

Chapter 1041: What Do You Want?

“Jiang Yao is Chen Feibai’s savior, and she has saved his life twice. Lu Xingzhi is a member of the Liang family and has saved my life. Who gave you the courage to touch them?” The more Old Master Chen spoke, the angrier he got. Finally, he strode upstairs and came down a minute later with a whip in his hand. “Chen Feitang, step out from behind your father!”

Chen Feitang was a tough woman. Even though she trembled in fear, she still gritted her teeth and stood forward. “If you want to beat me, then go ahead. It’s not the first time I’ve been whipped anyway!”

“Do you know what you’ve done wrong?” Old Master Chen was furious as he raised the whip to hit Chen Feitang’s leg.

Even Chen Shanjin was terrified of that whip. Even though Old Master Chen was old, he was in good health; he was also a general. His hand was still very strong.

“Dad, please talk to Feitang properly.” Chen Shanjin saw that his daughter’s eyes were red from the pain. He gritted his teeth and went forward to stop the older man without another word.

“Unfilial son, get lost! Look at the daughter you raised!” Old Master Chen was even more furious when his son tried to stop him. He whipped Chen Shanjin’s back heavily; the servant was so frightened that she trembled.

Lu Xingzhi watched the scene coldly. He did not care if Old Master Chen did that on purpose or if he was furious. He did not stop the older man, nor did he say anything.

It was not until Old Master Chen lashed Chen Shanjin and his daughter a few more times that he said with slight impatience, “Old Master Chen, I’m not involved in your family’s disciplinary actions. Now, let’s talk about my matter first.”

When he heard Lu Xingzhi’s words, Old Master Chen knew that Lu Xingzhi’s anger had not subsided at all. He threw the whip on the ground and then looked at Lu Xingzhi. “I know about the Jin City army. It was Feitang’s fault. Xingzhi, don’t worry. I will ask her to apologize to your wife.”

“Since you already know about it, then you must also know about the impact this incident had on me,” Lu Xingzhi said. “My wife has returned to her hometown. She said that she wants to divorce me. Chen Feitang is too amazing. I went through a lot of trouble to marry my wife, but she could separate us with just a few words. Old Master Chen, Chen Feitang is your granddaughter. She is the Chen family’s precious daughter. There’s nothing wrong with that, of course.”

After a pause, Lu Xingzhi sneered, “However, my wife is not unloved or left by the side of the road. My wife was accused as a vixen in the army. Would an apology suffice? This is not the first time Chen Feitang has made a mistake. I am not someone without a bottom line. If I have to let my wife make compromises every time, I am not worthy of being called a man.

“Chen Feitang, you may be the Chen family’s delicate daughter. But my wife, Jiang Yao, is also the Jiang and Lu families’ precious daughter. In terms of ability, my wife is not inferior to you, Chen Feitang. There is no reason for you to make my wife suffer every time.” Lu Xingzhi said, “This is still a small matter. If it were a big matter, I would have to inform Uncle Liang. If you make a move against me, then you are against the Liang family. Do you think you have enough credibility to do that?”

“Then what do you want?” Chen Shanjin could hear the meaning behind Lu Xingzhi’s words. Even if Old Master Chen was there, Lu Xingzhi had brought up the Liang family. Obviously, if he did not get the answer he wanted that night, he would bring the Liang family with him the next day.

Chapter 1042: Three Conditions

Chen Shanjin was furious when he thought of that. He did not believe that Chen Feitang would have the guts to make a move against Lu Xingzhi.

“You found Chen Lanying, right, Chen Feitang?” Lu Xingzhi put his hands in his pockets and looked down at his toes. Then, he looked up at Chen Feitang for a second. “Find someone in the army to manipulate those rumors. You can handle that, Chen Feitang. Then, tell Chen Lanying to go to the army and apologize to Jiang Yao. You will also withdraw from the military.”

“I will not agree to any of it!” Chen Feitang roared angrily after she heard that. “Lu Xingzhi, do you dare swear that you did not pretend to be injured so that Chen Lanying would cancel the engagement so you can marry Jiang Yao?”

Just as Chen Feitang finished speaking, Old Master Chen raised his hand and slapped her again. “Shut up! Get out and stand there. Don’t enter or leave without my permission!”

“Dad, it’s too cold outside—” Chen Shanjin was angry, but she was his daughter after all. He felt sorry for her.

“You shut up too!” Old Master Chen scolded Chen Shan Jin and then screamed at Chen Feitang. “Get Out! Now! Don’t make me repeat myself!”

Chen Shanjin knew that his father’s temper had peaked. He pushed Chen Feitang upstairs hurriedly and said, “Dad, Feitang is a girl. We have to let her go upstairs and change her clothes. Otherwise, people are coming and going at the gate. It won’t look good.”

After he said that, Chen Shan Jin gave Chen Feitang a look. He sighed in relief after she made a move to go upstairs.

Old Master Chen just stood there. He only spoke to Lu Xingzhi after Chen Feitang had changed her clothes and stood in the courtyard outside the door. “Xingzhi, I know that this matter has caused great harm to you and Jiang Yao. Everything else is easy. However, right now, the Chen family only has one child, Feitang, in the army. It is too much for you to ask her to withdraw from the military.

“Xingzhi, I promise you. This is the last time. In the future, I will look after her well. I will not let her do such a ridiculous thing again.” Chen Shanjin’s voice softened with a hint of pleading.

That matter was too ridiculous. If word got out, who knew how many people would laugh at them?

The Chen family’s daughter, Chen Feitang, had attacked Lu Xingzhi behind his back. Who would not laugh for days if they knew about that?

Those who did not know would think that the Chen family and the Liang family had turned against each other.

“The last time?” Lu Xingzhi raised his eyebrows. “Who can guarantee that this will be the last time?”

Chen Shanjin was speechless. He knew what Lu Xingzhi meant. Guarantee? How could he guarantee it? After all, it was not as if Chen Feitang had no criminal record.

After a moment of silence, Old Master Chen said, "I promise you that it will be the last time. If there is a next time, you don't have to say it. I will personally get her out of the army and out of the Chen family."

"Very well, I can give her another chance." Lu Xingzhi nodded as if he was willing to negotiate. However, he continued to say, "I have a few conditions. Firstly, Chen Feitang is not allowed to join the special forces. Secondly, I want to see Wang Quansheng's name among the retired veteran list next year. Thirdly, get Chen Lanying to the army and make her apologize to my wife and me in front of everyone. As for Chen Feitang's apology, it's fine. It's not sincere anyway. What's the point of having that? Besides, my wife doesn't want to see her either."

Who would not know how to be disgusting? Lu Xingzhi had never thought of getting Chen Feitang to withdraw from the military, but it would be good if she did not join the special forces.

Lu Xingzhi's most important goal was to move forward. He would never let Chen Feitang join the special forces. Jiang Yao would want to visit him in the army, so if Chen Feitang were there, it would only make Jiang Yao unhappy. He wanted to prevent such a situation.

Chapter 1043: Agreed

"Aren't those three conditions a little too harsh?" Chen Shanjin looked at Lu Xingzhi with a troubled expression. Lu Xingzhi not only wanted to disallow Chen Feitang to enter the special forces, but he also wanted Wang Quansheng to withdraw from the army; he would not even agree to a transfer. It was obvious he wanted none of the Chen family's lackeys near him.

Chen Shanjin's eyebrows twitched. He was outraged. It was not easy for the Chen family to train someone. Wang Quansheng had been in the army for two years, and his results were excellent. He was a good person, and he did not expect that his future would be ruined at the hands of his daughter, Chen Feitang.

It was also the Chen family's fault for giving Chen Feitang too much freedom. That was why Chen Feitang could order the Chen family members around; that was how she destroyed them.

Old Master Chen saw Lu Xingzhi's firm expression, and he knew there was no room for negotiation. The anger that Chen Feitang held in his heart was even worse.

If the person in front of him were not Lu Xingzhi, he would have been able to negotiate with them. However, he knew Lu Xingzhi's temper. Furthermore, Lu Xingzhi was his savior, and his wife had also saved the Chen family's only male grandson. The Chen family owed them, so they could not force Old Master Chen to negotiate with Lu Xingzhi.

Furthermore, the Chen family felt ashamed. Old Master Chen knew to put himself in Lu Xingzhi's shoes. He had been happy with the news of his promotion, but in the end, someone slandered his name and made his family restless. If it were him, he would not be able to swallow that anger either.

For a time, the three of them did not say anything. Old Master Chen was there, so Chen Shanjin did not have the right to speak. Therefore, he waited nervously for Old Master Chen's answer. He hoped that Old Master Chen could refuse Lu Xingzhi.

Indeed, Old Master Chen also wanted to find a way to reject that request or make up for Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao. After some time, Old Master Chen realized that he would have to give in to the younger man. It was either Lu Xingzhi or the Liang family could make him do the same as well. He did not find a reason to get Lu Xingzhi to give up his conditions.

Finally, Old Master Chen nodded helplessly. "Okay, I promise you."

There was nothing else that he could do. Even though Chen Feitang's future was hindered, that was her own fault. It was not as if the Chen family did not support Chen Feitang. However, she had nailed herself to the wall. She acted on impulse and did something that she should not have done.

"I know that you are a man of your word, Old Master Chen. I believe you." Lu Xingzhi nodded. He did not stay after he had gotten a satisfactory answer. Just as he walked out of the gate, he saw Chen Feitang, who had been asked to stand in the courtyard as a punishment.

The weather in Jindo City was about below ten degrees, especially with the night wind. It would feel as if a knife had whistled across one's face. For a girl to stand as a punishment in such weather, it was indeed unbearable to watch.

However, Lu Xingzhi did not sympathize with Chen Feitang. If she did not meddle in his business, then he would be at home with his wife. Perhaps he could even get Jiang Yao pregnant in the morning.

Even though it was late when he left the Chen residence, Lu Xingzhi drove to Jin City; he did not return to the army barracks. He made his way to Zhou Weiqi's home; he knew that he would have time to go back to the army in the morning for training.

Lu Xingzhi wanted to give Jiang Yao a surprise, so he did not call her to tell her that he was on his way.

Chapter 1044: How Do You Say It?

Zhou Weiqi was a night owl. He was playing a game on a console when he heard a knock on the door. When he opened the door and saw that it was Lu Xingzhi, he chuckled and let the man into the house.

As he looked toward Jiang Yao's room, he shouted, "Jiang Yao! Jiang Yao! Third Brother is here!"

The lights in Jiang Yao's room were on, so she was not asleep yet. When she heard Zhou Weiqi's voice, she jumped out of bed in great surprise and ran to the living room. She saw Lu Xingzhi take off his military coat in the living room; she ran to hug him.

"Back off!" Lu Xingzhi pulled away before he pushed Jiang Yao back. "I just came in, and my body is icy. I'll hug you later."

As he spoke, Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao's feet and cursed in a low voice, "Are you dumb? How many times have I told you to wear socks and slippers, and you're still walking barefoot? Go back inside and put on your socks or slippers!"

"Why are you so fierce?" Jiang Yao pouted as she looked at her feet. After her shower, she did not remember to put on her socks; she had gone to bed directly after that. After Lu Xingzhi scolded her, she had no choice but to drag herself back to the bedroom.

Lu Xingzhi was three steps behind her. After she had entered the room, he was about to follow suit. However, he did not expect Jiang Yao would turn around and push him out the door without a single word. Then, she locked the door from the inside.

Zhou Weiqi was amused when he saw that. "Third Brother, you've angered Jiang Yao. You can sleep in the other guest room tonight."

There was a hint of sarcasm in his words. After all, he was single, but they wanted to cuddle in front of him. That would hurt his heart significantly.

Lu Xingzhi glanced at Zhou Weiqi and then at his game console. He did not say anything; he waited at the door for a few seconds. Then, he knocked on the door and called out tentatively, "My dear..."

"One second!" Jiang Yao answered from inside the room.

Lu Xingzhi curled his lips and sat down on the sofa. Since she answered him, it meant that she was not angry. He knew that she could not get mad so easily.

He guessed that she must have wanted to keep something hidden, perhaps his birthday present.

Lu Xingzhi guessed that she might be hiding something inside, most likely to hide his birthday present.

It took Jiang Yao about five minutes to open the door and come out; that time, she remembered her socks and slippers. There was a faint smile on her face as she looked at Lu Xingzhi sitting on the sofa in the living room. She walked forward and sat down next to him with a pleasantly surprised look on her face. "Why are you here?"

"Well, he must have been trying to sleep, but he felt cold and lonely, so he's here to see his wife." Zhou Weiqi guessed as he continued to play his game.

"I went to Jindo City." Lu Xingzhi ignored Zhou Weiqi, who spoke like he was rapping. He turned to Jiang Yao and said, "I came straight from the Chen family. They'll solve that matter in two days."

"What do you mean?" When Zhou Weiqi heard that, he became curious and stopped playing the game. He sat next to Lu Xingzhi, which meant the man was squeezed tightly between Jiang Yao and Zhou Weiqi. When he spoke, he could have touched Lu Xingzhi's arm with his face.

Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and looked at Jiang Yao, then at Zhou Weiqi. In the end, he chose to kick Zhou Weiqi and said with disdain, "Move over. Don't get so close to me."

Chapter 1045: A Wake-up Call

"Ah, no..." Zhou Weiqi pointed at Jiang Yao, then at the distance between him and Lu Xingzhi. Lu Xingzhi looked as though he wanted the man to get out of his face, so Zhou Weiqi chose to swallow his grievances and move ten centimeters away from his third brother.

It did not matter if they were close to each other; they were still of the same sex. His third brother did not like anyone to get so close to him, except for his wife.

After Zhou Weiqi moved away, Lu Xingzhi told him about the two reports. Then, he told them about the three conditions that he had given the Chen family.

After Zhou Weiqi heard that, he snorted several times. “Chen Feitang must have a problem with her brain. She did things to harm others without even benefiting herself. She did those things even though she knew that you would find out about it. Did she do that to disgust you? Also, what right does that woman have to say that she hates you and Jiang Yao? No one forced her to like you. Just because she fancies someone, that person has to like her too? Is that even logical?”

“Was she thinking rationally when she did all those things?”

Did she not think about the outcome when she did them? Perhaps she did not care about the consequences if she could achieve that result?

Jiang Yao was worried about something else.

“Chen Feitang’s mentality is very dangerous. Will she do something to harm her family and the Liang family under cover of her self-righteous revenge? She is the Chen family’s only promising grandchild; Old Master Chen valued her and groomed her for the future. It’s something that everyone knows, so everyone respects her. She may use that connection to harm you and your brothers. Furthermore, she’s a sneak; how will you guard against her?”

“She doesn’t have the guts to do that,” Lu Xingzhi said confidently. “If she had the guts, she wouldn’t have only asked Wang Quansheng to write a letter for the report. Furthermore, she has done a lot of wrongs recently. Old Master Chen will definitely send someone to keep an eye on her in the future. Since the Chen family had lost Wang Quansheng as a junior, Old Master Chen will definitely not give Chen Feitang so much power. He’ll keep an eye on her and won’t give her a chance to do those things again.”

Lu Xingzhi was sure of that. That was why he wanted Wang Quansheng to leave the army next year. He knew that he was a good person, and he might achieve more in a few years. Wang Quansheng’s discharge from the military would be a significant loss to the Chen family. Otherwise, Wang Quansheng’s position and power would rise annually with his own ability and the Chen family’s help.

Unfortunately, Chen Feitang had managed to trick Wang Quansheng; they could only blame the young man’s bad luck. He was too young and too obedient to the Chen family. Someone more mature or prudent would know to wait to ask Old Master Chen’s opinion before they did anything like that.

After all, it was pretty strange to report such a thing about Lu Xingzhi. Unfortunately, Wang Quansheng was too young, and he lacked experience. Therefore, he fell for Chen Feitang’s trick.

The Chen family lost Wang Quansheng because of what Chen Feitang did; it was their wake-up call.

Chapter 1046: The Perfect Timing

With that precedent, Old Master Chen would keep a closer eye on Chen Feitang. As long as the old man was around, Chen Feitang would not be able to turn the tables.

Old Master Chen was in good health; he would live a few more years. No one would know if Chen Feitang would still enjoy the same power and connections she had at that time.

“Third Brother, that is a pretty neat trick.” After Zhou Weiqi heard it, he complimented Lu Xingzhi sincerely. “You have such a good ability to adapt when no one is convinced. Let Chen Feitang bear the consequences of her own actions.”

“The Chen family will bring Chen Lanying to the army to apologize to me tomorrow. It’s best to let her clarify the rumors herself.” Lu Xingzhi reached out and pinched Jiang Yao’s palm. “I promise, my dear, this won’t happen a second time.”

“Well, you only have one ex-fiancee—Chen Lanying. I guess there shouldn’t be a second.” Jiang Yao nodded; she believed him.

However, that ex-fiancee had made Lu Xingzhi feel stifled. If he had known that he could marry Jiang Yao, would he have agreed so casually just because he wanted to deal with his family?

“The woman agreed to get engaged without even meeting Third Brother; can we even call her an ex-fiancee? What kind of fiancee is that? This will only happen with the Lu family.” Zhou Weiqi knew that Lu Xingzhi felt stifled, so he wanted to lighten the mood.

“Regardless of whether they’ve met before or not, your third brother is now a second-hand thing.” Jiang Yao smiled wickedly. “I’ve been wrongly accused.”

A second-hand thing...

The sentence filled Lu Xingzhi’s heart with dread, but he could not refute it.

His wife’s first relationship and engagement were with him. However, before he was with Jiang Yao, he did have something to do with Chen Lanying.

It made sense to say that he was a second-hand thing.

“Even if Third Brother is second-hand, he is definitely a good second-hand thing. Not only is he handsome, but he also loves his wife.” Even though Zhou Weiqi wanted to see Lu Xingzhi make a fool of himself, he thought about it and realized that if he did laugh, there was no guarantee that his third brother would not turn hostile and kill him mercilessly. Therefore, he decided to put in a good word for the man. “You made a late entrance, Jiang Yao. If you had appeared earlier, Third Brother would have definitely decided on you a long time ago.”

“I was only 18 years old, and he had already decided on me. How could it be any earlier? If it were any earlier, he would have been a monster!” Jiang Yao got more worked up as she spoke. “If it were any earlier, he definitely wouldn’t have been able to marry me.”

Jiang Yao was very sure about that. If Lu Xingzhi had gone to her house with a marriage proposal when she was 16 years old, her parents would have booted him from their house. She might even hate him; they might think that he was only targeting young girls.

Therefore, Lu Xingzhi had waited before he went to the Jiang family with a marriage proposal.

Lu Xingzhi could hear the tease in Jiang Yao’s words, so he did not overthink it. However, it was very late, so he told Zhou Weiqi to go to bed. Then, he took Jiang Yao’s hand and led her to the room.

After he closed the door, Lu Xingzhi pulled Jiang Yao into his arms. He had not hugged her because Zhou Weiqi was there. Since they were the only ones in the room, he could hug her as much as he wanted.

Jiang Yao buried her face in Lu Xingzhi's chest and rubbed against him. She let him hug her and enjoyed that quiet and warm moment.

That man was there because he wanted to accompany her for such a short period. He would rather return to the army the next morning than wait for her alone at home.

Chapter 1047: Hold You A Little Longer

Lu Xingzhi thought that the time he spent with her was too short, so he wanted to seize every second to make the best use of it.

"Hold on a little longer. Otherwise, you'll have to wait for two days before we can hold each other again." Lu Xingzhi raised his hand and patted Jiang Yao's head before he stroked her hair as he smiled.

Jiang Yao's hair was incredibly soft. It was also very thick, so it was very comfortable to touch. Lu Xingzhi's movements were very light; it was like a massage.

"You were very young at that time. Even though I liked you, I never thought of marrying you." Lu Xingzhi sighed softly as if he was regretting it. "Back then, when mom asked me to marry a wife, my first reaction was that it would be great if I could marry you. But at that time, you were still young. I felt terrible for having that thought. Since I couldn't marry you, I thought it didn't matter who I married. Mom thought that Chen Lanying was a good candidate, and I thought that she liked her. Even if they would not have a relationship in the future, I would just have to deal with it."

Therefore, Lu Xingzhi did not care about his engagement with Chen Lanying. He did not go back even though he was engaged. Lu Xingzhi did not only have to go on missions, but he also wanted Chen Lanying to know what kind of husband he would be and the future she would have to face.

If Chen Lanying regretted it and refused to get engaged, then he would not say anything.

However, after he married Jiang Yao, he thought differently. He no longer wanted his wife to stay at home to care for his parents or how good it would be if his mother and wife did not have a relationship.

He wanted Jiang Yao to live with him; he wanted to take care of her and see her every day.

When they got married, he had wanted Jiang Yao to go to a school in Jindo City, but he gave up on that thought after he saw her attitude.

After they got married, he returned to the army. Jiang Yao was far away in his hometown, so he wished he could call home every day and listen to her voice.

She did not want to answer the phone, so he settled for the second-best; he wanted to know what she did every day.

Lu Xingzhi did not dare to imagine Jiang Yao would allow him to hug her quietly in only a year. She would stay in his arms quietly, and she would smile warmly at him. She would also act coquettishly with him and play tricks on him.

Jiang Yao listened to Lu Xingzhi's explanation quietly. After he finished, she nodded gently in his arms. "I know. You don't have to explain. The past is in the past. I was just joking with you just now. Just like what Zhou Weiqi said, even if you're second-hand, you're still the best second-hand. I don't care."

After she said that, Jiang Yao withdrew from Lu Xingzhi's arms and went to bed. Then, she waved her petite hand at Lu Xingzhi. "You have to leave early tomorrow morning. Rest early."

Lu Xingzhi suppressed the smile on his face. He removed his clothes down to his underwear and laid down beside Jiang Yao. Since they were at Zhou Weiqi's place and it was very late, Lu Xingzhi hugged Jiang Yao and fell asleep. They did not do anything that night.

As long as she was with Lu Xingzhi, Jiang Yao would not use the medical system. She slept very soundly that night.

Chapter 1048: My Mom Wrote That

Lu Xingzhi did not want to wake Jiang Yao, so he got up very quietly. His actions were so light that she did not know that he had left. When she opened her eyes, Lu Xingzhi had already returned to the army. It had already been one or two hours since he left.

After Jiang Yao woke up, she thought of Lu Xingzhi's fox-like personality. When she got out of bed, the first thing she did was to look under it to see if the box she had hidden was still safe and sound. When she saw the thread of the box, Jiang Yao was relieved. It seemed like Lu Xingzhi had not seen it or rummaged through it while she was asleep.

He was as impatient as a three-year-old when it came to his birthday present. Therefore, Jiang Yao had been keeping an eye out for him to peek at it. If he had seen it, then there would have been no surprise at all.

She had been folding the paper cranes when Lu Xingzhi arrived the previous night. If she had not acted quickly, he would have seen them.

After Lu Xingzhi returned to the army, he went to the morning exercise and then participated in training and continued with his work. However, he looked at his watch several times during the day; he counted down to Chen Lanying's arrival.

If Chen Lanying arrived earlier, then he could get Jiang Yao home earlier. After that, there was no reason for him to leave the army to stay in Jin City for the night. Zhou Weiqi was right; it was too lonely and cold to sleep alone at night.

Lu Xingzhi did not go home for lunch since Jiang Yao was not there. It was already noon. Just as he was about to go to the canteen, Major He and his family went to his office. They bumped into him while he was on his way out.

Major He's family entourage included his father, who had arrived the previous night. However, his pregnant wife was not with them.

Lu Xingzhi knew that Major He's father had arrived. He heard that Major He called for his father to take his mother home. He had planned to send his mother home after the New Year, but he changed his

mind. He wanted her to go home earlier; his mother-in-law would come to the army to care for his wife after the New Year.

“Sergeant Lu, we’re sorry to bother you,” Major He called out to Lu Xingzhi, who stood at the door as he looked at him.

Lu Xingzhi’s sharp eyes observed Major He’s face for a few seconds. Then, he glanced at the man’s parents; he caught a glimpse of nervousness on his father’s face.

As for his mother, there was only embarrassment and fear.

“Come in.” Lu Xingzhi returned to the office and pointed to the chairs for the three of them.

“Sergeant Lu, there’s no need for that!” Old Master He immediately stopped him. His voice trembled slightly as he said, “Sergeant Lu, we just wanted to say a few words. We can just stand.”

How could Old Master He still have the dignity to sit? At that moment, he was both afraid and worried.

“Sergeant Lu, I brought my mother here to apologize to you,” Major He stood up and pushed the chair that Lu Xingzhi had brought them. “I’m very sorry. Regarding the reports on you, one of them was written by my mother. I only just found out about it.”

The first person in the He family to know about that was Old Master He. When Old Master He and Old Madam He talked at home in the morning, the old woman had been so pleased with herself that she had spilled the beans to her husband. She wanted Old Master He to know how disgraceful Sergeant Lu and his wife were because of the incident. Then, she told him about the report that she had written.

After Old Master He heard it, he was so angry that his body trembled.

Chapter 1049: Please Don’t Vent Your Anger

The reason Old Madam He wanted to report Lu Xingzhi was not only because she disliked Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao, but also because she felt that Lu Xingzhi had a good relationship with Colonel Lin, that Lu Xingzhi’s family was wealthy, and that he had a college-bound wife. She was afraid that Lu Xingzhi would become her son’s biggest competitor in the army in the future, so she reported Lu Xingzhi.

The previous morning, when she learned that Lu Xingzhi had been promoted to captain, she felt that she had done the right thing. Her son had not been promoted that year, but Lu Xingzhi got one. It meant that the man was her son’s rival.

After she reported Lu Xingzhi, Old Madam He gathered information. When she found out that Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao had been called for some questions, she felt smug about it. She felt even better when Jiang Yao said that she would divorce Lu Xingzhi. She had done a great deed, but she could not talk about it.

“Sergeant Lu, I’m sorry. It’s my wife’s fault; she was not sensible and had listened to the rumors. We have gone to the chief to retract the report, and we’re here to apologize to you. It is my wife’s fault.” Perhaps Lu Xingzhi had a cold expression on his face, Old Master He was very nervous when he spoke. His voice even trembled.

He immediately got into a fight with his wife when she claimed credit for what she did. Old Master He was a farmer from the countryside, and he had been an honest and dutiful farmer all his life. He had raised his children properly, and he had never done any wrong to anyone.

When he heard his wife's words, he knew that she had done something wrong. Even if one disregarded the fact that they were neighbors, Old Madam He had no evidence for her report. She only based it on the rumors that she had heard. Old Master He immediately called his son and told him about it.

No one expected Major He would go into a rage at home when he heard about that. He was the family's eldest son, and he had always been a filial son. He had taken on many responsibilities at home. That was the first time his wife had seen the good-tempered man rage at his mother.

Old Master He only realized that it was not only their neighborly relationship that was at stake. That matter might even affect Major He's future.

After Old Master He was done with his apologies, he nudged the older woman beside him. Old Madam He stood forward with a bitter expression and bowed; it seemed strange to see her humble attitude. "

"Sergeant Lu, I'm sorry. I was muddle-headed when I did that. Please don't blame my son. You may scold or beat me if I have wronged you. Please don't vent your anger on my son; this has nothing to do with him. He didn't even know that I'd done that."

Old Madam He got even more afraid as she begged. She was at a loss when she saw Lu Xingzhi's expressionless face. She swore that she was willing to kneel and beg for mercy if that could get the man to forgive her.

She knew that Sergeant Lu was wealthy, but she did not know that he was that rich, and she also did not know that Sergeant Lu had a strong backing.

She thought that Sergeant Lu was only a little luckier than her son. He had a father and mother who had some money, but he was only a little better than her son. They had studied in the same military academy for a few more years, but she did not expect that Sergeant Lu, whom she had always treated as her son's subordinate, was Lu family's third young master. Many people in Jindo City even had to address Lu Xingzhi as Third Young Master Lu.

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Old Madam He still did not understand how powerful Lu Xingzhi was before she heard everyone addressed him as Third Young Master Lu. It was only then that she thought that he must be a powerful man, like those noble young masters in the movies. That was when she felt afraid.

She also did not know that Sergeant Lu would be transferred to another unit after a year. If she had known that, she would not have done so many things.

Old Madam He was scared witless when her son told her that it would only take a few words from Sergeant Lu to destroy his career once the man found out that his mother was the one who reported him. She had wanted to help her son; she did not expect she would cause so much trouble for him instead.

Lu Xingzhi could destroy Major He's hard work easily if he wanted to do that.

Major He was a tough person. If any other person were to live across from Lu Xingzhi, they would probably take time to build a good relationship with Lu Xingzhi. However, Major He did not have such thoughts. He was a stubborn person; he was dedicated to his work in the army wholeheartedly.

However, the fact that he was stubborn did not mean that he was stupid enough to do something that would offend Lu Xingzhi.

Major He knew that he would never fit into Lu Xingzhi's circle, so he would not insert himself into it deliberately. However, he did not want to offend someone like Lu Xingzhi for the rest of his life.

"I did guess that the other report was written by a family member of someone in the military. But I did not expect that it'd be you." Lu Xingzhi waited until they were done before he spoke. However, his voice was even colder than the cold wind outside.

Lu Xingzhi had already told his men to compare the report with the handwriting of the military family members, perhaps someone less knowledgeable. Even if Old Madam He did not admit it that day, it was only a matter of time before he would trace it back to her.

Lu Xingzhi thought that the person who spread the rumor in the army was Old Madam He; he did not think she was the one who wrote the report. He was surprised to learn that.

Coincidentally, Zhou Junmin had gone to his room; he stood at the door after he had knocked on the door. "Sergeant Lu, the Colonel, the Commissar, and the Chief are asking for you at the Commissar's office. Chen Lanying is here."

Lu Xingzhi nodded and stood up. He glanced at Major He and his as he pondered for a few seconds. "Do as you wish."

That meant that they could either choose to leave or wait. Then, he stood up and went to the Commissar's office with Zhou Junmin.

Chen Lanying was already in Commissar Wang's office. There was another young girl with her. Lu Xingzhi had never seen her before, so he did not know whether it was someone arranged by the Chen family or Chen Lanying's friend.

"Alright, he's here. You can say it now." Commissar Wang greeted Lu Xingzhi as he came in through the door. "Chen Lanying, he is here now. You said you have something to say."

When she heard Commissar Wang say that Lu Xingzhi had arrived, Chen Lanying quickly turned around and looked at the door. Chen Lanying had seen Lu Xingzhi before; they sat with each other for half an hour. Even though they did not say much, she thought that he had not changed. He was just as handsome as when she first saw his photo.

If there were anything different about him, then his brows and eyes looked more composed than they did back then.

Chen Lanying watched as Lu Xingzhi walked into the room in his military uniform. He walked past her expressionlessly as if he did not know her. Her heart ached.