

BOOT CAMP 2271

## Chapter 2271: Crisis Awareness

Madam Qin's voice became a little higher as she spoke. Qin Xiu had no choice but to turn his body slightly and continue listening to Madam Qin, who spoke angrily, "You're so busy that I don't even have time to settle my personal matters. Even the parents have objections. Look, I have to apologize again."

After being reminded, Qin Xiu remembered what he had casually agreed to last night.

He didn't like that arrangement, so this business trip was perfect for him. Hearing Madam Qin's complaints, Qin Xiu smiled and coaxed her, "I've troubled you. Help me apologize for today. It happened so suddenly, and I have no choice but to follow the arrangements.

"You didn't sleep well last night. I heard you open the door and go downstairs several times. Now that you have time, you should sleep a little more."

Her son was considerate, and Madam Qin had a smile on her face. "Alright, alright. If you know that you've troubled me, be more considerate to me in the future and quickly resolve this big life problem of yours. I'll be thankful."

Qin Xiu was only 27 years old this year, the same age as Xia Jinyuan and Li Jinnian. However, the men in the Qin family would all marry and have children before the age of 30. Seeing that Qin Xiu was about to turn 30, Madam Qin felt a little anxious.

After saying a few more words to Madam Qin, Qin Xiu hung up.

He turned his head and saw Ye Jian holding a small silver-white phone. Her slender fingers were typing quickly. He didn't know who she was texting, but from her side profile, he saw a soft smile on her face. She was as delicate as a flower blooming by the stream. She was so beautiful that it was suffocating.

Ye Jian was chatting with Xia Jinyuan. She had to keep her phone when they reached the airport, hence she had to inform Captain Xia first.

Xia Jinyuan, who received the message, answered seriously and reminded her: [Be careful. If there's anything urgent, you can contact J5 at any time.]

Although Commander Xia did not tell him in detail, J5 had mentioned going to Lin Country. Xia Jinyuan only had to guess to know that J5 was on the same side as Ye Jian.

Seeing his answer, a soft smile appeared in Ye Jian's cold eyes. She replied with an [Okay] and turned off her phone.

The airport was already ahead. It was time to hand in her phone.

Qin Xiu's heart sank because of the gentleness in her eyes. Who was Ye Jian talking to just now?

'Classmate?

'It doesn't seem like it either.'

'Relative?

'It doesn't seem like it either.'

It was not a classmate nor a relative. Instead, it seemed like she was chatting with the person closest to her.

Suddenly, Qin Xiu realized a problem. He was only thinking about how to get close to Ye Jian and slowly pursue her. However, he forgot that an outstanding girl like Ye Jian... probably already had a boyfriend!

Realizing this possible problem, Qin Xiu pursed his lips.

He had been careless and overconfident!

Qin Xiu, who realized the problem, heaved a sigh of relief. Fortunately, he had discovered the problem early. It was not too late!

He didn't ask who Ye Jian was chatting with. Seeing that her phone was switched off, Qin Xiu smiled and said, "Our phones will only be handed over for safekeeping when we reach the border. When we get there, report your safety to your family." He shook his phone and smiled helplessly. "I left home in a hurry and didn't tell my parents. I came over to ask what happened. You must have left in a hurry too, right? Remember to report your safety when you get there."

Qin Xiu was indeed a gentleman. His meticulousness could be seen in the details. He was silent and meticulous.

With his reminder, Ye Jian knew that she wouldn't have to hand over her phone for the time being. She could even get off the plane and report her safety first.

Chapter 2272: Wait For Your Return  
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Before boarding, Ye Jian sent Xia Jinyuan another message.

Ye Jian left a message for the old man as well. She didn't want him to worry, so she planned to call home after the plane landed.

It took nearly four hours to arrive by plane from the capital. The plane had to take off at eight in the morning. Ye Jian and the others only arrived at the border at noon.

She sent a message to Xia Jinyuan and called the old man. When she walked out of the special passageway, she handed in her phone.

Ye Jian, who was not nervous on the plane, waited until she handed over her phone. When she walked out of the special passage and saw a few armed soldiers and the solemn-looking deputy commander, Ye Jian's calm expression instantly disappeared.

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"There was a sudden coup in the internal affairs. The old government forced the current ruling party to abdicate. The war has already seriously threatened the personal and property safety of the people at the border." The deputy commander's voice was as cold as water as he told Qin Xiu the current situation.

“Our country has never interfered with other countries’ policies. This time, there was a coup over the internal affairs of our country. Our country has always maintained our usual principles. We don’t participate in these affairs nor interfere! But this incident happened suddenly. The mortar was clearly fired directly at our country and not by mistake as it was said!”

Ye Jian followed closely behind Qin Xiu and heard every word the deputy commander said clearly.

She also understood that Qin Xiu was taking the risk to go to Lin Country to negotiate with the ruling party and the security team. They could have a coup, but they weren’t allowed to involve our country in the war.

This would require an agreement to be signed.

There was another problem with Lin Country. Lin Country was a country with as many as 135 ethnic groups. The ethnic local armed organizations were quite large, and among them, the Rishin Independence Army and the Sansa United Army had the strongest armed forces.

Now that a coup had suddenly occurred in the old government, the other ethnic armed organizations naturally wouldn’t sit back and do nothing. It could be said that Qin Xiu was facing enemies from three sides when he headed to the neighboring country. He had to be careful.

V8, who was walking alongside Ye Jian, saw the dark glint in the deputy commander’s eyes when he mentioned “Rishin Independence Army.”

This was a national army that appeared in 1962 and was famous for its ferocity. It could be said that this independent army controlled the northern part of the neighboring country. Their trade mainly involved smuggling jade and drug trafficking into our country.

In 1994, the government of Lin Country signed a peace treaty with Rishin, allowing the Independence Army to control Rishin.

However, the matter was not completely resolved. The few members of the Rishin Independence Army and the independent organizations were not satisfied, so until now, Rishin’s political situation and political regiment were not stable.

“There’ll probably be an assassination attempt.” V8’s lips moved slightly, and his low voice was only for Ye Jian to hear. “The Rishin authorities are unstable and have always been at odds with the other ethnic armed forces. They all want to join forces to destroy the Rishin Independence Army. This political campaign by the old government has given the other ethnic armed forces a chance. If our ambassador goes to negotiate, it’ll indeed be dangerous.”

As a military school student, Ye Jian knew little about the situation in the country, but not as deeply as V8 and the others. Hearing this, she replied in a low voice, “But he has to go. For the sake of the border, he has to go.”

They had to let the various national armed forces know their country’s attitude.

“Mhm. We have to be careful.” V8 inclined his head.

The solemn atmosphere became heavier as the sky gradually darkened. The vehicles sent by the military began to enter the borders after more than three hours of driving.

The deputy commander of the military shook hands with Qin Xiu, Ye Jian, and V8. He said to the three of them with a deep gaze, "Thank you for your hard work! We'll wait for your triumphant return!"

### **Chapter 2273: This Trip May Take Lives**

The mission this time was full of uncertainties. The deputy commander of the military said, "Salute." The fully armed soldiers behind the deputy commander saluted the three of them in unison.

This was a send-off and also a show of their backing. It told the three people who were going to the neighboring country that the military was still behind them so that they could rest assured.

Ye Jian and V8, who were standing beside Qin Xiu, raised their hands and saluted.

The arranged car had already stopped at the roadside. A soldier opened the door and invited the three of them to get in.

Qin Xiu got into the car first, followed by Ye Jian and V8.

Ye Jian recognized the driver at first glance and couldn't help but smile.

Another familiar comrade.

V8 was also a little surprised to see K7 sitting in the car. Didn't this kid return to the unit a day earlier than him? Why did he come here without saying anything?!

K7 nodded at the three people in the car first. The focus was on greeting Qin Xiu, but K7 was a man of few words. Even if he was focused on greeting him, he still only said, "Hello."

The driver was K7. There were three special forces soldiers from the Xueyu unit in one car. Ye Jian's eyes darkened.

In the beginning, she had already realized how dangerous this mission was. Now, with K7 joining their team, Ye Jian raised the danger level.

When she turned around, she saw that the soldier who had opened the car door and the rest of the soldiers were still saluting under the lead of the deputy commander. Ye Jian held her breath and slowly exhaled.

No matter how dangerous, she had comrades to fight alongside.

"Are you afraid?" Qin Xiu's elegant and gentle voice came from the quiet car. It was very pleasant to the ears and made people want to hear more from him.

Ye Jian sat up straight and smiled. "Fortunately, I'm not."

"You're very brave." Qin Xiu nodded in approval and mentioned something from a few years ago. "I was afraid. Six years ago, I accompanied my teacher to a certain Western country to negotiate and encountered a suicide attack. I personally saw two of my country's soldiers die to protect us.

"Their blood spilled all over me. Even now, I can feel the heat of their blood."

At the mention of the past, even Qin Xiu's eyes turned dark. His eyes were mourning the bloody memories of the sacrifices of the country's soldiers.

"Actually, they had a chance to avoid it at that time. One of our soldiers hugged the Western male who committed suicide. He was afraid that he would struggle and roll all the way to the ground.

"At that time, the soldiers of this country were also present, but they didn't realize that danger was coming. They didn't even realize why one of our soldiers suddenly hugged the man waving the small flag in his hand.

"I didn't realize it either. When I knew there was danger, an explosion sounded. The glass windows facing the street were completely shattered by the impact of the bomb. I only remember hearing a thud before I was pushed to the ground by one of the soldiers. He used his body to block all the shrapnel for me.

"I was deafened by the shock and only felt a sticky patch on the side of my neck. It was the blood of the soldier who had protected me and sacrificed himself. The major carotid artery in his neck was severed by shrapnel, and several pieces of shrapnel had pierced his back. The deepest one sunk directly into his spine."

After he finished speaking quietly, there was a heavy silence in the car.

Sitting in the front, K7 and V8 looked at each other discreetly. They knew about the past incident that Ambassador Qin mentioned because the two soldiers who died were martyrs of the Xueyu unit.

#### **Chapter 2274: I Said You're Fine**

After a long silence, Qin Xiu sighed. "If I were as calm as you are now, I don't think those soldiers would have died. Even now, I don't know what the names of the soldiers who died to protect me are."

After hearing this depressing past, Ye Jian said softly, "Their duty is to protect the country. You don't have to blame yourself."

"That's why I said you're very good. You're two years younger than me back then. You know the danger ahead and can still face it calmly. Ye Jian, you're really good." Qin Xiu smiled and said to the three people in the car, "I'll rest for a while. If you need me to drive, wake me up at any time."

No one would disturb his rest. Ye Jian, who was sitting in the car, could faintly smell the smell of smoke in the night wind. Through the car window, she saw the endless mountains connected to the country. The concave peaks between the mountains were like the huge mouths of monsters, quietly waiting for their prey to take the initiative to enter their mouths.

Ye Jian tightened her grip on the pistol in her hand. Her dark eyes were calm, sharp, and cold.

No one in the car spoke. Qin Xiu closed his eyes and waited for the negotiation.

V8 sat in front with a gun in each hand. If he found anything unusual, he would shoot.

The roads in Lin Country were not as good as those in China. The road that led to the border of Lin Country was bumpy. As the car drove past, yellow dust rose.

This negotiation was not known to everyone. They were going secretly. Due to the unstable situation of the coup, they did not arrange for a private plane to fly directly to the country to negotiate. Instead, they sneaked in secretly.

Even the ruling group, the old government, and the armed forces of various ethnic groups in the country did not know the exact itinerary of the ambassador.

China had always been known for their strict security measures.

The car swayed but moved steadily along the road that extended into the country. Next, it would enter the road where the merchants from both countries traded. The car would blend in with the merchants' vehicles and drive through two cities. It was expected that they would arrive at the negotiation location around 2 a.m., and the negotiation would officially begin at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

As the ambassador responsible for the negotiation, Qin Xiu's safety had to be guaranteed. At the same time, he had to maintain a good mental state. No one woke him up. Even Ye Jian didn't have the chance to drive. K7 and V8 took turns driving.

Outside the car, the night insects chirped as the evening breeze sent them off.

In the dark night, K7 drove the car. The high-beam lights straight ahead as they drove toward the first city they would reach.

Due to the flames of war, the neighboring city was quiet at 10 o'clock in the evening. There were only a few street lamps lit. The city sentry post that was not illuminated by many lights was completely enveloped by the night. Only one light was lit in the post, illuminating the tall and crude sentry post.

This checkpoint was not a checkpoint between countries. Instead, it was a checkpoint set up by the local armed forces. There were two sentries holding rifles in the sentry box. Their bodies were leaning crookedly against the chairs, and their heads were tilted. Their pillows were resting on the butts of their guns. They were snoring soundly.

The four local armed soldiers outside the sentry post carried guns on their backs and would walk back and forth from time to time. Occasionally, they yawned and rubbed their eyes, forcing themselves to complete their task until midnight.

Several dark figures ran along the dark side of the road, arching their backs as they sped toward the sentry post.

They were about 200 meters from the sentry post. A few dark figures hid in the grass by the roadside and communicated in their native language. "There are six of them. Take down all of them and drag them into the forest to deal with them."

## **Chapter 2275: Fight To Protect Him**

The man who spoke was of medium height and had tanned skin. In the darkness, his eyes shone with a fierce, cold light. He was a supporter of the old government.

They wanted to control the city so that they could have more bargaining power. Now that the entire city was infiltrated by armed forces, they were just waiting for the order to start the war.

The darkness of the night was always the best color for cover. The war would be launched once they seized the checkpoint.

K7 slowly stepped on the brakes and stared coldly at the flickering flames in front of him.

“What other route is there to go around?” he asked V8, who had also discovered the problem.

Two cars passed on their side. Unaware of the problem, they continued toward the city.

V8 shook his head. “There’s none,” he said grimly. “Just keep driving forward.”

There were only three ways to go from the port, but they did not have enough time to circle back.

“Continue driving.” Qin Xiu, who had woken up, didn’t hesitate. He looked at the flickering flames and said calmly, “We have to reach the negotiation point at six in the morning.”

The negotiation would take place at seven. There was no choice but to move forward.

10 minutes later, more and more convoys turned around and shouted at the cars that kept going. “There’s gunfire! Get out! Get out!”

Soon, more and more cars turned around on the highway that connected the two countries with the most traffic. However, some cars continued to drive forward.

When they passed by a car parked by the roadside, Ye Jian saw the driver holding his phone in the car while saying something excitedly.

It didn’t take long for their car to overtake it and speed toward the city.

Most of the cars moving forward were city locals. They still had families, and they had to bring their families back.

The cars that turned around were driving very fast. The cars that had entered the city were also driving quite fast. It undoubtedly gave K7 a chance to speed up and shorten the estimated time to reach the city.

As they approached the edge of the city, the gunshots were especially dense. As bullets fell, huge flames rose in the middle of the city.

The entire city was in chaos. Countless civilians who were affected by the artillery fire and gunshots hurriedly packed a few clothes and rushed out of their houses with the only banknotes they had.

Meanwhile, the civilians away from the war zone were wide-eyed. Families had gathered around with their hands clasped as they prayed for the war to end quickly and for the safety of their families.

The checkpoint had become redundant. Many civilians rushed out of the checkpoint, afraid to stay in their hometowns. Others drove their vehicles all the way out but had to abandon their vehicles when they realized the road was blocked.

Ye Jian and the others had already abandoned their car and blended into the local crowd looking for their families in the city. They passed by the sentry post and entered the city.

There was too much chaos and screams all around. There was no way to drive, so they might as well be on foot.

“Qin Xiu, over here!” Ye Jian held Qin Xiu’s right hand tightly. V8 was leading the way in front and K7 was covering the back. She only needed to take good care of Qin Xiu and not let him get lost.

Losing their sense of direction here would indeed be a big problem. If they were not careful, they would get lost. Ye Jian did not dare to be careless and could only hold his hand tightly.

This was the first time in Qin Xiu’s life that he was being led by a girl. This feeling of being protected by Ye Jian hit his heart hard, making him know that the girl he liked had a very firm and fearless belief.

Now, she was fighting to protect him!