

Rebirth to a Military Marriage: Good Morning Chief Novel Chapter 66 To 70

Chapter 66: Did Well or Did Badly

If not for the bystanders who stopped him, judging from his ferocious look, Zhu Baoguo might have beaten that person to death.

When other people mentioned Zhu Baoguo's mother, he would beat them up, so how could Qiao Nan escape his wrath when she spoke of his mother? This was unfair.

Zhao Yu who was thinking about this did not realize that there was no fairness in these things. There was no valid reason behind her enmity towards Qiao Nan as well.

No matter how bitter Zhao Yu felt, Qiao Nan and Zhu Baoguo had been getting along well with each other.

Time flew past. Qiao Nan had just started to make changes to her sorrowful life that she had in the previous lifetime. But in a blink, half of the semester had passed.

Qiao Nan and Qiao Zijin were both preparing for their mid-term exams.

Qiao Nan was better prepared compared to the last time. In fact, she was looking forward to the mid-term exams. She wanted to know how her revision was going.

Even if the exams might not be an accurate indication of how she did for her revision, at the very least she would have a rough gauge of her standard.

As compared to Qiao Nan who was full of anticipation, Zhu Baoguo did not have confidence in the exams. "If I did not do well, would you... Would you look down on me?"

"Isn't it normal for you not to do well?" Qiao Nan arched her eyebrows. She had only tutored Zhu Baoguo for about a month, unless he cheated in the exams, if not it was impossible for him to do well.

“Right, forget that I said it.” Qiao Nan’s words might seemed like she was looking down on Zhu Baoguo, but what she said was the truth.

They had known each other for more than a month. Zhu Baoguo had been used to her way of speaking. She would not beat about the bush and she would always hurt others inadvertently with her blunt truths.

School ended earlier as the students were having exams. Qiao Nan did not feel like going home, so she went to the Lee house with Zhu Baoguo to do revision.

Elder Lee knew that according to the school schedule, his grandson was in the midst of his mid-term exams.

He thought of asking about his exams.

Elder Lee had neglected his grandson for years. Now that he wanted to mend their relationship, he realized that he had no idea how to communicate with him.

Besides, his grandson never used to put his mind into studying. He should not harbor any hopes of him doing well for his exams.

Especially when he saw that as soon as his grandson and Qiao Nan reached Lee house, he did not play around, instead he took out his books and started reading.

Upon seeing that, Elder Lee told himself, it was within his expectation if his grandson had done badly for his exams. But even so, he was still happy with his change of attitude.

By the time Qiao Nan reached home, everyone was home. Despite a day of work, Ding Jiayi was not tired, she hung around Qiao Zijin, asking about her results for the mid-term exams.

Ding Jiayi had a job now and she got to know more people. Moreover she had two daughters, thus she naturally knew that her daughters would be having mid-term exams around this time of the year.

“Nan Nan is back.” Qiao Dongliang was full of smiles, his tone full of affection.

Qiao Nan arched her eyebrows when she saw the attitude of her parents. It seemed that Qiao Zijin had done pretty well in her mid-term exams.

It would be a festive mood in the Qiao family whenever Qiao Zijin did well in her exams. But when Qiao Nan had good results, she would only get a “Good” from Qiao Dongliang.

“Nan Nan, your sister had her mid-term exams. How about you?” Unlike the cold and indifferent attitude of Ding Jiayi, Qiao Dongliang was concerned about Qiao Nan.

“I had my exams, I just finished them today.” Qiao Nan put down her bag and poured herself a cup of water.

In Elder Lee’s house, their nanny would always serve her tea, but she was used to drinking plain water.

“How do you think you did for your exams?”

“No idea, I have to see the results to know.” Qiao Nan felt good about her exams, she felt more confident compared to her last exams.

But it seemed that Qiao Zijin had done well in her exams, hence Qiao Nan did not bother to say too much, lest she dampen her parents’ high spirits.

When Qiao Zijin was in the limelight, it would not be good for Qiao Nan to steal her limelight, if not her mother would not let her off.

Qiao Zijin was happy at Qiao Nan’s words, she lifted her chin and said, “Nan Nan did you flunk your exams like last time? You should have an idea of how you do for the exams. But it’s okay, do not be too anxious. I can catch up on my grades, so can you. Besides your results have always been good.”

“You really flunked your exams?” Qiao Dongliang’s countenance wobbled, could it be that Nan Nan’s results were affected as she had to tutor Baoguo?

If so, should she continue to tutor Baoguo?

At the next moment, Qiao Dongliang put his heart to rest. If Qiao Nan did not do well in her exams, he would not need to say another word, and the Lee family would get another tutor for Zhu Baoguo. After all, if Qiao Nan’s results were as bad as Zhu Baoguo, she could not help him.

By that time, when the younger daughter no longer needed to tutor Zhu Baoguo, she would have more time for revision and would be able to catch up.

“I am not too sure. It’s more or less that way.” Qiao Nan did not cherish much hope for Qiao Dongliang. She gave a faint smile and did not say much as usual.

“In terms of studies, as one advances to another level, it gets more and more difficult, but this should be the case. As the saying goes, ‘A man at five may be a fool at fifteen’, Zijin is so smart and hardworking.” Ding Jiayi felt proud and elated, she could finally hold her head high.

Five thousand yuan was nothing. No matter how much it was worth, it was incomparable to the future and prospects of the elder daughter.

The teachers at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China were really capable, better than the others.

When Ding Jiayi was at work, she would always chat with her colleagues about Qiao Zijin who studied at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China.

Everyone in Ping Cheng knew about The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China. Anyone who managed to enroll into the high school must have been very intelligent and had good future prospects.

When her colleagues heard that Ding Jiayi’s daughter was studying at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China, they were full of praise for Qiao Zijin, saying that she must be very smart and that she would be successful in the future. Ding Jiayi could be assured that she could lead a good life.

Ding Jiayi found it inappropriate to tell them that her daughter did not do very well for her middle school exams and that she spent some money to enroll her into The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China.

If not she would love to tell them that the teachers at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China were really capable. After studying at the high school, Qiao Zijin who was once an average student had improved tremendously and was the top student now.

Ding Jiayi had absolute trust in Qiao Zijin’s words. It never crossed her mind that if the teachers at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China were capable of creating miracles, making a silk purse out of a sow’s ear, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China would be full of top students, no one would have bad results.

“Don’t be anxious, since Zijin managed to catch up on her results, Nan Nan can do it as well.” Qiao Dongliang looked at Ding Jiayi in disapproval.

“How could it be the same? How can the teachers at the other schools be comparable to the teachers at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China?” In this life, Qiao Nan could never have the chance of studying at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China. Therefore there was no way that she could catch up on her studies.

“That’s simple. Since Zijin can study at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China, why can’t Nan Nan?”

Chapter 67: Results Are Coming Out

“Nan Nan’s results used to be better than Zijin, it would be good if she could go to The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China, she would be able to catch up on her studies.”

Qiao Dongliang laughed coldly.

“No, she had already said that if her results are not satisfactory she wouldn’t go to that high school. We do not have so much money at home!” Ding Jiayi turned green with anger. She did not wish to see that Qiao Nan and Qiao Zijin had the same treatment.

“I have said before, you will take care of Zijin while I am in charge of Nan Nan. I wouldn’t take the money from our house. If she really did badly, I will think of other ways.” Qiao Dongliang looked at Ding Jiayi with a forced smile on his face. “If I do not have the abilities, there would be someone who has the abilities.”

“Mom, I am hungry, shall we make dinner?” Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi were about to break into a fight and the topic made Qiao Zijin uncomfortable. She cut in and tried to stop them.

Her mother had spent all the money at home. If her father wanted to send Qiao Nan to The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China, he would have to seek Grandpa Lee’s help to fork out a sum of money.

Her father would definitely have to borrow that money.

Anything borrowed had to be returned.

If their family had external debts and had not enough to feed all of them, given her character, her mother would definitely tighten the purse strings and cut down on her allowances so as to save the money to repay the debts.

All said, the money that was supposed to be spent on her would then be used for Qiao Nan's enrollment.

Most importantly, when Qiao Dongliang mentioned that he might look for external help, Qiao Zijin was worried that he might seek Elder Lee's help. He might spill the truth about the secret to her enrollment.

Her mother had gathered that the Qiao family and Lee family had not been in contact with each other for ages.

Since they had not been keeping in touch, Grandpa Lee would help them on the account that it was the last request that the Qiao family had of him.

By then, she would have settled the enrollment problem and her father would not find out the truth. This would be kept a secret forever.

But now that Qiao family and Lee family were in contact with each other, if Grandpa Lee was to tell her father about the truth, Qiao Zijin could not imagine the thunderstorms that would be stirred up in her family.

After pulling Ding Jiayi to the kitchen, Qiao Zijin said, "Mom, stop picking on Nan Nan in front of Dad. We are the ones who would suffer in the end." In particular her!

"As long as Qiao Nan has agreed to it, it doesn't matter how Dad thinks about it. But if you continue with your ways and agitate Dad, he might borrow money from Grandpa Lee to get Qiao Nan into The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China. By then, not only would we have a lot of external debts, Grandpa Lee might mention my enrollment to Dad. What do you think his reaction will be?"

Even if there was no way for Qiao Nan to quit school and work, her mother should try to cut down on Qiao Nan's expenses, lest her father spent too much of his hard-earned money on her.

Her mother had always been quarreling with her father. Because of all these quarrels, her father had given the money that was meant for her to Qiao Nan instead!

“If he could seek Uncle Lee’s help for Qiao Nan, he would not dare to raise his voice at me if he finds out that I have been to Grandpa Lee regarding your enrollment. Aren’t they the same?” Ding Jiayi refused to admit defeat, but her tone calmed down. “Forget it, I will not pick on that wretched girl on your account. It would be a waste of my time and energy to pick on her.”

“Mom, it’s good that you can straighten out your thoughts.” Qiao Zijin was relieved that Ding Jiayi was willing to listen to her.

Qiao Zijin noticed that whenever her parents quarreled, Qiao Nan would be the one who benefited from it, while she was the one on the losing end.

During dinnertime, Ding Jiayi had a change of attitude, she no longer picked on Qiao Nan. Instead she concentrated on praising Qiao Zijin, saying that she would definitely be able to get into a first tier university and study at the capital.

When Qiao Zijin found a job, settled down and have a family at the capital, she and Qiao Dongliang would stay with Qiao Zijin at the capital, leading a life of leisure and comfort.

Qiao Dongliang’s countenance did not changed when he heard Ding Jiayi’s words, in fact his silence seemed to say that he agreed with her.

Qiao Nan buried her face and laughed at her parents’ reaction.

In the previous life, Qiao Zijin was married to Chen Jun, she stayed in a small villa and had a limousine. But even so, she did not give a single cent to her parents, in fact, they had to give her money instead.

In this life, it sounded amusing and hilarious to say that Qiao Zijin would take care of her parents and let them live in comfort.

It reminded her of a popular saying years later: Fantasy is always good, but the reality is always cruel.

Qiao Nan who was well aware of Qiao Zijin’s selfishness, could not help but hand it to her when she looked to be in high spirits at her mother’s words.

The Qiao Zijin in this life would not have agreed to her mother’s words as well. When her mother said that Qiao Zijin would have to bear the responsibility of taking care of her parents, she could still talk animatedly without batting an

eyelid and nodded in agreement to her mother's words. Qiao Nan smirked, it was no wonder that she was totally defeated by Qiao Zijin in the previous life.

Even in this life, she could never match up to the glib-tongued Qiao Zijin.

On Sunday, Ding Jiayi sent off Qiao Zijin in high spirits, with hopes that she would bring back good news with her. The next day morning, Qiao Dongliang thought for a while and said to Qiao Nan, "Don't be too worried or give yourself too much stress. It's okay if you did not do well. It's only half of a semester. Besides, there's still half a year to go. We can take things slowly. Even if you really did badly, as long as you wanted to study, I will definitely support you."

As for whether he would fork out the money for Qiao Nan to enroll into The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China like Qiao Zijin, Qiao Dongliang dared not make a promise right now.

"Thank you, Dad." Qiao Nan gave Qiao Dongliang a relaxed smile, took her bag and left before him.

"Hmph, she is really shameless. She could still smile when she did badly in her exams." Ding Jiayi had a look of disdain on her face as she watched Qiao Nan leave the house.

"What did you say?" Qiao Dongliang snarled and chided Ding Jiayi. "Have you forgotten what I said previously? You have no say over Nan Nan's affairs. Since you don't wish to take care of her, then you have to relinquish all your authority over her. Not a word from you ever."

"Fine." Ding Jiayi muttered grumpily. "I am going off to work, remember to close all the doors and windows before leaving."

She did not have the time and effort to pick on Qiao Nan.

Rather than wasting time on Qiao Nan, she would rather think of ways to work hard and to earn more money so as to send Zijin to the university and for overseas studies.

"You are here?" Zhu Baoguo reached school earlier than Qiao Nan.

"You are so early?" Qiao Nan's eyes flickered in surprise. "Has hell frozen over?"

Ever since coming back to school, though Zhu Baoguo did not play truant or arrive late, he was never this early before.

“I woke up early today, is there anything wrong?” Zhu Baoguo turned his face sideways, avoiding Qiao Nan’s eyes. Whenever she looked into his eyes, he had the feeling that he could hide nothing from her. It was so strange, after all she was just a young lady.

Chapter 68: Got Back On Track

“No problem at all.” Qiao Nan knew when to draw the line. She knew that if she was to continue, Zhu Baoguo might turn hostile.

The first lesson in the morning was the form teacher, Teacher Chen’s lessons, Mathematics. Teacher Chen walked into the classroom in high spirits.

Most of the students breathed a sigh of relief when they saw Teacher Chen’s expression. It seemed like they did not do too badly in the exams.

It was the mid-term exams after all, the second most important exams in a semester. Very few students could be indifferent towards their results, especially when they were in a good class.

“For this mid-term exams, the class’s results were satisfactory. I am very pleased that some of the students have made improvements.” Teacher Chen cast a glance in the direction of Qiao Nan.

Those students who noticed Teacher Chen’s expression make noises at their seats. It seemed that Teacher Chen was in high spirits as Qiao Nan had done well. The teacher was so good to Qiao Nan.

“But everyone must bear this in mind, one must be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. We must continue to work hard and make improvements. I will hand out the papers now. Qiao Nan.”

Teacher Chen did not announce the results, but Qiao Nan’s paper was placed on the top of the stack. It was obvious that Teacher Chen had taken a look at the papers before arriving at the classroom.

A lot of the students craned their necks trying to get a glimpse of Qiao Nan’s results. But she folded the papers in half as soon as she received it and returned to her seat.

Everyone could only see the ticks on the questions, with no indication of any deduction in marks.

“100 points?” Zhu Baoguo arched his eyebrows. His desk mate was so extraordinary, her results were truly outstanding.

“It would be good if its 100 points.” Qiao Nan sighed. “98 points.”

Qiao Nan had a rough gauge of her marks before receiving her papers.

She was confident about the new knowledge learned in this semester. But the last question in the “fill in the blanks” section of the Maths paper was much more complicated and difficult. Even though she did not leave it blank, she had no confidence in getting it correct.

As expected, she saw a cross on that question, and two marks being deducted.

“That’s a very good result.” Zhu Baoguo said in surprise. “Did you think that it would be that easy to score 90 points and above and that it was that common to score 95 points and above just like in the elementary school?”

He clicked his tongue. For him, it would be marvelous if he could score 89 points, not to mention 98 points.

Though Qiao Nan and Zhu Baoguo were whispering to each other, a lot of the students had overheard their conversation. They were all surprised at Qiao Nan’s grade of 98 points.

No wonder Teacher Chen said that Qiao Nan had made tremendous improvements. She was only a few marks short of a perfect score. It was not easy to get this result.

She was the top student after all. It was only not long ago that she fell below her standard. Yet she had got back on track in such a short period of time.

By the time everyone got their papers, Teacher Chen said, “The highest score in our class for Mathematics was 98 points. But the highest score in the level was 99.5 points. That student left out a period in the answer. We must put in extra efforts and to take this as a learning example, not to commit the same mistake. This deduction of half a point is a pity, isn’t it?”

A sheer pity.

If not for the period, it could have been a perfect score. There was nothing that was more unjust than this.

“Alright let’s analyze the papers now.” Teacher Chen went through the papers quickly, highlighting the parts where most of the students did not answer correctly. Of course, the question in “fill in the blanks” section with a hundred percent failure rate was the main highlight of the discussion.

“Alright, the lesson is over.”

Qiao Nan waited for Teacher Chen to leave the classroom before stretching her hand towards Zhu Baoguo, “Don’t hide it anymore, let me take a look at your paper.”

“No, why should I give my paper to you?” Zhu Baoguo stiffened, he wished that he could tear up his papers right in front of Qiao Nan.

As compared to Qiao Nan’s paper which had such pretty results, Zhu Baoguo’s paper was just like the scene of a traffic accident, it was a horrible sight to see.

“Would I not know where’s your standard? Do you think I would have other thoughts after looking at your papers?” Qiao Nan sighed. If she was to judge someone based on results, she would not have wasted her time on Zhu Baoguo.

“Elder Lee only wanted me to keep an eye on you, he did not want me to make sure that you do well for your exams. I wanted to look at your papers as I treated you as my friend. If you do not wish for me to look at your paper, I won’t.”

“Go ahead and have a look.” Zhu Baoguo was appeased by Qiao Nan’s words. He relaxed his tight lips and handed the papers to Qiao Nan reluctantly.

Qiao Nan was as calm as the dead sea when she looked at her papers, But when she looked at Zhu Baoguo’s papers, she widened her eyes and had a look of surprise on her face.

Zhu Baoguo's face reddened in anger. "You, you hand it back to me!" Didn't she say that she would not judge someone based on results. What does Xiao Qiao mean by her expression? Were his results way below her expectations?

"Zhu Baoguo, I have realized that you are very bright." Qiao Nan praised him while looking through his papers.

"Qiao Nan, are you praising Zhu Baoguo or mocking him?" Zhao Yu smirked. Everyone knew where Zhu Baoguo's standard was, it would have been difficult for someone like him who never turn up for school to pass the exams. How could Zhu Baoguo be associated with being bright?

If Qiao Nan wanted to suck up to Zhu Baoguo, she should not have gone to such extremes.

Zhu Baoguo glared in anger, "What do you mean by that?"

Qiao Nan might not be the type who would mock him, but it would be impossible to praise him.

Nobody would praise him for having such a bad result. He could not bring himself to say his own grades.

"Take a look at it yourself." Qiao Nan placed the papers in front of Zhu Baoguo. "You haven't been to school for a long time. I went through the new knowledge that was taught in this semester with you. This few questions, and this question, and the other few questions. You have got the answers correctly for most of the questions that tested on the topics that I covered with you. As for those that you answered wrongly, they were all those that I did not go through with you. Zhu Baoguo, you are really quite brilliant. I only went through them once with you, yet you can take in all the information and concepts."

Qiao Nan meant it with her sincerest heart when she praised Zhu Baoguo.

Zhu Baoguo definitely had the knack for Science subjects.

After Qiao Nan's detailed explanation, Zhu Baoguo knew that Qiao Nan meant it from the bottom of her heart when she praised him.

Zhu Baoguo was used to being scolded. As it was the first time someone had praised him, he blushed in embarrassment and felt awkward. "That, that, as

long as I put my heart into it, there's nothing that I wouldn't excel in. Of course, you have done a good job teaching me."

Compared to the teachers that his grandpa hired for him previously, other than their temper, they were also not good in teaching. He could not take in what they said at all.

"Keep up the good work, you would surpass me and make huge improvements in the future." Qiao Nan could feel the pressure.

Chapter 69: 'Thrilled' to 'Death'

She had been through rebirth, her comprehension skills and receptive abilities should be stronger than her peers.

More importantly, she had a goal in mind, hence she would put in efforts to work towards her goals. It was normal for her to improve gradually.

But it was different for Zhu Baoguo. He was not the least bit interested, he was dragged into studying by Qiao Nan.

He did not put in much effort yet he made tremendous improvements. Compared to her, Zhu Baoguo had the talent for studying.

"Come, explain to me how to solve this problem." Zhu Baoguo lifted his chin, proud of Qiao Nan's surprised expression.

"Alright, let's bring out your Mathematics book first. Let's go through some knowledge points before we talk about the solutions."

The second lesson was Chinese. As compared to the joyous expression on Teacher Chen's face, Teacher Lee only looked slightly better than last time. "Hand out the papers, have a look and do some reflection."

Obviously Teacher Lee's words was directed at Qiao Nan.

"Teacher Lee, I will give out the papers." Zhao Yu smiled. She scored lower than Qiao Nan for Maths, but judging from Teacher Lee's expression, she definitely scored better than Qiao Nan!

She was all thrilled to hand out the papers. She still remembered that previously Qiao Nan scored 85 points while she scored 89 points.

“Alright, take them.” Teacher Lee passed the papers to Zhao Yu.

Zhao Yu knew which group the students belonged to. She only had to hand the papers to the person sitting in the first row and they would pass down the papers. She was quite efficient in handing down the papers.

While handing out the papers, Zhao Yu saw her results—88 points, it was not too bad, though her result last time was higher by one mark.

She finally reached Qiao Nan’s papers. As soon as she saw Qiao Nan’s name on the papers, her eyes searched for the results. Her smile froze on her face. 92 marks?!

Zhao Yu was stunned, she stopped handing out the papers and started to flip through Qiao Nan’s paper. She couldn’t believe that Qiao Nan would score above 90 marks for her Chinese in such a short period of time. The teachers must have made a mistake.

She saw that Qiao Nan’s essay had the same score as before, only one mark was deducted from the essay. On the other hand, five marks was deducted from Zhao Yu’s essay. Looking at Qiao Nan’s essay, she felt as if she was being slapped on the face.

“Zhao Yu, this is Qiao Nan’s paper. Aren’t you going to give them out? The student who sat in front of Nan Nan saw that Zhao Yu stood frozen on the spot with Qiao Nan’s papers and made no move to hand them out. The student said out of impatience, “No matter how you stare at it, Qiao Nan scored 92 points for her Chinese, it couldn’t be wrong.”

The student’s accusation made a defeated Zhao Yu flush in embarrassment.

She clenched her fist and tried to contain the tears swimming in her eyes. She handed out the rest of the papers in silence and returned to her seat.

She did not hear a single word of what Teacher Lee said thereafter.

When the school bells rang, Zhao Yu sat bent motionless over her desk.

When it was time for lessons, her desk mate Zhou Lei noticed that Zhao Yu’s eyes looked red and puffy, as if she had just cried.

Zhou Lei twitched his lips. What was there to cry about? She must be sick.

Like the last time, the results for the three subjects were out.

As compared to last time, Qiao Nan's total score for the three subjects had increased by 20 points. Her ranking in the level had jumped to the top ten, and she was ranked among the top three in her class. She had gotten back on track, to her usual standard.

"You are really awesome." Zhu Baoguo was all excited at Qiao Nan's results. No wonder his grandpa would get him a peer to coach him. He never imagined that Xiao Qiao would do so well for her exams.

"It was average." Qiao Nan was not really happy. She could have these results as it was only junior high exams.

If the exams were on the combined knowledge points of the three years of junior high school, she had no idea how she would fare.

Qiao Nan's focus was on the combined exams, not on the exams right now.

The results for the common tests did not matter. What was more important was the final results for the middle school exams.

"You are too modest." Zhu Baoguo patted Qiao Nan on her shoulder. "Your father and your mother will be thrilled to death when they know of your results."

If he could have the same results just once, his grandpa and grandma would be extremely happy.

Zhu Baoguo grew frustrated at the thought of his cousins. They would always brag about their results in front of him, teasing him for being a slacker.

At first, Zhu Baoguo detested top students like Qiao Nan.

But during that time, he heard that Qiao Nan's results was dropping, moreover she was his life savior, hence he agreed to having her as his tutor.

If Qiao Nan had been a top student all along, Zhu Baoguo might have just thanked her for saving his life, and rejected the idea of taking tutoring lessons from her.

"Thrilled to death?" Qiao Nan was amused at this. Her father would be thrilled, as for her mother it would mean death to her. If she put the two expressions together, it would be "thrilled" to "death".

Zhu Baoguo had no idea what Qiao Nan was smiling about. He thought that she was just happy.

That night when she reached home, Qiao Dongliang asked about her results. Ding Jiayi pricked her ears and listened carefully.

When Qiao Nan told them of her results, Qiao Dongliang was thrilled, while Ding Jiayi pulled down her face and gave Qiao Nan a disdainful stare.

But Ding Jiayi had been warned by Qiao Dongliang umpteen times. This time she did not bad mouth Qiao Nan. She snorted disdainfully and went to prepare dinner.

Zijin would be back two weeks later. She would definitely do better than Qiao Nan.

It was of no use to do well in junior high, what was important was to do well in high school.

Doing well in junior high would only get you into a good high school. But doing well in high school could make sure you enter a good college. Upon entering a good college, one could be ensured of a high paying job.

“Nan Nan, you have done well this time. How about Zhu Baoguo?” Qiao Dongliang was concerned about Zhu Baoguo after he was done asking about Qiao Nan.

“He is pretty smart. He gave the correct answers for all the questions that I taught him.”

“How much did he score?”

“He did not pass.”

“This will not do.” Qiao Dongliang frowned. “Nan Nan, since you are tutoring Baoguo, you must make sure you do a good job and help him to improve his results. It’s not good enough that you do well, you must make sure that Baoguo had good results as well. You should know Grandpa Lee took great care of me in the past. You have to repay the debts on my behalf. You have to make sure that Baoguo does well in his exams as well, do you understand?”

Qiao Nan pursed her lips, looked at Qiao Dongliang for a while and replied coldly, "I understand."

"Nan Nan, I know that you might find it difficult. But I have my own difficulties as well. You can spend the weekend tutoring Baoguo. You do not need to help out at home. During the weekdays you can make use of your time to study. You must juggle your time between both and place the same importance on these two tasks."

Chapter 70: Better Treatment

Her father quoted the words of the great leader just to get her to tutor Zhu Baoguo. Qiao Nan twitched her lips and forced a smile on her face. "I understand."

"Good, you must make sure to study hard. Dad will not disturb you. Leave all the chores to your Mom." Qiao Dongliang patted Qiao Nan on her shoulder happily. He then instructed Ding Jiayi not to disturb Qiao Nan when she was studying at home.

Ding Jiayi was displeased at his words. "I had a long day at work, I am tired to the bones. There are so many chores to do, why can't she help me out? Old Qiao, don't you think you have gone way overboard?"

"There's nothing wrong with it. Wasn't it the same for other people?" Qiao Dongliang laughed in anger. In his department there were a lot of his female colleagues who had to work and take care of their children.

"They have in-laws to help them to take care of the children. I had two daughters, nobody was around to help me." Can other people be compared with her?

"But you are not working at that time. You basically just stayed at home to look after the children, and I helped to bring up Nan Nan as well." Qiao Dongliang might have kept his silence, but that did not mean that he was unaware or had forgotten about it.

If not for the fact that Ding Jiayi complained that milk powder was too expensive, she would not have bothered to breastfeed Qiao Nan.

After feeding her for less than half a year, she complained that it was too toilsome on her and had stopped feeding her.

Luckily the families nearby reared goats. The goats had just given birth and had milk for its offspring. The families felt that Qiao Nan was very pitiful, and they boiled the goats' milk and gave it to her.

At times Ding Jiayi found it too troublesome, it was Qiao Dongliang who prepared the milk for Qiao Nan.

Ding Jiayi did not really do her part in bringing up the child.

Even if Qiao Nan had closed her door, she could still hear the quarreling sounds of her parents.

Qiao Nan pursed her lips and continued to do her work.

In the past she had to help out with household chores and had no time to study.

Now that she had to tutor Zhu Baoguo, at the very least she had the weekdays to revise. She stood to gain from this arrangement.

Ever since the rebirth, she had learned to set her thinking straight. In this lifetime, she had the chance to study. There was no need to compare herself to Qiao Zijin, she only had to make sure that she led a better life than herself in the previous life.

Given that she had five days worth of study time at home and she would no longer need to do housework, as compared to the previous life, this current life was already so much better.

In the previous life, she had to work during the day and help out with household chores at night. On the contrary, her mother stayed at home the whole day long. Apart from preparing meals, the rest of the housework was done by Qiao Nan. Sometimes Qiao Nan even had to wash the clothes for the whole family.

In this life, besides washing her own clothes, Qiao Nan did not need to do other chores. She had more time for her studies.

With that, Qiao Nan felt better.

Her weakness was Chinese. Besides Chinese, she also had no confidence in Chemistry as well.

But the books that she received previously basically covered almost all of the subjects and topics that Qiao Nan was not good at.

Who would have such a clear understanding of her studies, to have given her the exercise books on the topics and subjects that she was weak in?

In the beginning, Qiao Nan had doubts about the intended recipient of these books. But after looking at the contents, she was sure that these were for her. If not, it would not be such a coincidence.

Maintain your strengths while working on your weaknesses.

To get the results, every subject must be tackled.

Ding Jiayi had to obey Qiao Dongliang's words. There was no way that she could make Qiao Nan share the burden of the housework.

This weekend, to everyone's surprise, Qiao Zijin was home.

"Zijin, aren't you supposed to be back next week? Why are you back this week?" Ding Jiayi poured her a glass of water and asked her.

"Our school is having a sports meet, that's why I am back. Mom, how did Qiao Nan do in her exams this time? The results should already be out." Zijin did not forget about Qiao Nan's exams.

"Don't mention it. What she said that day was purely to hoodwink us. She had gotten back on track with her exams this time. She was among the top ten in the level and the top three in her class." Ding Jiayi looked defeated at the mention of this.

Qiao Nan made such a tremendous improvement. Her results rose and fell just like a rocket.

"How about you? Your results are out as well. How did you do this time?" Ding Jiayi's eyes sparkled. She was more interested in the elder daughter's results.

"That's right, Zijin, how were your mid-term exams?" Qiao Dongliang who just came back overheard their conversation and asked in concern.

"Similar to what I had before, not as much improvement as Qiao Nan." Qiao Zijin was not quite pleased.

“That’s incomparable. The students at The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China are the cream of the crop, can all of the students at Qiao Nan’s school enroll in The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China? The ranking is incomparable.” Ding Jiayi praised Qiao Zijin. “It’s alright, you just have to maintain your standard.”

The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China was the key high school in Ping Cheng. A significant percentage of their students could make it into the first tier key university.

If Zijin could maintain her standard and stay in the top eight places in her class, she should be able to get into the first tier university, if not, a second tier university would be just as good.

As for Qiao Nan’s school, one still could not say for sure how many of the students would make it to The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China, not to mention getting into a first tier or second tier university.

“Still the eighth place in class? Well, it is more than enough.” Qiao Dongliang sounded slightly disappointed. He thought that the elder daughter would improve in her ranking, he did not expect that she would still be ranked eighth in class. “How was your ranking among your level?”

Qiao Nan told them her ranking in both the class and the level. Naturally Qiao Dongliang would like to know how Qiao Zijin did in detail as well.

“In our high school, we only have the ranking within the class, we do not rank the students according to the level. This is not the final year exams.” Qiao Zijin rolled her eyes and thought of an idea.

It was the truth that she ranked the eighth place in class. But she was way behind Qiao Nan in terms of her ranking in the level.

Qiao Zijin had originally planned to tell her parents of her ranking in the level. But when she heard that Qiao Nan ranked in the top ten, she decided to keep silent about her ranking.

If she was to tell them, her poor results would be a stark contrast to Qiao Nan’s good results.

Qiao Nan had just entered the house, she laughed to herself when she overheard Qiao Zijin’s words.

In junior high school, the students would always be ranked according to the level, so it was amusing that The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China did not rank students according to the level.

But seeing that her parents had believed Qiao Zijin's words, Qiao Nan made no other comments.

"Dad, I will bathe first." Qiao Nan put down her stuff in her room, took her clothes and went to bathe.

Both Qiao Zijin and Qiao Nan had sports meets in their schools.

Unlike Qiao Zijin who only cheered from the sides, Qiao Nan took part in the actual sports events.

She knew that there would be questions related to sports and microcomputer experiments in the middle school exams, so her participation would be an added bonus in the exams.

