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Chapter 951 - Capítulo 951: 948: I'll Do My Best

"Is everything you said true?"

Yan Rou asked Kang Yihong, her tears stopping.

"Yeah."

Kang Yihong nodded, then withdrew his hand and took a handkerchief from his pants pocket, offering it to Yan Rou: "Here, it's clean."

Yan Rou widened her eyes: "Why do you need to explain that specifically?"

"You guys at the Youth Educated Institute are particular about hygiene, and since you're a girl, I was worried you'd mind."

Feeling a tad awkward, Kang Yihong added: "This handkerchief is new; I washed it and let it dry, never used it once."

Yan Rou wiped her tears, a hint of laughter in her voice as she asked: "Is everyone in your family so particular?"

“My grandma, my mom, and my aunts all like cleanliness. And my little aunt loves cleanliness so much, she insisted we nephews each carry a handkerchief or she wouldn’t play with us, even said she hated snotty kids!”

Saying this, Kang Yihong’s cheeks turned slightly red: “You saw it at my house too, my brother and cousin aren’t much different from city kids.”

“That’s all thanks to your little aunt’s influence.”

Yan Rou spoke, a smile appearing on her face: “Your family’s atmosphere is great, I actually really like everyone in your family.”

“We all influence each other in our family, but in our house, my little aunt is everyone’s treasure; everyone dotes on her, so don’t be shy.”

“As they should.”

There wasn’t a trace of hostility in Yan Rou’s eyes: “Your little aunt seems exceptional and very gentle. I felt a sense of closeness when I saw her, and I can’t help but want to get closer... Kang Yihong, do you think your little aunt will like me?”

Kang Yihong nodded: “Don’t worry, my little aunt is kind to everyone, to be precise, everyone in my family is kind. With time, you’ll see if my family likes you.”

"I'll be sure to make a good impression."

Yan Rou's eyes were moist, filled with a smile: "Can we hang out more with your little aunt's family in the future?"

Kang Yihong: "Of course we can, my little aunt treats us nephews well, she's both an elder and a friend. When we have free time, let's visit her house."

Yan Rou: "Don't you dare lie to me!"

Kang Yihong smiled: "Don't worry, I won't lie to you."

"I'm ready; shall we head to the department store!"

Yan Rou said, taking the initiative to hold Kang Yihong's hand. But just as Kang Yihong's heart began to race, Yan Rou let go of his hand, which left him a bit disappointed. It was then Yan Rou said, "People will talk if they see us."

Hearing this explanation, Kang Yihong felt like fireworks were exploding in his heart.

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After leaving the department store, the two had a meal at a state-owned restaurant, then caught a bus to leave the county town.

Youth Educated Institute.

“What did you do so early in the morning?”

Hearing the door of Yan Rou’s dormitory creak, Wang Qin quickly came out of her dorm room, curiously following Yan Rou inside, her eyes fixed on the travel bag in Yan Rou’s hand.

“Kang Yihong and I are getting married on the 28th of the twelfth lunar month; today his family had us go to the county town to buy things for the wedding.”

Placing the travel bag on the kang bed, Yan Rou replied to Wang Qin.

“What did you buy?”

Staring at the travel bag on the kang bed, Wang Qin couldn’t resist wanting to unzip it herself.

“Just some face cream, a mirror, a washbasin, a kettle, and stuff.”

Lighting the firewood stuffed in the kang stove in the morning, Yan Rou replied to Wang Qin while fanning the stove with a fan.

“You’re not fooling me, are you? How come I didn’t see a washbasin and a kettle, just this bulging travel bag you brought back? Why don’t I open it and take a look?”

Chapter 952 - Politely Refused

Before Yan Rou could say anything, Wang Qin stepped forward and started pulling on the zipper.

“You...”

Before the words of protest could come out, the travel bag was opened by Wang Qin, followed by her exclamation: “No way? This red wool coat is also bought for you by Comrade Kang Yihong? These pants, these suede shoes...”

Wang Qin exclaimed repeatedly, her envy obvious.

“Those were all given to me by Kang Yihong’s younger sister.”

When Kang Yihong and Yan Rou entered the village, they went straight back to the Kang Family. Kang Yihong spoke up about the matter at the county hospital, and no one in the family had any objections.

Cai Xiufen even gripped Yan Rou's hand and gave it a gentle pat, saying it was good that the child was still there.

At the same time, Elder sister-in-law Kang smiled at Yan Rou, inviting her to stay for a meal.

Yan Rou wasn't naive. She could see Cai Xiufen and Elder sister-in-law Kang's attitude towards her and the child in her belly. She knew Kang Yihong hadn't lied to her, and that the family didn't reject her coming in.

Nor did they reject the child in her belly.

Before leaving the Kang Family, Yan Rou received a gift from Kang Li.

"Really!"

Wang Qin exclaimed: "It seems Kang Yihong's younger sister really likes you. Not to mention how much the pants and suede shoes cost, just this red wool coat looks like it cost a lot... That Comrade Kang is really generous!"

As she spoke, Wang Qin put down the wool coat and picked up a goose-yellow cashmere scarf, directly wrapping it around her neck. Seeing Yan Rou watching her, she couldn't help but smile awkwardly: "I'm just trying to see if it feels warm."

This was complete nonsense.

Of course a cashmere scarf is warm!

However, Yan Rou said nothing. She simply walked over and folded the items that Wang Qin had messed up one by one, putting them back into the travel bag.

“After the New Year, are you staying in the village or going to North City with Comrade Kang Yiyang?”

Knowing her actions were inappropriate, Wang Qin took the cashmere scarf off her neck, folded it neatly, and handed it to Yan Rou.

“I should be staying at home.”

“Why not go to North City with him?”

“Kang Yihong is going there to study, I don’t want to disturb him.”

“Isn’t his younger sister in North City? You could stay at her place, then you two could see each other often, wouldn’t that be great!”

Yan Rou didn't respond. She zipped up the travel bag and asked, "Aren't you going home for the New Year?"

"Train tickets are so expensive, I should save some money. Once I finish the summer entrance exams and get my acceptance letter, I'll leave here." Wang Qin was confident about getting into university through the summer exams.

Hearing this, Yan Rou nodded lightly, acknowledging Wang Qin. At this moment, Wang Qin awkwardly said: "Yan Rou... I've never worn a nice piece of clothing in my life. Can I try on your wool coat?"

Her gaze fell on the travel bag placed on the bamboo luggage box, as if she would attach herself to it.

Wang Qin thought Yan Rou was gentle in nature and surely wouldn't refuse her, but unexpectedly, Yan Rou shook her head decisively: "Your frame is broader than mine, and you're sturdier, you won't fit."

"Yan Rou, you..."

Wang Qin felt a bit embarrassed, her cheeks flushed, but she still wanted to try on the red wool coat given to Yan Rou by Kang Li. She said: "Just let me try it! If it really doesn't fit, I'll give it back to you."

Yan Rou looked troubled: "It's not that I don't want you to try it, you really won't fit."

"You're really this stingy?"

Wang Qin's expression turned unpleasant: "I see you as a friend, that's why I wanted to borrow your coat to try it on. But now it seems, you don't see me as a friend at all."

Saying this, Wang Qin turned coldly and walked towards the door, thinking that if Yan Rou saw her upset, she might call her back and bring out that red wool coat for her to try on.

Chapter 953 I Never Saw You Two Get Along Before

As a result, until she returned to the next dormitory, Yan Rou's voice was never heard from behind.

When Cui Nina saw Wang Qin storming into the dorm, she couldn't help but laugh and ask, "Who made you so mad? You look really upset."

Wang Qin climbed onto the bed, sitting in her own blanket, "Can't you not ask obvious questions?!"

"Did you take medicine for gun shot anger? I didn't provoke you, just asked out of concern, and you start snapping at me. Being a nice person is tough," said Cui Nina, choosing to ignore Wang Qin.

"Yes, yes, you're the nice one, and I, like a dog biting Lu Dongbin, fail to recognize your kindness!"

Wang Qin glanced at Cui Nina and said to Educated Youth Khor and another educated youth with the surname Huang, "That person next door went to the county department store with Comrade Kang

Yihong to buy wedding supplies, then went to the Kang Family. Can you guess what gift Comrade Kang Yihong's little aunt gave Yan Rou?"

Educated Youth Khor said, "How could we guess that?"

Huang Zhiqing agreed, "That's right, we couldn't guess that."

"Well, listen to this, Comrade Kang Yihong's little aunt not only gave Yan Rou a pair of suede shoes, a pair of well-made trousers, and a goose-yellow cashmere scarf but also, astonishingly, Comrade Kang Li gave her a red woolen coat!

I reckon the price of that wool coat is probably more than what an average worker could earn in over half a year."

Seeing the trio of Educated Youth Khor, Huang Zhiqing, and including Cui Nina, all stunned, Wang Qin pouted and added, "But you definitely wouldn't know how stingy Yan Rou is. I only suggested trying on her red woolen coat, but she kept refusing me repeatedly. Not only that, she... claimed something must be wrong with her eyes, saying I have a big frame, look sturdy, and can't fit into her woolen coat."

Hearing this, Cui Nina burst into laughter, "Yan Rou didn't say anything wrong. You indeed have a big frame and look sturdy. If you accidentally damaged her coat, who would be responsible? Besides, that coat was given by Comrade Kang Yihong's little aunt, certainly meant for Yan Rou to wear on her wedding day. If you ruined it beforehand, it would be embarrassing for everyone."

"What are you doing? Why are you suddenly siding with Yan Rou? I never noticed you two were that close before!"

Wang Qin couldn't stand the embarrassment and glared at Cui Nina, "I might have a big frame and seem sturdy, but I'm not ugly, right? Admit it."

Cui Nina rolled her eyes, "Did I ever say you were ugly? Wang Qin, if you want to take advantage of Yan Rou, just say so. Why use trying her clothes on as an excuse? Don't you know Yan Rou is about to marry Comrade Kang Yihong, and that woolen coat means a lot to her?"

Wang Qin: "You..."

She didn't know how to continue because she knew Yan Rou was about to get married and that red woolen coat was for Yan Rou to wear on her wedding day. Plus, Cui Nina and the others knew, and it was from her mouth. Thinking about this, Wang Qin pursed her lips and withdrew her gaze from Cui Nina.

She wouldn't admit she wanted to try on Yan Rou's woolen coat to take advantage!

"Wang Qin, I'm not criticizing you, but sometimes you really need to curb your penchant for small gains. Not everyone is as tolerant as the three of us."

Educated Youth Khor looked at Wang Qin, gently shaking her head, then said, "Yan Rou is naturally soft-tempered and not very calculating, but we can't take advantage of that to keep exploiting her."

Chapter 954 I Only Speak for Myself

After a slight pause, Educated Youth Khor saw that Wang Qin's face looked increasingly unpleasant, so she added: "I've said all I have to say, it's best if you can listen, but if you think I'm just talking nonsense, then just ignore my words."

Huang Zhiqing couldn't hold back after Educated Youth Khor finished speaking, and said: "Before you moved into our dormitory, we all thought you and Yan Rou were very close, but now I don't think so anymore!"

"Alright, alright, Sister Huang, say no more."

Cui Nina mediated: "You're about to make Wang Qin cry, if you say any more, she'll definitely burst into tears."

"Is it fun to tease me and make fun of me?"

Wang Qin's eyes turned red, but she forcefully held back her tears. She pursed her lips and looked at the three: Cui Nina and the others: "I know you all actually look down on me, think I'm poor, think I..."

"Enough."

Educated Youth Khor interrupted Wang Qin; she didn't want to hear Wang Qin's pitiful complaining to gain sympathy again. After all, scenes like this had happened often ever since Wang Qin was brought to live with them. At this moment, she said to Wang Qin with a blank expression:

"Whether it's Nina, me, or Huang Ju, what we said was all for your own good. If you think we're meddling too much, then we'll just speak less in the future."

Wang Qin: "Sister Khor, do your words represent Nina and Sister Huang's intentions?"

Upon hearing this, Educated Youth Khor was silent for a moment before responding: "I only represent myself."

Moving her gaze away from Wang Qin, Educated Youth Khor suddenly seemed to think of something. She packed her belongings into a suitcase, then rolled up her bedding and got off the kang: "I'm going to sleep in the next dormitory."

Following her words, she carried her bedding out the door. Moments later, she returned, picked up her suitcase and a grey travel bag, and left again.

"What does Sister Khor mean by this?"

Wang Qin felt deeply that Educated Youth Khor was disrespecting her.

To her surprise, Cui Nina and Huang Zhiqing both ignored her; they each held a book, reading as if they hadn't heard her speaking at all.

On the other side.

"Take these two dollars as my gift to you."

After setting up her own bedding, Educated Youth Khor took two dollars out of her pocket and handed it to Yan Rou: "You must accept it, it's fate that we're working as educated youth in the same team. Since I know you're about to get married, I have to show some token of my regard."

Hearing Educated Youth Khor speak to this point, Yan Rou finally accepted the two dollars: "Thank you!"

"Silly girl, why are you thanking me?! In terms of age, you're eighteen, and I'm almost twenty-six, I can be considered your older sister. Now that I can see you marrying Comrade Kang Yiyang, I'm genuinely happy for you."

Educated Youth Khor spoke from her heart: "Before, I met that Educated Youth Wen from the neighboring village. To be honest, his character isn't that great. He seems quiet and honest at first glance, but he actually harbors considerable ambition. In other words, Educated Youth Wen isn't someone an average woman can manage, and you're too soft-tempered and easily trust others, so you're not suited for him."

Upon hearing this, the corners of Yan Rou's mouth tightened slightly, but she listened carefully to what Educated Youth Khor said.

"But Comrade Kang Yihong is different; not to mention how he is as a person, just look at what kind of family he has in the village, everyone can see. Take the Team Leader, for example, always fair and strict, never playing games, and never accepting benefits to treat someone differently;

Additionally, Director Cai is warm and sincere. Back in the village, whenever something happened to a family, he'd be the first to coordinate and always stand up for the women."

Chapter 955 Did I Talk Too Much?

Yan Rou, in a family with such grandparents, the grandchildren will certainly not fall short. Moreover, Comrade Kang Yiyang himself is truly outstanding, and his external conditions are impeccable. He got into a good university in North City. Marrying him is way better than being with Educated Youth Wen by many levels!

You must live well with him, but of course, don't forget to strive for progress yourself. Aim to get a good score in the next college entrance exam and become university classmates with Comrade Kang Yiyang. When you look back then at now, you'll definitely feel sweet as honey."

Educated Youth Khor said this and laughed, asking, "Am I talking too much?"

Yan Rou shook her head, "Sister Khor, you're speaking from the heart, I'm listening to every word!"

Educated Youth Khor: "Then I'll wish you and Comrade Kang Yihong happiness and all the best in advance!"

"Thank you, Sister Khor!"

Yan Rou, slightly shy, with a bit of blush on her cheeks, said, "Once you get the acceptance letter, are you returning to the city?"

Sometimes when people are talking about something, it just comes. Look, outside the gate of Youth Educated Institute, the postman shouted, "Is Khor Lan here? Liao Xufeng, Wang Xiangyang, are you here? Your acceptance letters have arrived, hurry over and get them!"

Seeing Educated Youth Khor not moving for a long time, Yan Rou couldn't help poking her arm, "Sister Khor, your acceptance letter is here, go get it!"

Khor Lan snapped back to reality, happily hugged Yan Rou tightly, tears of excitement in her eyes, "I finally waited for it! Yan Rou, I finally got my acceptance letter, I'm so happy!"

"I'm happy for Sister Khor too, hurry up, if you don't go out and get it, the postman might go to other spots!"

Yan Rou urged Educated Youth Khor with a smile.

"I'll go right away."

Getting off the bed-stove, Educated Youth Khor quickly put on cotton shoes, didn't bother with a scarf, and went out the door.

"Comrade, could you please check if my acceptance letter is here, my name is Cui Nina, could you help me look carefully!"

Seeing the acceptance letter in Educated Youth Khor's hand, Cui Nina was getting anxious.

The postman comrades flipped through the hardcover notebook in his hand and smiled at Cui Nina, "Comrade, I don't have a record of your name here. Maybe your acceptance letter will come tomorrow."

With that, the postman put the hardcover notebook back into the military green canvas bag slung over his shoulder.

"Off I go!"

He waved to the few people standing at the gate of Youth Educated Institute and gradually walked away, pushing his bicycle.

It wasn't that he didn't want to ride directly; it's that cycling on a snowy road isn't easy. To avoid accidentally falling and losing the letters and university acceptance letters, the postman was cautious even when walking with the bicycle.

"Are you leaving today or moving out tomorrow?"

Wang Xiangyang asked Liao Xufeng.

"With the acceptance letter in hand, of course I'm heading to catch the train now."

Liao Xufeng said as he turned to walk into Youth Educated Institute, "How about you?"

"Let's go together, it's only around one in the afternoon, packing up and heading out isn't too late."

Wang Xiangyang said, his gaze falling on Educated Youth Khor, "Sister Khor, are you coming with us?"

"Yes, I'll go with you. This way, there's company on the road."

Educated Youth Khor nodded, holding her acceptance letter, her face full of smiles.

Cui Nina complained, "I'm the only one left without an acceptance letter. Can't you wait for me?"

"Your home isn't far, you can get back the day you receive the acceptance letter. For us to get home, we have to stay on the train for at least two to three days." Liao Xufeng replied to Cui Nina and entered the boys' dorm room with Wang Xiangyao.

Chapter 956 Asking for Help

Educated Youth Khor: "Nina, Liao Xufeng is right. Your home is in the city, and once you get your acceptance letter, you can go home that day. Unlike us, we still have to squeeze onto the train."

Cui Nina: "Are you all going to say goodbye to the Team Leader before you leave?"

"Of course, we have to say something. After all, the Team Leader has been taking good care of us educated youth. If we just leave without saying a word to the Team Leader, it would be somewhat disrespectful."

With that said, Educated Youth Khor waved at Cui Nina and walked into Yan Rou's dormitory.

"Want to take a look?"

Handing over her acceptance letter, Educated Youth Khor asked Yan Rou with a smile.

Nodding slightly, Yan Rou took Educated Youth Khor's acceptance letter, carefully looked it over, and then casually returned it to Educated Youth Yan: "Congratulations, Sister Khor. You better keep this acceptance letter safe, you'll need it when you report to school!"

"I'll keep it safe."

Educated Youth Khor replied with a smile.

About five or six minutes later, Wang Xiangyang's voice came from outside the door: "Sister Khor, are you finished packing? We have to go to the Team Leader's House first!"

"All set, all set!"

Educated Youth Khor responded, and soon she came out carrying a bundle on her back, with one hand holding a bulging travel bag and the other clutching a net bag: "Let's go."

Yan Rou followed behind and, together with Cui Nina and Huang Zhiqing, saw the three of them off at the gate of the Youth Educated Institute, watching them walk away before reluctantly withdrawing her gaze.

As for Wang Qin, because she was scolded a bit by Educated Youth Khor earlier, she sulked in the dormitory and didn't come out.

Time passed quickly, and in the blink of an eye, tomorrow would be the day of Yan Rou and Kang Yihong's wedding, which is the twenty-eighth day of the twelfth lunar month.

"Old Cui, you are..."

Today is the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth lunar month, and the preparations for tomorrow's event and the New Year are complete. In the backyard, the chef and villagers who came to help are busily working.

Some are picking vegetables, some are washing vegetables... each with their tasks, everyone is busy and happily smiling.

After all, this is an event at the Team Leader's House, and everyone invited to help feels honored.

Moreover, the Team Leader's House has five college students, one of whom is the top national science student. Having good relations with the Team Leader's House is nothing but beneficial for their own children.

At this moment, Captain Kang saw Captain Cui from the neighboring village walk into his courtyard. He was puzzled but still invited him inside and sat on the kang to talk.

"I won't go up there."

Captain Cui sat on the edge of the kang with a bitter face and said to Captain Kang: "Ordinarily, I shouldn't come over now with your family having a joyous event tomorrow, but with New Year's Eve approaching, I couldn't hold back and gritted my teeth to come to your door today."

Captain Kang: "There's no problem, come on up and have a seat. Take your time to speak."

"Ah!"

Captain Cui sighed deeply, took off his cotton shoes, sat cross-legged by the window facing Captain Kang, and said: "You probably heard about what happened with my family, right?"

"I heard someone mention it."

Captain Kang nodded.

"It's all my fault! If I had stood firm and not agreed to my daughter Xiao Kui's marriage with that scoundrel, Xiao Kui wouldn't have been abandoned by that scoundrel!"

As he spoke, Captain Cui wiped the corner of his eye: "Now, there's not a single bit of festive atmosphere at my home, Xiao Kui runs madly to the village entrance shouting that scoundrel's name every day, completely ignoring her two children,

while my wife has been laid low by that scoundrel's actions, and my sons are always rubbed raw with worry. Just exchanging a few words with someone leads to a fight. I'm constantly burdened with concerns, and I really don't know how to get through these days!"

Chapter 957 And Then?

Looking at the pain on Captain Cui's face, Captain Kang asked, "So you came today because..."

"Old Kang, I know your children are capable, especially your Li Bao, she's quite a famous person now. Do you think she can help my Xiao Kui? I know I'm coming to your house suddenly and it's impolite to make this request... I really shouldn't, but I have no other options..."

Tears filled Captain Cui's cloudy eyes, showing that this honest farmer was truly at a dead end and thought of asking Captain Kang for help through Kang Li.

"This..."

Captain Kang's face showed no emotion. He was silent for a while and said, "Li Bao has mostly been in North City these years. Sometimes when she leaves North City, it's to participate in competitions, but I heard your son-in-law's family is in Hu City, I just don't know if Li Bao can help with this."

After a short pause, seeing Captain Cui's pained expression worsen, Captain Kang couldn't help but say, "How about this, I'll call Li Bao and her spouse over, and let's hear what they have to say specifically, you see..."

Kang Li and Luo Yanqing were called over by Captain Kang and heard Captain Cui talk about what happened in his family. For a while, the two remained silent.

"Li Bao, what do you think? Your Uncle Cui's family is just like ours, several sons with only Xiao Kui being a daughter. Now your Xiao Kui sister is mentally disturbed because her husband secretly went back to Hu City, and Aunt Cui is bedridden because of illness. Your Uncle Cui came to our house today to ask if you can help find Educated Youth Shen."

After hearing Captain Kang's words and seeing Captain Cui wiping away tears with his rough hands, Kang Li felt uneasy but couldn't help but ask Captain Cui, "Uncle Cui, how did you think of asking me for help?"

"My third son mentioned it to me, his mind is quick, and he said since you're a celebrity, I should try asking you. If you can help us with this, our whole family would be immensely grateful."

Captain Cui said painfully, "I took my Xiao Kui to see the doctor. The doctor said my Xiao Kui is acting like this because she's been traumatized. To return to normal, we need to find that Shen Yunxiu kid."

"And then?"

Kang Li frowned slightly, "Even if we find Educated Youth Shen, whether he is willing to continue living with your daughter, and whether he wants his two children, that's all uncertain."

Furthermore, Educated Youth Shen and your daughter didn't get a marriage certificate, which means their relationship is not legally protected. If he doesn't take responsibility, he may face moral condemnation, but practically, it's hard to enforce anything else."

"Uncle doesn't care about much right now, just want to find the person, everything else comes later."

Captain Cui looked grief-stricken but gritted his teeth and said fiercely, "If that boy dares to leave my Xiao Kui and her children, I'm willing to risk my old life to make sure he doesn't continue his university education!"

Having understood Captain Cui's attitude, Kang Li had a plan. She asked, "Uncle Cui, do you know which university Educated Youth Shen got into in Hu City?"

Although I don't know his specific home address, knowing the university where Educated Youth Shen is about to report, finding this person isn't difficult.

Moreover, Elder Loh and Aunt Li are both there, and Aunt Li is a professor at a prestigious university in Hu City, surely knows many people. Just by making a few inquiries about whether Educated Youth Shen is at that university, a couple of phone calls should sort this out.

When Captain Cui mentioned the name of the university Shen Yunxiu got into, Kang Li was initially stunned, then immediately said:

Chapter 958 Kang Li's Plan

"I know this university, and I just happen to know someone who's a professor there. Uncle Cui, if you're trying to find someone, I can help you."

Hearing this, Captain Cui was immediately moved to tears: "Thank you! Daughter, thank you so much! You're a great benefactor to our family!"

"Uncle Cui, no need to be so polite. We are neighbors, and since I can help, I'll definitely lend a hand."

Kang Li smiled, then she said: "We'll start early on the fifth day of the lunar new year. Uncle Cui, see who from your family will go to Hu City. We'll first go to North City, and then my husband and I will accompany you to Hu City to find the person."

Just as she planned to visit Xiao Loh En and the Elder Loh couple in Hu City.

Captain Cui: "I'll go back and discuss it, and come back in the afternoon on the fourth to give you an answer. How does that sound?"

"Alright."

Kang Li nodded with a smile in her eyes.

"Daughter, I really must thank you!"

After thanking Kang Li again, Captain Cui turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing and said: "Child, Li Bao is a good girl, you must treat her well!"

Luo Yanqing nodded slightly.

Captain Cui shifted his gaze to Captain Kang: "Older Brother Kang, you have a wonderful daughter and son-in-law. Among all the team leaders in our commune, you're the best!"

Pointing a thumb up at Captain Kang, Captain Cui continued: "No one can raise children as well as you, brother, I admire you!"

As he put on his cotton shoes off the kang, Captain Cui saw Captain Kang about to get down too, and quickly stopped him: "It's very cold outside, no need to come. I'll be home in a bit."

Gripping Captain Kang's hand tightly, Captain Cui held back tears and said: "Thanks, Older Brother Kang!"

"You're being too formal!"

Captain Kang shook his head and smiled: "Let's go, I'll walk you to the courtyard gate."

Outside the courtyard gate.

Kang Li and Luo Yanqing accompanied Captain Kang and watched Captain Cui's figure disappear into the distance. Then the three of them turned and went back inside.

"The acquaintances you mentioned are Uncle Loh and his wife."

Sitting on the kang, Captain Kang spoke directly.

"Yeah."

Kang Li nodded, then smiled warmly: "The university that Educated Youth Shen got into is the same school as Aunt Li's..."

At this, Kang Li's eyes twinkled, then she added: "Did mom tell you?! Luo Yanqing and I have recognized Xiao Loh En as our godson, so we're also taking the chance to visit the little one during the Spring Festival and give gifts to Uncle Loh and Auntie Li.

By the way, I originally thought of returning to North City before heading to Hu City, but then I thought about all the hassle on the way, so Luo Yanqing and I might as well take mom and Ruirui directly to Hu City by train from the city. This way, Uncle Cui and his family will have less trouble."

Luo Yanqing commented: "I'm fine with that."

Captain Kang: "What about Yangyang and the others?"

Kang Li: "They're going to North City. At that time, Yangyang and my little brother can take Chenchen and Yihong to stay at our house first."

Captain Kang: "Are you suggesting that Xiao Hong and his wife go to North City together?"

Kang Li: "Dad, Yan Rou is expecting twins. I don't think she should stay at home. Besides, my brother and sister-in-law are very busy and might not have time to take care of Yan Rou. If she goes to North City, Yihong can visit her on weekends at our house, which would be great."

"You have only a few rooms at your place, can everyone fit?"

Captain Kang frowned.

"Mom can share a room with Vivi, and we can give Vivi's room to Yan Rou. When Yihong visits on weekends, he can stay in Ruirui's room, so that should work."

Chapter 959 How Many Families Would Be Willing?

Kang Li said with a smile.

Captain Kang advised, "If you don't mind the trouble, suit yourself, but it's best to inform your elder brother and sister-in-law in advance, rather than bringing it up when you're about to leave."

"I know."

Kang Li responded with a cheerful expression.

"Talking about your Uncle Cui's family's matter, it has certainly sounded an alarm for the folks in the surrounding villages. Families with a youth-in-law or a youth daughter-in-law are keeping a close watch, whether day or night, to avoid ending up with an ungrateful ingrate themselves."

Setting the smoking pipe by the edge of the kang, Captain Kang looked rather grim: "It's not that I'm old-fashioned, thinking that educated youth who've married local girls or boys should stay stuck in this poor rural backwater for life,

but some people, they're truly of poor character. In order to avoid the hard life in our rural areas, they find ways to marry locals, yet now that the country is changing in every aspect, they can return to the city through college entrance exams,

so they become cunning, thinking their local wife or husband will only drag them down. They sneak off disgracefully, abandoning their families to return to the city for their good life."

Pausing for a moment, Captain Kang sighed: "If only they'd sit down and have a proper talk with their spouse and kids and leave this place in a reasonable manner, wouldn't everything be settled."

Upon hearing this, Kang Li chuckled: "Dad, if everyone did as you suggest, how many families would be willing to let their son-in-law or daughter-in-law return to the city?

After all, everyone has long believed that breaking a temple is better than breaking a marriage, and if their daughter and grandson or son and grandson end up left in the countryside by a city-bred son-in-law or daughter-in-law through divorce,

leaving aside how they would live in the future, just the gossip alone could overwhelm them. Considering this, even if both parties sat down to talk,

unless the whole family leaves together, there won't be any other result. This forces the educated youth to choose the selfish route of running back to the city alone."

At this point, Kang Li's tone shifted: "Of course, there are open-minded parents who realize they can't keep the person's heart if they can't keep their presence. Through discussion, they might agree to let their daughter-in-law or son-in-law leave, but this shouldn't be many."

Captain Kang nodded after hearing Kang Li's point: "You're right. But what about those bastards who only think about going back to the city, why don't they remember why they started a family in our place in the first place?"

With a troubled expression and a tinge of resentment in his deep voice, Captain Kang continued: "They felt they couldn't handle hardship and were worried about starving in the countryside. They used their faces to marry our local girls and boys,

but now that good days are coming, they've forgotten everything from before, afraid their wife and kids or husband and children will become burdens. Did the dogs eat their conscience?"

On hearing this, Kang Li thought silently: It takes two to tango!

Just then, Luo Yanqing suddenly spoke to Captain Kang: "Dad, our family hasn't faced such a thing. Don't take it out on Xiao Li."

"..."

Captain Kang was immediately taken aback. After a while, he coughed twice, trying to compose himself to say naturally: "I'm not mad at Li Bao; I'm just really upset by those heartless city kids."

Luo Yanqing replied: "Then, Dad, you're just inviting trouble for yourself. Didn't you say before that, because of what happened to Uncle Cui's family, the folks in our surrounding villages have already been alerted? That should mean there won't be a second occurrence of such an incident."

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"Just because it hasn't happened doesn't mean it won't."

Captain Kang's expression was heavy: "Whose child isn't precious? Those city kids who can marry our local boys or wed our local girls, they're clever!

Before choosing a partner, they'll first look at the other family's conditions, labor situation, and whether the partner is favored at home; otherwise, they won't easily talk about marriage."

Kang Li was slightly surprised, then incredulous: "Dad, isn't what you said a bit too much?"

"I know what you're trying to say."

Captain Kang shook his head: "You're smart, but you're still inexperienced. Those people are all cunning! Not to mention others, just take Educated Youth Su from our village; if she wasn't interested in Zhou Weimin's family's situation and his job at the town supply and marketing cooperative, would she have ruined your engagement?"

Once he finished speaking, Captain Kang realized something was wrong. He turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing: "My mention of Li Bao and Zhou Weimin has no other meaning, just using Educated Youth Su as an example of cunning, don't let this cause a rift between you and Li Bao."

"It won't."

Luo Yanqing's lips curved into a shallow smile as he glanced at Kang Li: "Xiao Li was just engaged to that person; to me, it's nothing to worry about. Besides, you just made things clear. If I still feel uncomfortable about it, Xiao Li would say I'm jealous."

Captain Kang didn't quite grasp Luo Yanqing's latter words, so he said: "Eating more vinegar is good for your health."

Kang Li couldn't help but laugh aloud.

Luo Yanqing, seeing this, touched his nose and let out a mild laugh, feeling a bit uneasy.

Watching the two of them, Captain Kang looked puzzled but didn't ask anything.

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Before sleeping at night, Cai Xiufen asked Captain Kang: "Li Bao agreed so quickly?"

"He came to our door, and Li Bao could agree, which means she knows she can handle this herself. Moreover, Li Bao later told me that the university the Cui Family's son-in-law got accepted into is the same university Aunt Li works at, so finding someone won't be a hassle."

As Captain Kang finished speaking, Cai Xiufen said: "It's not a hassle, but it's a matter of personal favor."

"So what should we do? Should Li Bao refuse to help even when she can? You didn't see Old Cui wiping his tears in front of me, I felt really bad. At that moment, I even thought,

If I were Old Cui, I would do the same. As long as there's a sliver of hope, I'd beg without hesitation just so my daughter, whom I've raised so dearly, can be normal again, can live well in the future!"

"Spit, spit, spit, what are you talking about?"

Cai Xiufen smacked the blankets over Captain Kang twice: "My daughter is fine in every way, don't curse my Li Bao for no reason, or you won't get any sleep tonight!"

Captain Kang felt wronged: "How am I cursing our Li Bao? I'm just..."

"Just what? I'll tell you, if you don't want to be kicked out of bed now, you'd better keep your mouth shut tight!"

Giving Captain Kang a kick under the covers, Cai Xiufen shifted and put some distance between herself and Captain Kang, fiercely pulling the blanket to her side, and in the next moment, Captain Kang's voice, full of frustration, rang out:

"Can you be reasonable, woman? I was just speaking casually, and without any ill intention. Why are you still holding onto it?"