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Chapter 891 - It's Settled

Kang Yiyang appeared serious, but a faint smile always lingered at the corner of his lips.

"I heard it clearly... Kang Yiyang, you can't lie to me, otherwise... otherwise I'll ask Auntie to stand up for me!"

Lin Dan casually wiped the corner of her eyes, naturally addressing Kang Li as "Auntie." She looked straight into Kang Yiyang's eyes: "Do you regret it now?"

Kang Yiyang shook his head with amusement: "We are not officially dating yet, how can you ask my Auntie to stand up for you? And the way you address my Auntie, is it..."

"I don't care! Your Auntie is my Auntie, I've wanted to call her that for a long time!"

Lin Dan glared at Kang Yiyang, then quickly changed her expression like flipping a page, looking at the packed luggage of Kang Yiyang and asked: "Are you leaving the troupe now to go to Auntie's house?"

"Yeah."

Kang Yiyang nodded.

“Since you guys are going back home tomorrow, then... do you want to come to my house for a bit? My parents have a really good impression of you, and I want to bring you home so they can see you, after all, we’re already dating.”

Suppressing her joy, Lin Dan pretended to be calm as she made her suggestion.

“...Why?”

Kang Yiyang was puzzled: “You want me to go to your house now, is there any special meaning?”

“I want my parents to know that you’ve agreed to date me!”

Lin Dan said shyly: “So they won’t say I’m always having one-sided feelings and that I lack the reservations a girl should have.”

Upon hearing this, Kang Yiyang burst out laughing: “How about this, after the New Year, before I head to North City for school registration, I’ll formally visit your house to meet your parents. How about that?”

Before Lin Dan could make a sound, Kang Yiyang added: “I have to go back to my Auntie’s place soon, as we have to go home tomorrow, I need to see if Auntie and Uncle need any help.”

Lin Dan withheld her delight and nodded: "Okay! It's settled then, you have to come to my house after the New Year, and I'll have my parents prepare a big table of goodies to treat you."

"Don't."

Kang Yiyang waved his hand: "I'm just going to visit your parents as a friend, there's no need to make it too formal."

"I got it. So when will you return to North City approximately?"

"At the latest, a week before school starts."

"I'll wait for you."

"Okay."

Kang Yiyang nodded.

As he picked up his rolled bedding, travel bag, and the large netted bag with a thermos and toiletries, Lin Dan quickly got up to lend a hand: "Let me carry some for you."

“No need.”

Kang Yiyang lightly shook his head: “These things aren’t heavy, you can just close the dorm door behind me and later hand the key to Director Li.”

Director Li is the leader in charge of employee dorm allocation at the Cultural Work Troupe.

“Okay.”

Lin Dan replied, then after Kang Yiyang walked out of the dorm with his things, she casually pulled the door shut and briskly caught up with Kang Yiyang to walk side by side.

“Are you taking the bus to Auntie’s house?”

“Yeah.”

“Carrying so much stuff onto the bus is definitely inconvenient. Wait for me at the gate; I’m heading to my dad’s office for a bit.”

Not giving Kang Yiyang a chance to speak, Lin Dan turned and ran off.

About seven or eight minutes later.

In front of the Cultural Work Troupe gate.

“Get in the car, Commander Lin specifically arranged for Comrade Yu to drop you off.”

Lin Dan got out of a jeep, opened the back door, took the netted bag and travel bag from Kang Yiyang’s hands, put them in the car, and urged: “Don’t just stand there. If you don’t believe me, ask Comrade Yu if it was Commander Lin who personally gave the directive.”

“Comrade Kang, I really did receive a call from the Commander to give you a ride.”

Chapter 892 - She Likes Only Him

The speaker was Xiao Yu, the driver specifically responsible for driving Commander Lin in the Cultural Work Troupe.

“Thank you!”

Casually placing the bedding roll on the back seat, Kang Yiyang expressed his gratitude, then walked over to the front passenger seat. Before getting in, he looked at Lin Dan: “Help me thank the Commander. Oh, and thank you too!”

Lin Dan waved her hand: "What's there to thank?! Just don't forget what you promised."

Hearing this, Kang Yiyang curved his lips into a smile: "Don't worry, I always keep my word."

Sitting in the passenger seat, Kang Yiyang waved to Lin Dan: "Goodbye."

"Goodbye!"

Lin Dan's eyes were full of reluctance, yet she still watched as the car slowly drove away from her sight.

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The Lin Family.

After dinner, Commander Lin sat on the living room sofa, looking at his daughter: "Now you can tell us!"

"Tell you what?"

Lin Dan pretended to be clueless.

Lin Ping: "Don't play dumb."

"Old Lin, what mystery are you and Dandan playing at?"

Yuan Li looked at her husband amusingly, glanced at her daughter, and finally turned her gaze back to her husband: "Don't keep it from me, or I won't let you two off easily!"

"Actually... there's nothing much to say, it's just that Kang Yiyang agreed to try dating me!"

Lin Dan blushed, stammering: "I knew he'd be leaving the troupe in the next few days, so this afternoon I... found his dorm, and happened to see him packing his luggage,

so I offered to see him off, then... then Kang Yiyang said I've changed from before, that I used to be lively and cheerful, but today I'm a bit cute, and he said that's nice,

then... then he asked if I really liked him... I nodded yes, and when he heard that, he said he only has a favorable impression of me so far,

but is willing to try dating for a year, and if during this time we truly feel compatible, we'll establish a relationship..."

Seeing their daughter's shy demeanor, Yuan Li and Lin Ping exchanged glances, both thinking of the phrase "girls turn outward," and they confirmed and acknowledged that their beloved daughter is truly smitten with Kang Yiyang. Knowing this, what more could the couple say?

"Dad, Mom, Kang Yiyang isn't joking with me, he's serious, and he said if we do establish a relationship, we'll register for marriage after graduation."

At this point, Lin Dan covered her burning cheeks, cleared her throat a bit shyly, and said: "Kang Yiyang is going back to his hometown tomorrow, and after the New Year, he'll return to North City. Before he reports to Medical University, he'll visit our house to pay respects to you!"

Yuan Li deliberately tried to dampen her daughter's spirits: "Aren't you worried the young man might not fall for you after a year?"

"Impossible! He already said I'm lively, cheerful, and cute, how could he not like me? Plus, I have confidence that within a year, he'll not only like me but love me!"

Lin Dan clenched her fist, eyes full of determination: "I will definitely succeed, go me!"

Lin Ping: "Young girls these days, don't even know to feel shy."

Lin Dan huffed and said: "Dad, we're not in a feudal society anymore! If I were shy, your good son-in-law might become someone else's!"

Lin Ping glanced at his daughter: "My daughter is so good, do you think she'd have trouble finding a young man better than Kang Yiyang to be my son-in-law?"

"But your daughter only likes Kang Yiyang. No matter how good other guys are, I won't even look at them."

All her life, she's only been moved once, even though Kang Yiyang wasn't interested in her before, even though Kang Yiyang now only has a favorable impression of her, her feelings for him have never changed, only increased!

Chapter 893: That's Incredible!

Yuan Li's eyes carried some worry: "Dandan... liking and being liked, love and being loved are not the same, do you understand?"

"..."

Lin Dan remained silent, then met her mother's concerned gaze: "I know, Mom, I know, but I believe if he really decides to be with me, he will definitely not let me suffer!"

Lin Ping at this point said to his wife Yuan Li: "I still understand that boy Kang Yiyang well, loyal, righteous, and trustworthy, once someone like him decides on something, he won't break his promise or let others down! Similarly, someone like him won't easily say 'like' or 'love,' but once he does, he won't let the other person be the only one to make an effort."

Yuan Li: "Are you so sure?"

Lin Ping: "You know my ability to judge people, and besides, if the kid really had bad intentions, do you think your daughter wouldn't be married by now?"

Moreover, even if he agrees today to date your daughter, it's just a trial relationship for a year, with a promise to establish the relationship if suitable, and to register for marriage right after graduation, otherwise, they would part ways amicably."

His gaze fell on his daughter, and Lin Ping asked, "Is that so?"

Lin Dan nodded repeatedly: "Yes, yes, that's what Kang Yiyang said. She said we would try a relationship for a year, and if we find we're not suitable, we'd just be ordinary friends."

"Alright, I don't know what to say."

Yuan Li appeared indifferent: "One of you thinks highly of that child, and the other is determined to marry him. Even if I had objections, it wouldn't matter in front of you two."

Lin Dan: "Mom, do you not like Kang Yiyang?"

Yuan Li: "Did I say that?"

Lin Dan: "No, you didn't. So if that's the case, where's your objection coming from? Is there something wrong with Kang Yiyang? There's nothing to say about his character, he has a proper conduct, and he got into Medical University,

and most importantly, my cousin told me over the phone that Kang Yiyang's family produced five college students this year, two of whom got into Shuimu University.

One is Kang Yiyang's aunt, who is the national top scorer in science, and the other is his uncle. Moreover, besides Kang Yiyang and his uncle and aunt, the other two college students are his own brothers,

one was admitted to a military academy, and the other to North City Foreign Language University, all of which are prestigious institutions! From this, it's clear what kind of family upbringing they have, so just wish me and Kang Yiyang a good outcome, otherwise, it'll truly be our family's loss!"

Yuan Li looked surprised: "A family with five college students? That's incredible!"

"My cousin said that although Kang Yiyang's family is in the countryside, his grandparents are very open-minded; as long as the children in the family have a talent for studying and can continue, the family will always support them in their education."

Lin Dan paused briefly, then continued: "My cousin also said that the relationships in Kang Yiyang's family among the old and young are very harmonious, mentioning that Kang Yiyang's father has six siblings, with the youngest being his aunt,

who is a twin with his uncle, and his uncle started working at North City Petrochemical years ago, his second uncle is in the military as a regimental officer, and his fourth uncle works at the County Transport Team. The whole family is doing really well!"

Lin Ping: "Your cousin must have gathered all this from Kang Li, right?" He stated directly.

"Yes."

That was definitely certain, but to say her cousin gathered so much information not for her sake, she wouldn't believe it even if beaten to death!

Chapter 894 - You've Finally Grown Up!

Yuan Li: "That child's grandparents are not simple."

Lin Ping nodded in agreement.

"The Kang Family might become quite remarkable in a few years!"

Hearing her husband's remark, Yuan Li laughed and said, "I can tell, you are genuinely satisfied with that kid Yiyang. If your daughter doesn't manage to win him over, you'll probably live in regret for the rest of your life."

The latter part was just a joke.

Upon hearing this, Lin Ping nodded but then shook his head, "There might be regret, but to say I'll regret it for a lifetime, that won't happen."

After a slight pause, Lin Ping looked at his daughter and then shifted his gaze back to his wife, Yuan Li, "But without considering anything else, just from a father's perspective, I hope that boy could get along well with our Dandan, so that our silly girl's infatuation isn't in vain."

"Dad..."

Lin Dan was momentarily startled, then her eyes slightly reddened. She was touched by her parents' understanding and full of gratitude for their support, but at the same time, she felt quite guilty towards her mom and dad, feeling that her pursuit of love caused the two of them who loved her most to worry and exert so much effort.

"What's wrong?"

Looking at his daughter in puzzlement, Lin Ping's eyes were full of affection, "Your mom and I know how much you like that boy, so of course, we want to see you happy."

"I know..."

Nodding lightly, Lin Dan bit her lip and said, "I know you both love me, because of this understanding, I... I've been a little willful in my liking for Kang Yiyang, but I can't control my feelings, which made you worry a lot about me these years. I'm sorry!"

"Silly girl, why say sorry to your dad and mom?"

Yuan Li playfully rolled her eyes at her daughter, "You should know, as parents, worrying about our children is our responsibility. Besides, now that you and Yiyang are heading in a good direction, what else is there for your dad and me to worry about?"

"Anyway, these past few years, I've made you worry too much, and I won't do it again."

As Lin Dan spoke, her eyes were filled with apology, "I promise you today, whether or not Kang Yiyang and I solidify our relationship a year from now, I won't do anything foolish. I won't make you worry that I'll do something reckless."

Earlier, when she almost suffered an assault, she was filled with despair, and undoubtedly scared those who cared for and loved her deeply at that moment.

Yuan Li and Lin Ping were momentarily stunned by Lin Dan's implication. As they regained their composure, they looked relieved, and Lin Ping said, "You've finally grown up!"

"Yes, Mom feels gratified. Our Dandan has finally grown into a young lady, knowing what should and shouldn't be done, that's wonderful!"

With a bittersweet feeling, Yuan Li said with a smile, unconsciously wiping the corners of her eyes.

Lin Dan then smiled, speaking in a sweet voice, "I've been an adult for several years now! Besides, I'm older than Kang Yiyang's aunt by a year, yet strangely enough, in front of her, I genuinely feel that she is my senior, while I am obviously older but not as mature as her."

Yuan Li: "Yes, Yiyang's aunt, Kang Li, indeed seems calmer than you. Even Yiyang seems to be more mature than you. To think you're around three years older than Yiyang, wouldn't that be odd if you really get together?"

"I... I never thought about the age difference between Kang Yiyang and me..."

Lin Dan's cheeks flushed, "Isn't there a saying that a three-year difference for a woman is like holding a golden brick? And I'm just a bit older than Kang Yiyang. He doesn't seem to mind it either."

Chapter 895 - Made a Mistake, Receiving Punishment!

"Looks like we need to prepare some good New Year's supplies this year."

Lin Ping said to his wife, Yuan Li, with a smile in his eyes, "When that kid comes to visit us for the New Year, I'll personally cook up a feast for him."

"Sure, sounds good! I'll head to the department store later to get more New Year's supplies!"

A son-in-law is visiting—well, even if he’s not officially their son-in-law yet, he’s still a guest and a great benefactor to their family, so naturally, they can’t be shabby in their hospitality.

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“You sure you don’t need me to drop you off inside?”

Yu Qiao, the driver responsible for Lin Commander, gently parked the car and looked at Kang Yiyang for confirmation.

“No need, it’s just a few steps from the gate.”

With that, Kang Yiyang got out of the car, retrieved his rolled bedding, travel bag, thermos, and mesh bag from the back seat, and sincerely said to Yu Qiao, “Thank you!”

“No need to thank me, I’m just following orders.”

Yu Qiao smiled and waved, “Go on in.”

Kang Yiyang: “Goodbye.”

Yu Qiao: "Goodbye."

The car turned around, and before long, it drove off into the distance from Kang Yiyang's sight.

Withdrawing his gaze, Kang Yiyang was allowed through by the on-duty guards.

It wasn't his first time at the compound, so the guards at the main gate were familiar with Kang Yiyang and knew he was Professor Luo's relative by marriage.

"Uncle-in-law."

As he walked through the gate, Kang Yiyang saw Luo Yanqing coming out of the living room and couldn't help but call out.

"You're here."

Luo Yanqing responded, extending his hand, but seeing this, Kang Yiyang shook his head with a smile, "I'm fine."

Avoiding Luo Yanqing's hand, Kang Yiyang laughed, "It's not heavy."

“Your aunt and grandmother are in the living room, go in.” Luo Yanqing said, heading to the living room door to lift the cotton curtain for Kang Yiyang.

Then he went to the kitchen.

“...Auntie, what’s with Ruirui and the others?”

Upon entering the living room, Kang Yiyang saw the three standing hand in hand facing the wall, and couldn’t help but feel curious and amused.

Kang Li: “They made a mistake and are being punished!”

“Your aunt was really something; Hanhan just played in the snow a little longer, and when she got home, your aunt made her stand as punishment, dragging Ruirui and Vivi into it too.”

Seeing the beloved kids being punished, Cai Xiufen was both helpless and amused.

“When you make a mistake, you should be punished; otherwise, they’ll become uncontrollable!”

Kang Li said, unconcerned, “Every year when it snows, I remind the three of them that they can play in the snow but not for too long to avoid catching a cold and getting sick. They agree verbally but don’t take it seriously in action.

Today, Luo Minghan played in the snow for a long time, and Luo Mingrui and Luo Mingwei—the former, as the brother, didn’t persuade her, and the latter, as the sister, didn’t remind her, just let Luo Mingrui play wildly. Since they’ve learned to turn a blind eye, they’ll accept the punishment together.”

Kang Yiyang suppressed a laugh, “So, this hand-holding is...”

“They’re very united, holding hands like this to fulfill their ‘share hardships together’ spirit.”

Saying so lightly, Kang Li’s words made Kang Yiyang unable to hold back and laugh out loud, “This is good, Aunt. Punishing Ruirui and the others like this is actually great. In the future, when I get married and have kids, if any of them make a mistake, I’ll punish them together, making them hold hands and reflect facing the wall.”

“That’s a nice thought, but by the time you get married and have kids, maybe the country will only allow one child.”

In the early seventies, family planning started to be promoted, and by the early eighties, it was officially implemented.

Chapter 896 - Being Too Rational About Relationships Isn't Good

In rural areas, having more children means paying fines. For city-dwelling dual-income families, dare to have a second child, and you're waiting to be fired from the unit!

"No way?"

Kang Yiyang was surprised.

Cai Xiufen was equally shocked: "Li Bao, are you talking nonsense?"

"Whether I'm talking nonsense or not, you'll know in two or three years."

Kang Li smiled and switched the topic: "Did you just return from the unit like this?"

Kang Yiyang was puzzled: "What else could I have done?"

"Nothing special happened?"

Kang Li folded her arms and leaned back on the sofa. Her beautiful eyes were smiling with a hint of teasing: "Your Aunt Wu Yue has called me recently. She said..."

Intentionally leaving the sentence unfinished, Kang Li saw Kang Yiyang's face turn red. She deliberately cleared her throat twice and asked, "Do you want me to continue?"

"Auntie, I didn't expect you and Aunt Wu Yue to be such gossips."

Putting down the things in his hand, after a brief moment of discomfort, Kang Yiyang returned to his usual demeanor and said: "I just took the initiative to say a few words to Lin Dan, and you all know about it."

Suddenly, he thought of something and couldn't help asking: "Could it be Lin Dan..."

Kang Li raised an eyebrow: "What? Are you angry with Lin Dan?"

"Why would I?"

Kang Yiyang shook his head, his eyes full of helplessness: "Do all you girls, when you're on good terms, share everything with each other?"

"Is it that strange? Don't you boys, when you're on good terms, occasionally share some of your own laughter and inner thoughts?"

Her beautiful eyes were filled with laughter, and Kang Li stared steadily at Kang Yiyang: "Didn't Lin Dan see you off?"

Kang Yiyang's ears turned red: "Auntie, can you not gossip?"

"It's your grandma who wants to know."

Casually putting the blame on the old lady, yet Kang Li didn't forget to ask her mother: "Mom, don't you want to know?"

Cai Xiufen nodded.

"Auntie, you're pulling my grandma into this, fine then, if you want to know, I'll tell you. I've agreed with Lin Dan to try dating for a year, and if we really find each other suitable, we'll confirm the relationship and get registered after graduation, otherwise, we'll just be friends."

By the time Kang Yiyang said this, his demeanor was back to normal, with a faint smile hanging at the corner of his mouth: "Knowing I was leaving the Cultural Work Troupe today, Lin Dan did see me off and even requested a car from our troupe leader, with Comrade Yu Qiao driving me to the courtyard gate."

Kang Li said: "Looks like you've opened up to relationships between men and women, but you're a bit too rational."

Kang Yiyang: "Is being rational not good? If we're not suitable but insist on being together, it's not fair to either of us!"

"I'm not saying being rational is bad, but everything needs moderation. Once you're too rational, it's easy to miss out on a relationship."

Saying this, Kang Li smiled: "But that's my personal opinion. You can take it as a reference, you don't have to treat it as a royal decree!"

The latter half sounded relaxed and cheerful, undoubtedly Kang Li was lightening the atmosphere.

Stunned for a while, Kang Yiyang said, "Oh."

"Whether it's a royal decree or not, whatever your aunt says is definitely for your own good, you must listen!"

Cai Xiufen looked intently at Kang Yiyang. Seeing this, Kang Yiyang quickly nodded: "Grandma, don't worry. As long as my aunt says it, I remember it all in my heart!"

Just as Kang Yiyang finished speaking, Kang Guoan's voice came from outside the living room door: "Everything your aunt says, you remember in your heart?"

Chapter 897 - Complaining of Injustice

"Uncle."

Seeing Kang Guoan walk into the living room, Kang Yiyang greeted him loudly with a smile. He said, "My aunt said you can't be too rational when it comes to relationships."

"Why would your aunt say that to you out of the blue?"

Putting what he was holding together with what Kang Yiyang had placed earlier, Kang Guoan looked at Kang Yiyang with great curiosity.

But before Kang Yiyang could speak, Kang Li chuckled and said, "Our Yangyang is dating a girl now. Mom and I both really like her, but unfortunately, Yangyang only seems to have a liking for her so far."

"Impressive, you've even got a girlfriend before your Uncle here."

Kang Guoan patted Kang Yiyang on the shoulder, his eyebrows showing a smile.

"Back when the college entrance exam results came out, my aunt even planned to introduce the girl who liked me to you, Uncle!"

While saying this, Kang Yiyang glanced at Kang Li and seeing she didn't look unusual, he couldn't help but ask Kang Guoan, "Uncle, do you think that's okay?"

Kang Guoan's eyebrow twitched, and he turned his gaze to Kang Li, "Li Bao, what were you thinking back then?"

Introducing a girl who liked their nephew to him, could it be that Li Bao wasn't fully awake?

"I didn't think much, I just felt that Kang Yiyang is a bit thick-headed without much sight, so I thought to introduce her to you. After all, she's not only good-looking with a nice figure,

but also has a gentle yet lively personality. Most importantly, she also got accepted into college. Since Kang Yiyang wasn't interested, naturally I thought of you, big brother, to avoid letting such a good girl end up with someone else."

Kang Li said it very naturally, without the slightest discomfort.

"Auntie, I just didn't want to consider personal relationship issues too early."

Kang Yiyang voiced his grievances.

Kang Li: "Oh, I see. You've relaxed your standards after getting into college and decided to give it a try with Lin Dan."

Kang Yiyang: "Is there anything wrong with that?"

"No. But you're undoubtedly lucky to have met a girl who wholeheartedly likes you; otherwise, which ordinary girl would be willing to stand still and wait for you?"

And waiting for several years, and getting excited to the point of flying when you finally spoke to her. Kang Yiyang, you're truly fortunate,

to have such a lovely, smart, and tactful girl. I suggest you cherish her well, and don't miss this good match because of your overly rational thinking."

"That girl is a colleague of Kang Yiyang at the Cultural Work Troupe."

Kang Guoan stated plainly.

"Yes."

Kang Li nodded, "She's a dancer."

"So she's liked Kang Yiyang for a long time, yet Kang Yiyang doesn't feel annoyed or bothered?"

Kang Guoan asked. Hearing this, Kang Li knew what he was thinking of, and she smiled, “Big brother, you’ve thought of that woman surnamed Yang, haven’t you?”

Before Kang Guoan could speak, Kang Li explained, “The girl who likes Kang Yiyang is different from that Comrade Yang who liked you. She likes him but never pestered him.”

Kang Guoan turned his gaze to Kang Yiyang, saw him nod, and slightly pursed his lips, saying, “Then you’re really lucky. Cherish it well!” He patted Kang Yiyang’s shoulder once more.

“You didn’t date anyone else afterward?”

Cai Xiufen asked Kang Guoan with a stern face, the “afterward” in her question was understood by both Kang Guoan himself and the aunt and nephew, Kang Li and Kang Yiyang, as referring to the time after Yang Zijuan until now.

“Busy with work, no time.”

Kang Guoan answered swiftly and decisively.

Chapter 898 - Why Can't I Say It?

“You’re not getting any younger. Once you’re in university, you better find a proper partner and spare your mom and dad from worrying about your marriage.”

Hearing Cai Xiufen say this, Kang Guoan didn't object. He softly replied, "We'll see."

Kang Li chimed in, "Bro, when you find a partner at university, make sure you choose wisely. Don't end up with a woman who abandons her husband and child. Otherwise, aside from mom and dad, even I won't approve!"

Don't blame me for being nosy; I oppose it entirely because anyone who can abandon their family, no matter their reasons, has a flawed character."

To get into university or move to the city, they abandon their family. Why don't they reflect on their initial choice to marry their partner?

Moreover, if they must separate, why not end the marriage properly instead of sneaking away?

It's not that Kang Li is overthinking. Even before arriving in this world, she knew about some things from this era.

After all, there have been similar stories on TV.

Cai Xiufen agreed, "Li Bao's right."

"Aunt, do you think things like this happen back in our hometown?" Kang Yiyang asked.

In response, Kang Li said, "Not sure, it depends on the character."

Cai Xiufen seemed to think of something and said, "There are several in our village married to educated youth, and others in nearby villages as well. When we return this time, we'll likely hear if anyone secretly ran back to the city."

Kang Guoan remarked, "Zhou Weimin married an educated young woman."

Kang Yiyang elbowed Kang Guoan, "'Uncle...' Why mention him ~

Don't you know Aunt is sitting right here on the sofa?"

Seeing his nephew wink at him and then sneaking a glance towards his precious sister, Kang Guoan understood immediately, and with a bit of amusement, he said:

"Your aunt has long parted ways with Zhou Weimin, and she's not someone who can't move on. Besides, your aunt's husband has left that guy streets behind. Do you really think she's still pining over Zhou Weimin?"

"Uncle, what are you doing?"

Kang Yiyang glared, "Why spill the beans?"

"Why wouldn't I? Your aunt is my sister. I know her; she wouldn't hold onto that bastard Zhou Weimin!"

Saying this, Kang Guoan turned and walked towards the living room door, "I'll go help my brother-in-law cook."

Upon hearing this, Cai Xiufen clapped her hands and said, "Li Bao, why didn't you remind your mom to cook? I thought Yanqing went out for something, but he was in the kitchen cooking the whole time. This girl, you've truly been spoiled by me!"

Kang Li looked innocent, "He didn't say he was cooking. How was I supposed to know?"

Pressing her mom to sit down, Kang Li stood up, "I'll go. You stay and rest."

Glancing over at Min Rui and the kids, Kang Li smiled, "Alright, your punishment is over. Now head to your rooms and start writing a reflection. Ruirui, 300 words; Hanhan and Vivi, 100 words each. Use the dictionary if you don't know a word. If I find one mistake, you'll write it ten times, understood?"

Min Rui and the kids replied, "Understood!"

Kang Li gave a stern look, “Louder.”

Min Rui and the kids straightened up and shouted, “Understood!”

“Good. I hope you truly understand. If anyone tries to slack off, be careful, or I’ll serve them a good stir-fry of bamboo shoots and meat!”

Chapter 899 - My Mom Said You Must Have the Right Attitude in Life and Work

Kang Li suppressed a chuckle in his eyes and asked, “Do you know what ‘bamboo shoots stir-fried with meat’ means?”

Ming Wei shook her head.

Ming Rui and Ming Han nodded, but Ming Han spoke with a pained expression, “Mom, haven’t you always made us reflect facing the wall? Why add ‘bamboo shoots stir-fried with meat’ now?”

“The reason is simple. If you don’t learn after repeated teachings, I have to increase the punishment!”

Kang Li said with a straight face.

Ming Wei tugged at her brother Ming Han’s shirt and whispered, “Second brother, isn’t ‘bamboo shoots stir-fried with meat’ just a dish? Why does mom say it’s a punishment for us?”

“Silly! The ‘bamboo shoots stir-fried with meat’ mom talks about isn’t the dish but using bamboo strips to hit us here,”

pointing at his own little bottom, Ming Han shrank his neck in fear and said, “Whenever Big Fatty from our class doesn’t do his homework or fights with the kids in their compound, his dad gives him a serving of ‘bamboo shoots stir-fried with meat’.”

Ming Rui realized, “No wonder I see him standing in class once every week. That’s why!”

Ming Han: “You’re a girl, so don’t go around telling this in class. It’ll embarrass Big Fatty, and the other boys will make fun of you, saying you’re blushing.”

Ming Wei: “I promise I won’t say anything.”

“What are you two whispering about?”

In fact, Kang Li heard them, but she asked on purpose.

The twins immediately stood straight, shaking their heads in unison, and Ming Han said, “Mom, you saw it wrong, I wasn’t talking to my sister.”

Kang Li didn't expose the little fellow's lie, nor did she seem to notice Ming Wei's guilty look. She said, "When writing your reflection essays, no discussing allowed. If they are more than half similar, you'll have to redo them."

Ming Rui replied: "Got it."

"Turn it in before dinner."

Leaving this, Kang Li held back her laughter as she left the living room.

"Is this how Aunt always dealt with Ruirui and them when they made mistakes?"

After Kang Li left, Kang Yiyang smiled and asked his grandma.

Cai Xiufen nodded, "But Ruirui and the others are very well-behaved, rarely making mistakes."

"Then today is quite a coincidence, just happened to see it myself."

Kang Yiyang said with a smile, his gaze shifting to Ming Rui and the others, "Need help from your big cousin?"

Ming Rui shook his head: "No need." He turned and walked towards the room.

Ming Han also shook his head: "Thank you, big cousin. My mom told us when we were young, if you make a mistake, you should correct it promptly, and do your own things yourself, without asking others to do them for you."

Following his brother Ming Rui, he left the living room.

Ming Wei blinked her big grape-like eyes, "My mom said, whether as a person or in doing things, you must have a proper attitude."

With that, Ming Wei went back to her own room.

Kang Yiyang was stunned for a moment and then turned his attention back to his grandma, "Grandma, why do I feel like I'm not even as good as Ruirui and the others?"

"Good that you know."

Cai Xiufen, with a knitted slipper in hand, glanced at her eldest grandson, and then said, "Your little aunt never beats or scolds the children. She always reasons with Ruirui and them. If they recognize their mistakes, they're punished by facing the wall for half an hour."

“My little aunt really knows how to teach kids. Grandma, I think you and grandpa raised Dad and Uncle differently from my little aunt,

otherwise, why do we get hit on the back of the head or kicked when we make mistakes? It’s so different from my little aunt’s gentle approach like a soft breeze.”

Kang Yiyang put on a bitter face, “I got kicked by Dad a lot when I was a kid.”

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“That’s because you kids were too naughty, can’t blame your father for kicking you.”

Cai Xiufen gave a light “hmph” and said, “Your little aunt was well-behaved since childhood. Both your grandfather and I spoiled her as much as we could, never had to teach her a lesson. Now, your little aunt knows how to teach kids; that’s her own smartness, nothing much to do with me or you.”

Kang Yiyang sighed, “My little aunt is just a bit older than me, yet how is she so insightful?!”

“Can’t figure that out?!”

Cai Xiufen glanced disdainfully at her eldest grandson, then proudly said, “Your little aunt has been smart since she was a kid.”

"I get it now, Grandma, you're saying I'm silly, not as insightful as my little aunt."

Kang Yiyang pretended to be aggrieved, but unexpectedly, Cai Xiufen didn't even look at him and blurted out, "If you know it, why say it out loud? It seems your brain really isn't working well."

Kang Yiyang felt discouraged, his tone pitiful: "Grandma, am I your dear eldest grandson?"

At these words, Cai Xiufen still didn't look at Kang Yiyang, and she again threw out a sentence: "Go home and ask your father."

Being struck in the heart by his grandma over and over, Kang Yiyang felt so miserable, desperately needing comfort, so he sulkily "hmp" and said, "Grandma, you hurt my heart, but I think my little uncle will definitely give me some loving comfort."

Cai Xiufen held back her laughter and casually said, "What are you talking about? Loving comfort? You might as well be the Monkey King!"

"Grandma..."

Kang Yiyang pulled a long face, "I'm my little uncle's dear nephew. How could my little uncle not love me?"

"Enough, your brain isn't working well, talking more is a waste of breath."

Cai Xiufen sighed and shook her head, "Alright, go to your little uncle for loving comfort."

Yet just as Kang Yiyang was about to walk away, Cai Xiufen leisurely uttered a line, "Always blabbering about 'love,' having no shame at all, does your blockhead compare to my daughter?"

Instantly, Kang Yiyang clutched at his chest, "Grandma, you're so good at stabbing! And always hitting the mark, impressive!"

Seeing his grandma glance over, Kang Yiyang grinned through bared teeth, pretended to be in pain, and gave a thumbs up.

"If your brain isn't working, let it be; after all, you've made it to college. But when did your eyes go blind too?"

Cai Xiufen looked like she was staring at a fool, "Look, do I have a knife in my hand?"

Kang Yiyang turned his face away, then deliberately wiped his face hard, before shifting his gaze back to his grandma, "I get it, that's why they say there's a generation gap every three years and a chasm every five years. Clearly, there's probably seven continents and four oceans between you and me."

"Can't speak human?"

Cai Xiufen glared, "Then shut your mouth."

Kang Yiyang: "Grandma, it's not that I can't speak; it's that you don't understand what I'm saying."

Upon hearing this, Cai Xiufen dismissed him, "Shoo, shoo, shoo, go to your little uncle for loving comfort, stop getting in my way here!"

"Alright then, Grandma, don't miss me, okay!"

Kang Yiyang stretched his mouth into a grin, showing off his pearly whites, "I'm really leaving, not fooling you."

"Who cares about you, hurry up and disappear from my sight."

Little rascal, already an adult and still as mischievous as when he was a kid, I'll have your father kick you a few times later!

Thinking this, Cai Xiufen's eyes were filled with a smile, showing not a hint of dissatisfaction with her eldest grandson.

Kitchen.

“Cold water, don’t move, I’ll take care of it.”

Steamed buns were being cooked in the pot, Kang Guoan sat by the stove, tending to the fire,