

## Chapter 1141: It's Fine If He Doesn't Know

Lu Xingzhi respected Old Master Liang, and the older man had made that call for the sake of Master Cheng. Lu Xingzhi did not ask for the reason over the phone; he agreed to his request. "Okay, then I'll wait for Old Master Liang at Master Cheng's manor."

Old Master Liang heaved a heavy sigh of relief on the helicopter. Then, he asked the pilot to speed up and rush toward the manor.

After Lu Xingzhi hung up the phone, he looked at Master Cheng. Then, he held Jiang Yao's hand and said, "Put the gun away. We'll wait for Old Master Liang in the lobby."

Lu Xingzhi decided to honor Old Master Liang's wishes, so he did not disturb the person on the bed. After he finished speaking, he held Jiang Yao's hand and turned to go downstairs. Zhou Junmin did not need Lu Xingzhi to say anything and followed behind him too.

After Lu Xingzhi's men had left, Cheng Jinyan revealed a nervous expression. However, that nervousness was only because he was worried about the person on the bed. He was relieved that the person on the bed was not affected and was still sleeping peacefully.

"Father, Xiao Nian, let's go downstairs too. Don't disturb Mother." Cheng Jinyan waved at Xiao Nian. When Xiao Nian walked toward him reluctantly, he touched his brother's head. He did not know how to comfort his brother.

Master Cheng stared at his wife on the bed and instructed the nurses to take care of her. Then, he turned around and left the ward.

"Father, since you have a relationship with Old Master Liang, why didn't you ask for his help in the first place? Lu Xingzhi and his wife are as close to the Liang family as family members. If you knew Old Master Liang, you could have asked him for help, but you've chosen to use the wrong method."

Cheng Jinyan felt the onset of a headache. "Young Master Lu is a protective person, and Director Jiang is also a person with a bad temper. Even if Old Master Liang came and asked for Director Jiang's help, she might not necessarily help us."

Cheng Jinyan understood Jiang Yao's temper through Huang Cheng's explanation. Jiang Yao seemed like a person who was easy to talk to, but she had her own way of dealing with people and matters. She treated the people she liked and her own people very well. It was good that she would not ask for anything in return, but she could also be cold-blooded and merciless to those who angered her.

"Do you think I have a relationship with Old Master Liang? So deep that I can ask for favors?" Master Cheng chuckled. "If it had come to that, I would have looked for Old Master Liang a long time ago."

"Then why is Old Master Liang here now?" Cheng Jinyan was puzzled.

"You don't know about the matters of the previous generation," Master Cheng said. He did not explain, but he made Cheng Jinyan understand that he had a trump card, which was why he could kidnap Jiang Yao without fear.

However, he did not expect Lu Xingzhi's wife to be so bold, nor did he expect Lu Xingzhi to come so quickly. Things had gone out of his expectations.

Lu Xingzhi sat on the sofa in the living room with Jiang Yao, just like he was at home. Lu Xiaoxiao had already been taken to the Tianjin Hospital. After the examination, she would be sent back to the army to be with her family.

Jiang Yao sat beside Lu Xingzhi and waited quietly. Even though she had many doubts in her heart and felt that it was strange that Lu Xingzhi had suddenly become so easy to talk to that day, she did not ask him regardless of the situation.

Master Cheng and the other two only went downstairs after a few minutes. After they looked at the people in the living room, Master Cheng walked to the main seat and sat down. He asked a servant to serve them tea.

### **Chapter 1142: Long Time No See**

“Master Cheng, even if Old Master Liang is here, the issue with the kidnapping of my wife is still not settled.” Lu Xingzhi changed his sitting posture and leaned against the sofa; he was unruly. He looked at Master Cheng coldly.

Xiao Nian sat there and looked at the adults. After he sized them up, he finally looked at Jiang Yao and asked, “Will my mother never wake up again?”

The child’s voice was booming, but there was a hint of tears in it. “You’re so good at medicine, and you have a teacher who’s even better at medicine. Can’t you wake my mother?”

Jiang Yao looked at Xiao Nian and did not say anything. She lowered her head and drank her tea as if she had not heard anything.

It was not that the woman could not be saved, but there was a risk. It was not worth the risk.

“I’m afraid that no one in the world can wake your mother.”

Let them treat it as if that woman could not be saved. After Jiang Yao said that, she put the teacup back onto the table with an indifferent expression and said, “Even if my teacher comes, she’ll have the same diagnosis.”

“Young Madam Lu, you shouldn’t be too full of yourself. Even though you are the Divine Doctor’s student, you are still young and can’t be compared to your teacher. If you think that there is no cure, it doesn’t mean that your teacher will have the same thought.” Master Cheng turned the teacup in his hand. He did not trust Lu Xingzhi’s young wife. Therefore, he wanted to find her teacher, the person rumored to be a miracle in the medical world.

Lu Xingzhi snorted and turned to Jiang Yao. “Master Cheng is blind. Wife, why are you talking to him? If he wants to find the Divine Doctor, then let him find her.”

Master Cheng’s words sounded ridiculous to Lu Xingzhi. The person he was looking for was right in front of him.

Lu Xingzhi’s words were not polite at all; even Cheng Jinyan was a little angry.

Old Master Liang arrived at the villa on time, about 20 minutes later. The helicopter could see the mess in the villa from high up in the air. It was apparent that it had been bombed in a small area. Lu Xingzhi

had brought people there under the name of fighting the men from the underground world. Therefore, the higher-ups had approved the weapons for him.

“Master Cheng, Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang have arrived.” A subordinate of the Cheng family walked into the room.

The man had just finished speaking when Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang walked into the living room. If not for that subordinate, Lu Xingzhi would not know that Old Madam Liang was also there.

“Xingzhi, Jiang Yao.”

After Old Madam Liang entered the room, she greeted Lu Xingzhi and his wife before she looked at Master Cheng.

“Long time no see.”

Master Cheng stood up and made a welcoming gesture when he saw the two of them.

“It’s been a long time. The last time I saw you was decades ago. I did not expect that we would meet like this after decades of separation.” Old Master Liang held Old Madam Liang’s hand and walked toward Master Cheng with a deep frown. “Years of imprisonment haven’t smoothed your character at all.”

Master Cheng chuckled. He looked at Old Master Liang holding the old lady’s hand and curled his lips into a self-deprecating smile. “Xinyou has suffered for so many years, and she’s like this because she had to save Jinyan. If it were you, do you think you would still have that composure?”

Master Cheng said, “When I married her, I swore that I would never let her suffer. I’m a man, and I have to keep my word.”

“Old Master Liang, do you know Master Cheng’s wife?”

Lu Xingzhi put his hands in his pockets, got up, and looked at Jiang Yao, who was sitting on the sofa.

### **Chapter 1143: Try Everything**

“I heard he got married again, but I have never seen him before,” Old Master Liang said, shaking his head.

The last time Old Master Liang saw Master Cheng was when he was young before Master Cheng went to prison. He heard that Master Cheng met a female prisoner. A few years ago, Master Cheng got out of prison; he married the female prisoner who had been waiting for him for many years.

Then, Old Master Liang scolded Master Cheng. “You should never have used such a method to find someone. What you have is nothing more than the old friendship between the Liang family and your father.”

“The Liang family might have owed your father a favor, but we returned it many years ago.” Old Master Liang looked at Lu Xingzhi and said, “I am not here to return another favor. I am only here because of your father. I don’t want Xingzhi to fight with you. Even though your family’s influence is pervasive at all levels, Lu Xingzhi might not be able to defeat your family if he wanted a fight. No matter how capable

your family is, they are still nothing. Xingzhi is a soldier—he would have a valid reason to deal with you. It is not because you do not have any enemies or that you have no one to support your family.”

Old Madam Liang waited for Old Master Liang to finish speaking before she said, “If you and Xingzhi start fighting, the Liang family will stand on Xingzhi’s side; there is no hesitation about that. We know that you have been released from prison for many years, but we have never investigated you. Our attitude is apparent, and we will not interfere with your family’s affair. Therefore, please do not bully my family. We see Lu Xingzhi the same as Yue Ze and Yue Kai. They are our juniors and members of the Liang family.”

“Old Master Liang, Old Madam Liang, your family may be powerful, but my family is not inferior to yours, and we have a deep and stable foundation. Although some of them were imprisoned for decades because of my father, the others are at the peak of their power. Our family will do anything for my mother. Even if we have to exchange the entire family for my mother’s life, we will not hesitate to do that. Would your family do the same?”

Cheng Jinyan was a little displeased with Old Master Liang’s threats and accusations. The Liang family and Lu Xingzhi were capable people, but those who were barefoot would not be afraid of wearing shoes. Everyone in the Cheng family could risk their lives for his mother, but the Liang family would not do the same. The Liang family had more to worry about than the Cheng family.

“My son is right. The Cheng family can exist for the sake of Xinyou, and we can be destroyed for her sake.” Old Master Cheng spoke very calmly. He did not hesitate in the slightest; there was not a hint of reluctance at all.

Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang were shocked. The Cheng family had existed for a hundred years, and they had flourished then. The two of them were surprised that someone like Master Cheng, who had seen life and death, would value a woman so much. They also did not expect that Master Cheng’s eldest son would say such a thing.

After all, Master Cheng’s eldest son was not the woman’s biological son.

Old Master Liang understood Master Cheng’s position. He had meant what he said. Therefore, Old Master Liang looked at Lu Xingzhi and said, “Xingzhi, we are on the same side, so we won’t talk to you like outsiders. You have heard Master Cheng’s words, and I have brought the old man’s words. I hope that everything will be fine, and I will not let you suffer a loss.”

“My grandfather’s words.” Lu Xingzhi respected Old Master Liang, so he did not want to make things difficult for him. More importantly, he did not plan to fight Master Cheng to death before figuring out certain things.

#### **Chapter 1144: Life And Death Are Determined By Fate**

“Master Cheng’s purpose in finding Jiang Yao is to treat Madam Cheng’s illness. Maybe you can ask her to treat Madam Cheng. Regardless of whether she can be healed or not, just do your best.” Then, Old Master Liang looked at Master Cheng and said, “Regardless of whether Jiang Yao can cure your wife or not, Master Cheng, you were in the wrong. Take your family out of Jin City and put the manor under

Jiang Yao's name as an apology. If she can heal your wife, then the favor you owe her is your business, and it is up to you how you would want to repay her. I won't interfere."

Old Master Liang's method was rigorous and did not favor either side, no matter Lu Xingzhi or Master Cheng.

"No! Even though Young Madam Lu is the Divine Doctor's student, she is still too young. I am looking for the Divine Doctor," Master Cheng said. "Young Madam Lu just saw Xinyou, and she told us to prepare for her funeral."

Old Master Liang glanced at Jiang Yao, and she nodded at him. She understood him. Then, she said, "The words are unpleasant, but they are the truth."

Old Master Liang nodded to show that he understood. Then, he turned to the servants in the living room and said, "All of you, get out."

They did not move; they looked at Old Master Cheng. It was not until Old Master Cheng nodded that those people left. Old Master Liang looked at Cheng Jinyan and the little boy beside him. His gaze trembled. Then, he looked at the little boy again in confusion; he did not let the two of them leave.

They were Master Cheng's sons. It was okay for them to be there.

After the servants left, Old Master Liang said, "If Jiang Yao said that it's hopeless, there is no one in the world who can save her. She is the person that you are looking for; don't underestimate her because she is young. As the head of the Cheng family, I didn't expect you to not understand that."

Old Master Liang's words shocked the Cheng family members. The three of them immediately looked at Jiang Yao, who sat quietly on the sofa. Their eyes were filled with astonishment.

"Not many people know about this, so you and your family would not have found out either. I'm telling you now because I trust you that you can keep this secret." Then, he sighed. "Life and death are determined by fate. You must have seen many doctors, so you know the diagnosis. Since Jiang Yao has seen her, then it is up to you now. Leave Jin City. Otherwise, it's not only about not curing your loved one, but you won't be able to protect your family either."

The youngest Cheng boy was the first to make a sound. He understood the situation—the woman who looked like his mother was the Divine Doctor they had been looking for, and she had said that his mother would never wake up again. That meant his mother would never open her eyes again.

The little boy bit his lips and sobbed softly. Then, he hugged Cheng Jinyan's thigh and buried his face in his brother's palm to suppress his sobs.

"Brother, I'm going to lose my mother, right?" the little boy asked with a choked voice.

Master Cheng seemed to have aged in an instant. He fell weakly onto the sofa and did not make a sound for a long time.

After a long while, Master Cheng called out to Cheng Jinyan. "I'll take your brother and your mother away tonight. Stay here to deal with the aftermath. Give this manor to Young Madam Lu from now onward."

“Father—” Cheng Jinyan was unwilling, but he did not know what else to say.

Master Cheng shook his head and did not say anything. He held his youngest son’s hand and went upstairs, leaving a staggering figure for everyone to see.

#### **Chapter 1145: It’s Good That She Didn’t Remember It**

Then Old Master Liang approached Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao. “Even though neither side is biased, Jiang Yao is still wronged,” he said.

Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao had plenty of money. It was nothing more than a manor. Those two might be uninterested.

Lu Xingzhi extended his hand and patted Jiang Yao on the head.

Jiang Yao had the impression that Lu Xingzhi was particularly easy to talk to that day. It did not seem like him. They were offered a manor as an apology, and he did not show any disdain toward that.

Jiang Yao did not feel that Lu Xingzhi had taken a fancy to that manor. She just felt that Lu Xingzhi seemed to be suddenly apprehensive about something.

Jiang Yao thought Lu Xingzhi was uninterested in that manor; he seemed concerned about something.

Yes, he must have been apprehensive about something.

Lu Xingzhi stormed into the manor with force. He even blew up the manor with a small bomb. At first, it appeared that he would flatten the manor, but later, it looked like he had some reservations.

Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang met Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi’s family at the army barracks. Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao flew back with them in their helicopter. Lu Xiaoxiao had just awoken when the two of them returned. She was on the sofa in the living room, staring at her teary-eyed family members.

“Xiaoxiao, you are awake?” After Jiang Yao entered the door, she checked on Lu Xiaoxiao to ensure she did not suffer from any side effects. “Were you scared?”

Lu Xiaoxiao shook her head and smiled. “I don’t even know what happened. I remember going to the grocery store with you, but I’m already at home when I woke up. Did I pass out? Why did I pass out? Is it because I have a terminal illness? Will I die? Otherwise, why are they crying?”

Lu Xiaoxiao’s question angered Mrs. Lu, but she laughed. She raised her hand and patted Lu Xiaoxiao’s head. “What nonsense are you spouting? It’s good that you don’t remember.”

Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang went forward to greet the two families. When Mr. and Mrs. Lu heard that the two were Liang Yuezhe’s grandparents, they hurriedly greeted them. They thanked them for taking care of Lu Xingzhi.

“We think of Xingzhi the same as our two grandsons. Furthermore, Xingzhi and Jiang Yao have done us a favor. We are family now. When you visit Jindo City, you can stay with us as guests.”

They exchanged pleasantries before Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang left. Then, the whole family surrounded Jiang Yao and asked if she was injured.

“Why on earth did those men kidnap Yaoyao?” Jiang Lei pulled Jiang Yao and looked her over several times. “Yaoyao, were you scared? Why don’t we go back to our hometown instead of going to Jindo City? You don’t know how scared I was when I heard that you were kidnapped.”

“It’s not a big deal.” Jiang Yao shook her head. One could say that she was used to it already, so she was not scared.

If Lu Xiaoxiao had not been kidnapped that day, she would not have been dragged into the car. It would have been very easy for her to escape by herself. After all, the ether did not have any effect on her, and Moe had been with her all along.

However, Jiang Yao felt as if she was at the Cheng family to listen to a story. She sounded surprised when she turned to Jiang Lei and said, “I saw a woman who looked like me today. She and I are like two peas in a pod. That woman’s son also looked like me.”

#### **Chapter 1146: Something’s Not Right With You**

“Do they really look that similar?” Jiang Lei had no idea how alike they were by only Jiang Yao’s words. As a result, he thought Jiang Yao was exaggerating.

“Ask Xingzhi if you do not believe me.”

Jiang Yao drew Lu Xingzhi, whose thoughts had wandered, aside. She wanted to say something, but when she saw his condition, she preferred to remain silent.

“Really?” Mrs. Jiang asked abruptly.

Jiang Yao nodded but did not elaborate on the similarities. Lu Xingzhi, who had snapped back to his senses, gazed at Mr. and Mrs. Jiang, then at Jiang Jie and Jiang Lei, taking in their expressions.

The group’s planned trip to Jindo City had been postponed due to the unexpected kidnapping. Lu Xingzhi allowed his family to spend another night in the family guest house in Jindo City’s army barracks. He requested Zhou Weiqi and the others to pick them up the next morning.

The terrified group returned to their rooms for a break after lunch. Jiang Yao waited for a long time before Lu Xingzhi emerged from the kitchen, where he had been washing dishes. She went into the kitchen in search of him. She noticed the smoke as soon as she walked in. Lu Xingzhi was wearing a flowered apron and smoking with his head bowed against the sink.

No one could tell what he was thinking. He did not even react when she pushed the door open.

The bowls and chopsticks were still in the sink when Jiang Yao entered. They were still filthy and soaked. It looked like Lu Xingzhi had begun smoking as soon as he went into the kitchen. He had done nothing yet.

“Xingzhi, something’s not right with you today.”

Jiang Yao approached him. She snatched the half-smoked cigarette from his fingers and tossed it into the garbage can. “You want to have a baby, and you are still smoking? You want me to conceive a small pipe for you?”

The cigarette fell from Lu Xingzhi's fingertips into the garbage pail. When he heard Jiang Yao's question, he turned around to wash the dishes. Still, he said nothing.

Jiang Yao became increasingly convinced that there was something wrong with Lu Xingzhi. "Is it because of Master Cheng?" she asked, hugging him from behind.

"Can you tell me what you are thinking?"

Lu Xingzhi denied it. "It is not a bad thing to leave you with a mansion."

"The fact that you have a strategy in mind is not a loss."

Jiang Yao knew Lu Xingzhi all too well.

"Silly wife."

Lu Xingzhi bowed his head and kissed Jiang Yao before he pushed her out of the kitchen. "It smells horrible here; wait outside."

Lu Xingzhi did not continue to smoke. Instead, he washed the dishes and changed his clothing. Then, he strolled over to Jiang Yao, who sat in the living room reading, and said, "I'm leaving. Don't forget to cook more rice tonight. I will cook when I come home. Let Mom and Dad eat at home, just like lunch."

Jiang Yao nodded and motioned for Lu Xingzhi to go to the door. She returned to the living room after Lu Xingzhi left.

She paused for a few seconds before she dialed Du Chen's number. She quickly hung up after a few rings.

Jiang Yao had no idea why she felt the need to look for Du Chen. Even if she had some reservations, she did not seem to know what they were. However, she felt that something was amiss when she saw how Lu Xingzhi behaved that day.

Lu Xingzhi exited the family building into the cold wind. He had been walking toward the vast sports field before he turned toward the family's guest house abruptly.

"Eldest Brother."

Jiang Jie was alone in the room when Lu Xingzhi discovered him. In the adjacent room, Wang Xian appeared to be talking with Mrs. Jiang.

Lu Xingzhi summoned Jiang Jie and followed him downstairs. The two of them walked around the hostel twice.

"Why were Yaoyao and Xiaoxiao kidnapped today?"

Lu Xingzhi had not gone there to find Jiang Jie; the man was already on his way to look for Lu Xingzhi.

#### **Chapter 1147: Keep It A Secret For As Long As You Can**

Jiang Jie had the impression that the couple was keeping something from their family. He would always be concerned about Jiang Yao's stay in Jin City if he did not solve the mystery. He was scared that it would happen again.



Lu Xingzhi told him that it was because of Yaoyao's teacher. "That person has a request for her teacher, so they kidnapped her to intimidate her teacher."

When Jiang Jie learned that it had nothing to do with Lu Xingzhi, he breathed a sigh of relief. "Were you looking for me? Do you need something?" he asked again.

"Yes."

Lu Xingzhi bowed his head but did not speak right away. "Yaoyao is not your parent's biological child, right?" he murmured after a half-minute pause.

Lu Xingzhi's sudden words stunned Jiang Jie.

"You—"

Jiang Jie tried to deny it, but Lu Xingzhi was one step ahead of him. "Jiang Lei may not know about it, but you should, Eldest Brother."

That was the only information Lu Xingzhi had gathered from the Jiang family members' expressions. Mrs. Jiang's question to Jiang Yao regarding the likeness was intended as a small test. Jiang Jie's and Mr. Jiang's expressions at the time were reasonably intriguing. Only Jiang Lei appeared to be the same as the others; he was curious about it.

Even if the Jiang family members' expressions only lasted a few seconds, Lu Xingzhi was good at observing another person's behavior. So, he reasoned that the situation was quite close to the truth.

Perhaps it was due to Lu Xingzhi's grim expression; Jiang Jie remained silent for a few seconds before he nodded and admitted to that.

"Neither Xiao Lei nor Yaoyao is aware of this."

Jiang Jie breathed a sigh of relief. "I remembered the day my parents came home with Yaoyao. She was feverish, and my parents were concerned that she would not survive. They told me that they found and picked her up in the mountains when they heard her cries. They felt sorry for her, so they brought her home."

Lu Xingzhi's heart sank. Jiang Jie's eyes glowed with concern. "Was this your question, or was it Yaoyao's?"

"She is not aware of anything."

Lu Xingzhi shook his head to express his dissatisfaction with the situation. "But I am scared she will find out one day."

Lu Xingzhi could not conceive what would happen if Jiang Yao found out the truth. Her family was so good to her that she would never have imagined that she was adopted. She believed that she was the happiest and luckiest person on the planet.

"Keep it a secret for as long as you can," Jiang Jie said. "How did you guess? Because you saw someone who resembled Yaoyao today?"

“No, not at all. It’s because of how you acted.” Lu Xingzhi did not tell him about his access to the Sun family’s information. He had some concerns and speculations from the minute he viewed the Sun family’s information. “That is exactly what I meant. Keep it hidden. Perhaps she will not find out.”

It had already been 20 years, and Jiang Yao had not discovered anything. Maybe they would be able to keep it a secret forever.

Even though he had to keep it hidden from Jiang Yao, there were still some things that Lu Xingzhi needed to investigate. He needed to know about the truth.

“Yaoyao won’t know even if she sees someone who looks like her.”

Jiang Jie was relieved to learn that Lu Xingzhi had discovered it for himself. “No one in the village would dare to speak nonsense. We think of her as part of our family.”

“Do your parents know anything about her biological parents?” Lu Xingzhi asked.

### **Chapter 1148: Just Burn It**

“I am not sure. My parents said that Yaoyao was left in the mountains. She would have died if they did not find her that day.” Jiang Jie shook his head. “Some people are bad parents. They wanted their children to die in the mountains. If they had wanted them to live, they would have left them by the roadside so that some kind-hearted soul could take care of the child. They would not have abandoned them in the mountains where no one would find them.”

Lu Xingzhi did not say anything else. He felt terrible for his wife after he heard Jiang Jie’s words.

Whether it was the Sun family or Madam Cheng, there had to be a reason why they looked so similar.

Jiang Jie stood there and watched as Lu Xingzhi walked away. He stood in the distance for a while, in the cold wind. Then he sighed helplessly. He felt sad for his sister because he knew her biological parents had abandoned her in the mountains. That was why he had always taken care of her when she was a child.

Jiang Jie could not comprehend why someone would abandon his sister and even wished for her death in the mountains.

“Eldest Brother...”

Jiang Jie was ready to return when Jiang Lei appeared out of nowhere and said, “I heard what you said to Lu Xingzhi. Did Mom and Dad really adopt Yaoyao?”

Jiang Jie’s eyebrows twitched when he saw Jiang Lei emerge out of nowhere. “Pretend you heard nothing; don’t let Yaoyao know about this. She is smarter than you, and if she finds out, then Mom, Dad, and even Lun Xingzhi will punish you.”

Jiang Lei nodded. “Fine, I won’t say anything.” Then, he asked again, “What about me? Did Mom and Dad get me from the mountains too?”

Jiang Jie’s head hurt. “Yes, from the mountains.” Jiang Jie turned around and went upstairs after that.

Jiang Lei stood there as he touched his face and muttered in his heart. That sounded impossible; he looked too much like his brother.

Jiang Yao was bored at home and took a nap. Huang Cheng had called her as she was ready to fold the paper cranes. Cheng Jinyan was the one who begged Huang Cheng to apologize on his behalf.

It was not only because Cheng Jinyan kidnapped her. He had planned to burn the manor that his father had built for his mother, the same one given to Jiang Yao. She would inherit the land from him.

“Jinyan said that every blade of grass and tree in the mansion contained his father’s love for his mother. He had consented to give you the manor because he had kidnapped you and felt terrible about it. Perhaps it was also due to Old Master Liang’s comments. Jinyan wanted to raze the manor. You have already issued a death warrant for Madam Cheng. Master Cheng and his son are out of luck.”

Huang Cheng explained seriously. “Madam Cheng is a wonderful woman, even though she is not Jinyan’s biological mother. Madam Cheng, by the way, has a striking resemblance to you.”

“Very well.”

Jiang Yao did not care. She had no reason to keep the manor anyway.

“Jinyan’s mother was shot a few months ago when she tried to save him. Master Cheng met Madam Cheng in prison.

They were incarcerated together for five years. Later, Master Cheng arranged for Madam Cheng to get out early. She traveled overseas to find Jinyan after she escaped. Then she cared for him as if she were his mother. She ignored Master Cheng’s advice to look for her own future. While she waited for Master Cheng to get out of prison, she raised Jinyan. She had to wait seven years for Master Cheng to get out. Madam Cheng is not Jinyan’s real mother, but he treasured her the most.”

#### **Chapter 1149: How Exciting!**

“Director Jiang, I am telling you this to let you know that Madam Cheng’s life was not easy. Cheng Jinyan had chosen to set fire to the manor, but I hope you will not bear a grudge against him.” Huang Cheng sighed. “Cheng Jinyan is younger than me. He may appear bright and attractive, but his childhood was filled with a darkness that we could never fathom before Madam Cheng’s arrival. I am telling you all of this to let you know how important Madam Cheng is to him.”

“Director Huang, I can tell you are here as a lobbyist. Don’t worry; if he wants to burn it, then he can burn it.” Then, she mocked him. “It is a shame, Director Huang, that you are not a cop. Your ability to adapt is exceptional.”

How could Huang Cheng fail to grasp the significance of Jiang Yao’s words? He smiled and said helplessly, “The Cheng family wields considerable power in YN and LY. It is usually a good idea to establish a good relationship with them if you wish to enter the jewelry industry.”

Jiang Yao grunted as she wondered how the Cheng family could help her when even the government could not.

Furthermore, she was a dedicated businesswoman when she handled her business, and she was a good doctor when she practiced medicine. She could not care less about the Cheng family’s power.

In any case, she had Lu Xingzhi's support.

Jiang Yao was preoccupied with her own tasks after she ended her call with Huang Chengjing.

After more than an hour's lunch break, Lu Xiaoxiao returned to find Jiang Yao. She sat in front of Jiang Yao after entering the room; she looked left and right. She gazed at Jiang Yao up and down but said nothing.

"Is there something on my face?"

"Otherwise, why are you looking at me like that?" Jiang Yao asked.

"Sister-in-law, it was very exciting when you were kidnapped today," Lu Xiaoxiao exclaimed abruptly. "It's a shame I was unconscious the entire time. You were awake while that happened, right? Can you tell me about your experience? I heard from the soldiers that Brother had sent a team to Jin City to work with the police to save us. He even used a cannon. Someone claimed that he blew the gate and drove all the way into the manor's compound."

Lu Xiaoxiao was ecstatic because she had heard similar words from others. That was why she went to Jiang Yao; she wanted to learn about the kidnapping.

"Oh, I was also unconscious. so I have no idea." Jiang Yao lied with a smile; she did not even blink.

Lu Xiaoxiao glanced at Jiang Yao with skepticism, but she reasoned that Jiang Yao, like her, must have been unconscious, so she did not know either.

Lu Xiaoxiao frowned and pouted because she did not get the story she wanted.

When Lu Xingzhi returned home in the evening, he was accompanied by Zhou Weiqi. Zhou Weiqi made a concerted effort to appear adorable when he saw the elders from the Lu and Jiang families. They were so fascinated that they treated him like another son.

Mrs. Lu and Mrs. Jiang told Lu Xingzhi to accompany Zhou Weiqi to the living room to talk. The two women took over the kitchen work because Zhou Weiqi said it was too crowded, and he wanted to drink some wine. Jiang Yao took the money and went downstairs to buy a few bottles of wine from the barrack's snack bar. The little store had groceries and homemade wine, such as rice and fruit wine, which tasted pretty good. It was a massive hit with the troops.

### **Chapter 1150: I Won't Bully You Again**

"Yaoyao, I will accompany you." Jiang Lei noticed Jiang Yao had left, so he shouted and followed her.

Jiang Yao had already gone downstairs when Jiang Lei stopped her. She looked at the person who had caught up with her and asked, perplexed, "I am just going to get some wine. Why do you want to come with me?"

"It'll be heavy; can you carry them?" Jiang Lei pulled Jiang Yao down the stairs.

"It is only a couple of bottles. Why can't I carry it?" Jiang Yao responded. Since Jiang Lei was already there, so she did not push him away.

The snack bar was not far from their home, but the trek took a few minutes. Jiang Lei hurriedly snatched the bottles of wine and carried them after Jiang Yao had paid.

Jiang Yao looked at him; she wondered if he was only there to carry the bottles. Jiang Yao stood two steps behind Jiang Lei and stared at him. She felt that Jiang Lei seemed to be mentally deranged that day. He was unbelievably good to her.

“Yaoyao.”

Jiang Lei waited for her when he realized that Jiang Yao had lagged behind. When she was near him, he said, “Yaoyao, look at how much you have grown. I haven’t given you a proper hug yet. Come on; give me a hug. You were kidnapped today, and you scared me to death.”

Jiang Yao was stunned. Before she could regain her senses, Jiang Lei held the wine bottles in one hand and pulled her into a hug with the other.

“Yaoyao, I won’t bully you again, and I won’t quarrel with you. I will do as you say in the future. You’re my only sister, and if I don’t comfort you, who should I comfort? You will always be my sister.” Jiang Lei’s heart ached whenever he thought of the words he overheard. He felt like he had been such a jerk in the past. Why did he not accommodate his sister more like his big brother?

He was still angry with her because of the thing with Yang Gaoshu’s. In the end, she was the one who admitted defeat first. She did that because he was her brother.

She was his sister, but she was the first to give in to him.

His sister should have the best things in the world to make up for what she had missed.

“Jiang Lei, did you take the wrong medicine today?” Jiang Yao did not push him away; she could see that he was sincere. Instead, she looked at Jiang Lei in horror.

Jiang Lei was so emotional that Jiang Yao could not recognize him. Perhaps the kidnapping that day did not scare her and Lu Xiaoxiao, but it did terrify Jiang Lei.

Jiang Lei knew that Jiang Yao could not understand his feelings, so he did not explain further. After he released Jiang Yao, he raised his hand and patted Jiang Yao’s head lovingly. He said, “Just remember what I said to you today. Let’s go. It’s windy and snowy. Let’s head home.”

Jiang Lei held the bottles of wine in one hand and pulled Jiang Yao, who was wearing gloves, back to their home. Jiang Yao was completely confused by Jiang Lei’s actions, but she let him drag her home.

As soon as they entered the house, they smelled the aroma of the food. Even though Lu Xingzhi’s culinary skills had improved over the past few days, it was still not comparable with Mrs. Jiang and Mrs. Lu’s culinary skills. As soon as they entered the house, Jiang Lei let go of her hand, and she ran to the kitchen. After she snuck a couple of bites, she left the kitchen happily and went to the balcony to get something. Then, she saw Chen Xuyao carrying something down the stairs.

“Xingzhi, Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao are here.” Jiang Yao did not know Chen Xuyao would come, so she was surprised. “Are you two here to celebrate New Year with us?”