

BOOT CAMP 1091

### **Chapter 1091: The Youngest Major**

“Who do you want to perform for?” The major general glanced at the most outstanding major that always gave him a headache. He raised his arm and looked at the time. “You can leave now. If you have any urgent matters in the future, you do not need to come personally. If there are things you need to attend to suddenly, you can take care of it yourself as the captain as long as it doesn’t violate the rules.”

Even if he wanted to come and find Ye Jian, Xia Jinyuan couldn’t leave his unit because of personal matters. He was giving special training to a regiment together with Pigeon and there were some things he couldn’t do in the middle because of his lack of authority. Thus, after asking the major general, he came here.

He was only able to stay for half a day. He came at 8 am and would leave at 4 pm.

The original plan was to leave at 4 pm but the major general was chasing him away even though it wasn’t 4 pm yet.

A soldier’s mission was to follow orders. If the general gave an order, the soldier must follow. Xia Jinyuan saluted the major general. “Yes!”

He just replied with a simple ‘yes’ and no additional words. Then, he carried out the order immediately!

He said to Principal Chen, “Uncle Chen, I will visit you next time when I have a break.”

He gave a simple and ordinary smile and a slight nod to Ye Jian. Then, he left the commander tent with huge strides.

“You have collaborated with the youngest major. He’s an outstanding soldier. If there’s a chance in the future, you can seek more advice from him.” The major general waited for Xia Jinyuan to leave before complimenting him. Then, he said to Principal Chen, “Old Chen, let Ye Jian stay here. You can leave with Major Xia later on the helicopter,”

“Don’t worry about leaving her with me. The jade has already been carved. I will make the edges smoother. I will not waste your efforts.”

Principal Chen really wanted Ye Jian to train with the military unit, especially the armored forces. Hence, he replied hurriedly, “The military is where I feel the least worried. I groomed her because I want her to serve the people of the nation. Now, she’s able to train with the armored forces because the military has high hopes for her.”

The major general didn’t deny this. He nodded in front of Ye Jian and said, “Indeed. As long as she’s able to enter any military school in our country, we will immediately start the three and a half years of inferno... Oh right, Major Xia took the same path too. He started his three and a half years of inferno training the moment he entered the military school. Ye Jian will go down the same path.”

No matter how composed Ye Jian was, she started to breathe harder at this moment uncontrollably.

Having three and a half years of inferno training just like Captain Xia! This was something she wished for!

The major general continued, "Since you came, have a good experience here. Our armored soldiers don't just drive the armored vehicles. They need to know many other things too. Seven days is short but I hope that you can gain something."

Ye Jian faintly sensed something amiss. This person seemed to be hinting at something.

She just arrived at this place so even if the major general was hinting at her, she wouldn't understand it. However, since she had this feeling, she would take note of it.

The major general noticed the questioning glance in her eyes. The smile on his face got bigger.

A talented soldier was indeed different. She was able to detect something unusual in this seemingly simple sentence. This small matter was enough to show how thoughtful Ye Jian was.

In the afternoon, Principal Chen and Xia Jinyuan left together. Ye Jian sent them off until she was a small distance away from the helicopter. As she listened to the sound of the propellers, she said to Xia Jinyuan, "This year, my wish will definitely come true. Captain Xia, I'm another huge step closer to my goal."

## **Chapter 1092: 1 VS 2**

"That's right. I will personally hand you your military uniform." Xia Jinyuan helped her to straighten her cap. "Have a good week here. Make sure that you have six hours of rest every 24 hours. You can spend the rest of the time learning."

Ye Jian smiled. Her eyes turned into crescents. "I was planning to sleep for four hours."

"Silly lass, they have six hours of rest. Do you plan to do guard duty for the other two hours?" He patted her shoulder and shifted his gaze over the top of her head. He looked at the two reconnaissance vehicles and smiled. Then, he said in a low voice, "The self-propelled artillery of this armored force is not bad. There are many fun things on the reconnaissance vehicle. You can take more looks at it."

"Special Forces soldiers need to know how to operate tanks and fighter jets too. It's not just about driving."

For instance, his Xueyu unit sometimes has to pilot their country's newly-developed model of fighter jets along with the test pilots. There were many things for Ye Jian to learn in three and a half years.

The special missions assigned to the Special Forces soldiers were mostly undercover missions or solo missions. Knowing more things would provide you with additional layers of security. If you need to escape one day, you needed to know how to use a tank or a fighter jet if they were the only options in front of you!

During the 15 days of outdoor survival training, Ye Jian got injured, had fevers, lost her way, got stung by bees, and rested for less than four hours after arriving at her destination. But in a blink of an eye, she had started her next training.

The military unit was filled with the joy of celebrating the Chinese New Year. The major general knew that she spent Chinese New Year's Eve alone in the rainforest so he specially ordered the kitchen to cook a serving of dumplings for Ye Jian. This was a consolation to her tired mind.

In the morning, he consoled her. At night, there was trouble looking for her.

That night, Ye Jian was sleeping soundly when suddenly, someone snuck into her tent to 'assassinate' her. Outside, there were people 'damaging' the armored vehicles. At this moment, Ye Jian knew that even though she only had seven days of learning, her week would be very fruitful and exciting.

The major general's words caused Ye Jian to be on her guard so when two people snuck into her tent, Ye Jian's first reaction was to throw the thin blanket at the black figure on her right.

She was in the military unit. The black figures who snuck in were none other than soldiers acting as assassins.

"Our armored soldiers don't just drive the armored vehicles. They need to know many other things too." Ye Jian understood what was the meaning of this sentence now.

This time, Ye Jian didn't get a shock. Instead, the soldiers that snuck in got a shock. When she kicked, she inevitably made a grunt. The clear sound of a woman caused the two male soldiers to be stunned for a moment.

A... female?

Did they sneak into a family's tent? That wasn't right. There was no family's tent here. They were all having outdoor training so there were no family members besides them!

At first, they didn't use many skills. Now, when the two soldiers heard that this voice belonged to a lady, they really thought that someone had snuck into their camp. They didn't care if this person was an enemy or not. They would capture her first!

Fists bumped against fists and legs kicked onto legs. The fight in the tent was so intense the blunt sound of muscles hitting one another could be heard.

Outside, the major general was speaking to a company commander with the surname 'Zuo', "How long do you think she can last?"

"The two soldiers you asked me to send have good fighting skills. Each of them can take down several people. If the person inside is a female soldier, I think that she won't last for more than five minutes since it's a 1 vs 2 fight."

Company Commander Zuo felt that his estimate was quite conservative. If he spoke truthfully, he felt that she would only last for three minutes.

## Chapter 1093: Taking Down Male Soldiers In Five Minutes

The major general gave a meaningful smile. "That might not be true. Your two soldiers won't be able to take her down in ten minutes. However, she will be able to take down one of your men in ten minutes."

How could the Special Forces soldier groomed personally by an ace soldier be taken down by a normal soldier?

"...That's impossible. In terms of physical abilities, there's a huge gap between male and female soldiers. Those two soldiers..." Before he could finish speaking, he heard the female voice inside the tent saying sternly, "You've lost!"

Company Commander Zuo: "... This is so embarrassing! Extremely embarrassing!

"So fast?" The major general was shocked too. He said that she was able to take one down in ten minutes but only five minutes had passed and both the male soldiers were taken down! ...It was so fast that even he couldn't accept it.

The male soldiers of the armored forces... They shouldn't be so weak that they would get defeated by Ye Jian in five minutes, right?

If Principal Chen was here, he would think that Ye Jian could be even faster!

Four years of strict training. The shorter you took to defeat your enemy, the more advantage you would have!

If you took them down in four minutes instead of five, you would have one minute more to reinforce your comrades or help the fighter jets in your military unit to win one more minute.

The two male soldiers came out dejectedly. They saw that their company commander's face, which was already black, had become as black as coal now.

"Impressive win. You defeated two soldiers in five minutes. Good job!" The major general already admired Ye Jian at the start but now, after understanding her abilities properly, his admiration for her talent got stronger. "These two soldiers are skilled soldiers under Company Commander Zuo. I didn't expect to anger Company Commander Zuo with this test."

Company Commander Zuo only found it embarrassing. They couldn't even defeat a female soldier. If word spread, other people would treat them as a joke!

Ye Jian replied, "They're very powerful. They just got a shock when I made a sound because they realized that I'm a female. Also, I have a weapon in my hand and it gave me an advantage in the dark. That's why I won."

"Losing is losing. There aren't so many excuses." Company Commander Zuo shook his head. Then, he turned and glared angrily at his soldiers. He said in a low voice, "What do you think?"

"We are weaker than her! There are no excuses!"

“Losing means losing!”

The two male soldiers were straightforward people too. The result was already laid out in front of them. They lost without any excuses! They had to admit it!

“Run 5000 meters and go to sleep after that!” Their attitude was not bad and they didn’t embarrass him in terms of their attitude! Company Commander Zuo’s mood instantly got better. His gaze landed on Ye Jian again. He had many questions he wanted to ask.

The major general didn’t stop Company Commander Zuo from giving his order. After the two male soldiers left, he said, “Don’t underestimate Ye Jian. I will find it weird if she doesn’t have some skills. It isn’t strange that your soldiers lost. There’s a difference between her and armored infantries.”

“Don’t find it embarrassing. How could you win a Special Forces soldier?”

After hearing this, Company Commander Zuo almost bit his tongue off. It was already astonishing when two male soldiers couldn’t defeat a female soldier. Now... he was saying that his soldiers fought against a Special Forces female soldier!

It really didn’t seem embarrassing to have lost.

Also, they didn’t have any Special Forces female soldiers in their military unit! Did she come from the navy?

She didn’t look like one. What she was wearing was the camouflage uniform of the army. She couldn’t be from the navy or a female soldier from the amphibious reconnaissance.

After Company Commander Zuo left, he saw the major general talking to the female soldier in a low voice. He would occasionally point at the armored vehicles as though he was introducing something.

#### **Chapter 1094: She Wants To Operate A Tank**

The major general was from the army. He came from the armored forces and understood armored vehicles very well. Sometimes, he would participate in the technical guidance and maintenance of the armored vehicles.

A general that deployed with his soldiers. No wonder Xia Jinyuan said that this armored force was one of the top units in the military in terms of strength. The general leading them was a good role model in terms of enduring hardships so the grassroots officers and soldiers would definitely look up to their leader.

For the next seven days, not only did the major general teach Ye Jian personally, he even operated a tank and explained to Ye Jian the different types of tanks there were. Tanks that had autoloaders didn’t have a human loader. They only had a tank commander, a gunner, and a driver.

“The tank commander will conduct all the operations of the tank and is in charge of communication. The gunner is in charge of operating the cannon and the driver’s job is more mundane. He just needs to drive. If there’s no autoloader, we will need one more loader.”

“All these years, the discussion between manual loading and autoloading is heated. In our nation, we have manual loading and autoloading tanks. In autoloading, there’s a possibility of malfunction. Countries like America and other western nations don’t use autoloading.”

“If we base it on reliability, the most crucial factor is that people question the reliability of the autoloading function. Once the machine malfunctions, it will affect the entire situation on the battlefield. The consequence might be disastrous.”

“The highest speed of this tank is 6500 meters per hour. The steepest slope it can climb is 31 degrees and it can go through trenches 1.4 meters deep. It uses mostly high explosive anti-tank and anti-personnel grenades. Look here...” The major general started explaining the operations of the entire tank to Ye Jian, from what a tank commander should do to what the gunner needed to worry about.

Any armored soldier would be able to provide this detailed explanation to Ye Jian but the major general taught her personally because he wanted to understand how good Ye Jian was.

He was satisfied with her performance the first night. Yesterday, she stayed at the training field with the armored soldiers the entire day. The caterpillar track of one of the tanks had some problems so she lifted the heavy tools with the male soldiers without any hesitation. She didn’t show any signs of fearing hardships or tiredness.

Company Commander Zuo even spoke to him secretly yesterday, “Major general, the Special Forces soldier you mentioned, is it possible that she’s not a lady... The way she treats herself so harshly makes me scared!”

She was even more vicious than male soldiers and appeared more like a soldier than male soldiers. This kind of female soldier was like gold. No matter which military unit she went to, she would shine.

Ye Jian didn’t even wipe the sweat that flowed past the corners of her eyes as she sat in the driver’s seat. She stared intently at the major general as he explained the equipment in the tank as well as their functions.

The ventilator in the tank was always opened. However, sitting in an enclosed space, you would still perspire after some time.

They were sitting in a tank with an autoloader. The major general thoroughly explained the different ways the autoloader loaded the bullets. It was dry and hard to understand but Ye Jian listened with interest.

The major general had been observing Ye Jian’s expression all the time. He came to teach her personally in the afternoon because he wanted to know how many hardships she could endure.

The more he observed her, the more satisfied he felt. He respected the ace soldier for his sharp intuition! If he didn’t recognize this talent, according to the military’s investigation of Ye Jian’s family, this talent might disappear into the crowd and never get a chance to fight for the country.

## **Chapter 1095: Mighty Female Soldier**

“The main parts of an autoloader in tanks with a fixed cannon is normally situated in the turret. The cannon must be at a specific angle and locked before it can start loading. It has a weakness. After it reloads, the cannon’s position will go back to the start. Even the sighting system will go back to their original position.”

“We can say that even though the fixed cannon increases the shooting speed, it restricts the combat ability of the tank. We don’t have many models of such tanks. We either have manual loaders or non-fixed cannon loaders.”

Ye Jian smiled. “I understand. The tank I sat in yesterday has a non-fixed cannon loader. I noticed that it’s a half-auto loading mechanism. The replenishing of bullets and the unloading of bullets were all done by humans. It’s different from the fixed cannon loader you mentioned.”

“What a detailed observation!” The major general smiled with approval. “That’s right, most of the armored vehicles in our unit are using the non-fixed cannon loader and manual loader. We have fixed cannon loaders but there’s very little. Many military experts are improving and modifying our tanks. The model we are sitting in might stop production in the near future.”

In her past life, Ye Jian didn’t care about this field. If she did, she would know that soon, the fourth generation of the Type 99 main battle tank would appear soon. This represented another huge step in the military power of their nation.

Tanks are main battle weapons. Its technology couldn’t just remain the same. Even if the Type 99 main battle tank appears, the improvement of our nation’s tank wouldn’t stop. If we want to become a strong nation, we need to have a powerful army, one that is able to frighten other countries!

From the Type 59 to the Type 79 to the Type 99 main battle tank now, our country has been progressing secretly!

During these seven days, Ye Jian had a better understanding of the development of our country’s armored forces, from the main battle tanks to the light tanks. She was also able to accurately answer the different functions of the various armored vehicles and their operations when the major general asked.

Just like what Xia Jinyuan said, she wouldn’t be able to master armored vehicles within seven days but she had a concept in her mind. If she had other similar opportunities or chances to train, she would at least know something.

Armored vehicles weren’t the forte of Special Forces soldiers but to the soldiers from the Xueyu unit, they needed to understand the functions and operations of their country’s weapons.

Why was this mysterious Special Force unit so mysterious? It was because there seemed to be nothing they couldn’t solve and no weapons they didn’t know how to use. There was nothing they didn’t know either!

This was a mysterious and frightening unit. Besides the important leaders in the military, no one knew about the presence of the Xueyu unit. They didn't have names and their unit couldn't be found. No one knew where their base was, where they were from, or where they would be going.

They were like spirits with swords. Wherever they went, there would be blood. However, no one knew where they were. The other nations knew about the Delta Force, Alpha Force, and the Green Beret. However, you wouldn't be able to find how this Xueyu unit was formed or their presence!

It was able to proceed with anti-terrorist missions and could stop overseas activities that would harm China. They were also able to be at the frontline to fight for more time for the units behind.

The soldiers that were chosen for this unit were the elites of the elites. They underwent years of strict training and finally became armed with amazing skills and formidable abilities.

The major general was the direct leader of this unit and this was the first time they were recruiting a female soldier. Hence, he was extremely strict and careful.

### **Chapter 1096: A Love That Accompanies Her Growth**

Since he had a chance to observe Ye Jian at a close distance, the major general assessed her with extremely strict criteria. From her speech to her attitude, from her ability to her intelligence, from her physical and mental quality to her technique training, he needed to have an objective evaluation of Ye Jian within these seven days.

Ye Jian didn't know that she was being assessed. She also didn't know that Xia Jinyuan asked her to stay at the armored force for one week because he wanted the major general to assess her personally and not via reports he submits to the major general.

Before Ye Jian became an official member of the Xueyu unit, there were many things Xia Jinyuan couldn't tell Ye Jian or explain to her. Everything was progressing slowly in her best interest. He was holding Ye Jian's hand and letting her enter his world step by step, letting her enter the world that she couldn't imagine.

What kind of love was the most beautiful? Xia Jinyuan didn't know. He only knew how to hold her hand and accompany her using the method she liked as she continued growing.

Seven days. Every day, the major general would give Ye Jian a score based on her comprehensive ability. He would do it personally. After Ye Jian left, this evaluation was sent to the military headquarters as a top-secret document.

Ye Jian's departure made Company Commander Zuo heave a sigh of relief. She was able to carry cannons, carry guns, kill people, save people, and had an amazingly accurate shooting skill... Even as a company commander, he felt pressured.

After Ye Jian boarded the plane, he couldn't bear to part with her. He said to the major general, "Major general, this kind of soldier can ignite the competitiveness in our male soldiers."

"You'd better calm down. Every time she finished training and you saw that she's stronger than your men, you would be roaring even in the middle of the night. Fortunately, she had a strong mentality. If



not, she might have ran away in fright.” The major general watched the helicopter as it rose into the air and flew towards the mountains afar. He smiled and said to the company commander, “I heard you shouting throughout the entire Chinese New Year and you still want to put Ye Jian in our unit? The officers might argue with you!”

As he spoke, the major general’s gaze turned cold. “You need to make your training harder. If one or two of your men can’t defeat her, I can understand. However, she defeated four ‘sentinels’ consecutively in the middle of the night and none of you discovered it. Even I feel embarrassed!”

He was reprimanding the company commander, but in his heart, he was extremely satisfied with Ye Jian’s performance. As a member from the Xueyu unit, it was normal for her to defeat four sentinels!

Company Commander Zuo straightened his back and saluted. “Yes!”

The story that one female soldier defeated four sentinels spread in the military unit for a long time. Everyone wanted to know who this female soldier was but no one knew who she was. She wore camo cream on her face every day. Who would know who she was?

The sun at the borders was bright and sunny but the Southern Province was still cold. Ye Jian stepped on the snow as she returned to her district in the Southern Province.

Uncle Chen knew that she would be back so he had already prepared dinner for her. When Ye Jian pushed open the door, which was pasted with a Spring Festival couplet, she saw an elder with white hair pacing around the room with a slight stagger.

“Grandpa Gen!” Ye Jian’s slightly trembling voice was filled with surprise. She threw the bag in her hand directly on the ground. She ran into the living room without taking off her shoes. “Grandpa Gen, why did you travel so far? Why did you... come?”

Her voice was shaking and her eyes turned red. Tears were shimmering in them. “The journey here is more than ten hours by car. How can your body bear with it?”

Four years had passed. Grandpa Gen was already 80 years old. His hair was entirely white and he was staggering slightly as he walked. However, his back was still straight. No matter how long it had been, this Class A Master Sergeant still maintained his dignity.

### **Chapter 1097: Most Respected Person**

Looking at the young lady that was holding onto him, Uncle Gen patted the back of her hand lightly and gave an amiable smile. “Your Uncle Chen came to fetch me. Why would I be tired? You haven’t returned to the village for two years. I’m worried about you, worried.”

“After seeing you, I feel at ease. You are a big child now, a big child that the military has high hopes for.”

No matter how far Ye Jian walked, in Uncle Gen’s heart, she just turned from a small child into a big child.

"I'm bigger now and you're older too." Ye Jian was choking a little. She led the old man onto the wooden sofa and said in a soft voice, "I haven't gone back to see you for two years. Sorry for worrying you."

Uncle Gen smiled and replied, "I worked so hard to make sure that you won't come back. Look, isn't this great? The military has high hopes for you and they took care of me in the village too. There's nothing wrong with you not coming back."

"Jian, a person doesn't live for long. One day passed means one lesser day alive. When you should be learning, you should spend your days seriously. If you come back to look for me, you need three days on the road. I don't want you to waste three days of your youth."

"You haven't come back to see me in two years but the achievements you have currently make me very happy. Lass, you have always been using your own methods to prove to me that you're always working hard and didn't disappoint me. That's enough. That's enough already."

As one grew older, they knew how to cherish time better. This 80-year-old elder used his entire life experience to teach this child that he raised. He only hoped that she would grow up properly and not waste her life.

Ye Jian secretly wiped her tears that overflowed from her eyes. She held the old man's withered hands tightly and pursed her lips. There was a tinge of stubbornness in her eyes as she gave a small smile and replied, "I didn't go back and see you so I can only use my actions to tell you that I will not disappoint you or make you sad."

"Grandpa understands. Grandpa understands everything. You're a good child. I'm proud of you." Uncle Gen was slimmer than he was four years ago but he still seemed energetic. He spoke a little sluggishly but his words were still filled with power. From his condition, this old man's health was still not bad.

He saw Ye Jian wiping her tears again. He couldn't help but burst out laughing. "Look at you. You didn't even cry after you finished your 15 days of survival training. Why are you crying when everything's fine now?"

This old man had lived a long time and experienced many battlefields. Hence, he was able to have a better insight into many things. His humorous and insightful replies caused Ye Jian to start laughing shortly.

She was supposed to be the one making him happy but instead, he was the one coaxing her.

She knew what elders like to hear so Ye Jian purposely picked what he was interested in to say. "The snakes should be hibernating but I met two pythons entangled around the trees. The terrestrial leeches were as thick as my pinky finger. I didn't feel them when they stuck to my body. After they finished eating and felt the pain, those fellows had already had their fill!"

"Those were the only animals in the jungle. It's better than in the past. In our times, there were jackals and wolves. We were all tensed when crossing the mountains. We didn't want to get eaten by tigers before the battle started."

When Ye Jian spoke about her training, the smile on Uncle Gen's face got brighter. This child looked cold but she was very kind. She knew how to pick what he liked to tell him.

### **Chapter 1098: Something Big Happened**

"Huh? Jian came back within the time I went out to buy some rice wine." Principal Chen's happy laughter could be heard from the unlocked door. "Jian, accompany your Grandpa Gen and me for a drink today. Let's have a reunion!"

Ever since Ye Jian graduated from junior high, they never had a reunion during the Spring Festival. In the past, there was training during the Lunar month all the way until the day before school started. From the start of the year to the end of the year, training took up most of her time in the past four years. School became complementary instead.

The rice wine was sweet-smelling and the dishes were fragrant. Tonight, Ye Jian smiled the most and it was her happiest day too. To put it in a way that would upset Major Xia, she felt happier now as compared to dating him.

Ye Jian didn't drink much. She didn't even have 50 grams of wine before the two elders persuaded her to rest early. 22 consecutive days of training was considered high-intensity training in every single unit. She needed to rest early.

Her emotions fluctuated like a rollercoaster after she came back and she drank a little wine. She also talked to the two closest people to her for two hours so Ye Jian was very happy. Naturally, she was obedient and went to bed after she washed up.

After she slept, Principal Chen poured a glass of warm rice wine for Uncle Gen. After toasting, he said, "From what I see, let's temporarily withhold on what you wanted to say. Why don't we wait until the university entrance examination is over?"

"The university entrance examination is very near. Let her finish it peacefully. The military is waiting for her good results too so that she can officially step on the military path. Old Gen, I'm afraid that something will happen at this crucial moment."

It wasn't worth it to affect Ye Jian's university entrance examination with those stupid issues in her family!

Uncle Gen took a sip of the wine and gave a long sigh. "That old lady from the Ye family is going crazy. She doted on her son-in-law so much that she allowed him to do anything he wanted. I'm afraid that he will make trouble for her in school and Jian will be caught off guard."

"That Grandma Ye is indeed a little inappropriate. Also, I don't understand why her son-in-law wanted you to help them to ask Ye Jian for a meeting? That night, I heard Grandma Ye talking about a piece of jade. I feel that it might have a huge relationship with Ye Jian."

“Also, there’s something I wanted to ask you that night. Since you know that Sun Yaozu is a criminal, why didn’t you contact the police directly? Why did you hide him until now? He’s become a huge scourge now.”

When Principal Chen went to fetch Uncle Gen to the provincial city, he met Grandma Ye, his son-in-law, and her daughter that night. They came in arrogantly. He wanted to stop them but Uncle Gen persuaded him to go back to the room. For Ye Jian’s sake, he mustn’t come out.

He didn’t come out but he heard many things. One was about the ‘jade’ and the other was that Sun Yaozu’s wanted status was cleared!

After he asked his questions, the living room turned silent immediately. After a long time, Uncle Gen finally replied, “It’s hard to explain everything in a few sentences. However, I regretted not calling the police.”

“As for the piece of jade, Jian knows about it. It is her mother’s item but I persuaded her to not take back this piece of disaster.”

Principal Chen’s hand stopped in mid-air as he was grabbing the peanuts. “You’re making me confused. Since Sun Xueqing is a martyr and it’s her item, why is it a piece of disaster?”

“After she got this piece of jade, she put it in a little box. Now, she’s gone and turned into ashes.” Once he mentioned Ye Jian’s mother, Uncle Gen’s face turned extremely serious. “She mentioned to me in the past that if she sacrificed one day, it probably will have something to do with the jade.”

### **Chapter 1099: The Jade Reappears**

“That year, Sun Dongqing and Ye Zhifan were the ones who collected Ye Jian’s mother’s items. The jade was given back to them. I didn’t know this until the day Ye Zhifan was transferring to the city for work. After he drank, he spouted some gibberish that was coincidentally heard by the village leader whom I had requested to take care of Ye Jian. Basically, it meant that he was able to become who he was today thanks to a piece of jade.”

When he talked about the past, Uncle Gen wasn’t as energetic as he was when he was talking to Ye Jian. He sounded like fallen leaves that blew in the Autumn wind. “... After I came back from the military unit, I found out that Ye Zhifan took the jade. I observed him and noticed that Ye Zhifan rose from the position of the minister of finance to the deputy town mayor.”

“He was the deputy town mayor for three years. Then, his position rose even faster. He became the town mayor and soon, he went to the city. He only took four years to go to the provincial office!”

“The higher Ye Zhifan climbed, the higher the position of the person behind the jade. That was why he had the power to turn from a deputy town mayor to a member of the provincial office in a short span of four years!”

All these years, Uncle Gen had been secretly observing Ye Zhifan. Seeing how fast he climbed the political ladder, he knew that he mustn’t let Ye Jian fight with Ye Zhifan head-on.

Principal Chen took a piece of peanut and placed it in his mouth. It was very fragrant as he chewed on it. At the same time, his brain was working furiously. "That means that the jade is not something good for Ye Jian and her mother?"

"You can put it that way." Uncle Gen's pupils constricted slightly. His stern expression showed his wisdom and insightfulness about life. "It's not a good thing to Ye Zhifan too. Why do you think this person suddenly gave him so much power?"

"No one will treat other people so well without a reason. No one will treat someone badly without a reason too. There's always a start to everything. Ever since Ye Zhifan took the piece of jade from the village and came to the town, his career had been astonishingly smooth. I can confirm that someone is manipulating Ye Zhifan. When a government official is being manipulated, he needs to be wary. He might become someone else's scapegoat."

Principal Chen was flabbergasted. He lowered his tone and said, "Do you mean that Martyr Sun Xueqing sacrificed because she got exposed when she was doing her mission to investigate this piece of jade? Why didn't the owner of the jade keep it and let Ye Zhifan have it? Why did he help him with his career so obviously?"

"Isn't the person a little too high profile? Isn't he afraid that the higher authorities will know? Also, based on the current situation, I can only see the benefits of having this piece of jade. Ye Zhifan was able to have a smooth career and he's sitting in the provincial office now."

"What's more, don't you think that it's weird how Sun Yaozu's criminal status was cleared? Who investigated him and reversed the verdict for him? I don't think Sun Yaozu went personally to reverse the verdict. A wanted person won't turn himself in."

"Are you saying that someone helped him?" Uncle Gen didn't think about this. That was because Grandma Ye scolded Ye Zhifan that day and said that she raised an ungrateful soul.

Also, based on Ye Zhifan's vigilant nature, he wouldn't take the risk to clear someone's wanted status!

Principal Chen contemplated for some time before saying, "Sun Yaozu was cleared of his charges. He went back home blatantly and started renovating his house. He held a large-scale banquet and became a famous big boss in town. He kept an extremely high profile. It really seemed as though he found a powerful person to help him."

This analysis was right on point. The two elders exchanged glances with each other and smiled.

Principal Chen smiled and sighed, "This item is indeed a piece of disaster. Ye Zhifan thought that he found a treasure. When he falls from a great height, he will know how miserable he can get."

### **Chapter 1100: The Secret You Want To Know**

A second ago, they were worried over Ye Zhifan's smooth career. Now, they felt happy.

"The owner of the jade knew how to balance power. He used the relationship between Sun Yaozu and Ye Zhifan to tie them together. He's not afraid that Ye Zhifan won't listen to him." Principal Chen took out the little stainless steel hip glass that was soaking in hot water. He poured a small cup for himself

and then poured one for Uncle Gen. "I didn't expect this person to be so smart! Disaster. This item is a disaster!"

Uncle Gen smiled after he understood everything. Then, he sighed. There was sorrow in his old voice. "If the jade was a good thing, I will help Jian to take it back. But, it's not. It caused Jian's mother to sacrifice. How can I let Jian have it?"

"It's good to let Ye Zhifan take it. I want to know if Jian's mother sacrificed on her mission because of the jade or because of the mission. If I want to find out the truth, I need someone to lure the owner of the jade out."

"I have only persuaded one person to join the military in my entire life. That was Ye Jian's mother. When you said that not allowing Jian to enter the military was a waste of her talent, I considered it for a long time. I only relented when she said that she was willing to go."

"Old Chen, I didn't let Jian return to the village all these years and asked her to train with you because I want her to become stronger. No matter wind or rain outside, I hope that she won't be scared. I hope that she won't be bullied because she doesn't have parents. I also hope that the owner of the jade won't be able to harm her!"

"After the university entrance examination, you can continue training with Jian. Don't come back to the village. Grandma Ye has already returned to the village. There's no need to let Jian see that unkind old woman."

The two elders chatted in the living room until past 11 pm before they went to rest. They didn't let Ye Jian know about their conversation. There were some things they had to tell Ye Jian but everything can wait until she enters military school.

The cold wind outside blew furiously. Without a heater, your body would feel cold if you walked away from the furnace. It was getting late so all the houses had turned dark. Some people slept early just like Ye Jian.

Ye Zhifan, who just returned from socializing, wasn't asleep. He sat in his study angrily and smoked continuously, one cigarette after another. Sun Yaozu came back blatantly and even called him to tell him that his crimes had been cleared!

He was a criminal that had been wanted for so many years. How could the police clear his status? How was that possible?

He stayed in the coastal region for so long but he didn't manage to clear his warrant. Now, suddenly, less than three months after he entered the provincial office, Sun Yaozu's name was cleared. He even said that there was someone powerful helping him!

Someone powerful? Who was the backer behind a piece of trash like Sun Yaozu?

Why did that backer choose this time to help him? Why did that backer help Sun Yaozu just when he entered the provincial office?

This was strange! It was too strange!

It was so strange that he felt uneasy. He had insomnia for the past few nights because he felt that things weren't so simple! It seemed as though... everything was heading for him!

"Dad, why are you still awake?" Ye Ying pushed the door of the study room open. She was wearing thick cotton sleepwear and was holding a pen in her hand. When she came in, she choked on the strong smell of alcohol and cigarettes in the room. "Don't smoke too much. The room smells like it's on fire."

She walked over and pushed the window open to let the cold air outside lighten the odor in the room. Then, she coaxed her father, "If you're stressed from work, you don't have to smoke or drink. You can go out for a walk."

After one year, Ye Ying had grown into an elegant lady. Her skin was a little dark but her features were beautiful.

She had an oval-shaped face and almond-shaped eyes paired with arched eyebrows. Her mouth was small and exquisite. 18 years old was a blossoming age. She seemed so soft that it felt as if water would seep out of her skin. She was bright and attractive.