

超越平静 Beyond the Calm

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暴风雨过后，那风平浪静的日子让阿碧倍加珍惜这份珠宝设计的工作。它不仅给予她久违的安宁，更带来了一个志同道合的伙伴——阿洁。

老板为她们安排了食宿，就在面试的村屋附近，还有工人每天准备三餐。对于长期漂泊、只能靠面包充饥的两位年轻女子来说，这简直是天赐的恩典。从此，阿碧和阿洁成了形影不离的伴侣：同住一间房，同在一个办公室，生活规律得像钟表。

每天的节奏几乎一成不变：六点半起床，七点半步行去办公室；中午十二点回宿舍吃午餐，午休后两点再回办公室画图；下午五点，悠然走向宿舍，晚餐早已备好。这样的日子持续了几个月，除了工作时的专注，她们几乎无话不谈，像一对默契的恋人。

阿洁是从遥远的新疆来到深圳的寻梦者。她常常谈起自己的家事，每次提到，总是不受控制地泪流满面。她的父母早逝，留下她和年幼的弟弟相依为命。父母去世后，姐弟暂时寄居在舅父家，却在那段岁月里尝尽冷眼与虐待。高中毕业后，她留在当地工作了两年，生活的无趣和前途的渺茫让她心灰意冷，最终独自踏上南下的列车，来到深圳。

阿洁的性格有些古怪，敏感而倔强。每当她谈起那些往事，阿碧总是沉默，无法理解那种缺乏温暖、没有父母庇护的感受，因为她来自一个充满爱的大家庭。

“原生家庭的不幸，可以成就一个人，也可以毁掉一个人。”

——阿尔弗雷德·阿德勒（Alfred Adler）

阿洁属于前者。她在苦难中锻炼出坚韧的意志，喜欢独自思考，吃苦耐劳，雄心勃勃。她不仅要改变自己的命运，还要拯救她唯一的亲人——弟弟。

相比之下，阿碧的梦想并不清晰，她只是想要一份安稳的生活。然而，阿洁那天方夜谭般的宏大梦想，却像一阵风，不断吹动她的心。渐渐地，两人的野心也变得明确：她们不再满足于眼前的安逸。

珠宝设计的工作固然稳定，却无法带来她们期待的未来。于是，在工作之余，她们开始走出舒适圈，去寻找新的可能，去追寻一个充满希望的前途。

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After the storm, those tranquil days made Abi cherish her jewellery design job even more. It not only gave her the peace she had longed for but also brought her a kindred spirit—Ajie.

Their boss arranged food and lodging for them near the village house where they had interviewed, with workers preparing three meals a day. For two young women who had long been drifting and surviving on bread alone, this felt like a blessing from heaven. From then on, Abi and Ajie became inseparable companions: sharing the same room, working in the same office, living a life as orderly as clockwork.

Each day followed the same rhythm: up at six-thirty, walking to the office by seven-thirty; back to the dorm for lunch at noon; after a short rest, returning to sketch designs at two; and by five, strolling back to the dorm where dinner awaited. These days stretched on for months. Apart from their focused work, they talked about everything, as close as two lovers.

Ajie had come to Shenzhen from distant Xinjiang, chasing a dream. She often spoke of her family, and every time, tears would stream down her face. Her parents had died young, leaving her and her little brother to fend for themselves. After their parents passed, the siblings stayed briefly with an uncle's family, enduring coldness and abuse. After finishing high school, Ajie worked locally for two years, but the monotony and hopelessness of life drove her to board a southbound train alone, heading for Shenzhen.

Her personality was a little eccentric—sensitive yet stubborn. Whenever she spoke of those memories, Abi would fall silent, unable to comprehend what it meant to grow up without warmth or parental love, for she came from a large, loving family.

“The misfortune of one's family of origin can either make a person or break a person.” — Alfred Adler

Ajie was the former. Hardship had forged her resilience. She loved to think deeply, worked tirelessly, and carried bold ambitions. She was determined not only to change her own destiny but also to save her only remaining family—her brother.

Abi's dreams were far less defined; she simply wanted a stable life. Yet Ajie's grand, almost fantastical visions were like a gust of wind, stirring Abi's heart. Gradually, their ambitions grew clearer: they could no longer be content with the comfort before them.

The jewelry design job, though steady, could not offer the future they longed for. So, beyond their work hours, they began stepping out of their comfort zone, searching for new possibilities—chasing a future filled with hope.