## 爸爸妈妈为什么总管我?

Why Do Mom and Dad Always Tell Me What to Do?

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In the book, we follow A-Qi, an inquisitive young boy who is perplexed and annoyed by his parents' constant guidance. He questioned why parents are so serious.

When Aqi's family visits a beautiful garden, they meet a diligent gardener caring for small saplings. Aqi's mom draws a playful comparison between their family and gardeners, with Aqi as the little tree they've nurtured since birth.

Just like a gardener, parents lovingly tend to their kids, offering nourishment (even vegetables), and, yes, giving peculiar haircuts. Sometimes, they chat with their growing "sapling," and other times, they silently marvel at their child's uniqueness.

Aqi learns that, like trees, every child is distinctive. Some grow straight and tall, while others have a unique twist. Just like gardeners, parents continuously observe, learn, and sometimes make mistakes in raising their child.

As kids mature like growing trees, with the unwavering support of their whimsical "gardeners" – their parents. So, when children ask, "When will you stop guiding me?" parents can respond with a smile, knowing that the journey of growth is a whimsical adventure that never truly ends.

园丁 (yuándīng) - gardener 栽种 (zāizhòng) - plant (as in planting trees) 树苗 (shùmiáo) - seedling or sapling 喂 (wèi) - feed 洒水 (sǎ shuǐ) - water (as in watering plants) 注视 (zhùshì) - gaze or watch closely 个性鲜明 (gèxìng xiānmíng) - distinctive personality 慢慢观察 (màn màn guānchá) - observe slowly 养护 (yǎnghù) - nurture or care for 透气 (tòuqì) - breathable 沐浴阳光 (mùyù yángguāng) - bask in the sunshine 补充 (bǔchōng) - supplement 帮助 (bāngzhù) - help 挫折 (cuòzhé) - setbacks or challenges 扶起 (fúgǐ) - help up 温暖 (wēnnuǎn) - warmth 发脾气 (fā píqì) - get angry or lose temper

Follow-up questions

Why do you think A-Qi felt grumpy and asked his mom why parents are always telling him what to do?这个故事对你的父母或照顾者的看法有什么变化?他们有哪些有趣的方式来帮助你成长和学习?



Can you recall a time when you were frustrated with your parents or someone looking after you? What was it about, and how did it make you feel? 你曾经因为父母或照顾你的人而感到生气吗? 是关于什么的? 那会让你感觉怎么样?



What's the coolest thing they do to help you grow and learn? 爸爸妈妈帮助你成长和学习的最酷的一件事是什么?

How does the story make you think about your parents or caregivers? What do you want to tell them? 听了这个故事后,你想告诉爸爸妈妈或者照顾你的大人说什么?

## READING GUIDE PLAN- SIMPLIFIED CHINESE



bàba māma wèishénme zǒngguǎn wò? 爸爸 妈妈 为什么 总管 我? Why Do Mom and Dad Always Tell Me What to Do?

jīntiān yìzǎo, āqí jiù gǎnjué búmiào. 今天 一早 , 阿奇 就 感觉 不妙 。 Early in the morning, A-Qi felt something was wrong.

> tā qǐ dé bǐ wǎngcháng dōu zǎo. 他起得比往常都早。 He woke up earlier than usual.

zǎofàn gāng chī dào yíbàn, māma jiù lái cuī tā... 早饭 刚 吃 到 一半 , 妈妈 就 来 催 他 。 。 。 Just halfway through breakfast, mom came to rush him...

ā, māma lái cuī tā bēi shī le! 啊, 妈妈 来 催 他 背 诗 了! Oh, mom came to urge him to memorize poems!

> kěshì, wàimiàn zhèngxià zhe dàyǔ ne... 可是, 外面 正下 着 大雨 呢 ... But, it was pouring rain outside...

shàngkè líng hái méi xiǎng, māma jiù bǎ tā xùn le yítòng. 上课铃还没响,妈妈就把他训了一通。 Before the class bell rang, mom was still nagging at him.

āqí de xīnqíng zāotòu le, tā dàoliǎo wǎnshang hái mènmènbúlè. 阿奇 的 心情 糟透 了 , 他 到了 晚上 还 闷闷不乐 。 A-Qi's he remained unhappy until the evening.

shuìjiào qián, āqí rěnbúzhù wèn māma: 睡觉 前 , 阿奇 忍不住 问 妈妈: Before going to bed, A-Qi couldn't help asking his mom, " wèishénme bàba māma lǎoshi guǎn dōng guǎn xī? shì yīnwèi hǎowán ma?" " 为什么 爸爸 妈妈 老是 管 东 管 西? 是 因为 好玩 吗?" "Why Do Mom and Dad Always Tell Me What to Do? Because its fun?"

> māma wēixiào zhe, méiyǒu huídá. 妈妈 微笑 着 , 没有 回答 。 Mom smiled but didn't answer.

dìèrtiān , āqí yìjiā láidào yīzuò dàhuā yuánlǐ yěcān. 第二天 , 阿奇 一家 来到 一座 大花 园里 野餐 。 The next morning, A-Qi's family came to a large garden for a picnic.

yì cóngcóng fánhuā lǜshù zhōng, yí wèi xīnqín de yuándīng zhèngzài zāizhòng yì kē kē xiǎo shùmiáo. 一 丛丛 繁花 绿树 中,一 位辛勤 的 园丁 正在 栽种 一 颗 颗 小 树苗。 In clusters of flowers and green trees, a diligent gardener was planting small saplings.

māma shuō:" bàba māma yǒudiǎnr xiàng yuándīng." 妈妈 说 : " 爸爸 妈妈 有点儿 像 园丁 。 " Mom said: "Mom and dad are a bit like gardeners."

gāngchū shēngshí, nǚ jiù xiàng yì kē hěnxiǎo hěnxiǎo de shùmiáo. 刚出 生时 , 你 就 像 一 棵 很小 很小 的 树苗 。 When you were just born, you were like a very small sapling.

> wǒmen bǎ nǚ wèi dé bǎo bǎo de, 我们 把 你 喂 得 饱 饱 的, We fed you well, ,

> > gěi nľ sǎshuľ xľzǎo, 给你洒水洗澡, gave you water to bathe,

bāng nǐ jiǎntóufa, 帮你剪头发, helped you cut your hair

xiǎoxīn hēhù nľ. 小心 呵护 你 。 and took care of you .

wǒmen yǒushí huì gēn nǚ liáoliáotiān, 我们 有时 会 跟 你 聊聊天, Sometimes we talk to you,

yǒushí jiù mòmò dìpéi zhe nľ. 有时 就 默默 地陪 着 你 。 ,sometimes we just quietly accompany you.

nǐ jiù zhèyàng, zài wǒmende zhùshì xià yìdiǎndiǎn zhǎngdà. 你就这样,在我们的注视下一点点长大。 This way, you grow bit by bit under our watchful eyes.

kěshì, nľ zhè kē" xiǎo shùmiáo" zhǎngdà hòu huì shì zěnmeyàng de ne? 可是,你这颗"小树苗"长大后会是怎么样的呢? But, how will this "little sapling" grow up?

> jíshľ wŏmen shì nľde" yuándīng" yě hěnnánshuō zhǔn. 即使 我们 是 你的 " 园丁 " 也 很难说 准 。 Even as your "gardeners," it's hard to say.

yīnwèi měi kē" xiǎo shùmiáo" dōu bùyíyàng: yǒude zhàn de bĺzhí, yǒude dītóu wānyāo, yǒude gèxìng xiānmíng, yǒude zé yào mànmàn guānchá... 因为 每 棵 " 小 树苗 " 都 不一样: 有的 站 的 笔直 , 有的 低头 弯腰 , 有的 个性 鲜明 , 有的 则 要 慢慢 观察 ...

Because every "little sapling" is different: some stand straight, some bow their heads, some have distinct personalities, and some need careful observation...



wǒmen" yuándīng" yàohǎo hǎo yǎnghù nǚ chéngzhǎng de" tǔrǎng". 我们 " 园丁 " 要好 好 养护 你 成长 的 " 土壤 " 。 We, as "gardeners," need to take good care of the "soil" for your growth.

> ràng tā shūshì tòuqì, mùyù yángguāng. 让它舒适透气,沐浴阳光。 Let it be comfortable and breathable, bathed in sunlight.

> > wǒmen hái xūyào qítā bāngzhù. 我们还需要其他帮助。 We also need help from others.

<u>jìyào</u> gěi nľ bǔchōng yōuzhì de yǎngfèn, 既要给 你 补充 优质 的 养分, Continue to provide you with high-quality nutrients,

háiyào nǚ jiēshòu lǎoshī de jiàodǎo. 还要 你 接受 老师 的 教导 。 and you need to be open to receiving the guidance of the teachers.

" dàoliǎo zhè shíhou, yuándīng néng sōngkǒu qì le ba?" āqí wèn. " 到了 这 时候 , 园丁 能 松口 气 了 吧?" 阿奇 问 。 "By this point, can the gardeners relax?" A-Qi asked.

> " hái bùnéng." māma huídá. " 还 不能 。 " 妈妈 回答 。 "Not yet," mom replied.

dōngqùchūnlái, fēnglǐ yǔ lǐ, wǒmen zǒngshì péibàn <u>zài</u> nǐ zuǒyòu. 冬去春来 , 风里 雨 里 , 我们 总是 陪伴 在你 左右 。 Winter goes, spring comes, in wind and rain, we always accompany you.

dāng nǐ bèi cuòzhé dǎdǎo deshíhòu, wǒmen huì fú qǐ nǐ, bāngzhù nǐ. 当你被挫折打倒的时候,我们会扶起你,帮助你。 When you fell or become frustrated, we will help you up. wǒmen huì wēnnuǎn nǐ, bǎohù nǐ. 我们会温暖你,保护你。 We will warm you, protect you.

yǒushíhou, wǒmen yě bùzhī dào gāi zěnmebàn cái hǎo. 有时候, 我们 也 不知 道 该 怎么办 才 好 。 Sometimes, we don't know what to do.

wǒmen yě huì fàncuò, yě huì chōng zhe nǚ zháojí fāpíqì. 我们也会犯错,也会冲着你着急发脾气。 We also make mistakes, get impatient with you.

wǒmen" yuándīng" yě yàobù duàn guānchá, búduàn xuéxí... 我们 " 园丁 " 也 要不 断 观察 , 不断 学习 ... As "gardeners," we need to constantly observe and learn...

zǒngyǒu yìtiān, nǚ zhè kē xiǎo shùmiáo huìzhǎng chéng yì kē dàshù. 总有 一天 , 你 这 棵 小 树苗 会长 成 一 棵 大树 。 One day, your small sapling will grow into a big tree.

> nľde shùgēn huì shēnshēn zhārù tǔdì. 你的 树根 会 深深 扎入 土地 。 Your roots will extend in the soil.

nǚde shùgàn néng dǚyù fēngshuāngyǔxuě. 你的 树干 能 抵御 风霜雨雪 。 Your branches will withstand wind, frost, rain, and snow.

nľ huì xiàng niǎor chǎngkāi huáibào, hái néng wèi sōngshǔ zhēfēngdǎngyǔ. 你会像鸟儿敞开怀抱,还能为松鼠遮风挡雨。 You will open your arms like a bird, and also provide shelter for squirrels.

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dào nàshí, nľ zhè kē dàshù zhľ xūyào yŭshuľ zīyăng, búzài xūyào yuándīng jiāoguàn.

到 那时 , 你 这 颗 大树 只 需要 雨水 滋养 , 不再 需要 园丁 浇灌 。 By then, your big tree only needs rain to nourish, no longer needing gardeners to water. One morning, we will look up and find that you have blossomed

mò yìtiān zǎoshang, wǒmen táitóuyíkàn, jiù huì fāxiàn nǚ yǚjīng kāihuājiēguǒ... 某 一天 早上 , 我们 抬头一看 , 就 会 发现 你 已经 开花结果 ...

" dàoliǎo zhège shíhou yuándīng zǒngnéng sōngkǒu qì le ba?" āqí wèn. " 到了 这个 时候 园丁 总能 松口 气 了 吧? " 阿奇 问。 "By this time, can the gardeners finally relax?" A-Qi asked.

" ò, hái bùnéng lā. duì yīkēshù láishuō, chéngzhǎng hái yuǎnyuǎn méiyǒu jiéshù."

"哦,还不能呢。对一棵树来说,成长还远远没有结束。" "Oh, not yet. For a tree, growth is far from over."

yì nián yòu yì nián, nľ zhè kē shù jiù zhèyàng cháng ya cháng ya. ér wǒmen" yuándīng" huì yǒngyuǎn zhàn zài nľde bèihòu, wèi nľ gǔzhǎng, wèi nľ hècǎi.

 一年又一年,你这棵树就这样长呀长呀。而我们"园丁"会 永远站在你的背后,为你鼓掌,为你喝彩。。。

Year after year, your tree will continue to grow like this. And we, as "gardeners," will always stand behind you, applauding and cheering for

you.