out a low chuckle.

Kang Li pretended not to hear.

A moment later, Luo Yanqing stopped laughing and asked, "Don't you want to know what I was just laughing at?"

Kang Li glanced at him indifferently: "Do I look like I have time to spare?"

Luo Yanqing laughed: "Aren't you free now?!"

"I'm taking a walk to digest, I'm busy!"

Trying to trick her? Ha!

"Looks like... I'm really no match for you!"

Luo Yanqing suddenly sighed. Hearing this, Kang Li cleared her throat, a hint of pride showing in her beautiful features: "I accept your concession."

Luo Yanqing chuckled softly: "Honey, you're so cute!"

"Forgot what I said before?"

Kang Li glanced at him: "Think carefully before you speak."

Being stared at so intently by her, Luo Yanqing suddenly had a stroke of genius, his phoenix eyes filled with laughter: "Honey, you're truly beautiful!"

Time had unknowingly passed about ten minutes since they left home.

"Let's go back."

Kang Li was not only a bit sleepy now but also a bit cold, wanting nothing more than to go home and burrow under the covers.

"Okay."

Luo Yanqing responded, tightly wrapping his small wife's waist, pulling her as close as possible into his embrace. He asked: "Feeling warmer?"

"My feet are cold."

Speaking honestly, Kang Li wasn't being fussy at all.

Luo Yanqing said: "Soak them in warm water when we get home."

Kang Li responded with a "hmm".

Meanwhile, not long after the couple went out, Cai Xiufen saw that all three of Ming Rui had finished their homework. Without waiting for her to say anything, the three little ones went to rinse their mouths, then warmed up water to soak their feet. Afterwards, Ming Rui and Ming Han returned to their room, one lying on the bed silently reciting lessons, the other climbing onto the bed to read comic books.

As for Ming Wei, the little girl was in her room reading a storybook in preparation for sleep.

In short, the three acted independently, not causing Grandma Cai Xiufen any trouble.

"Could they all be asleep already?"

Back at home, the living room was silent, and Kang Li couldn't help but ask Luo Yanqing.

"The room lights are off, they should be asleep."

Luo Yanqing glanced in the direction of Brother Ming Rui's room and then towards the door of Ming Wei's room. He said, "Should I go check?"

"I'll go."

Saying that, Kang Li headed towards Brother Ming Rui's room.

Opening the door, by the moonlight streaming through the window, Kang Li saw that the little brothers were indeed fast asleep. Moving forward, she carefully tucked the blankets around each of them, then quietly exited the room and went to Ming Wei's room.

Likewise, the little girl was sleeping soundly.

But perhaps sensing something, Ming Wei's mouth moved slightly, calling out "Mommy."

The little girl did not open her eyes.

Kang Li paused, sat on the bed and gently patted the blanket: "Good girl, sleep well, Mommy's here!"

Hearing the little girl's breathing becoming light and even again, Kang Li's expression softened, giving her little girl a gentle goodnight kiss.

Pulling the door closed, she went to her mother's room.

"Mom, are you lying down?"

Kang Li asked with a light knock on the door.

"I'm lying down, nothing needs to be done, let's talk tomorrow."

Cai Xiufen's voice came from inside the room. Hearing this, Kang Li smiled and responded, "Alright, Mom, sleep well, I won't disturb you any longer!"

"Are they all asleep?"

Luo Yanqing walked into the living room with a footbath basin, casually asking as he saw Kang Li approaching.