

Weak B 941

Chapter 941 What Do You Think?

Mom, thank you! Dad, thank you too! Thank you for bringing me into this world, thank you for giving me a smart brain!"

Older sister-in-law Kang and Big Brother Kang's teeth were sore from the sweetness, but their gazes at Kang Li were full of smiles, with not a hint of estrangement from what Cai Xiufen had said earlier.

Meanwhile, Captain Kang and his wife felt complete comfort, knowing their cherished daughter was well worth all the years of doting.

"Why say thank you to your own parents?"

With a gentle look, Captain Kang said, "All your mother and I ever wish for is that you and your siblings are well, we ask for nothing else and certainly don't expect you to say thank you."

Cai Xiufen agreed, "That's right, what your dad said is exactly what your mom wants to say too. As long as you siblings have peace and smooth journeys, I am satisfied! As for thank you, don't keep saying it."

"Got it!"

Kang Li responded with a laugh, her sweet and joyous voice felt comforting to Captain Kang and the others.

"Mom, Li Bao, do you guys know if Yangyang has a girlfriend now?"

Thinking about her eldest son's brief visit, she asked how things had been in North City over the years, and all she got was one answer, "Everything's good", which made her quite annoyed.

Now that the third brother is about to get married, yet the eldest and second brother's partners still seem out of sight, honestly, she's quite anxious for those two rascals.

"I originally wanted to find time to talk to you about this, but since you asked now, I'll tell you!"

Kang Li's bright and clear fox-like eyes were filled with laughter, she said, "Yangyang has a girlfriend now, though they just started dating, unless there's anything unexpected, once Yangyang graduates from university, he can bring a girl from North City to meet you and Big Brother!"

"Are you sure?"

Elder sister-in-law Kang's face showed surprise.

"Li Bao isn't lying to you."

This was Cai Xiufen's voice, she turned her gaze to elder sister-in-law Kang, "The girl's name is Lin Dan, she's a good kid. She got into North City Normal University this year. There are two siblings in her family, her father was Yangyang's leader at the Cultural Work Troupe, and her mother has her own job too. The family is harmonious and complements our Yangyang well."

Kang Li: "Actually, Lin Dan's family is also a large family. In old terms, the Lin family is a scholarly family!"

Cai Xiufen: "Did Wu Yue tell you this?"

"Yes."

Kang Li nodded, smiled, and said, "Wu Yue is the daughter of Lin Dan's aunt. Lin Dan's father is the eldest son, followed by four brothers and two sisters, counting Lin Dan's grandparents, there are five university professors in the whole family. The rest work in newspapers and are into journalism...In short, from old to young, the family is full of cultured people."

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "With such good conditions, why would the girl be interested in that silly Yangyang?"

Hearing this, Kang Li blinked and said, "I don't know if I mentioned it last time, but anyway, our Yangyang is very cocky. Lin Dan liked Yangyang ever since he joined the Cultural Work Troupe, but Yangyang said he wouldn't involve himself in relationships for ten years and always ignored the girl."

"I can't quite remember if you mentioned it or not, but I won't care about anything else now. If Kang Yiyang dares to disappoint the girl one day, your big brother and I won't let him off easily!"

Elder sister-in-law Kang said seriously, not forgetting to turn to Big Brother Kang, "What do you say?"

"I listen to you."

Big Brother Kang had no objections at all.

Chapter 942 Not Worried

"Does your little brother have someone in mind?"

Eyeballing his precious sister, Big Brother Kang said, "Yangyang isn't exactly young anymore, and your brother is over a year older than Yangyang!"

Kang Li cleared her throat, then chuckled lightly, saying, "My brother says he's not in a hurry."

"Little Wu's marriage is his own business; your dad and I aren't planning on rushing him."

Cai Xiufen glanced at Captain Kang and casually interjected a sentence towards Big Brother Kang.

"Speaking of it, we're in a new society now. Whether male or female, as long as you're exceptional enough, there's no worry about finding a suitable partner. And the men in our family, not only do your brothers have good brains, but they're also good-looking. I'm not worried about lacking a Fifth Sister-in-law or missing any nieces!"

Kang Li spoke with a playful tone, and her words amused Cai Xiufen and Captain Kang, as well as Big Brother Kang and his wife. Cai Xiufen playfully rolled her eyes at her, "You cheeky one!"

"I wasn't wrong, just look at my dad. Although he's getting on in years, he's still a handsome old man. And look at my big brother, a father of four boys, with the oldest already in his twenties,

but still looking handsome. If he spruced up a bit and walked out with Yangyang, I'm guessing most people who don't know them would think my big brother is Yangyang's brother!"

Hearing Kang Li say this, Cai Xiufen laughed and lightly patted Kang Li's arm, "The more you talk, the more outrageous it gets. What brothers or not, aren't you worried others will laugh at us."

"Mom, Li Bao says I look young, and it makes me happy to hear; don't you go hitting her."

To be honest, because Big Brother Kang works outdoors, facing the elements is inevitable. But aside from his slightly rough and tanned facial skin, his looks really don't have any flaws.

Handsome, with distinct features and full of masculinity!

If he were in the entertainment industry, he'd be the real deal—a ruggedly handsome guy.

"Look at you, being so vain!"

Elder sister-in-law Kang looked at Big Brother Kang with an amused glance.

"Sister-in-law, you don't need to envy my big brother. With your looks now, there's barely a change from over ten years ago. Plus, if it weren't for having a beautiful mother like you, relying only on my big brother's looks, it'd be hard to produce handsome guys like Yangyang and his brothers!"

After such a compliment from Kang Li, Elder sister-in-law Kang blushed immediately, "At my age? It's impossible not to change from ten years ago. You're just flattering me to make me happy, sweet-talker!"

"Sigh!"

Kang Li deliberately let out a long sigh and said, "What's with today? I'm speaking the truth, how come my dear sister-in-law doesn't believe me?!"

Elder sister-in-law Kang was amused into laughter.

Cai Xiufen and Big Brother Kang also laughed heartily.

Captain Kang didn't laugh out loud, but the amusement in his eyes was unmistakable.

A moment later, Big Brother Kang stopped laughing, and said to Elder sister-in-law Kang, "It's getting late, let's head back to rest, so Mom, Dad, and Li Bao can sleep early too."

"Let's go, then."

With that response, Elder sister-in-law Kang and Big Brother Kang bade farewell to Captain Kang's old couple and to Kang Li, then the pair got off the kang bed, put on their shoes, and left the room in a flash.

"Are you planning to sleep in the room with your dad and me?"

Cai Xiufen lifted the covers, quickly tidied up the bed, and said, "If you're planning to sleep here, Mom will get you a quilt?"

"No, I'm going back to my own room to sleep."

Kang Li shook her head, and after seeing her mom had tidied the kang bed, she sat back into the covers and said to Captain Kang, "Dad, judging from this year's college entrance exam, everything is going to gradually change."

Chapter 943 Old Ginger Is Spicier

Maybe it won't take long before all of us farmers have land to cultivate. By then, everyone's lives will surely get better and better. I'm saying this because, Dad, why don't you stop being the Team Leader and come with us to North City after the New Year? What do you think?"

"What would I do in North City?"

Captain Kang's face showed no change. He said, "Your mom can help you look after the kids and cook meals at your place. The most I can do is pick up Ruirui and them from school, but otherwise, I'll be idle. Over time, it'll make me feel uncomfortable."

Kang Li: "If you don't go, who will pick up Ruirui after I start college? Dad, you can't expect Mom to work hard every day, can you?"

Captain Kang: "Yanqing is taking extended leave this time."

Kang Li: "That's true, but when school starts, he has to teach at Shuimu University. And I have to go to Shuimu University too. The school definitely won't allow freshmen to live outside. Besides, Shuimu University is far from our compound!"

Cai Xiufen: "Didn't Shuimu University allocate Yanqing a three-bedroom apartment?"

"They did allocate a big house."

Kang Li nodded and then said, "Is Mom suggesting transferring Ruirui and them to a nearby elementary school at Shuimu University?"

"That's such a hassle."

Cai Xiufen shook her head and expressed her intention: "I think since Yanqing has an apartment at the university, it's more convenient for you to stay at your own home. There's no need for any dormitory business."

Saying this, Cai Xiufen shifted her gaze to Captain Kang: "How about you come with us? Once Li Bao and Yanqing go to school, it'll just be me, an old lady, and Ruirui and the siblings left in the compound."

"I don't mind picking up the kids and being busy at home, but I'm worried that if something happens and Li Bao and Yanqing can't come back, what would I do then?"

"Dad, don't you care about Mom at all?"

Actually, Min Rui and the other two go to school with the kids from the compound, so there's no safety issue. After all, elementary schools have a unified dismissal time, and many kids from the compound attend the same school. The elementary school is just one stop away, and it doesn't take long going back and forth. Her main intention in wanting her dad to go to North City was to have him accompany her mom, so the old couple could enjoy some leisure time together.

After all, in their hometown, neither could stay idle and inevitably ended up working in the fields all day.

As Captain Kang remained silent, Kang Li continued, "After the New Year, many from our family will leave. It won't just be Mom, me, Luo Yanqing, and the three Ruirui. By then, my little brother, Yangyang, Chenchen, and Yihong will all have to go. As the head of the family, can you really let so many grandchildren move to North City without worry?"

Captain Kang: "You all aren't children anymore. Why should I be worried?"

"Alright then, if you're at ease, let me make it this way..."

Rolling her eyes a bit, Kang Li said: "North City is a big city and the capital. Any new national policy will be known there first, and if you come with us to North City, you can check out any good opportunities and tell my older brothers..."

"Just say it straight. There's no need for all this roundabout persuasion to get me to North City. Just tell me what you really want to do."

With Captain Kang's words, Kang Li felt a bit awkward. She scratched her nose and laughed self-deprecatingly: "Old ginger is still spicier."

Cai Xiufen laughed out loud: "Look at your daughter, she's this old yet still so mischievous!"

Chapter 944 I'm Being Good!

Captain Kang's eyes filled with a smile: "Pretty good."

"I'm being obedient!"

Kang Li blinked her beautiful, clear fox-like eyes and said with a smile, "I just feel that my dad has worked hard his whole life and deserves to enjoy life now."

"Your dad is just over sixty, not in his seventies or eighties and unable to move. I'm still strong! Besides, all I do back home is delegate chores to the townsfolk and attend a meeting at the Commune..."

As soon as Captain Kang started talking, he said a lot, his purpose clear: to deter Kang Li from continuing to persuade him to go to North City.

Cai Xiufen said after Captain Kang's words fell, "Li Bao, let it be, if your dad wants to stay at home, let him." Silly old man, can't you see it's out of filial piety?

"Maybe in a few years!"

Captain Kang said to Kang Li, "I know of your filial piety, and when the day comes that every farming household has its own land, then Dad will go to North City to see you."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li had no choice but to give up her idea of encouraging her father to go to North City. She nodded: "Alright then."

At this moment, Captain Kang took out an old cotton-padded jacket from the kang cabinet, fumbled in the sleeve for a while, and pulled out a thick, folded pure cotton printed towel.

"Here, take this back to your room and keep it safe."

"What is it?"

"It's the reward from the provincial, city, and county education bureau leaders, the Commune leaders, and the town school principal. A total of five thousand yuan, I've kept it for you. Now you keep it safe yourself."

"I don't want it."

Kang Li shook her head: "Dad and Mom, you keep it for expenses."

"It's yours, so take it."

Captain Kang stuffed it into Kang Li's hand: "Your elder brothers all know, they won't have any thoughts about it."

Cai Xiufen nodded: "Your dad and I have talked about this, and Mom mentioned it to you before. Since your dad has taken it out now, you should keep it yourself."

"You and Mom gave birth to me and raised me, so this money should be left for you two to use."

Kang Li continued to refuse.

Captain Kang: "Don't be stubborn with me here!"

"I'm not." Kang Li said with grievance: "I'm not stubborn at all."

"Then just take it."

Cai Xiufen put the money back into Kang Li's hand that was lying on the quilt: "This is a reward given to you by the leaders, everyone in the family knows and absolutely won't covet this money."

Kang Li was silent for a moment, then she said: "Mom, why don't you and Dad keep it for me, and I'll take it when I leave?"

"Okay. But don't think you can trick us, if you don't come to get it after the holidays, I'll bring it to North City for you." Cai Xiufen said as she put the money away.

"I'll come, I'll definitely come find you two to get the money."

Kang Li said with a laugh, getting up from the kang: "I'm going to sleep, Mom, you and Dad should rest early too."

Putting on her shoes, Kang Li turned back to her parents before leaving: "What do you think about Educated Youth Yan's child?"

Captain Kang: "Your dad won't lack great-grandchildren."

If that brat ends up with no kids of his own, it's only he who will regret it, it doesn't concern others.

Cai Xiufen: "Didn't your sister-in-law say, it's a life after all, and since Xiao Hong is willing to raise it himself, and we've decided to accept Educated Youth Yan into the family, then raising one more child is no big deal."

"I understand."

Kang Li smiled warmly: "It's fate for Educated Youth Yan to meet a family like ours."

With that, Kang Li wished her parents "Good night."

Chapter 945 I Know I Was Wrong

The door was closed behind her, and Cai Xiufen shook her head with a smile, "Your daughter, in recent years, must have seen and heard a lot in North City. She often comes out with some new expressions out of the blue. Not only have Ruirui and her siblings learned a lot, but even Little Wu and Yangyang have picked up quite a bit."

Captain Kang: "It's a good thing that the child is clever."

...

In another room.

"Third brother, did you not know that your big brother was coming back today?"

Kang Yiyang lay in bed, poked Kang Yihong with his elbow, and said, "Stop pretending to sleep; I know you're awake!"

"Big brother, our third brother knows. He's just in a mood and doesn't want to come out of the room."

This was the voice of Kang Yiheng.

Upon hearing this, Kang Yiyang snorted and said, "In a mood? With our parents?"

Kang Yiheng: "Yes."

Kang Yiyang turned on the light, sat up, and pulled the blanket off Kang Yihong. With a stern face, he said, "Kang Yihong, you're getting bold now, huh? Having mood swings with our parents? Fine, go ahead with your mood, but don't you want to come out of the room to greet your big brother? Don't you know that grandma, our aunt's family, and our uncle have all come back together?"

"I know I was wrong."

Kang Yihong pulled the blanket back over himself, "I was just being foolish for a moment. If you want to beat me up, do it tomorrow. I want to sleep now."

"Big brother, I saw third brother was called to grandma and grandpa's room, and when he came back, he seemed in a good mood. I think it's because mom and dad finally agreed to let him marry that Educated Youth Yan!"

Kang Yiheng chatted on. Hearing this, Kang Yihong was momentarily stunned. After a while, he regained his composure and asked Kang Yiheng, "What Educated Youth Yan? Third brother is about to go to university, is he planning to get married now?"

"Big brother, you don't need to be surprised. This was all caused by third brother himself. He said he likes Educated Youth Yan, and when mom and dad didn't agree, he locked himself in his room for three

days without eating or drinking. Tonight, his mood improved, so it must be because our aunt helped persuade mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa."

At this point, Kang Yiheng paused briefly and then expressed his confusion, "I've never seen third brother and Educated Youth Yan together at home, and neither have mom and dad. But all of a sudden, third brother not only says he wants to marry Educated Youth Yan, but he also seems incredibly determined, insisting he must marry her."

After listening to Kang Yiheng, Kang Yiyang looked at Kang Yihong, "Aren't you going to say something?"

"Fourth Brother is telling the truth. I indeed plan to marry Educated Youth Yan. Mom, dad, and grandma have all agreed. They've probably already set the date; we're just waiting for the right time to make it official," Kang Yihong said.

He didn't mention the matter of the child because he knew very well that the elders hadn't told his younger brothers about Educated Youth Yan's pregnancy. Since that was the case, he wouldn't bring it up himself, and he didn't want to embarrass Educated Youth Yan in front of his brothers.

Little did they know, Kang Yiheng inadvertently learned everything from a conversation between Big Brother Kang and Elder sister-in-law Kang.

As for whether the brothers from the third room and the two young brothers from the fourth room knew, that was something they were clear about themselves.

Kang Yiyang: "Did that Educated Youth Yan also get into university?"

Kang Yihong: "No."

Kang Yiyang: "When did things start between you two?"

Kang Yihong: "When Educated Youth Yan first came to our village to work."

"Never mind. If your own affairs please you, I won't make a fuss," Kang Yiyang said.

He didn't know what else to say because everyone has their own life, and how they choose to live it is their business. Even if others want to offer opinions, it has to be that person's willingness to listen, right?

Moreover, since his parents and grandparents had no objections, as an elder brother, the more he said, the more likely it would cause a rift with his younger brother.

Chapter 946 Maybe He's Just Deeply Devoted

Upon hearing what Kang Yiyang said, Kang Yihong remained silent. He knew that even if the Kang Family no longer objected to him marrying Educated Youth Yan, his actions probably still disappointed his family.

But if he didn't do this, what would happen to Educated Youth Yan?

The light switch was pulled down again by Kang Yiyang, and the room instantly dimmed.

Kang Yihong slept between his elder and younger brothers, Kang Yiheng and Kang Yiyang, respectively. At this moment, Kang Yiheng was lying on his side with his back to him, and similarly, Kang Yihong was lying on his side with his back to his elder brother.

The room was now so silent that no sound could be heard, and a bitter smile appeared on Kang Yihong's lips.

Will elder brother and younger brother ever open up to him again?

Is it worth it? Kang Yihong asked himself, for the sake of helping Educated Youth Yan, he put himself in this situation. Was it worth it? Could it be... could it be that he truly is like the metaphor his mom used?

Reincarnation of Buddha?

No, he wasn't. The truth was that he simply had a good impression of Educated Youth Yan, he didn't want to see her unable to hide her pregnancy and be drowned in gossip, even driven to desperation.

Kang Yihong was very clear about what he was doing!

It was not solely an emotion-driven decision.

...

"I have something to tell you."

Held in Luo Yanqing's arms, Kang Li softly recounted Kang Yihong's situation, and then Luo Yanqing said: "Yihong is already an adult, you don't have to worry. Besides, aren't there elder brother, sister-in-law, and parents to worry, it's not your place as a younger sister to be concerned."

Kang Li: "That's not what I mean. I mean, isn't it possible that someone in the Kang Family has become a love-struck fool?"

Hearing this, Luo Yanqing was slightly taken aback and asked: "Do you think Yihong is?"

"Doesn't seem like it. From what he said in my parents' room before, it didn't sound like it, but the decisions he's making seem like something only a love-struck fool would do."

Think about it, that Educated Youth Yan is pregnant with her partner's child, yet Kang Yihong insists on marrying her in, disregarding the family's opposition,

and is even willing to raise someone else's child, not even caring if he wouldn't have his own in the future. In my opinion, that's almost like Christian beliefs of a saintly father."

Luo Yanqing was silent for a moment and then said, "Perhaps he's just sentimental!"

Kang Li: "Sentimental? He is sentimental, the problem is, does Educated Youth Yan have feelings for him?"

"So, you're not in favor of Yihong marrying that Educated Youth Yan?"

"Does my disapproval matter? Yihong has said everything, and both my parents and my elder brother and sister-in-law have decided to accept Educated Youth Yan into the family tonight... To be honest, our family is entirely kind, fearing that if Educated Youth Yan's pregnancy is known, a tragic accident might occur. After all, following Educated Youth Yan's expected delivery date,

everything is still fine in winter when people wear thick clothes and the pregnancy months aren't too far along, but as the weather warms up in spring, wearing lighter clothes, her belly will certainly be exposed. And she hasn't passed the university entrance exam, she naturally can't leave here, if she doesn't marry, can you imagine the consequences?"

"I don't need to imagine."

Luo Yanqing's cool voice carried a hint of indifference: "If that Educated Youth Yan knew how to love herself, there wouldn't be the current troubles, nor would she, as you said, have the opportunity for Yihong to step in as a 'stepfather.'"

Kang Li: "Alright, I'll admit what you say makes sense, but don't you think you're being unfair? What if it was Wen Sihan's sweet talk that led Educated Youth Yan astray, then who is to blame?"

Luo Yanqing: "My dear, you're getting a bit emotional. In my opinion, regardless of how charming Educated Youth Yan's partner was, as long as Educated Youth Yan herself knew what should and shouldn't be done, then the loss of innocence you mentioned wouldn't have happened."

Chapter 947 Have You Made Up Your Mind?

"I didn't expect you to be a debate expert."

Kang Li chuckled softly, "But people are emotional beings, especially for women. When facing the man they love, it's easy for them to take his sweet words seriously and get lost in the web of emotions he's woven. In such cases, how can they think rationally?

No, to be precise, there's no time to think rationally; they just follow their hearts. Moreover, for a woman who's lacking love, she might only consider the warmth given by her beloved. As a result, the outcome is obvious."

Luo Yanqing gently kissed Kang Li's forehead and asked, "Is the Educated Youth Yan you mentioned very deprived of love?"

"Probably. Her mother and father divorced, and then she was taken along by her mother to remarry... Originally, she wasn't supposed to go to the countryside, but her stepsister persuaded her mother, and she was forced to replace her sister in joining the team in the Great Northwest."

At this point, Kang Li fell silent for a moment, "If a mother truly loved her daughter, would she push her own child away for her stepdaughter?"

"Sleep, I understand what you mean. Father, Big Brother, and Elder sister-in-law Kang agreed to Yihong marrying the Educated Youth Yan out of helplessness, and as for Yihong, he was purely confused. However, maybe in a year or two, the Educated Youth Yan and Yihong will end up liking each other and becoming a true couple."

Gently patting Kang Li's back, Luo Yanqing said softly, "Be good and sleep; let's not think about those unrelated things anymore."

"Hmm."

Kang Li responded lightly.

...

A few days passed in a flash, and to Kang Li's surprise, after knowing that Captain Kang's parents and Big Brother and Elder sister-in-law Kang agreed to Kang Yihong marrying her, Yan Rou was determined to go to the hospital to terminate the pregnancy, despite Kang Yihong's persuasion.

"Are you sure about this?"

Inside the room, Captain Kang sat cross-legged on the kang, smoking his pipe, and asked Yan Rou.

"Yes."

Yan Rou nodded.

"The family has already agreed to the matter between Xiao Hong and you. Are you sure you still want to get rid of the child?" Captain Kang reconfirmed. At this moment, only Captain Kang, Yan Rou, and Kang Yihong were in the room.

Upon hearing Captain Kang's words, Yan Rou nodded again. She looked up and met Captain Kang's calm and deep eyes, "I don't want to trap Kang Yihong, nor do I want people to think that I'm using Kang Yihong in the future,

so I'm asking the Team Leader to help me and Kang Yihong get a marriage certificate today, and also adjust our ages, if it's convenient for you, Team Leader, please help us move our registration and certification date to this October. I know my request makes it difficult for you, Team Leader, but I really don't want to bring any stain to Comrade Kang Yihong because of me."

Her tone was sincere, without a hint of insincerity.

Seeing Kang Yihong about to speak, Captain Kang cast a glance, and Kang Yihong immediately shut his mouth.

"You don't like Xiao Hong, do you?"

His gaze fell back on Yan Rou; Captain Kang's deep voice carried an indescribable authority.

"I don't want to lie to you, nor do I want to deceive Kang Yihong. So far, I really don't."

Yan Rou spoke truthfully. Listening, Captain Kang asked again, "Xiao Hong said he would help you get through this hurdle, and later, if you want to separate from him, he would let you go. What do you think?"

Yan Rou glanced at Kang Yihong, then replied to Captain Kang, "Feelings can be cultivated. During the time Comrade Kang Yihong is in college, I won't fall for someone else. I'll nurture my feelings for Comrade Kang Yihong, but if he happens to like another girl during this time, I will choose to part ways with him and will not cling to him. This is my promise; I will keep my word."

Chapter 948 Don't You Think So?

Captain Kang nodded inwardly and then turned his gaze to Kang Yihong, "Did you hear everything? What do you think now?"

Kang Yihong: "I have no objections." His words implied agreement with Yan Rou.

After a brief pause, Kang Yihong added, "I will be faithful to the marriage." This was clearly to assure Yan Rou that he wouldn't fall for other girls while attending university.

"Alright then, I'll go ahead and make the proof for you, and then you can accompany me to the commune."

As he spoke, Captain Kang got off the kang bed, put on the military-green cotton shoes that Kang Li sent last year, grabbed a slightly used military coat, and headed out the door.

"Should we go to the team office together?"

Yan Rou asked Kang Yihong.

"Yes."

Kang Yihong nodded, following closely behind Captain Kang with Yan Rou.

In about ten minutes, Captain Kang emerged from the team office with Kang Yihong and Yan Rou, and the three headed to the commune.

With Director Wu's help, Captain Kang didn't encounter much hassle, and completed the marriage certificate just as Yan Rou requested.

"Let's head back."

Captain Kang bade farewell to Director Wu, signaling Kang Yihong and Yan Rou to follow and retrace their steps back to the village.

"Do you think that Educated Youth Yan truly intends to live a stable life with our third brother?" Elder sister-in-law Kang asked Big Brother Kang as they lay in bed before sleeping.

Big Brother Kang replied casually, "Didn't you hear what Dad said when we returned from his room?"

"I just find it hard to believe."

Elder sister-in-law Kang muttered.

"Tomorrow morning Educated Youth Yan will be off to the county hospital with Xiao Hong, proving she's not just making idle talk."

Big Brother Kang turned over, facing Elder sister-in-law Kang sideways, "Are you feeling that Educated Youth Yan is being too heartless towards the child in her belly?"

"Don't you think so?"

Rolling her eyes at Big Brother Kang, Elder sister-in-law Kang said, "After all, it's a life."

"I haven't read much, but I know that it's just a tiny embryo at this point. Moreover, anything could happen; even if everyone in the family keeps tight-lipped, who knows, ten or twenty years down the line, her ex might discover something."

Big Brother Kang's tone was emotionless. After he finished speaking, Elder sister-in-law Kang was momentarily stunned and then said, "It's true I was overthinking it! That child's existence isn't a good thing for Educated Youth Yan, for seeing the child would inevitably remind her of the man who abandoned her, and for our third brother, it greatly increases the chance he might not be able to have his own children."

"Are you believing what Li Bao said that night?!"

Big Brother Kang's voice carried a hint of amusement, and upon hearing it, Elder sister-in-law Kang retorted, "You talk as if you don't believe. Let me be frank with you; our Li Bao never makes things up irresponsibly. Not to mention the past, in every instance concerning Li Bao and her brother-in-law's marriage over these years, hasn't Li Bao's words proven true?"

Big Brother Kang chuckled, "Li Bao did talk about the college entrance examination matter."

"Come on, I don't want to argue with you. Anyway, anything Li Bao says, I, as the elder sister-in-law, believe. If you have even the slightest dissent, beware I'll tell Li Bao and our parents, and then, Li Bao

ignoring you would be a minor issue, but getting chased around the yard by Dad and Mom wielding a broom would really be embarrassing!"

Elder sister-in-law Kang's voice carried schadenfreude, causing Big Brother Kang to find it somewhat amusing, "Did I say I had dissent?"

"You know it yourself."

Said Elder sister-in-law Kang to Big Brother Kang, turning away from him, "Let's sleep."

Chapter 949 Do You Think It's Strange?

The other room.

"Why do I feel like the Educated Youth Yan is looking at you and me in a weird way? Oh, and she looks at Luo Mingrui and the three of them in the same strange manner."

Luo Yanqing lays on his back, Kang Li just closed her eyes beside him. Upon hearing this, she couldn't help but say, "I meant to tell you something that night, but I forgot. Now that you mention it, I've remembered..."

"What?"

Luo Yanqing asks.

"That night, as soon as Educated Youth Yan saw me, tears streamed down her face, which made me really embarrassed! At that moment, I hadn't said a word, and Educated Youth Yan was crying like rain right in front of Yihong."

Kang Li speaks softly and gently, "I asked her what's wrong, she just shook her head and said she didn't want to cry, but she couldn't control the tears in her eyes. Isn't that strange?"

Without waiting for Luo Yanqing to speak, Kang Li continues, "Today she came home to see how you, me, and Ruirui, the three of them, looked, actually I also noticed, but I really can't figure out why."

"If you can't figure it out, then don't think about it. In the future, Educated Youth Yan will be Yihong's wife, your niece-in-law. If you get along, then great, if not, then just see each other less."

"Oh."

Kang Li responds.

The next day, as dawn breaks, Yan Rou and Kang Yihong leave the village, taking the first bus in town to the county.

The reason for choosing to go to the county hospital is Yan Rou's own decision.

On one hand, she wants to avoid running into acquaintances at the town clinic, and on the other, she thinks having surgery at the county hospital is safer.

"Let's not do it."

Before the surgery, checks were needed, and when Kang Yihong saw the ultrasound display and heard the doctor say twins are rare and the children are developing well, before Yan Rou could ask the doctor anything else, Kang Yihong decisively pulled her out of the hospital doors: "We're going home now, let's go back..."

But a moment later he adds, "No, we still need to go to the department store to buy you clothes, to buy what we need for our wedding." Following his word, he dragged Yan Rou towards the department store.

"We already agreed."

Yan Rou doesn't want to go, but Kang Yihong keeps holding her hand firmly, leaving her no choice but to follow him.

Kang Yihong: "It's twins, not one!"

"What's the difference?"

Yan Rou doesn't understand what Kang Yihong is thinking, saying, "I decided to terminate the pregnancy, whether it's one or two, the outcome is the same."

"Let's keep them."

Kang Yihong brings Yan Rou to the roadside, looking directly into her eyes, saying word by word, "With the marriage certificate, no one will doubt the children's identity."

With the date on the marriage certificate as evidence, should anyone dare to gossip in front of the children in the future, he'll certainly give them a lesson.

Yan Rou: "Did you forget about someone? If the two children resemble him, there's no need for others to say anything, sooner or later the truth will come out."

"What you said is just hypothetical."

Kang Yihong's eyes are firm: "Even if there's such a day, is it that you don't believe in yourself, or don't believe in me?"

Yan Rou: "I don't understand what you mean by that?"

Kang Yihong: "As long as we educate the children well, even if they find out their identity someday, what difference does it make?"

"Kang Yihong... it's really unnecessary, and if I keep going like this, I definitely won't be able to attend the summer college entrance exam."

With twins, by the sixth or seventh month the belly will be very large, how can she disguise herself for the summer exam?

"Then take the exam next year, you'll have plenty of time to study, perhaps you'll get into a good university next year."

Chapter 950 You're Not Me, and You Can't Make My Decisions!

Hearing Kang Yihong say this, Yan Rou fell silent. After a while, she said, "What do we have to raise them? Obviously, I can't support them with the work points I earn. Do we really need your family's help to raise them together? If that's the case, we'd be too selfish!"

Kang Yihong: "I can learn from my aunt and submit some writings to the newspaper during my spare time."

"The newspaper won't necessarily select your submissions," Yan Rou was touched by Kang Yihong's words, and her eyes revealed emotion. However, she placed the burden of raising the child on Kang Yihong, saying, "Kang Yihong, just listen to me. Let's go to the hospital and get the surgery done. It will be beneficial for both of us."

"Don't you want to keep them at all?"

"No!"

"They're your children too."

"Kang Yihong... if you were me, being hurt by a man, even before he returned to North City without saying goodbye, how would you react?"

"I... I would keep the child!" Kang Yihong's lips trembled, and he said, "No matter what, the child is innocent."

Yan Rou: "Innocent? Without that man, would they even exist? Tell me, how are they innocent? Kang Yihong, you're not me, and you can't make decisions for me!"

Tears welled up as Yan Rou's voice choked, "I hate Wen Sihan, hate him deeply, otherwise, you wouldn't have seen me on the mountain that day, and I wouldn't have chosen to torture myself like that."

He was the one who proposed dating me, promised to marry me, yet he was also the one who proposed breaking up, leaving me and going back to North City alone. Kang Yihong, how do you expect me to give birth to that man's child?"

"Don't cry!"

Kang Yihong wanted to help wipe Yan Rou's tears, but he hesitated, worried that his actions might seem abrupt. He was anxious and unsure of what to do, saying, "I was presumptuous. It's up to you, whatever you decide, I'll listen to you."

Yan Rou's tears didn't stop: "Kang Yihong, although your family hasn't looked at me strangely, I know my situation isn't something to be proud of. I chose to go to the hospital, and specifically to the county hospital, so I wouldn't be too embarrassed in front of your family, and... I've told you before, I don't want to have any ties with that man."

"I understand your feelings, but this surgery will harm your body!"

Kang Yihong furrowed his brows, hesitating, and finally tightened his grip on Yan Rou's hand, softly reassuring her, "There's nothing more important than your health; can you... can you try to trust me?"

I swear on my honor that I will protect you and the child, no matter when, I will protect you both and never let that man have any chance to harm you!

Noticing Yan Rou's expression softened, Kang Yihong continued to persuade, "Yesterday, when my grandpa agreed to take us to register and get a certificate, haven't you thought about what that means?"

"..."

Tears streaming, Yan Rou remained silent.

"It represents my family's opinion about the child; they're willing to accept the child in your belly. In other words, once born, the child will carry the surname Kang and have nothing to do with the man who hurt you.

Moreover, before we left this morning, my mom specifically reminded me to take the matter of your surgery seriously."

This is the truth, Kang Yihong didn't deceive Yan Rou, thus, when Yan Rou lifted her tear-filled eyes to look at him, his gaze was steady and unwavering.