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Chapter 981: This Is How a Wife Should Be Spoiled

With her as the “Golden Finger” backing us, no matter what business the brothers want to venture into, she has the ability to support them all the way through!

“Li Bao, do you think your big brother and the others can manage?”

Captain Kang looked serious: “Your Fourth Brother works at the County Transport Team, he has some experience, but your Big Brother and Third Brother have been farming at home these years. If they don’t succeed, we might end up losing everything!”

“Yeah, Li Bao, are you really confident in your Big Brother and Third Brother?”

Cai Xiufen’s eyes were filled with worry.

“I’ll be keeping an eye on things, so you and Dad can rest assured. Besides, we should only tackle as much as we’re capable of. After all, you eat an elephant one bite at a time; nobody becomes successful overnight!

I’ll send some books home later. Big Brother, make sure to read them. In spare time, let my sister-in-law experiment more with the spices. As for Third Sister-in-law, she should practice fashion design sketches more. No matter what you do, focusing on your strengths will never hurt.”

Big Brother Kang: "If everyone is doing business, who will farm at home?"

Kang Li: "I remember earlier every household was allocated land, and it will be the same again. By then, a contracting system will appear. If you want to farm, you farm yourself; if not, you can contract it out to others..."

Captain Kang: "How do you know all this?"

"I figured it out from some current trends. Dad, you know your daughter is smart!"

Kang Li laughed it off.

Kang Guosheng: "Dad, Li Bao knows more than I do. Seems like I've lived nearly twenty years longer than Li Bao for nothing."

Big Brother Kang: "And I am twenty years older than Li Bao for nothing as well!"

Third Brother Kang and Fourth Brother Kang both nodded, indicating that they, as the older brothers, had also wasted their years compared to their darling sister.

"According to what you guys are saying, compared to Li Bao, it's like I have no brains!"

Kang Guoan had a forlorn look: "Looks like I need to work harder to improve, or Li Bao will leave me in the dust!"

Fourth Brother Kang patted Kang Guoan's shoulder: "Good you know that."

Meanwhile, Kang Li's cheeks warmed. She glanced at Big Brother and the others, then at her parents, and said shyly: "Am I really as amazing as you say? I just like reading newspapers, watching TV, and listening to the radio. The more you see and hear, the more you think about this and that. To sum it up in a sentence, compared to you guys, I'm just too idle!"

"Isn't it exactly because you're too idle?! You had a good job at the TV station but quit on a whim. I was quite upset about it for a while!"

Cai Xiufen doted on her daughter with a loving reproach.

"The more you see, the more you learn. Li Bao is doing great. You all should learn from Li Bao when you have the time."

Captain Kang's gaze swept over the five brothers, and in the next moment, from Big Brother, all five of them nodded in unison.

Luo Yanqing chimed in: "When it comes to intelligence, Xiao Li surpasses me, and she has a clear perspective. I'm sure what she says isn't mere imagination."

"What are you doing?"

Kang Li nudged Luo Yanqing with her elbow: "Can't you see my face is all red?"

Hearing this, a trace of laughter appeared in Luo Yanqing's deep black phoenix eyes. He said softly: "Everyone is praising you, how could I not say anything? Besides, I'm only speaking the truth!"

Kang Guoan looked at Kang Li and Luo Yanqing and suddenly felt full, asking Big Brother and the others, "Big Brother, Second Brother, Third Brother, Fourth Brother, don't you feel full too?"

He was met with puzzled looks from Big Brother and the others.

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Cai Xiufen laughed and said, "They often do this. I've talked to Yanqing many times, telling him not to spoil Li Bao too much. You guess what Li Bao said?" Before Captain Kang and the others could respond, Cai Xiufen directly gave the answer: "Li Bao said who else should Yanqing be good to if not her."

Kang Guosheng: "That's a valid point."

Big Brother Kang: "Exactly."

Third Brother Kang and Fourth Brother Kang nodded in agreement.

Kang Guoan: "Li Bao is quite right."

"When Li Bao goes out, Yanqing always helps her put on a mask, gloves, and scarf, always going along with Li Bao. Yet, Li Bao still often glares at him. I can't stand it, so I tell Li Bao off, but then Yanqing speaks up for Li Bao. I really can't do anything about them."

As Cai Xiufen spoke, she glanced at her precious daughter, making Kang Li feel utterly embarrassed.

Luo Yanqing: "Mom, Li Bao is great. I just help her with small things. As for always agreeing with her, that's because she's always right."

"Can you stop talking?" Kang Li glared at Luo Yanqing. What's he doing? Can't he see mom is teasing her and the brothers are having fun at her expense?

"Okay, I'll keep my mouth shut."

Luo Yanqing's eyes were filled with affection as he truly fell silent.

Kang Li noticed the teasing gazes of her brothers, and the temperature on her face instantly rose to a new height.

Captain Kang: "Outside, you need to give your man some face."

Kang Li was about to speak when Luo Yanqing said, "Dad, rest assured. Xiao Li always gives me face outside, and even at home, Xiao Li never fights with me."

Upon hearing this, Captain Kang's mouth twitched as if to say more, but Kang Guoan chuckled and spoke up, "Dad, you can rest easy. Everything brother-in-law said is true. My mom can vouch for it."

Cai Xiufen chimed in at the right moment: "Little Wu is right. Li Bao and Yanqing are like... willing to give and take!"

"Mom, it's Zhou Yu hitting Huang Gai; one willing to hit and one willing to take," Kang Guoan said with a grin. Hearing this, Cai Xiufen clapped her hands, her face full of smiles: "Yes, that's the saying." After a pause, with an affectionate look in her eyes, Cai Xiufen added, "Since neither of them have objections, let them be."

The five brothers all nodded at Captain Kang, fully supporting their mother's stance.

"You all just spoil her too much!"

Captain Kang helplessly shook his head.

"As if you don't spoil Li Bao yourself?!" Cai Xiufen rolled her eyes at Captain Kang: "Besides, has Li Bao ever become spoiled because we pamper her too much?"

Shaking his head, Captain Kang confidently said, "No, she hasn't."

"You know she hasn't; then what's there to say?" Glancing at Captain Kang with annoyance, Cai Xiufen snorted and said, "In our surrounding villages, there's no more obedient and sensible daughter than our Li Bao!"

Captain Kang, showing a good attitude of admitting fault, said, "Yes, yes, I was wrong. Can you, this old lady, stop being so relentless?"

"Can't be bothered with you."

Turning away, Cai Xiufen didn't even look at Captain Kang. Seeing this, Luo Yanqing, Kang Li, and the others couldn't help but chuckle.

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As the clock struck midnight, Captain Kang raised his hand to shoo them away: "Hurry back to your own rooms to rest. Us two old bones need to sleep."

"We're leaving now!"

Big Brother Kang said as he climbed off the kang bed, followed by Kang Guosheng, Third Brother Kang, Fourth Brother Kang, Kang Guoan, Kang Li, and Luo Yanqing, who all got up one after another. But before that, they all simultaneously knelt on the kang bed, facing Captain Kang and his wife, bowed to wish them a healthy body and a happy New Year!

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"Dad, Mom, good night!"

Putting on her shoes, just before stepping out the door, Kang Li waved to her parents and then left with Luo Yanqing.

On the first day of the lunar year, Kang Yiyang brought his brothers and Min Rui to pay respects to the elders in the family, which unsurprisingly filled everyone's hands with red envelopes. After that, Captain Kang, the head of the family, took his children and grandchildren, along with his son-in-law Luo Yanqing and granddaughter-in-law Yan Rou, to Big Uncle Kang's House to pay New Year's respects.

By noon, under Kang Guoan's suggestion, the whole family took a genuine family portrait.

After all, in the previous family portrait, Kang Guoan and his nephew Kang Yiyang were absent.

Both had strong opinions about it and wouldn't miss the chance for the family reunion now.

On the second day of the lunar year, after breakfast early in the morning, Kang Yihong carried the packed luggage, and under the family's watch, he and his wife Yan Rou left Aoli Village with his father-in-law Yan Songping.

With someone like Yan Songping as the father-in-law and accompanied by two of his secretaries, Captain Kang and his wife as well as Big Brother Kang and his wife had no reason to worry about the young couple.

Given Yan Songping's status, they would definitely take a sleeper train back to North City.

"Dad, Mom, Xiao Hong and the others have gone far, let's not stand in the yard freezing." Seeing Kang Yihong's group of five already gone, Big Brother Kang couldn't help but speak up. Hearing this, Captain Kang and his wife didn't say anything, just nodded and then took the lead to turn and walk back into the yard.

But just at that moment, faint sounds of an argument drifted over.

Cai Xiufen: "It's that old woman from the Zhou family!"

"Hmm."

Captain Kang nodded, clearly recognizing whose voice it was.

Cai Xiufen: "Should I go take a look?"

Captain Kang said unemotionally, "The Women's Federation Director will handle it." Hearing this, Cai Xiufen was momentarily stunned, then looked uneasy: "I almost forgot I'm no longer the Women's Federation Director."

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "Mom, I'll go check it out." Before Cai Xiufen could respond, Elder sister-in-law Kang joined the women watching the commotion and headed in the direction of the Zhou Family.

Zhou Family.

"If you want to leave, go ahead, but Longlong must stay!"

As if looking at an enemy, Mrs. Zhou glared at Su Qing, spreading her arms to block the door.

"Why can't I take my own son away?" Ever since Su Qing learned her college entrance exam results, she couldn't put up with her wicked mother-in-law anymore. Now she's about to leave Aoli Village for university in North City, and she definitely won't let Mrs. Zhou have her way.

"Longlong is my Zhou family's grandson. What's the deal with taking him away?" Mrs. Zhou seemed ready to devour Su Qing. As she spoke, her gaze shifted to her youngest son Zhou Weimin: "You little brat, aren't you going to take Longlong away from your wife for your mother?"

Zhou Weimin's expression wasn't good. He scanned the villagers watching the drama unfolding at his house and lowered his voice to speak to Mrs. Zhou: "Mom, what are you doing?"

I clearly told you on New Year's Eve that Su Qing and I would take Longlong with us when we leave on the second day of the lunar year. You didn't say anything at the time. Now you're blocking us from leaving with the child. Are you hoping I'll stay home and not go to university?"

"I just want my grandson to stay!" The reason Mrs. Zhou wanted her youngest grandson to stay was simply that she was worried her youngest son Zhou Weimin would listen to his wife, leave, and never return. So she deliberately schemed, refusing to let Su Qing and Zhou Weimin take the grandson away.

In her view, if Su Qing had her way, her hard-earned upbringing of her youngest son would definitely result in him drifting apart from her and this family with each passing day.

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This is something she absolutely cannot allow!

"Just drop it!" Su Qing said with a blank expression, holding her son tightly with one hand and shielding his head with the other. Ignoring Mrs. Zhou's attempts to stop her, she squeezed past her out of the courtyard gate.

Even when her neatly tied braid was pulled apart by Mrs. Zhou, she didn't care, and as soon as she got out of the gate, she headed towards the village entrance.

Zhou Weimin, carrying their luggage, shouted “Dad” towards the main house, gritted his teeth, and chased after his wife and child, leaving Mrs. Zhou sitting cross-legged at the gate, slapping her thighs and reciting complaints about Su Qing.

“Enough!”

Upon hearing Father Zhou’s voice, Mrs. Zhou froze. The next moment, she stood up, weeping and sniffing, saying, “Are you going to just watch them take Longlong away? If our son and grandson never come back, what will you do?”

“This is his home, where else would he go?” Father Zhou said, his face stern, turning around hands behind his back towards the main room. Behind him, Mrs. Zhou’s face changed repeatedly, then complained to the bystanders, “What are you looking at? What’s so interesting? Never seen a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law argue?! Everyone’s full and idle, if you have time, go find excitement in your own house!”

Seeing there’s nothing more to watch, Elder sister-in-law Kang went back home without waiting for the surrounding people to disperse.

“Is Elder sister-in-law back?!” Luo Yanqing and Big Brother Kang were sitting with three younger brothers in a room talking, while Min Rui and the cousins played together. Bored, Kang Li and his mother were chatting on the kang bed, and seeing Elder sister-in-law Kang come in, they greeted her with a smile.

Nodding lightly, Elder sister-in-law Kang acknowledged Kang Li and then said to Cai Xiufen: “Aunt Zhou stopped Educated Youth Su from taking her little grandson away, and over this matter, the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law started arguing at the courtyard gate.”

Cai Xiufen: "Did Educated Youth Su take the child away?"

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "Yes, Educated Youth Su held onto her child and, despite her mother-in-law's attempt to block her, squeezed out from the courtyard entrance, Zhou Weimin carrying luggage, went chasing after Educated Youth Su, leaving his mother sitting at the gate crying and howling."

Cai Xiufen: "That old woman is just not sensible. The child follows his parents, what's the point of stopping them? Besides, Educated Youth Su's family is in North City. This couple going there for school, bringing their child along, and having her family look after them is convenient. It's easy for them to visit when they miss the child, what's the use of her stopping them?"

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "Probably worried her son won't come back."

Cai Xiufen: "...That's probably the reason."

"For the past years, the child has been with Educated Youth Su. Aunt Zhou wants them to leave the child in the hometown, how could Educated Youth Su be willing?" Elder sister-in-law Kang pursed her lips, saying, "Now that things have blown up like this, I figure they probably didn't plan to leave forever initially, but after Aunt Zhou's stunt today, they most likely won't come back."

After hearing Elder sister-in-law Kang's words, Cai Xiufen showed no expression and said, "She brought this on herself; she must endure it herself."

"You're right, Mom."

Elder sister-in-law Kang nodded in agreement.

Seeing Kang Li remaining silent, Elder sister-in-law Kang seemed to think of something. She sat by the kang bed, smiling at Kang Li, and said, "Li Bao..."

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Kang Li, confused by Elder sister-in-law Kang's hesitant speech, responded, "Elder sister-in-law, if you have anything to say, just say it."

"Actually, it's nothing major. I just want you to keep an eye on Yangyang in the future. Our mother is getting older, can't afford too much stress, but you're Yangyang's aunt,

if he does anything wrong, make sure to talk to him properly. If he doesn't listen, I'll leave it to you and your brother to give him a lesson. Anyway, we absolutely cannot let Yangyang let down that girl called Lin Dan!"

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The third brother finally got married, even though the child in his wife's belly isn't his, it will have the Kang surname once born, so it's the same as having his own child. But if the first and second brother's wives aren't settled soon, she won't feel at ease.

“Sister-in-law, matters of the heart can’t be forced. But as I told you, with Yangyang and Lin Dan’s current situation, they are very likely to continue to see each other. If anything does happen, I’ll find out what’s going on.”

Kang Li didn’t give any specific promises, but what she said already put Elder sister-in-law Kang’s mind at ease.

“Alright, with you watching over Yangyang, I’m at ease,” Elder sister-in-law Kang smiled brightly. After a brief pause, she couldn’t help but bring up Kang Yichen: “If you come across a suitable young girl, do introduce her to Chenchen.”

Kang Li looked amused: “Sister-in-law, aren’t you being a bit too hasty? Whether it’s Yangyang or Chenchen, they’re not too old; they’ll surely find suitable partners.”

“How can I not be in a hurry? That rascal Kang Yihong is about to have a child, yet Yangyang, being his elder brother, and Chenchen, his second brother, are both still bachelors!”

Speaking of Kang Yihong, Elder sister-in-law Kang couldn’t help but sigh: “Yan Rou is a good kid. I have no complaints about her, but... she’s had past relationships with other boys. If I don’t think about it, it’s fine, but once I think of it, I can’t feel completely at ease.”

“Didn’t you and mom both say that the kids have their own fortunes? Yihong’s situation is a bit unique; maybe it’s destiny between him and Yan Rou. Since they’ve tied the knot, let’s not overthink it.

Regarding Chenchen’s marriage that you just mentioned, like Yangyang’s situation, I can’t promise anything now. But once there’s a suitable girl, I’ll naturally promote my nephew.”

Kang Li's bright and beautiful fox-like eyes were filled with laughter. Beside her, Cai Xiufen heard this and lightly patted her arm: "What are you talking about? This 'promote' talk doesn't sit well with me."

Her grandsons are all outstanding and university graduates; do they need to be 'promoted' to find partners?

"Alright, alright, my choice of words was poor. I hope you can forgive me!" Kang Li feigned surrender, smiling cheekily as she spoke to her mother, which made Elder sister-in-law Kang burst into laughter: "Mom, Li Bao wasn't wrong. With Yangyang and Chenchen's straightforward nature, winning over girls is tough. Without Li Bao's help in promoting them, I hardly see them finding good partners."

Her sons are civil servants, so naturally, she hopes their partners are too, making life smoother for the couple.

Otherwise, finding a girl in their rural area, without even mentioning other issues, just having conversations with her son daily might be difficult to connect on.

If it continues for long, life would surely be rough, and no one would be happy.

"Never seen a mom badmouthing her own sons like this."

Cai Xiufen laughed and chided Elder sister-in-law Kang.

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "I'm not badmouthing them; it's just their personalities aren't appealing. Otherwise, would Yangyang have kept a girl waiting for so many years?"

"Alright, I can't argue with you. As long as you two aunts agree, it's fine." Cai Xiufen shook her head, then listened to Kang Li and Elder sister-in-law Kang continue their conversation, without interjecting further.

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Time quickly flew to the afternoon of the fourth day.

"Li Bao, uncle came to tell you that tomorrow, uncle and my third brother will accompany Xiao Kui's mother and the three of them to go along with you all."

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In the main room, Captain Cui was invited by Captain Kang to sit by the stove for a while. He looked up at Kang Li and spoke of the decision his family had made.

Kang Li nodded, indicating she understood, and then Captain Cui continued, "Ever since I mentioned going to Hu City, Xiao Kui's mind seems to have cleared a bit. She hasn't run to the village entrance these days and stays at home taking care of the two kids. I finally see that the old saying about heart disease requiring a cure of the heart is indeed true."

"That makes sense." Kang Li smiled, "It's like 'Only the one who tied the bell can untie it.'"

Captain Cui: "Studying more books is good, not only does it teach you the principles, but you also learn a lot." He sighed deeply, "My Xiao Kui also graduated high school, but to give that ungrateful person peace to study, she's been washing clothes, cooking meals, and looking after the two kids. She missed last winter's college entrance exam."

Kang Li: "She can take the summer college entrance exam this year."

Upon hearing this, Captain Cui shook his head, "With two kids holding her back, even if Xiao Kui recovers mentally, it's hard for her to take the exam!"

"If she truly wishes to take the exam, nothing is impossible." Hearing Kang Li's words, Captain Cui was slightly taken aback, then nodded, "You're right! Where there's a will, there's a way. I'll go back and discuss it well with Xiao Kui."

Approximately twenty to thirty minutes later, Captain Cui stood up to take his leave.

"Older Brother Kang, I'll be heading back. You and your niece should go back inside!"

At the courtyard gate, Captain Cui waved to Captain Kang and Kang Li, then retracted his gaze and walked away.

"Mom, you really don't want to go visit Hu City?"

Before bed at night, Kang Li was kept by Cai Xiufen to chat. Hearing her mother mention that she wouldn't be going with the family to Hu City tomorrow but would directly go to North City with her brother and nephews Yangyang and Chenchen, Kang Li was taken aback.

"It's so cold, I don't want to bother. Besides, if I go with your brother first to the courtyard, I can help tidy up the place ahead of time. When you and Yanqing return with the kids, it'll be nice and warm inside."

Cai Xiufen said this and urged Kang Li, "Go back to your room and rest. You have to get up early tomorrow."

Kang Li: "When the weather warms up, or maybe in autumn, I'll take you to Hu City for a proper tour?"

"Sure!"

Cai Xiufen responded with a loving smile.

"Have Dad and Mom gone to rest?"

Listening to Kang Li's footsteps as she came into the room, Luo Yanqing glanced up and placed the book he was holding next to the pillow.

Kang Li first responded with a voice of affirmation.

"Are you reluctant to leave?"

Lying in the bed, Luo Yanqing hadn't heard Kang Li speak for a while and couldn't help asking.

"Not really."

Leaving doesn't mean never coming back, she truly didn't have any feelings of farewell.

"Then why do I sense something's off with your mood?" Luo Yanqing's gentle voice reached Kang Li's ears as he embraced her. Upon hearing it, Kang Li said, "I'm fine! But my mom's not coming with us to Hu City tomorrow. She plans to go directly to North City with my brother and Yangyang."

Luo Yanqing: "Mom doesn't want the hassle."

"You hit the nail on the head. Mom says it's too cold, she doesn't want to travel back and forth between Hu City and North City. Plus, she wants to arrive at the courtyard early with my brother and help tidy up the place, warm up the stove, so when we return home, it'll be nice and warm as soon as we walk in."

"Mom is so good to you!"

"Isn't she good to you?"

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"She treats me well too."

"Of course she does."

Kang Li's lips curved slightly as she spoke, her tone unintentionally revealing a hint of jealousy:
"Sometimes my mom treats you better than she treats me, and it really makes me jealous!"

Upon hearing this, Luo Yanqing let out a low laugh: "Eating more is good for your health!"

"Your words remind me of that New Year's Eve night..." Before Kang Li could finish, Luo Yanqing covered her mouth: "I was really embarrassed at the time, please don't tease me anymore, alright?"

"No, no, how could I tease you? I just thought you were thick-skinned to say something like that in front of my older brother and the others. I felt embarrassed for you!"

Luo Yanqing said, "I was too relaxed and didn't think much, I just spoke my mind."

Kang Li laughed and asked: "Is my family atmosphere good?"

Luo Yanqing: "Yes."

"This big family is so harmonious, I really admire my parents. And of course, I'm happy for my five brothers too. Each person's small family is free of chaos, the couples are genuinely kind to each other, the children are all sensible. For such a big family, I cannot believe they won't prosper in the future!"

"I'm just like you."

"By the way, when we go back to North City from Hu City, the first thing we'll do is visit Grandma Yu."

Kang Li's topic changed so quickly that Luo Yanqing was momentarily confused: "Why suddenly mention this?"

"I don't know why, but I always feel something will happen recently. I've thought it through and aside from Grandma Yu's health, nothing else makes me uneasy."

"Grandma Yu is a kind and gentle old lady, she'll be fine, don't worry too much."

"Birth, aging, sickness, and death are natural in life; I understand that, so there's no need to comfort me. I'm just thinking it's really regrettable if she can't see her son before she leaves."

"Perhaps the old lady will hold on until her son returns one day."

"The doctor said Grandma Yu's health is not optimistic; she can't hold on for one or two years, not even for half a year," Kang Li's mood was somewhat low: "I'll go and accompany Grandma Yu, you stay home and look after Ruirui and the others."

Luo Yanqing had no objections at all: "Alright."

The next morning.

Before Kang Li and the others could set out from home, they heard that Xu Chunxia was missing, and also heard that Xu Chunxia took her mother's money and coupons while her parents were asleep, leaving the whole household in chaos.

What's more, the snow that started in the middle of the night hasn't stopped, so no footprints of Xu Chunxia could be found anywhere.

"Chunxia's guts are really big!"

Cai Xiufen sighed softly.

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "You need an introduction letter to go out, she can't go anywhere without it."

"If someone really wants to leave, they won't care about having an introduction letter."

This was Kang Li's voice.

"So where could she go?"

Elder sister-in-law Kang asked Kang Li.

"To the city," Kang Li replied softly, "Other than going to the city, there's not much point in leaving home like this." If she doesn't go to the city, any place in the countryside isn't as reassuring as staying at home.

Around nine o'clock, Captain Kang returned from the Xu family. Upon entering and before anyone at home could ask, he announced: "Chunmei and Chunxiang don't know when Chunxia left; the backyard door was half-open, but no footprints of Chunxia were found. The police officers came over, and they didn't find any clues either."

Cai Xiufen asked: "How much money did Chunxia take when she left?"

"Less than fifty dollars," Captain Kang said with a furrowed brow. "She didn't leave a cent or a single coupon for the family; Chunlai's wife is now arguing with her mother-in-law at home, saying her mother-in-law deliberately stuffed the money and coupons into Chunxia's hands."

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Cai Xiufen: "Didn't anyone step in to separate the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law?"

"It's no use." Captain Kang shook his head and said, "Chunlai's wife has quite a temper. She even scratched the people trying to intervene. It wasn't until the officers from the police station arrived at their home that the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law finally settled down."

Elder sister-in-law Kang: "Chunxia's sister-in-law doesn't think with her head. Given Aunt Xu's attitude towards Chunxia and her sisters, could she really hand over the family's money and coupons to Chunxia while just standing by and watching Chunxia leave home?!"

"Alright, let's not talk about the Xu family's matters anymore. Eldest daughter-in-law, go to the courtyard gate to see if Big Brother has brought the cart over. Your mother and the others still have to catch the train. If they leave too late, they might miss it."

Upon hearing this, Elder sister-in-law Kang responded and then left the main room.

Captain Kang: "Is everything packed up?" His gaze swept over Kang Li, Kang Guoan, Kang Yiyang, and Kang Yichen, seeing the four nod. Captain Kang then turned to Kang Guosheng: "Take care of the kids on the road."

Yes, Kang Guosheng's family is also departing today, and when Captain Kang mentioned "kids," he was referring to Kang Guosheng's youngest son, the youngest grandson of Captain Kang so far, Kang Yiwen.

The little boy is not even three years old yet, truly a little Milk Bun.

Alright, Third Brother Kang's youngest son is also a Milk Bun, though the little one is two or three months older than his cousin Kang Yiwen.

"Okay."

Kang Guosheng nodded.

"When you two return, you need to study hard and aim to get into a good university too." These words were directed at Kang Guosheng's eldest son, Kang Yikai, and second son, Kang Yihao. Captain Kang looked serious: "Your parents are busy with work, so you must be more sensible and not just think about playing all day."

Both Kang Yikai and his brother responded in unison: "Got it."

Hearing this, Captain Kang looked satisfied, then turned his gaze to Ruirui and his siblings: "You too, you must study hard and not be too playful. Also, listen to your parents and Grandma."

Min Rui and his siblings nodded their little heads earnestly.

"Dad, Yangyang's father has driven the cart over." Elder sister-in-law Kang's voice came from the doorway of the main room, and upon hearing this, Captain Kang said: "Let's go."

Before long, the main room became empty.

"Second Brother Kang's Wife, you should sit up there too with Wenwen."

The cart was covered with a thick layer of straw, and on top of that, Third sister-in-law Kang had laid a quilt. Seeing her mother and Ruirui and his siblings get on the cart, Kang Li invited Second Brother Kang's Wife to sit up with her little nephew too, but she shook her head: "Wenwen can sit in mom's arms, I won't get on."

"Dad, take care!"

Kang Guosheng bid farewell to Captain Kang.

With a light nod, Captain Kang waved his hand: "Go quickly, Uncle Cui and the others are waiting in town!" Without saying more, Kang Guosheng nodded to his brothers, Third Brother Kang and Fourth Brother Kang, as a farewell.

"Dad, we're leaving now. If anything comes up, just call me at home." Kang Li said while waving to Captain Kang.

Captain Kang mumbled a response.

"Big Sister-in-law, Third Brother..." Kang Li turned her gaze to Elder sister-in-law Kang, Third Brother Kang, and others, bidding farewell to each of them. Seeing her nephews wave at her, she smiled and said: "Write to your aunt if you miss me, goodbye!"

Half of the family suddenly left, and watching the departing cart and the backs of her family members, Kang Yiheng's eyes were determined as he declared, "This year at the college entrance exam, I will definitely get into a university in North City!"

"I'll get into a university in North City next."

This was the voice of Third Brother Kang's eldest son, Kang Yifei.

"Then you'll have to work harder!" Third Brother Kang looked at his son, hoping his sons, like Big Brother Kang's sons, would all get into good universities in North City in the future.

Kang Yifei responded seriously: "I will!"

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In the town.

Meeting with the Cui family, it wasn't long before a bus was leaving for the county. So, the group got on the bus. Kang Li waved to Big Brother Kang through the bus window, only withdrawing her gaze when his figure disappeared.

With the roads slippery from snow, the bus drove slower than usual.

Carefully, they traveled all the way and finally arrived at the county. Kang Li and the others didn't stop for a moment, immediately transferring to the bus heading for the provincial capital...

At the train station.

"Li Bao, we can just buy sitting tickets." As they walked into the ticket hall, before Kang Li could say anything, Captain Cui took out an introduction letter and money, preparing to head to the ticket window.

Hearing this, Kang Li smiled and said: "My husband has already booked tickets for all of us." Last evening, Luo Yanqing calculated the number of people departing today, then went to the team office to call Director Song, who arranged through his local contacts to book soft sleeper tickets to North City, Hu City, and G City for them.

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No need to say more, these soft sleeper tickets to G City were booked for Second Brother Kang's family.

Now, Luo Yanqing just needs to find that acquaintance to collect the tickets.

About seven or eight minutes later, Luo Yanqing appeared in front of Kang Li: "I've got the tickets." As he spoke, he handed Kang Guosheng four soft sleeper tickets to G City: "Second Brother."

Taking the tickets, Kang Guosheng glanced at them and without another word, casually stuffed the money for the four soft sleeper tickets into Luo Yanqing's coat pocket.

"No need."

Luo Yanqing took out the money, wanting to return it to Second Brother Kang, but unexpectedly, Second Brother Kang glared at him: "Keep it." Seeing this, Luo Yanqing looked towards Kang Li: "Xiao Li..."

"Just keep it."

Kang Li nodded with a smile.

Actually, given Kang Guosheng's status, soft sleeper tickets might be hard to buy, but hard sleeper tickets could certainly be obtained. And yesterday evening when Luo Yanqing said he was going to the team office to make a call to an acquaintance to book tickets, Kang Guosheng casually mentioned helping him book four hard sleeper tickets to G City, which Luo Yanqing naturally agreed to.

"Brother, on the way, you and Yangyang and Yichen must take care of Mother."

The train bound for Hu City was about to start ticket checking, and Kang Li couldn't help but remind Kang Guoan and Kang Yiyang and Kang Yichen.

Kang Guoan: "Don't worry."

"Mother, we're going to check the tickets now." Kang Li directed her gaze back to her elderly mother and, as she spoke, waved to her mother, Second Brother Kang, Kang Guoan and the others: "Second Brother, Second Sister-in-law, Little Brother... Goodbye!"

Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei each held one of the twins in one arm and carried luggage with the other as they walked ahead. Luo Yanqing carried two travel bags in his left hand and protected Kang Li and Min Rui with his right hand, following closely behind Zhou Heng and Zhang Lei.

To prevent Min Rui from being separated by the crowd, Kang Li held the little boy tightly against her chest, moving forward step by step with the flow of people.

As for Captain Cui and his son Cui Yaping, and daughter Xiao Kui, they undoubtedly followed closely behind Luo Yanqing and the others.

Since Xiao Kui's children were still very young, the nearly five-year-old boy was carried by Uncle Cui Yaping, and the not yet three-and-a-half-year-old sister was held in Xiao Kui's own arms.

Captain Cui carried a bulging snakeskin bag and a large cloth pocket as he walked behind his children.

"Uncle Cui, stay close, once we get on the train, everything will be fine!" Worried about Captain Cui and his family being separated, Kang Li, while moving forward with the crowd, didn't forget to turn back to remind Captain Cui.

"Uncle is staying close!"

Captain Cui responded loudly.

There were indeed many passengers coming and going at the station. Passing through the ticket checking area, Kang Li breathed a sigh of relief, as there were visibly few people in the soft sleeper ticket carriages.

"Mom, we're going to see Dad soon, right?"

Xiao Kui heard the baby-voiced question from her daughter in her arms, and she was stunned for a moment before slowly coming to her senses and lightly answered "Mm."

"Why doesn't Dad come home?"

The little girl's name is Shen Yubing, a name given by Shen Yunxiu, derived from "summer insects cannot talk about ice," taking the last two characters; the little girl's brother is named Shen Yuhai, undoubtedly from "well frogs cannot talk about the sea," taking the words "talk about the sea."

Meaningful and pleasant names, showing Shen Yunxiu did put thought into naming his children, and he must have liked these two kids, but the human heart is the most inscrutable thing. The Cui family probably never thought that the seemingly person of good character in the eyes of the villagers, Shen Yunxiu, would... do such a horrible thing as abandoning his wife and children after receiving the college admission notice.

"...Mom doesn't know."

Xiao Kui shook her head; she too wanted to know why Shen Yunxiu would secretly leave, abandoning her and the two children, never returning to their home?

"Mom, don't be sad, Xiaoyu and brother love you, we love Mom the most!"

Seeing tears welling in her mother's eyes, the little girl used her small hand to help wipe them away.

"Mm, Mom knows, Mom loves you too!"

Holding her daughter tightly, Xiao Kui softly said.

She didn't know if going to Hu City was right or wrong, but she wanted to ask Shen Yunxiu clearly, was there truly no feeling for her and the kids in his heart?

Otherwise, how could he have been so cruel, making her a joke among the villagers, and causing their children to suffer?

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Hu City.

A staff family area of a well-known university.

"When are you moving in?"

"Just in a day or two."

"Then move in tomorrow, so that we can keep each other company... You don't know, ever since I came back, every time I walk into that house, I can't help but think of my Old Shen, you say... you say why couldn't he hold on?"

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"It's all in the past, it's all over now, Old Lu, you need to take it lightly. Besides, hasn't Yunxiu returned from the farm? He even got into our university, with him by your side, your days won't be too hard."

"That's true, but Yunxiu has changed. I feel he's very different from before. When I try to talk to him, he's always absent-minded, especially when I ask about his years in the Northwest. Yunxiu either remains silent or gets up saying he has something to do. Old Li... do you think he's hiding something from me?"

The speaker here was none other than Shen Yunxiu's mother, surname Lu, name Xiao.

The person she was talking to was an old colleague, and now also a colleague, surname Li, name Qinfang, also known as Old Lady Li. Both were university professors.

"Didn't get anything out?"

Old Lady Li asked Mrs. Shen.

"No."

Mrs. Shen nodded.

At this moment, she was sitting in the apartment allocated to Old Lady Li by the school. However, the two families lived in the same building, and the Shen family lived just across the corridor from Old Lady Li, separated only by a hallway.

The apartments were about the same size, each being three bedrooms and a living room.

Today, Old Lady Li and her husband brought their little great-grandson here mainly to do a final cleaning before moving in. Upon seeing a familiar face, Mrs. Shen couldn't help but come over to chat with Old Lady Li.

"Kids grow up and naturally have more on their minds. Be patient, maybe he will tell you after some time!"

Old Lady Li comforted Mrs. Shen, "Besides, life in the countryside isn't easy. The child must have suffered a lot there, you should let him take his time to adjust, shouldn't you?!"

At this, Old Lady Li suddenly thought of something, she asked Mrs. Shen, "You said earlier that your Yunxiu was in the Northwest, it seems he has quite a connection with me and my Old Loh."

Hearing this, Mrs. Shen didn't think much of it and said, "Your Xiao En is quite well-behaved, it's just that Xiao Xue has had tough luck!"

"For us women, childbirth is like going through the gates of hell. My Xiao Xue... my Xiao Xue couldn't make it through, it's indeed her fate wasn't good."

Thinking of her granddaughter, Old Lady Li couldn't help but show a trace of sorrow in her expression.

Mrs. Shen casually asked, "What about Xiao En's father?"

Old Lady Li replied, "Passed away in an accident."

Mrs. Shen asked, "Xiao En took your surname, the in-laws were okay with it?"

"He was an orphan, he offered to let Xiao En take my Xiao Xue's surname."

Old Lady Li didn't realize that the lie she made up today would cause a little storm in the future.

"Old Li, do you think my Yunxiu is being stubborn? Previously, when something happened at our home, Qiu Qin suggested breaking up with Yunxiu. Now that Yunxiu is back, she's approaching him again, seemingly wanting to get back together. I don't think much of it.

Moreover, she later also went to a rural area in the South for labor, although she returned through the college entrance exam, she came back with a five-year-old daughter,

indicating she must have married someone there. It's just unknown why she only brought her daughter and the husband is nowhere to be seen in Hu City."

Old Lady Li asked, "Are you talking about Old Qiu's daughter?"

Mrs. Shen nodded, "Who else could it be?"

"So you're unhappy that she was married and has a daughter and wants to reconcile with Yunxiu?" Old Lady Li stated her guess, only to see Mrs. Shen shaking her head, "That's not the reason. I simply don't like that girl's way of doing things. Besides, Yunxiu is clearly hiding something from me, I very suspect he might have settled down at the place where he was laboring."

"..."

Old Lady Li was stunned, after a long pause, she asked, "What does your Yunxiu feel about Qiu Qin now?"

"I can't really tell." Mrs. Shen sighed as she spoke, "They are in contact, but it doesn't seem like they're in a relationship."

Hearing this, Old Lady Li was silent for a moment, then looked at Mrs. Shen and said, "If your suspicion is true, what will you do?" Mrs. Shen remained silent for a while, and Old Lady Li raised an eyebrow, "You won't despise a daughter-in-law from the countryside, would you?"

Mrs. Shen was momentarily stunned, then shook her head, she smiled bitterly and said, "Given Yunxiu's past condition, what do I have to despise? I was just thinking, considering Yunxiu's health in the past, if no one helped him in the countryside,

he probably wouldn't have made it back to Hu City safely, and moreover... when Yunxiu returned, I noticed he looked energetic and well-dressed..."

At this point, Mrs. Shen suddenly stood up, "No, I need to get to the bottom of this. I absolutely will not allow Shen Yunxiu to do something ungrateful!"