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Chapter 961 You Are the Head of the Household

As he spoke, Captain Kang tugged the quilt towards himself, but unfortunately couldn't move it. In an instant, he felt a chill in his heart, and he said, "If I catch a cold, spending money on myself is a minor issue, but won't you feel bad about sending money to the hospital?"

The next moment, the quilt noticeably loosened.

Captain Kang noticed and couldn't help but chuckle in his voice: "No wonder you're my wife, you always know the reasoning."

Hearing this, Cai Xiufen rolled her eyes: "If you keep rambling, I'll sew your mouth shut with a needle!"

At the same time, in Big Brother Kang and Elder sister-in-law Kang's room.

"Li Bao suggested after the New Year, the third brother's wife should go to North City with him. What do you think?"

This was the voice of Elder sister-in-law Kang.

Big Brother Kang: "Didn't you already agree? Now you're asking what I think? I really don't get you women!"

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "I thought since we both have to work, once we get busy, we definitely won't be able to look after the third brother's wife. So when Li Bao mentioned it, I didn't have any objections."

"I think the same as you."

Big Brother Kang said: "Uncle Loh and Aunt Li can both return to Hu City. I figure the third brother's wife's dad should also have returned to his home in North City. When the third brother and his wife go to North City, they could visit her original home. Besides, our mom is in North City, so she can help watch over the third brother's wife a bit."

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "You're good at finding things for our mom to do."

Big Brother Kang: "How is this me finding things for our mom to do? I was thinking with mom nearby, and since Li Bao mentioned letting the third brother's wife stay at her place, mom can notice her comings and goings daily."

For a while, Elder sister-in-law Kang didn't speak, and Big Brother Kang asked: "When the third brother's wife is about to give birth, you'll probably have to go to North City to help with the postpartum care."

"I know."

Elder sister-in-law Kang replied: "Since we've accepted the child in the third brother's wife's belly as our own, I'm their grandma, so I naturally have to visit, and take care of her after childbirth. But... how will the third brother's wife manage two kids on her own in the future?"

"There's always a way when the time comes."

Big Brother Kang gave this reply and said no more.

"If only the third brother's wife's parents hadn't divorced."

With Grandma and Grandpa in North City, the two kids wouldn't lack for care, but Elder sister-in-law Kang knew this was wishful thinking on her part.

After all, Yan Rou not only had divorced parents, but after her mother remarried, she didn't treat her biological daughter Yan Rou well. Given such a mother-daughter relationship, expecting the other side to help Yan Rou with childcare was unlikely.

And Elder sister-in-law Kang undoubtedly knew about Yan Rou's family situation from Kang Li.

In another room.

"How much gift money should I give tomorrow?"

"Give whatever you like, you don't need to ask me."

"Why don't I need to ask? You're the head of the household."

"You are, I defer to you."

Luo Yanqing's voice carried a smile: "As long as it's your decision, I have no objections."

"Then I'll make the decision."

Kang Li's tone also had a hint of a smile.

"Mm."

Luo Yanqing responded, indicating he understood, then said: "If you wear that bright red wool coat, you would definitely look stunning."

Hearing this, Kang Li paused for a moment, then smiled: "You mean the coat I gave Educated Youth Yan, right,"

Kang Li used a declarative tone: "Didn't I ever tell you I don't like wearing red clothes?"

Luo Yanqing: "You did say that. That year, when we had our wedding ceremony at home, you wore a red dress which looked great, but you only wore it for a day, and that was because mom urged you to."

"Good that you know."

Chapter 962 You're Right; I Support You

The woolen coat, cashmere scarf, pants, and suede shoes given to Yan Rou were all prizes drawn by Kang Li from System Dwen Dwen earlier, or more accurately, part of a gift package inventory.

In other words, Kang Li specifically chose that outfit for Yan Rou so she could dress beautifully on her wedding day and be a happy bride.

Youth Educated Institute.

"Are all the clothes for tomorrow prepared?"

Huang Zhiqing slept in Yan Rou's dorm tonight, both to keep her company and to send her off as her family in the morning.

Upon hearing this, Yan Rou softly replied, "Mm."

"I've been wanting to ask you these past few days, but I felt it would be too presumptuous. Still, after much thought, I decided to ask: How much bride price did the Team Leader's House give you?"

As Huang Zhiqing spoke, seeing that Yan Rou was silent, she quickly explained, "It's not that I'm being nosy, but where I come from, a generous bride price signifies that the husband's family values their incoming daughter-in-law."

Yan Rou smiled slightly, "I understand what you mean, Sister Huang. The bride price was five hundred, plus a ladies' watch."

"..."

For a moment, Huang Zhiqing was stunned, then looked at her with envy, "It's like they gave you the complete 'three rings and a sound' set! It seems the Team Leader's House truly likes you, their incoming daughter-in-law."

You know, marrying a wife in the countryside is not the same as in the city. Given the current situation, the bride price from an average farm family is usually seventy, eighty, or about a hundred yuan, rarely exceeding two hundred, and it's also rare to get a complete 'three rings and a sound'. However, the bride price from town folks could be higher."

Yan Rou: "I won't spend the bride price money recklessly; I'll take it as a dowry to the Kang Family."

"The Team Leader certainly wouldn't care for your bride price money. Just think about it, Kang Li alone passing the national science exam brought the provincial, municipal, county education leaders and the commune and town school rewards of a full five thousand yuan. Plus, Kang Yiyang's second, fourth, and fifth uncles are supporting the family; the five hundred bride price given to you won't exhaust their savings."

Huang Zhiqing spoke teasingly.

Yan Rou: "No matter how the Team Leader's House is, by the rules, I must bring a dowry when I get married."

"You're right about this, and I support you."

Patting Yan Rou's hand, Huang Zhiqing suddenly asked, "Did you write to your family about your wedding?"

Yan Rou shook her head, "I'll tell my father when I see him later. As for my mother... even if I tell her, she won't reply."

Huang Zhiqing opened her mouth, wanting to ask more, but seeing Yan Rou was unwilling to elaborate, she swallowed her words and instead asked, "What about Wang Qin... do you want to call her tomorrow morning?"

Yan Rou nodded, "Mm."

Huang Zhiqing continued, "Did you notify the male educated youth?"

Yan Rou once again replied, "Mm."

"That's good."

Relaxed, Huang Zhiqing pulled the lamp cord, "Let's sleep; we need to get up early tomorrow!"

Early the next morning, surrounded by his brothers and cousins, Kang Yihong arrived at the Youth Educated Institute to welcome the bride, while the remaining educated youth there acted as Yan Rou's family to send her off.

Just as the couple was about to bow to Captain Kang and his wife, and Big Brother Kang and Elder sister-in-law Kang, Second Brother Kang, Kang Guosheng, and his family, along with Kang Yichen, walked through the courtyard gate.

For a moment, the atmosphere in the house became even more lively.

About half an hour later, a middle-aged man with graying hair, roughly six feet tall, slender, and wearing a mid-length black woolen coat, entered Aoli Village accompanied by two young men.

Chapter 963 My Last Name Is Yan, I'm Educated Youth Yan's...

As they walked, they inquired along the way and arrived at the Youth Educated Institute, finding its doors tightly locked. They asked passersby again and learned that the person they were looking for was in the midst of a wedding at Team Leader's House, and the middle-aged man's expression changed instantly.

"Did Educated Youth Yan agree to this willingly?"

The middle-aged man asked the local who was guiding them.

"Of course."

The local replied, "Our Team Leader's family is very good. Yan Rou being able to marry Team Leader's grandson, Kiddo Hong, to be honest, it's a blessing for Educated Youth Yan.

Comrade, you wouldn't know, but previously in the national college entrance examination, our Team Leader's family produced five university students at once, among whom two were admitted to Shuimu University. Moreover, one of them topped the nation in science with full marks!

Oh, and those who were admitted to Shuimu University are our Team Leader's twin children..."

Hearing the local's words, the middle-aged man's expression gradually improved.

"When Kiddo Hong was about to marry Educated Youth Yan, we locals found it quite strange."

"Strange?"

"Yes, we found it strange because Educated Youth Yan was originally dating a male educated youth from the neighboring team. There was no interaction between Kiddo Hong and Educated Youth Yan, and suddenly we heard they were getting married, which surprised everyone greatly."

"Is that so..."

"That's how it is. I later heard that Kiddo Hong accidentally saved Educated Youth Yan's life in the mountains, so everyone speculated that perhaps she was repaying a kindness."

However, marrying Kiddo Hong doesn't put Educated Youth Yan at a disadvantage, that's what we all believe. After all, Kiddo Hong also got into a university, just like his two brothers, he got into a good university in North City!"

The middle-aged man chatted intermittently with the local guide, feeling unusually heavy-hearted.

"By the way, comrade, why are you inquiring about Educated Youth Yan? Do you have some relation to her?"

"My last name is Yan, I'm Educated Youth Yan's father. You can call me Brother Yan."

Indeed, the middle-aged man was Yan Rou's father, named Yan Songping. Ten days ago he returned to North City, resumed his work, and sent someone to find out about the whereabouts of his ex-wife. He then discovered that his ex-wife had pushed their only daughter to replace her stepdaughter and go to the rural countryside in the Great Northwest.

Despite his discomfort, he arranged his work and, accompanied by two secretaries, went all the way to the Northwest, to the village where his daughter was sent.

Yan Songping couldn't imagine what kind of life his daughter, whom he had cherished since childhood, had lived for nearly six or seven years.

Following her biological mother to her stepfather's home, unloved by her birth mother, bullied by her stepfather's two daughters, and ultimately having to go rural on behalf of her stepfather's younger daughter.

Reflecting on the information his secretary gathered about his daughter's life after she followed his ex-wife's remarriage, Yan Songping felt resentment not only toward his ex-wife but also toward himself.

It was his fault for not being there to protect and care for his daughter when she needed it. Now, at just eighteen, she is getting married... Although the young man is excellent, and his family is nice, he believed that there were other hidden matters ten to one.

Yan Songping didn't forget the phrase from the local guide, that his daughter once dated a male educated youth from the neighboring team.

Yet, suddenly it was announced she was marrying Team Leader's grandson, and how did Team Leader's grandson manage to save his daughter in the mountains?

Could it be...

Yan Songping stopped himself from thinking further. At that moment, they arrived at the entrance of Captain Kang's house.

"Team Leader! Team Leader, your grandson's father-in-law is here!"

Chapter 964 Grievance

The local who brought Yan Songping to Team Leader Kang's house is surnamed Wang, named Da Kuan, about thirty-six or thirty-seven years old, naturally loud. At this moment, his shout not only reached the people inside and outside the yard but also inside the main room, everyone turned to look.

"Da Kuan! The man standing beside you is Kiddo Hong's father-in-law, right?"

An elderly local raised his voice to ask Wang Dakuan.

"Uncle Liu, that's right! Comrade Yan is from North City and came specifically to visit Educated Youth Yan!"

Wang Dakuan replied with a cheerful smile to the Uncle Liu in his mouth.

And just then, Captain Kang's family came out of the main room, but before Captain Kang could speak, a voice with tears from Yan Rou came from behind him: "Grandpa, that's my dad!"

As she spoke, Yan Rou quickly took two steps towards the gate of the yard: "Dad..."

Kang Yihong followed closely, afraid Yan Rou might fall.

After all, Yan Rou was pregnant and wearing fur-lined leather shoes; although they were non-slip, he dared not be careless, else regret it later.

"Rourou..."

Yan Songping watched his daughter rush into his arms, quickly raising a hand to pat her back: "Good girl, don't cry, it's Dad's fault, I couldn't stay by your side to take care of you."

Yan Rou buried her head in Yan Songping's chest, shaking her head repeatedly: "It's not Dad's fault, and I'm doing really well, I've been doing well all these years."

"Dad, I'm Yan Rou's husband, my name is Kang Yihong, it's cold outside, let's go inside the house!"

Kang Yihong first introduced himself to Yan Songping, then invited his father-in-law inside.

Yan Songping nodded: "Okay." Then he gently patted Yan Rou's back again: "Let's go, take Dad to you and your husband's place to sit." Yan Rou finally stopped crying, lifted her head, and uttered an "Mm".

"Hello."

Kang Yihong and Yan Rou walked to the sides of Yan Songping, behind him followed two secretaries. When the group reached the center of the yard, Yan Songping saw Captain Kang's family standing two or three steps away, warmly greeting them.

"Hello."

As the head of the family, Captain Kang spoke: "I am Xiao Hong's grandpa, this is his mom, come on in, let's sit inside." Raising his hand to invite Yan Songping into the main room, Captain Kang then introduced each family member to Yan Songping, afterwards saying: "It's quite cold along the way, let's sit on the kang to chat."

Upon hearing this, Yan Songping responded with warmth and apology: "Can I speak with my Rourou first?"

Captain Kang was taken aback for a moment, then spoke: "Of course! Of course!"

Yan Rou: "Thank you, Grandpa!"

"Silly girl, why thank me? We're all family, go on, take your Dad to your and Xiao Hong's room to have a good chat." Captain Kang waved his hand, hearing Yan Songping also saying thank you to him, couldn't help but wave his hand again: "No need to be formal."

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Upon leading her father into the new bridal room, Yan Rou sniffled, looked at the father she hadn't seen in nearly seven years, and said chokingly: "Dad, you've lost weight!"

"A little weight loss is good, makes a person look spirited."

Yan Songping with a smile and loving eyes said: "Tell Dad how you've been these years, no lying to Dad."

Tears fell from Yan Rou's eyes, she nodded slightly, and immediately recounted in detail her story of moving with her mom, then going to the Great Northwest for her stepsister.

Wiping the tears from her face, Yan Rou's voice was a bit hoarse: "Dad, I don't mind Mom caring more about the siblings from that family than me, but I'm angry Mom wouldn't let me write to you, even wanted me to change my surname to Uncle Xue's."

Chapter 965 Standing Up for You

Yan Songping used his somewhat calloused fingertips to wipe away the tears on his daughter's face. He said, "Your mother is thinking of your best interests. If you wrote a letter to Dad and something happened, Dad would regret it for the rest of his life."

"Then why did Mom want me to change my surname? I'm Yan Rou, I'm Dad's daughter, and I should have Dad's surname Yan!" Yan Rou felt very aggrieved, her wide tear-filled eyes staring at her father.

Sighing, Yan Songping smiled, "Your mother also did it for your good. However, you still bear the surname Yan now, showing your mother couldn't out-argue your stubbornness!"

Affectionately tapping his daughter's nose, Yan Songping said, "Don't keep shedding Golden Beans, or your eyes will turn as red as a rabbit's. Walking out like that wouldn't be good."

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

Drying her tears, Yan Rou casually wiped her face with her hand.

Yan Songping: "Now, can you tell Dad about things since you came here to work and live? For instance, why did you choose to get married now, knowing you could return to the city through college entrance exams? And, for example, what led to your breakup with a male youth you dated?"

"..."

Yan Rou puzzledly looked at her father, wondering how he knew she had dated someone after just arriving in Aoli Village.

"No need to look at me like that. Near the Youth Educated Institute, I met a local. While chatting, the local was curious about your marriage, saying you previously dated a male youth from the neighboring brigade, yet now you're marrying the son-in-law..."

Seeing the tears well up again in his daughter's eyes, Yan Songping quickly said, "If you're aggrieved, just speak it out. Dad will support you, but can we not cry? Seeing you like this pains Dad!"

Yan Rou nodded vigorously, mumbling "Mhm" repeatedly, but the tears wouldn't stop, especially when thinking about the helplessness of the breakup, nearly suffocating from the grievance.

Trying her best to calm her emotions, she didn't hide anything, recounting her story with Wen Sihan.

"Bastard! How dare that boy treat you like this!"

Yan Songping's face darkened, clenching his teeth, "Since he's so obsessed with attending university, Dad will ensure he doesn't succeed, sending him back to where he started, never to become a city person again!"

"..."

Perhaps shocked by her father's anger, Yan Rou was distracted from crying, eventually shaking her head, saying, "Dad... I don't want you to do something wrong because of me. Can you promise me that?"

I have no ties with that person anymore, and now I am part of a family. I also cherish everyone in this family. Truly, I don't want any further entanglement with him!"

Upon hearing this, Yan Songping watched Yan Rou quietly for a while, asking, "Marrying the son-in-law, did you have no choice, or is it from your heart that you wish to be husband and wife?"

"Kang Yihong treats me very well..."

Yan Rou's mouth quivered as she spoke each word: "Had he not saved me in time that day, carrying me down the mountain, I might have frozen to death that night."

Yan Songping's expression turned serious: "Affection and repayment are separate matters. Dad hopes you understand this."

Yan Rou: "Dad, I know what affection is, and also what repayment means. From the start, I clearly told Kang Yihong I had no feelings for him,

but he didn't mind, saying he'd help me get through this obstacle, even convincing his family to marry me. During recent times together, I have developed a fondness for Kang Yihong,

Chapter 966 It Was Always My Good Fortune

He's a person with responsibility and accountability. He even said that after we get married, if I ever want a divorce, he definitely won't force me to stay. Dad...

Look, everything I'm wearing from head to toe was given to me by the family's little aunt. Also, grandma, grandpa, the parents here, a few uncles and aunts, as well as brothers and sisters, they all treat me really well,

They don't look at me negatively because of my situation. I don't want to lie to you; I like the atmosphere in this family, and I've already come to like everyone in this family. I believe there will be love between Kang Yihong and me."

Today, looking at the outfit Yan Rou is wearing, Yan Songping instantly knows it must have cost quite a bit. He believes Yan Rou wouldn't lie to him, trusts that she is telling the truth.

She likes the people in this family, or more accurately, she likes the way the people in this family get along with each other. From this, it's easy to deduce that the character of the husband's family should be beyond question.

"Dad, look at this watch I'm wearing; it was bought for me by Kang Yihong, on the family's behalf, plus, the family gave me five hundred yuan as a bridal gift."

Yan Rou blinked and smiled: "Huang Zhiqing from our Youth Educated Institute once said that the bride's family giving a large bride price signifies their value of the new bride, and around here, when people arrange marriages, the average bride price is only seventy or eighty yuan, the most being around a hundred."

"You silly girl, are you already leaning towards the in-laws side just after getting married?!"

Yan Songping shook his head with amusement: "Don't worry, on my way here, I heard from a fellow villager that the character of the husband's family is very good. That person even said that marrying into the husband's family is a blessing for you."

"It's indeed my blessing."

Yan Rou blushed a little and said: "You know everything about my situation now. You tell me, in your daughter's current situation, marrying a college student, and marrying into a family with five college graduates, isn't that a blessing for your daughter?"

"My daughter is not bad either! To marry you is equally a blessing for the son-in-law, huh, if he ever dares to treat you poorly in the future, Dad will give him a good lesson!"

Yan Songping pretended to be serious, hearing this Yan Rou laughed: "There will definitely be no day for you to teach your son-in-law a lesson. He is clever, has a good personality, and above him, there are grandparents and my parents-in-law, he wouldn't dare to do anything to wrong me."

"Seems there's truth in the saying that daughters tend to lean towards the outside."

Teased by her father, Yan Rou said aggrievedly: "I love Dad the most!"

Seeing this, Yan Songping laughed out loud, but after a while, he put away his laughter and asked seriously: "Are you sure you want to keep the child in your belly?"

Yan Rou: "I have been to the hospital..."

Before the words were finished, she was interrupted: "Was it your husband who asked you to go, or was it his family?" Yan Songping's gaze became unusually sharp at that moment.

"Neither, it was me who wanted to get rid of the child, but Kang Yihong wouldn't let me. He said that removing the child would harm my body. He said he would treat the child as his own, and his family never mentioned the child in front of me."

After listening to Yan Rou's words, Yan Songping secretly breathed a sigh of relief. He said: "Looks like that fellow villager was right, both the son-in-law and his family are good people."

"Dad, don't think just because you're an official, you can look down on rural folks. In this family, there are quite a few capable people! Let me put it this way, my grandpa is the Team Leader, and my grandma was previously the Women's Federation Director, but she's now helping my little aunt with kids in North City,

She took the initiative to step down from her role as the Women's Federation Director. As for my second uncle and aunt, both are in the army. My second uncle is already an officer above the regiment level, and my third uncle, along with my father-in-law, farms at home,

but he's clever, and if given a good opportunity, he will certainly carve out his own career. As for my fourth and fifth uncles, the fourth uncle works at the county's transportation team. Before my fifth uncle got admitted to Shuimu University,

he had worked at North City Petrochemical for several years. As for my youngest aunt and uncle, one was a national topper in the science category of the college entrance exam, scoring full marks, and has been participating in competitions frequently in recent years,

winning several gold medals for the country each time. The other is a researcher. So, are you impressed or not? Kang Yihong's eldest brother was admitted to North City Medical University,

the second brother is in the army and was admitted to the Command Academy. The fourth brother is also doing well academically and will be taking the summer college entrance exam. Anyway, I admire this family a lot. Now, I'm already a part of this family, and I feel especially happy!"

Yan Songping tapped Yan Rou on the forehead with his finger: "Do you think your dad is the kind of person who looks down on others? Besides, as you said, each family member is so amazing. What is there to look down on?"

"It's certainly best if you don't."

Yan Rou smiled: "Dad, let's go out. You sit with my grandpa and father-in-law and remember to be enthusiastic. Don't put on airs."

"Little housekeeper, do I need you to teach me that?"

Once again, Yan Songping flicked his daughter's forehead with his finger and said, "Do you want to go back to our own home with Dad?"

Yan Rou frowned slightly: "When?"

Yan Songping: "Leaving today might be a bit rushed. How about tomorrow? We'll set off first thing in the morning. What do you think?"

Yan Rou: "Can't we leave in a few days? It's almost New Year's Eve. After the second or third day of the New Year, Kang Yiyang and I can leave with you."

After a moment of consideration, Yan Songping said: "We can leave on the morning of the second day at the latest. I have work at hand, and excluding travel time, I can only stay here for three days at most."

Yan Rou: "Then we'll leave on the morning of the second day. I'll let Kang Yihong know tonight."

Yan Songping: "Don't forget to also inform your grandparents and father-in-law."

"Okay," Yan Rou responded.

"Dad has arranged for everything at home to be tidy. When it's time, you and your spouse will stay directly at our home. There will be an auntie to help with cooking and cleaning. You just need to take care of yourself and the child in your belly."

"I'll listen to Dad."

"As for your household registration, Dad will arrange for Secretary Zhou to transfer it back to North City, onto our household register."

"Okay."

The father and daughter talked for another couple of minutes before leaving the room.

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"Uncle, Rourou has told me that everyone at home treats her very well. She even mentioned each person in our family. Thank you, I want to thank everyone in our family for taking care of Rourou recently, and for not minding her health condition, and sincerely accepting her into our family!"

Yan Songping was brought into Captain Kang's room by Second Brother Kang (Kang Guosheng). Currently, in the room were Captain Kang, Big Brother Kang, Second Brother Kang, and Yan Songping, just the four of them.

Out of respect and courtesy, and because Big Brother Kang is six or seven years older than Yan Songping, Yan Songping addressed Captain Kang as "Uncle" with genuine sincerity, without any airs, just like a junior from the village.

"Since you call me Uncle, don't be so formal. Besides, Yan Rou is now Xiao Hong's wife, and you are her father, so we are in-laws and family!"

Chapter 968 Where Did This Fool Come From?

Captain Kang waved his hand casually and said, "Besides, Yan Rou is a good kid. It's normal for the family to like her."

In no time, everyone got friendly, sitting on the kang, chatting with each other, and the atmosphere was very harmonious.

Today's celebration was lively, with family, friends, and villagers who came to pay respects, all praising Captain Kang's family for their good manners and applauding Captain Kang and his wife for raising their kids well, sending five of them to university at once.

After the feast, everyone walked home, chatting while eating sweet candies.

"It's cold outside, let's go inside."

At the gate, Kang Li stood with her nephews, watching the guests leaving. At this time, she heard Luo Yanqing's voice behind her.

"Oh."

Kang Li responded.

Unexpectedly, just as she was turning to enter the gate with Luo Yanqing, a voice floated over.

"Li Bao..."

It was Zhou Weimin's voice. Ever since Kang Li returned to the village, he had wanted to talk to her but hesitated. Finally, he couldn't hold back today and thought the feast would end soon, so he came out to find Kang Li.

Kang Yiyang and the others all turned their eyes to Zhou Weimin, each with tight lips and stern faces, looking at the man who almost became their uncle.

Zhou Weimin braced himself and spoke, "I want to say a few words to your aunt."

To his surprise, neither Kang Yiyang nor Kang Yichen paid him any attention.

Feeling awkward, Zhou Weimin called out to Kang Li again, "Li Bao, I just want to say a few words to you. Do you have time?"

"I have nothing to say to you."

Kang Li looked at Zhou Weimin, her expression unreadable.

"The past is the past. You're not still holding onto that incident and avoiding me because of it, are you? Li Bao, no matter what, we've been classmates from elementary to high school and lived in the same village. I just want to say a few words to you, and you're being this firm?"

With eyes full of hurt, Zhou Weimin looked directly at Kang Li.

"Do I look like someone who clings to the past?"

Kang Li's expression was indifferent as she said, "Just like you said, the past is the past, and now we both have our own families. I don't think there's any topic worth discussing between us."

Zhou Weimin: "We were classmates."

Kang Li: "That's all in the past."

"Li Bao, it was my fault back then. I'm here today to tell you that I've been accepted to a university in North City."

Confidence showed in Zhou Weimin's eyes, "In the future, we'll see each other often. If you need any help, just let me know, and I'll do my best to help you."

"Do you think my aunt needs your help? Or didn't you notice my uncle standing right next to my aunt?"

Kang Yiyang looked at Zhou Weimin with a slightly mocking expression, "Let's not mention that my aunt has been living in North City for several years now. Just with my uncle's capability alone, if anything happens, my uncle will handle it. And who are you to my aunt? What right do you have to meddle in her affairs?"

"You got into a university in North City, but my aunt was the national science top scorer!"

The young Kang Yiyu looked at Zhou Weimin with wide eyes and said.

Min Rui, standing beside Kang Yiyu, looked Zhou Weimin up and down, thinking: Where did this fool come from? Waving his knife in front of Guan Gong, doesn't he know their mom was the national science top scorer? And yet he has the nerve to brag about getting into a university in North City.

Chapter 969 It's Time to Wake Up

"All of you, go home."

Kang Li instructed Kang Yiyang and the others.

"Oh."

With that response, Kang Yiyang walked ahead, followed by the rest, and they soon entered the courtyard.

"You should go in as well."

Kang Li turned his gaze to Luo Yanqing: "I promise I'll catch up with you in no time." Luo Yanqing glanced over at the spot where Zhou Weimin was standing, then faced Kang Li and responded with a "Hmm," before turning to step through the courtyard gate.

"Li Bao..."

Zhou Weimin tried to get closer to Kang Li.

Unexpectedly, Kang Li raised his hand: "Stay right there."

Upon hearing this, Zhou Weimin paused and listened as Kang Li said, "I really don't know what your mind is filled with all day long! You have to look forward in life, not always wallow in the past, and you need to cherish what you currently have. If you keep looking back, do you think you'll accomplish anything in this life?"

Wake up, I don't care why you've come looking for me today, I just hope you stop acting like a child who hasn't grown up, wanting to bring up the past every time you see me. Zhou Weimin, I've said all I can, take care of yourself!"

As his words finished, Kang Li retracted his gaze, and his figure vanished inside the courtyard gate.

Zhou Weimin looked at the empty entrance of the Kang Family's courtyard, a bitter smile on his lips. Why did he come running here? Was it to humiliate himself, or was there some other thought?

But what does it matter what he thought?

Turning around, Zhou Weimin slapped his head with his right hand, feeling as foolish as he could possibly be.

He...should indeed wake up!

Li Bao, Kang Libao was no longer the person he once knew. She was striding forward, while he had been standing still all along, no, his days were passing by one by one, but his heart and mind remained stuck, always looking back at everything from years ago.

"Where did you go?"

Su Qing asked absentmindedly when she saw Zhou Weimin walk into the room.

"Just wandering around."

Zhou Weimin took off his shoes and got directly onto the kang.

"Aren't you cold?"

Su Qing murmured, as she packed the few clothes she had prepared into the travel bag at her side, she said, "Have you told your parents?"

"What?"

Zhou Weimin was puzzled.

Su Qing glared: "We're catching the train early on the second day, don't tell me you've forgotten."

"I haven't forgotten." Zhou Weimin glanced at their son sleeping soundly under the covers, and said, "Are you really going to take Longlong to North City with us?"

Su Qing said with displeasure, "Who's going to look after him if we don't?"

Zhou Weimin: "Isn't my mom at home to look after him?"

"Sounds nice, if your mom would help us look after the child, why would I suggest taking him to North City?"

Su Qing's attitude towards Mrs. Zhou could be described as completely indifferent; she was thrilled that she and Zhou Weimin had both been accepted into universities in North City, happy that their family of three was about to leave this home that she extremely disliked, even considering the thought of not returning unless necessary!

Zhou Weimin: "...". He found himself at a loss for words.

After a silent pause, Zhou Weimin said, "Who will look after Longlong in North City? Both you and I have classes, your parents have jobs, are you planning to take him into the classroom with you?"

"Are you dumb? We'll enroll him in a kindergarten near my parents' house, and my parents can pick him up on their way home from work. We'll visit my parents' place on weekends, doesn't that solve the problem?!"

Zhou Weimin: "Will your parents agree?"

Su Qing: "Longlong is their grandson, even if they don't agree, I will make them agree." Su Man took away the marriage that was rightfully hers, and her family owes her, so they shouldn't be surprised if she expects them to help look after the child.

Chapter 970 Do You Think I Want To?

"You... you couldn't still be thinking about the marriage proposal your sister stole from you, could you?"

Though Zhou Weimin was asking, he already had the answer in his heart. He couldn't help but feel agitated and said, "I know you're upset, but the things of the past, and you and I have been married for several years, and we have Longlong now, what can't you let go of..."

"What's wrong with not being able to let it go?"

Su Qing interrupted Zhou Weimin. She said, "It was a marriage proposal that my family introduced to me. Why did Su Man have to scheme against me?"

Do I look stupid, deserving of being schemed against? Moreover, back then my parents didn't support me, instead they blamed me for everything, this clearly is unfair to me,

nowadays I need them to help look after the child, it's just to make them compensate me a bit. Besides, I'm considering Longlong's future, shouldn't you support my actions?"

Looking at Zhou Weimin thoughtfully, Su Qing said, "Or are you thinking it's unreasonable to fuss over family matters with your own parents?"

Zhou Weimin was tongue-tied, unable to find words to counter her, because Su Qing was right. Everything she did was for their son, and as the beneficiary, the son was his, with the surname Zhou, so naturally he should stand with Su Qing.

Yet he couldn't help feeling uncomfortable, so after a moment of silence, Zhou Weimin said, "Compared to before, that man indeed earns more than I do, but he has quite a few shortcomings, like being too busy at work and not having time for the family,

plus he has three freeloaders; from these points, you can see marrying me isn't much different. Besides, we're both going to university in North City, and once we graduate, do you think our family of three won't live as well as your sister's family?"

Upon hearing this, Su Qing didn't immediately respond.

Zhou Weimin watched Su Qing's expression and couldn't help but continue, "I say, our lives will only get better. Instead of dwelling on those past matters, why not focus all your efforts on our family of three, avoiding the bitter thoughts about being schemed by Longlong's aunt?"

"Do you think I want to dwell on it? These years I've been suffering in the countryside, while Su Man is enjoying life in the city. Whenever I think about it, I get irritated." Su Qing truly resented her sister Su Man.

"Alright, alright, let's not think about her, just focus on living our own lives. When Longlong goes with us to North City, we need to ask my in-laws for help in looking after him. At least we need to appear respectful for help; otherwise, even if they agree to help, they might not do it wholeheartedly. This would not be good for our son."

After hearing Zhou Weimin's words, Su Qing's expression improved slightly: "Understood."

Everyone likes to hear pleasant words. Before going to the countryside, wasn't Su Man favored by her parents just because she knew how to sweet-talk from a young age?

She's not stupid; she naturally knows that learning this could be to her advantage.

With her thoughts turning to this, Su Man zipped up the travel bag, casually placed it aside, and then stared at Zhou Weimin for a while, saying, "You advise me not to dwell too much on the past and to look forward, but what about you?"

"What's your point?"

Zhou Weimin was puzzled.

"Are you still hung up on your first love?"

Su Man's gaze fixed on Zhou Weimin, scrutinizing every tiny change in his expression. Zhou Weimin said, "What right do I have to keep thinking about her?"