

Stealing Your Heart Chapter 476

Lin Xinyan found it necessary to inform them that their names had been changed.

After rehearsing in her mind, she said to the children in a soft voice, "Our country has a long history of five thousand years. Since ancient times, there has been a tradition whereby the children follow their father's last name. I didn't have time to tell you before, but your daddy and I have changed your last names."

Glancing up at her, Lin Xichen chewed his food carefully and swallowed it before saying, "So this is what you wanted to tell us?"

Lin Xinyan nodded. Noticing that he did not seem surprised at all, Lin Xinyan asked, "You knew it already?"

No one's supposed to know about this.

How did he find out?

Lin Xichen took another piece of steamed cake and put it into his mouth. "No, I didn't, but I know that it is just a matter of time before we change our last names. I've also found out that everyone is using their fathers' last names. Only Ruixi and I are the special ones. But now we're not special anymore, and no one will think that Daddy is in a matrilocal marriage."

Lin Xinyan was rendered speechless.

How is he so well-informed that he even knows about matrilocal marriage?

Hearing Lin Xichen's words, Lin Ruixi, who had been eating, blinked her eyes and asked curiously, "What does a matrilocal marriage mean?"

Without the need to think, Lin Xichen answered in a serious manner, “Usually, it’s a woman who marries into a man’s family, as in it’ll only be normal for Mommy to marry into Daddy’s family. But in a matrilineal marriage, it’s the other way around. For example, Daddy married into Mommy’s family, so Daddy is in a matrilineal marriage.”

Lin Ruixi was confused. *What man and woman? Who marries whom?* Shaking her head, she did not bother to make sense of it but just asked, “Does that mean we no longer have ‘Lin’ as our last name now?”

“Of course.” Lin Xichen raised his chin and continued, “You can ask Mommy.”

Lin Xinyan stared at her son in amusement. *Where did he hear all this from?*

“Mommy, we’re using Daddy’s last name from now on, right?” The little girl spoke with her mouth full, making her words garbled.

Lin Xinyan patted her daughter on the head and replied seriously, “Yes, your last name is now ‘Zong,’ and there are some slight changes in your first names. Your name becomes Zong Yanxi, while Xichen’s is now Zong Yanchen. In the future, you will introduce yourselves using your new names, okay?”

“But you still called us by our original names. You didn’t use the new ones,” the little girl said matter-of-factly.

Lin Xinyan sighed. *She has really changed. In the past, she used to be ignorant and knew nothing other than eating. Yet now, she has become so articulate.*

Although she’s still clueless sometimes, she’s much more expressive than before.

As Lin Xinyan stared at her son, she wondered, *Is it true that people get influenced by the company they keep? Is that why she became like him after having spent so much time with him?*

“I’ve been calling both of you by those names for five years, so it has become a habit. But I’ll try my best to adapt to your new names as soon as possible,” she said solemnly to her daughter.

The little girl took a few sips of milk to wash down the food in her mouth. “What would you call me from now on? Yanxi? Or Xi?” She blinked her eyes and remarked earnestly, “It doesn’t sound as nice as my previous name, though.”

“Hurry up and eat. It will sound better after some time. There are even people who are named Ergouzi, but they just get used to it as time goes by.”

The little girl almost spat out the milk in her mouth as she looked at Lin Xinyan in disbelief. “Those parents are quite irresponsible to give their children such a horrendous name.”

“Everyone loves their children. People in the past had traditional beliefs in which they thought that giving their children a lowly name would make it easier to raise them,” Lin Xinyan patiently explained to her daughter to let her know that all parents loved their children. The only difference was the way they showed their love.

After breakfast, Lin Xinyan left with the two children. As she had no luggage, she didn’t need to pack anything. She only came with a coat and a handbag that contained some money and her card, which were essential, especially when she had two children with her. The other thing that she had brought along was the document Wen Xian left her.

After going downstairs in the elevator, she went to the front desk to check out. Seeing her two children, the receptionist couldn’t help but praise, “Your kids are really beautiful.”

Lin Xinyan took the refunded deposit and gave the receptionist a smile. Then, she walked out of the hotel with her kids and stood by the road to flag down a taxi. Fortunately, the hotel was located in a high-traffic area, and there were a lot of taxis passing by, so it did not take long for her to hail a taxi.

“Where are you going?” The taxi driver glanced back at them.

Lin Xinyan got her children to sit properly before answering the driver, “JK Group.”

The car then sped off in the direction of her destination.

As they were in an unfamiliar city, the children fought over the window seat to have a better view of the city. Lin Xinyan tugged at her son and said, “Xichen, let her sit there.”

“Didn’t you say that our names have changed? Why did you still call me Xichen?” Lin Xichen moved to sit in the middle so that his sister could have the window seat.

Lin Xinyan facepalmed when she realized that she had really forgotten about it. It was truly a hard habit to break. “I’ll bear it in mind from now on. I’ll call you Yanchen next time.”

“Call me Chen. It sounds more affectionate.” It was rare for him to be so sentimental in front of Lin Xinyan.

Lin Xinyan wrapped her arm around his son’s head and kissed him on the forehead. “Alright, Chen it is then.”

The taxi driver in front looked at them through the rearview mirror. “This is your first time here, right?”

“Yes,” replied Lin Xinyan.

“You’re so lucky to have two beautiful kids. Your son doesn’t really look like you. Does he resemble his father?”

As Lin Xichen grew up, his face became more similar to that of Zong Jinghao. Sometimes when he spoke with a frown, they looked even more alike. Lin Xinyan reached out to caress his face, through which she seemed to have seen another person.

A sense of melancholy rose in her.

“We’re here.”

While Lin Xinyan was still lost in her thoughts, the taxi driver pulled up in front of a building and said, “We’ve arrived at JK Group.”

Coming back to her senses, Lin Xinyan took out some money from her purse and paid the taxi driver before getting out of the car with her kids.

Standing on the side of the road, one could clearly see that there were two buildings connected by a glass bridge.

Between the rooftops of the two buildings was a huge billboard that displayed the words ‘JK Group’ in a magnificent manner.

Taking a deep breath, she walked into the building with her kids, who couldn’t help sweeping their eyes over their surroundings. They were overwhelmed with curiosity about this unfamiliar place.

As Lin Xinyan led the two children across the lobby to the front desk, she was greeted warmly by the receptionist, “How may I help you?”

“I’m looking for someone named Shao Yun.”

The receptionist was taken aback. She didn’t expect that someone would call Mr. Shao by his full name, so she couldn’t help but take another look at the woman before her and asked, “Do you have an appointment?”

“No.” Lin Xinyan shook her head.

“I’m afraid I can’t let you in.” The receptionist gave her a businesslike smile.

“Then is there a person here named Shao Yun?” Lin Xinyan asked again.

She wanted to find out whether the person named Shao Yun actually existed.