

Chapter 871: What's Going On?

"You are so brilliant! When you praise someone, they are completely convinced." Lu Xiaoxiao patted Jiang Yao's waist. "That's it; it looks like your red envelope will be bigger than mine this year. I couldn't even close my mouth when I saw Auntie's smile!"

Lu Xiaoxiao glared at Jiang Yao with an unconvinced look. "If I had known that there was such an advantage to reading more books, I would have read more books back then. Praises can always get me a bigger red envelope."

"You're making me laugh to my death." Mrs Lu was not only happy with Jiang Yao's praises but also because of Lu Xiaoxiao's playful expression. She was so amused that the wrinkles on her face showed.

"Yaoyao, why don't you go shopping with Auntie? Your second brother and I want to buy things that are probably too boring for a girl like you. I'll give you a call when we are done shopping. Then, we'll meet up and go home together."

Jiang Jie thought since his sister would spend more time with their family during that vacation, he should let her spend some time with her mother-in-law, especially when she could not find anyone to shop with her.

"Okay!" Jiang Yao could not be bothered to deal with Yang Gaoshu's constant probing, so she had agreed to that.

Jiang Yao responded too quickly, even before Mrs Lu had a chance to reject the offer. Since it did not seem like Jiang Yao was in a difficult position, she did not say anything else.

She was happy that Jiang Yao could accompany her to go shopping, but her daughter-in-law was not her biological daughter, after all. She was afraid that Jiang Yao would not want to accompany her.

Jiang Yao, Mrs Lu and Lu Xiaoxiao left together, but before that, Jiang Yao took a look at Yang Gaoshu's expression. It seemed like everyone had understood what Lu Xiaoxiao had meant.

Jiang Yao began to look forward to it. She did not know how Yang Gaoshu would explain it to her brother. She would have to tell her how she had the money to purchase those things that cost a person's salary for several years.

Jiang Yao had always thought that her brother would break up with Yang Gaoshu. He could be depressed for a while, but he would eventually get over it. It was a good thing, so she did not want to interfere in her brother's love life. She was prepared to let it progress naturally.

However, she had changed her mind, especially after Lu Xiaoxiao told her about those things. She could not tolerate it anymore.

She had to cut the cord. Jiang Lei had to discover Yang Gaoshu's true nature, slowly but surely. He could hate her a little more every day. Perhaps it was also a good idea to break them up quickly; there would not be any time for Jiang Lei to sink deeper.

After she left her brothers, Jiang Yao and Lu Xiaoxiao took each of Mrs Lu's arms. Jiang Yao also helped her carry the paper bag she had in her hand. The three of them continued to shop around town.

Mrs Lu had bought clothes for her husband. Then, they went to the shopping mall and went straight to the ladies department.

They had wanted to help Mrs Lu to choose some new clothes, but they did not expect to see a commotion when they went to the second floor.

There were so many people there, and they could not even squeeze their way into the counter.

“What’s going on?” Mrs Lu asked a person from the crowd. She did not expect to see the parent of one of her students.

“Teacher Li.” The parent greeted her excitedly when he saw Mrs Lu. Parents always held teachers in the highest regard. Then he saw the two young ladies beside Mrs Lu. He asked, “Are they your daughters? They are so beautiful! You are so lucky to have such beautiful daughters.”

Chapter 872: Previous Engagement

When Mrs Lu realized that the parent had misunderstood, she explained, “Oh, no. One is my daughter-in-law, and the other is my brother-in-law’s daughter.”

“Oh, I’m sorry. It’s so rare to see a daughter-in-law and a niece who would shop with an elder like daughters! They are so filial, Teacher Li. You are blessed!” the parent quickly said. Then she answered Mrs Lu’s previous question.

She pointed at the crowd in front of her and lowered her voice as she said, “A wife holding a few months old child is here to catch her adulterer husband in action. Her husband brought a shameless woman to go shop here, and when she found out, she chased after him. But, don’t you think that woman is stupid? How could she come here alone? And she even brought a baby with her! She hit that shameless woman, and that woman fought back. She couldn’t beat her, and her husband just watched from the side. He did not even protect her! Later, the woman got angry and put the child on the ground. She took her high heels and hit him back.”

“She put the child on the ground on such a cold day?” Mrs Lu was shocked.

“Yes, she did. Some people didn’t like it, so they helped to carry the baby.” The parent nodded repeatedly. “When she didn’t have the baby with her, the woman was fierce when she hit the other woman. She grabbed her hair and slapped the woman several times. Then, she scratched her face until it was bleeding. She hit the shameless woman until she screamed and screamed. That man actually helped the shameless woman to hold his wife back.”

“That man is really a b*stard!” Lu Xiaoxiao scolded angrily. “That is his wife, and she even gave birth to a child for him.”

“That’s right. She even gave birth to his son!” The parent nodded again. “Since the child is only a few months old, I didn’t expect the man would cheat on his wife. Such an unreliable man!”

“I see.” Mrs Lu quickly interrupted the parent so that she would not say anything inappropriate in front of Lu Xiaoxiao and Jiang Yao.

“Since we can’t go in, let’s go somewhere else.” Mrs Lu thanked the parent and quickly whisked Jiang Yao and Lu Xiaoxiao away. She did not want them to stay there and watched the drama continue to unfold.

Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi had only been married for a year and a half, and Lu Xiaoxiao was a young lady who had not even met a partner yet. Mrs Lu did not want them to see such terrible things.

The three of them were about to leave when a woman’s shrill cries and curses echoed from the place where the crowd had gathered.

“Lu Weihua, you will die a horrible death! B*stard! I took care of your children and your parents at home while you cheated behind my back! You went to a hotel with this woman and even helped her to beat me up. Are you still a worthy husband, Lu Weihua? Are you worthy of your son? Since you don’t want me to continue living, then I’ll die with you!”

Then the man scolded her. “Chen Lanying, are you done yet? If you want to be crazy, then be crazy at home! Take your son home!”

Lu Xiaoxiao held Jiang Yao’s hand as they followed Mrs Lu to go downstairs, but she stopped when she heard the man’s voice. She gasped before she called out to Mrs Lu. “Auntie! Isn’t Chen Lanying the woman who had been engaged to my brother? I remember that her husband’s name is Lu Weihua! I think he is the son of one of the bureau leaders in the county.”

Chapter 873: Sister-in-law Should Know About It

Mrs Lu had also realized it, but she did not expect Lu Xiaoxiao to say it aloud. She had a headache; she wanted to knock some sense into her niece’s straightforward character. Did the young lady not realize that her sister-in-law was also with them?

“Auntie, before Brother got married, Sister-in-law should already know about it. So, it’s fine.” Lu Xiaoxiao turned to look at Jiang Yao. She sighed in relief when she saw that Jiang Yao’s expression did not change. She had regretted it after she mentioned it; she had really forgotten about that until then. It was not a good idea to say such things in front of Jiang Yao.

Then, the quarrel between the couple there had started to escalate.

Jiang Yao had heard Lu Xiaoxiao’s words. She had been thinking about Lu Xingzhi’s previous engagement, so she did not pay any attention to the couple’s quarrel. At that point, many people had gathered to watch the fight, and it had affected the mall’s businesses. So, the staff had to go there to disperse the crowd.

Even though most of the onlookers had left, the people involved in the fight did not show signs that they would let things go soon. Then, they heard a baby’s cry; it sounded like the baby was gasping for air.

“The three of you should stop fighting! Look at your child; he’s crying! Is he hungry or something?” The kind woman who had picked up the baby was at a loss because of the baby’s cries. No matter how she tried to coax him, the baby continued to cry. He cried so hard that his face had turned red.

The man finally let go of the woman, and then he only glanced at the child in the kind woman’s arms. He turned to Chen Lanying and shouted, “Can’t you hear your child crying? Go and coax him!”

“Hey, how can you talk like that? This is your child! You’re his father; do you think you have nothing to do with him?”

The kind woman could no longer stand it, so she said, “Your wife has given birth to your son, and he is only a few months old. Yet, you cheated on her with another woman. Not only did you not help your wife, you even helped an outsider to beat her. You are doing this for a wild woman, and you don’t even plan to coax your son, right?”

“Who knows if this is his son? Some women can give birth to a child without a husband. This isn’t anything uncommon.” The mistress, who had been beaten up, tidied her appearance. She sneered at Chen Lanying with her fox-like eyes and snorted.

“Such a shameless woman! Do you think you have the right to speak? You can do whatever you want, but you went and destroyed other people’s family. Only a woman like you can instigate a grown man like him to do such a thing, right? Why are you so cheap to seduce a married man? Do you have to do such a shameless thing?”

The kind woman handed the child back to Chen Lanying after she scolded the mistress. She said, “We are mothers, so no matter what, we need to care for our children first. When our child cries, we have to coax him. Perhaps he is hungry. Take care of this problem with your husband when you’re home. Next time, don’t be so foolish to rush out here with a child in your arms.”

The woman left after she had said that. Maybe she felt that it was not appropriate for her to meddle in other people’s business.

Chen Lanying held the child in her arms and stood there as she continued to wail. Her cries even drowned her child’s voice.

“Let’s go. We’ll go somewhere for a cup of coffee.” Lu Xiaoxiao and Jiang Yao were still standing there, so Mrs Lu called them away.

Since Jiang Yao had seen Chen Lanying, Mrs Lu wanted to find a nice place where she could explain the matter between Chen Lanying and Lu Xingzhi to Jiang Yao. She was afraid that Jiang Yao would misunderstand the situation and find fault with her son when she went to see him during the New Year.

The three of them left the mall and went into a coffee shop in the opposite direction. After they found an empty spot and ordered their drinks, Mrs Lu observed Jiang Yao’s expression quietly. She did not know what Jiang Yao thought about the situation; she had to consider how she would explain it to her.

Chapter 874: His Past

“Xingzhi had always had a cold personality since he was young. Other boys would usually start dating when they were 18 or 19 years old. However, Xingzhi had never mentioned a girl’s name, even when he graduated from the university. I was worried that he lacked the knowledge to do all that. After his graduation, he had joined the army, which meant he would have fewer chances to meet ladies. I was worried that he would be like the other soldiers who couldn’t get married until they’re old.”

Mrs Lu sighed. Lu Xingzhi had a cold personality in the past. It was as if he could not take anything in the world to heart. Mrs Lu knew many families with children who had joined the army. Even though they were not like Lu Xingzhi, who had joined the military after he graduated from the military academy,

those soldiers did not get to go home often. Some were still unmarried even though they were 30 years old.

That was why Mrs Lu was worried about Lu Xingzhi; she did not want him to have that future. So, before Lu Xingzhi graduated, she had rushed to arrange a blind date for him. When she told him about it, Lu Xingzhi had looked unhappy. She knew she had been right to worry about him.

“Then, I was angry with him. I told him that he could either let me see his girlfriend or take the opportunity to go on a blind date.” Mrs Lu smiled helplessly. “I was too angry at that time, and I spoke to him too harshly. So, he said okay. However, he only agreed to get married. When I told him to go on a blind date, do you know what he said? He said, since I was the one who wanted a daughter-in-law, he would be fine with anyone as long as I can get along well with them. He didn’t want to see them. He told me to inform him of the wedding details so that he could come home for it.”

Lu Xiaoxiao nodded repeatedly. “Auntie did not want Brother to feel aggrieved. So, when she was looking for a partner for him, she focused on their looks and education level. When she found Chen Lanying, we thought that she seemed alright. Our county is so small, and there weren’t that many girls who have studied for so many years. Chen Lanying graduated from high school, and she had a good job. At that time, she had a job with the government department, and she was quite the looker. So, Auntie decided on Chen Lanying.”

Jiang Yao did not know how to deal with Lu Xingzhi’s past. She had heard something about it, but she never understood it in detail. She had been quite indifferent about it in the past, but since she had a great relationship with him, she had forgotten about it.

If Jiang Yao had not seen Chen Lanying that day, she might not have remembered it for the rest of her life.

However, since she had heard it again, her heart was inexplicably stifled. If her husband were with her then, she would probably bite him to vent her anger.

“The Chen family probably also thought that my brother had great qualifications, so they were happy when they heard about it. Even Chen Lanying was happy with the prospects. However, my brother was always not around. Later, Auntie sent a photo of Chen Lanying to him. She told him to come home to see her if he agreed to their relationship.” Lu Xiaoxiao smiled slightly. “But while they were on the phone, my brother told Auntie that he was fine with her if she was alright with it. He said that as long as she got along well with Auntie after their marriage and won’t cause any problem, then he was fine with it.”

Chapter 875: Not Finished Yet

Mother Lu continued to say, “Later, I asked Xingzhi about his intentions. At that time, he had planned on coming home for the wedding before heading back to the north.

Even if he had joined the army, he didn’t plan to bring his wife along. So, he said that it was enough if she could get along well with us. He had planned to leave his wife at home to take care of the two of us.”

“My brother didn’t like Chen Lanying at all, even after he looked at the photos,” Lu Xiao said with a smile. “He didn’t even come home for the engagement. He said that he had a last-minute mission, but we had looked forward to that day. So, he didn’t even show up. At that time, the Chen family and everyone else was furious.”

“Chen Lanying agreed to the engagement with Lu Xingzhi?” Jiang Yao was surprised. Lu Xingzhi did not care about the girl; it was apparent he did not like her. How could Chen Lanying agree to the engagement with Lu Xingzhi?

The Chen family still went ahead with the engagement even though Lu Xingzhi did not go back for it. Jiang Yao did not know what to say about that.

Did Chen Lanying like Lu Xingzhi that much? Perhaps it was the Chen family who liked the Lu family as their in-laws?

However, Lu Xingzhi had not cared about that. Normal parents would never let their daughter suffer like that, right?

Even if Jiang Yao loved Lu Xingzhi, if he were to treat her like that, if he did not even show up at their engagement party, her parents would probably choose to break her legs and keep her with them for the rest of their lives. They would not agree to that engagement.

“Chen Lanying has seen my brother. She thinks that he is handsome and we are a good family. Most importantly, my brother is a military academy student. How many people in the entire county can say the same?” Lu Xiaoxiao’s face was full of pride when she mentioned Lu Xingzhi. “Chen Lanying was a little arrogant because she has a great life. She must have agreed to the engagement because she thought he was the most suitable man. She chose not to say anything even when my brother decided not to be home for the engagement.”

Lu Xiaoxiao snorted. “I liked her then because of that reason. I thought that she has a rare quality for a woman. So, Auntie gave the Chen family a lot of money for their betrothal, which kept her parents quiet.”

Jiang Yao’s heart was sour. Lu Xingzhi had been a jerk, but Chen Lanying did not care. She must have been a good woman.

Chen Lanying seemed virtuous and obedient compared to Jiang Yao, so she was an excellent choice for a wife.

Lu Xiaoxiao realized that Jiang Yao’s expression had changed a little. She quickly said, “Sister-in-law, don’t be anxious. We haven’t finished yet!”

Lu Xiaoxiao passed a small piece of sweet cake to Jiang Yao and then continued to speak at a leisurely pace. “I felt silly when I saw how good Chen Lanying was in every aspect. She was really good at pretense. After she was engaged to Brother, she still had relationships with other men. Her current husband, Lu Weihua, was the son of a leader in the county, and he also served in a bureau. She had kept their connections under wrap, but one of my father’s customers told us about it.”

Chapter 876: Half an Hour Alone

The tables had turned so quickly that Jiang Yao could not react in time. Chen Lanying had turned from a good woman into someone else.

The phrase 'looking for a husband' was very apt to describe what Chen Lanying had done.

Mrs Lu was furious when she found out about that. Her son's fiancée had looked for another man with marriage in mind. Was there a difference if she had cheated on her son?

Lu Xingzhi was a bastard. He did not even show up for the engagement. However, even if Chen Lanying felt aggrieved, she could have rejected it. The Lu family had always respected Chen Lanying's choice. Chen Lanying said that she did not mind; she understood that Lu Xingzhi was busy, so she would wait for Lu Xingzhi to come home for their wedding.

That was why Mrs Lu treated Chen Lanying like her daughter. Lu Xingzhi owed her, so she wanted to compensate the young woman. She tried to give Chen Lanying the best food and clothes that money could buy.

If Mrs Lu went to town, she could get something for Chen Lanying. It was either food or clothes, and they were not ordinary cheap goods.

However, she did not expect Chen Lanying would do such an infuriating thing behind her back. The younger woman had pretended to be virtuous and gentle.

"So, I called Xingzhi. I wanted those two young people to discuss if they should continue with the wedding and if Chen Lanying cut off her contact with those people," Mrs Lu said. The music in the coffee shop was quite loud, so Mrs Lu had to raise her voice.

"Xingzhi came home, and I forced him to meet with Chen Lanying. The two of them sat alone for about half an hour. We don't know what they had said to each other, but Xingzhi said that he would wait for her to withdraw from their commitment to get married. He was back for three days, but he did not stay at home every day. We didn't know where he went or what he did, but he seemed happy. That was the first time I saw his reluctance to go back to the army. If he did not tell us that the Chen family had agreed to cancel their wedding, his father and I thought that things had gotten better with Chen Lanying."

"After Big Brother returned to Jindo, we thought that things had settled between them. We waited for the Chen family to cancel the wedding. However, the Chen family did not do anything even after Big Brother had left for a long time." Lu Xiaoxiao said as she pouted, "After he returned to the army, Chen Lanying shamelessly began to write to him, but he didn't reply to a single letter."

After Lu Xingzhi returned to Jindo, Mr Lu and Mrs Lu had waited for a long time, but the Chen family did not talk to them about their wedding cancellation. While Chen Lanying did write letters to Lu Xingzhi, she was still in contact with Lu Weihua. If it were not for the sake of the young woman's dignity and the reputation of the person who introduced her, the Lu family would have taken the initiative to break off the engagement.

"The matter dragged on for about half a year. Then, Brother graduated from the Military Academy and joined the army, but the Chen family still hasn't come to us to break off the engagement. They even dared to ask about his whereabouts and his position in the army," Lu Xiaoxiao said with a look of

disdain. "Later, I got impatient and said that the marriage had to be canceled. Chen Lanying wrote to him every few days. When he saw Chen Lanying's letter, he got annoyed and returned it unopened. For the sake of the Chen family's reputation, he gave them such a long time to deal with the matter, but they still don't know their place."

Chapter 877: Treating My Brother Like Ice Cream

"Then why did you break off the engagement?" The engagement must have been broken off in the end. Otherwise, Lu Xingzhi would not have been able to marry her. However, Jiang Yao did not know how they broke off the engagement.

"I still get angry when we speak of this!" Mrs Lu patted the table. She did not raise her voice; she only made a clicking sound. It was her occupational disease as a teacher. Whenever she was emotional, she would pat the table. "One day, we heard some sudden news. Xingzhi had been discharged from the army and had to come home to recuperate after his leg was seriously injured during a mission. Within two days, they brought him back on a stretcher. When I saw him that day, I was so scared that I almost fainted. When his sister saw him, she immediately cried. At that time, many neighbors saw him, and some even surrounded him. A doctor came back with him. When we asked the doctor about his condition, the doctor had a serious expression on his face, but he didn't say a word."

"He was injured so badly?" Jiang Yao frowned. "Why didn't I hear him mention it before? If he had been so severely injured, why didn't I see him cry out in pain? Had he been enduring it all this while?"

"Sister-in-law, look at how worried you are!" Lu Xiaoxiao burst into laughter and teased her. "Auntie, look at how worried she is when she heard that Brother was injured. Her brows are knitted into a straight line. Well, it's easy to tell whether someone is really concerned about me or not."

Mother Lu smiled and nodded. She could tell that Jiang Yao was anxious about Lu Xingzhi.

"Don't worry. Just continue to listen to the story." Mrs Lu patted the back of Jiang Yao's hand affectionately. "When he was sent back, he was still in a coma. The doctor left without saying anything. He made us cry. At that time, Chen Lanying and her parents came to our home. They said they wanted to visit Xingzhi, but they asked whether he couldn't stand up and had become a cripple, like the rumors they heard. Did he really retire from the army? At that time, we were all in a mess. How could we have the mood to answer their questions?"

The most important thing was that Lu Xingzhi's parents had no idea what had happened, but the Chen family was already there. It seemed like a rumor had spread, and the Chen family had kept their eyes on the Lu family's every move. The moment that their son was back, they knew about it, and they could not wait to visit him.

"Chen Lanying's family didn't find out anything from us, and they left. Then Xingzhi immediately got off his bed and jumped around; it was only then that we realized he was not injured. He had spread that rumor deliberately, and he had returned for that reason."

Jiang Yao had guessed what happened when she heard that. "Did the Chen family propose to cancel the engagement soon after they went back?"

“Yes, they did it in two days.” Mrs Lu nodded. “Xingzhi made such a big fuss to force them to cancel the engagement. So we agreed to it when they mentioned it again. Their engagement was canceled just like that.”

“It was not only that. Chen Lanying got engaged to Lu Weihua in less than three days after they canceled the engagement. She had even chosen a wedding date.” Lu Xiaoxiao sneered, “What does she think of my brother? She was only waiting to choose between Lu Weihua and my brother. Does she think that my brother is like ice cream? That she could have a taste to choose a better one?”

Chapter 878: He Said He Wanted to Marry You

“Your metaphor—” Jiang Yao touched her forehead gently.

“Sister-in-law, Don’t pick on my bad manners. I don’t like to read, and I am not good with words, but I think Chen Lanying did this because she had the same thoughts as my hesitation to buy vanilla or strawberry ice cream. If it weren’t for the fact that I was afraid of spoiling my stomach if I ate too much, and if it weren’t because objective conditions didn’t allow it, I would have eaten both flavors.” Lu Xiaoxiao laughed. “In any case, Chen Lanying was just looking at the pot while she ate.”

“After the engagement was canceled, he would leave every few days. When he came back, he’d be in an excellent mood. It was as if he had changed into a different person.” Mrs Lu smiled. “Not long after that, he told us that he wanted to marry a wife.”

Mrs Lu thought it was funny when she mentioned that. “I thought that I had to help him find a wife, but he was the one who proposed it. I was so happy, and I really didn’t expect that he would send your photo for us to see. He said that he wanted to marry you and asked us to go to your house to propose a marriage.”

Mrs Lu didn’t know whether to laugh or cry when she talked about everything that had happened after that.

“Later, we finally found out that Xingzhi had made such a big fuss so that the Chen family would break off the engagement so that he could marry you when you were eighteen.” Mrs Lu’s eyes were curved. “Xingzhi had known about you a long time ago, but when I asked him to get married, you were still too young. So, he probably didn’t think about marrying you at that time.”

Therefore, it was tough to say whether a person was fated to be with another person. Mrs Lu thought that Lu Xingzhi was such a cold person in the past, but did he not become a hothead who had started to fall in love when he was with Jiang Yao?

Was he not as happy when he looked at Jiang Yao’s photo?

Mrs Lu said, “So, that was what happened between Xingzhi and Chen Lanying and my brother. We’ve told you about it, so don’t overthink this matter. That had happened because I was blind back then. If I had known that Brother had fallen in love with you, I would not have messed with the issue.”

“If it weren’t for you, Sister-in-law, I reckon that my brother would have been prepared to stay single for the rest of his life after this matter with Chen Lanying. I’ve heard him complaining about life before. He had to get married and have children to carry the family line. He was bored with that. There is no

throne, so why would he need to carry the family line?" Lu Xiaoxiao got more excited as she spoke. "Then when he married you, Sister Yuqing made fun of Brother with the same words."

Those words were like a slap to Lu Xingzhi's face. However, everyone in the Lu family knew that Jiang Yao was probably the only person in the world who could have made him change. Therefore, no one in the family objected when Lu Xingzhi married Jiang Yao.

When Jiang Yao heard that, she smiled. She could tell that she had been in Lu Xingzhi's thoughts for a long time. He had probably liked her since she was young.

Jiang Yao really wanted to hear Lu Xingzhi's voice after that conversation with his family.

However, she was still with Lu Xiaoxiao, so she could not call him. She decided to send a discreet text to him instead, and she did it under the table.

[I'm listening to Mom and Xiaoxiao talking about you and Chen Lanying.]

Chapter 879: Paternity Test

It was a short message, so Jiang Yao immediately sent it. She wanted to see how Lu Xingzhi would react to that. He would probably be shocked by her short message.

After that, Mrs Lu and Lu Xiaoxiao said something, but Jiang Yao did not really listen to them. She only focused on her phone. Unfortunately, Lu Xingzhi did not reply to her even as they left the coffee house.

He was probably busy, so he might not have had time to look at his phone.

It had been a while, so they decided to go back to the mall. They thought that the matter would have been settled. However, they did not expect that Chen Lanying and her husband were so weird that they continued to argue until then. They had argued if Chen Lanying's child was her husband's son.

The other woman, who had gotten a chair from somewhere, just sat there and watched the commotion. She interjected from time to time; perhaps she was afraid that they would stop the argument.

The child in Chen Lanying's arms had continued to cry until her voice was hoarse. Even an outsider like Jiang Yao felt sorry for the child.

Most of the crowd had dispersed; they must have felt tired. There were still some people there, and they stood in twos and threes, and they cast the occasional glance at the child.

Chen Lanying and Lu Weihua continued to quarrel. When she saw Mrs Lu, Lu Xiaoxiao, and an unfamiliar girl appeared, she immediately ran toward Mrs Lu as if she had seen an angel had come to her rescue.

"Auntie Lu, quick, help me talk to the father of my child. He is the father of my child; I didn't have any shameful relationship with other men." The child in Chen Lanying's arms cried terribly; she also cried until she was out of breath. She no longer had the same imposing manner as when she scolded Lu Weihua.

Indeed, it was a significant blow for a woman when her husband suspected the paternity of their child.

“Chen Lanying, let go of my aunt!” Lu Xiaoxiao quickly shook off Chen Lanying’s hand that held Mrs Lu’s. “How would outsiders like us know if your child is your husband’s? This is your family’s matter. How can we interfere?”

“There is a technology now that’s called a paternity test. If you really have doubts about the child’s identity, you can take him to a hospital in a larger city to do a paternity test,” Jiang Yao said. “This is a new technology introduced from abroad, and it is called DNA testing. Even the police have begun to use this technology in their cases. So, you can trust its result.”

Chen Lanying looked at her in a daze, but Jiang Yao continued to say, “You won’t get any results from your incessant arguments. If your husband has doubts, then bring the child to get a diagnosis. However, I shall remind you that when a husband doesn’t trust his wife and child, it is quite harmful to the wife and child’s mentality.”

Jiang Yao lowered her head and looked at the child in Chen Lanying’s arms. Then, she said, “I think there is something wrong with your child’s health. I suggest you get a comprehensive physical examination for him when you do the paternity test.” The child did not look right, and Jiang Yao did not even need to use the system to see it.

Chapter 880: Don’t Look Back

The child was not her patient, so she would not use her medical system to scan his physical condition. However, from her experience, she could tell that the child was not healthy.

“What did you say? What paternity test? Why are you spouting nonsense about my child’s health? He is fine; it is only a fever. What’s the big deal about a child running a fever? Which child won’t get sick?” Lu Weihua knew Mrs Lu and Lu Xiaoxiao, but he did not know the woman who was with them. He shouted impatiently when the woman rambled about something he did not understand.

“That’s all I have to say.” When Jiang Yao saw the man’s attitude, she did not want to talk to him. She turned to Chen Lanying and said, “A mother should be strong; you are a mother. I’ve told you everything I need to tell you. Whether you do it or not is your own business.”

After she said that, Jiang Yao slapped Chen Lanying’s hand away. She and Lu Xiaoxiao protected Mrs Lu from both sides as they walked toward the shops.

“Auntie Lu!” Chen Lanying looked desperate when she saw that Mrs Lu was about to leave.

“She doesn’t even care about you, yet you’re still trying to fawn over her?” Lu Weihua sneered, “You don’t even show such respect to my mother!”

“Did you hear what that woman said just now? If you don’t believe that our son is yours, then let’s go to the hospital to do the test!” Chen Lanying said.

“A paternity test?” A fat woman snorted. “Which of you have heard of such a thing? Anyway, I’ve traveled around the world, but I’ve never heard of it! Also, do you know who that woman was? Do you believe everything she says? She is Lu Xingzhi’s wife. Why would she show you kindness? You’re such a gullible woman! It doesn’t matter whether you’re married or not!”

That fat woman was none other than the middleman who had introduced Chen Lanying and Lu Xingzhi back then. In the county, everyone called her a matchmaker.

Ever since Lu Xingzhi and Chen Lanying broke off their engagement, that fat woman hated both of their families.

She hated the Chen family and Chen Lanying because Chen Lanying had dated another man while she was engaged to Lu Xingzhi. Then, she had broken off her engagement with Lu Xingzhi. Chen Lanying thought that Lu Xingzhi had no future because the army had discharged him, and his legs were broken. However, Lu Xingzhi had been completely fine. It was apparent that Chen Lanying had changed her mind, and it had caused that matchmaker her reputation. She had even lost a large sum of introduction fees.

She hated the Lu family because after Lu Xingzhi broke off the engagement with Chen Lanying, she had taken the initiative to go to the Lu family again to introduce Lu Xingzhi to another woman. She even went to the county town to choose a few ladies with a similar background to Chen Lanying. Most importantly, they were from the city, and they had a residence permit there. She did not expect the Lu family to refuse her effort, and Lu Xingzhi also married a country girl.

The fat woman did not care about Chen Lanying's reaction. She watched as the three figures walked away before she quickly chased after them. She shouted, "Teacher Li! Teacher Li!"

Mrs Lu recognized the voice the moment she heard her. She immediately pressed Jiang Yao and Lu Xiaoxiao's hands to prevent them from looking backward. She said, "Don't look back. Just pretend that you didn't hear her. Let's find an intersection and turn there."

Mrs Lu could not be bothered to deal with the person behind her. Back then, after Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao were married, that fat woman had given her a hard time.