

Chapter 1151: Did He Hold Back?

“We heard that uncle and auntie were coming, so we came here to freeload,” Zhao Weiqi said with a cheeky smile. He had arrived a day earlier because he did not want to go to Jin City so early the next day. Ah Lu and Big Ke were at his house. The next morning, he and Chen Xuyao, including Ah Lu and Big Ke, would send the Lu and Jiang family members to Jindo City.

Jiang Yao’s kidnapping also scared Zhou Weiqi badly. Fortunately, it was a close call, and nothing happened. Zhou Weiqi started to grumble in his heart. He wondered if his sister-in-law was always marked for kidnappers.

She had encountered an attempted abduction in Jindo City and then another one in Nanjiang City.

The first two attempts had been unsuccessful, but she was kidnapped when she was in Jin City. There would not be much glory in that if news about that were to spread out.

Chen Xuyao had already arrived upstairs while they were discussing. He held a new year’s gift in his palm, but it was not for Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi; it was for the elders in the family.

Those New Year presents were for the elders in the Lu and the Jiang family. There were cigarettes, alcohol, and some health products. It was apparent that they were meticulously prepared.

Zhou Weiqi was free after Chen Xuyao arrived. He left Chen Xuyao and Lu Xingzhi to meet with Mr. Lu, Mr. Jiang, and the others in the living room. Then he walked to the bedroom to look for Jiang Yao, silently closing the door behind him.

“Sister-in-law, can I ask about what happened during the day? I heard that Old Master Liang and Old Madam Liang also went to the Autumn Dew Villa. Were they the ones to talk to Lu Xingzhi and Master Cheng?” Zhou Weiqi scratched his head. “How is it so easy with Lu Xingzhi? A villa in exchange for his peace? I thought he would flatten the Autumn Dew Villa and kill all Cheng family’s henchmen in Jin City.”

Master Cheng only removed some of his men. Zhou Weiqi had been in Jin City for almost half a year, so he knew that Master Cheng still had many informants and spies in Jin City.

Master Cheng’s kidnapping of Jiang Yao and Lu Xiaoxiao had infuriated Lu Xingzhi; he had crossed the line.

The woman from the Zhu family in Nanjiang City had failed in her kidnapping attempt, and Lu Xingzhi had thrown her abroad to fend for herself. Even the Zhu family’s head could not do anything for her. Lu Xingzhi would not have compromised so easily even with Old Master Liang there.

If he could not kill Master Cheng, then he would take half of his life.

However, Lu Xingzhi had been too easy that day. He wondered if Lu Xingzhi’s temper had simmered after Old Master Liang had left.

“Jiang Yao, is Lu Xingzhi holding back because he has a trick up his sleeves?”

Zhou Weiqi was curious about that. “If that’s the case, then please advise him. Old Master Liang had already made a move, and he had agreed to it. It’s not good for him to go back on his word.”

“He will never let me know anything about his plans.”

Even if Lu Xingzhi was planning something, Jiang Yao felt that he would find enough excuses not to make things difficult for Old Master Liang. Lu Xingzhi was not the kind of person who did not care about the severity of a situation.

Furthermore, he had to find a reason. Did he not already have one?

Cheng Jinyan had breached the contract when he burned the Autumn Dew Villa. Even if she did not pursue it, it did not mean that Lu Xingzhi would let the matter go.

She had promised Huang Cheng that she did not care about it, but she did not say anything about Lu Xingzhi’s temper or if she would help to persuade him.

Chapter 1152: He Had Something On His Mind

“By the way, Old Master Liang mentioned that Master Cheng’s second son resembles you. Is that true?” Zhou Weiqi was dying of insatiable curiosity.

Before Jiang Yao could respond, Lu Xingzhi opened the door and walked into the room. Then, he carried Zhou Weiqi out of the bedroom. “Fourth Brother is troubling you again?” he questioned Jiang Yao.

“I am just interested in Master Cheng.”

Jiang Yao grinned. “He is intrigued because Master Liang informed him that Master Cheng’s second son resembles me.”

Lu Xingzhi nodded and handed Jiang Yao the phone. He said, “Master Cheng’s people in the Autumn Dew Villa have been evacuated, but the villa is on fire. The fire is massive and has nearly consumed the entire place. When Master Cheng learned of the news, he expressed his heartfelt regret. He can transfer the funds for the Autumn Dew Villa’s renovation to your account.”

“There’s no need for that. Taking his money is the same as taking his benefits. It’s not easy to take money from someone like Master Cheng. Anyway, I don’t know what I’m going to do with the Autumn Dew Villa. I’ll just leave it for now. When I have money, I’ll figure out what I can do with it before I go and fix it myself.”

Jiang Yao shook her head and examined the text message’s contents. It not only reported what Lu Xingzhi had said, but it also mentioned that a man had caused the fire. Someone might be able to prove that Cheng Jinyan had started the fire.

Jiang Yao turned to face Lu Xingzhi after reading the text message. She was taken aback by the fact that he did not have a single expression on his face. He was deafeningly quiet.

“Are you not angry when you see that text message?”

Jiang Yao pointed at Lu Xingzhi’s cell phone and thought to herself. It seemed like Lu Xingzhi had spies of all ages. He could investigate the Autumn Dew Villa matter so clearly. He even looked into Cheng Jinyan’s setting of the fire.

“I don’t care if the things that did not catch my eye were burnt or not.”

Lu Xingzhi was preoccupied with something else.

He put his phone away and lowered his head to kiss Jiang Yao. He pecked the corner of her lips tenderly and said, "Give me some time."

Then he straightened his back. "It's time to go out for dinner."

Jiang Yao did not understand why Lu Xingzhi said he needed some time; he did not make any sense. He had no intention of justifying himself when she asked again.

Mrs. Jiang and Mrs. Lu, who were tired from cooking, could not sit at the table since there were so many guests at home. Lu Xingzhi went to his next-door neighbor and borrowed a table and a few chairs from them. The room was divided into two tables so that everyone would have a place to eat.

That night, Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao's small house was extremely lively. After three rounds of drinking, Lu Xingzhi was a little drunk. Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao did not leave the barracks either. They went straight to the guest house to rest.

The night was dark. The winter night was so quiet that there was not the slightest noise.

Lu Xingzhi was still inebriated. He sat on the bed after he showered and clutched Jiang Yao with all his strength. He hugged her as if he was scared he had misplaced a treasure. He held her fiercely as though he wanted to squeeze her into his body. It was as though he was frightened of losing her.

Later, that kind of entanglement turned into a kiss. It was very strong, as if he wanted to swallow her into his stomach and hide her there.

"Are you hiding something, Xingzhi?"

Jiang Yao leaned against Lu Xingzhi. When she noticed that he was staring at her with his eyes wide open, she took over his cup and asked tentatively, "You look like you have something on your mind. Did something happen? Is it because of me?"

Chapter 1153: A Difficult Mission

Even though Lu Xingzhi was drunk, his mind was still clear. He shook his head and denied it. Then, he urged Jiang Yao to rest early. "Tomorrow morning, Fourth Brother and Fifth Brother will drive you to Jin City. They can disguise themselves as your subordinates and accompany you and protect you for the next few days."

He had already made arrangements for Jiang Yao to visit all of the destinations she had intended to visit. It would undoubtedly assure Jiang Yao's and the others' safety.

Lu Xingzhi closed his eyes without giving Jiang Yao a chance to speak. Jiang Yao could not tell if Lu Xingzhi was asleep or pretending to be asleep from the sound of his breathing. In any case, he did not want her to continue asking about it.

Jiang Yao felt as if Lu Xingzhi was hiding something, and it was very likely something about her.

Since she could not ask him, she could only pretend that she did not feel anything.

The next day, Lu Xingzhi watched as Jiang Yao and the others got into the car with his fourth and fifth brothers and left the barracks before he went to his training. Jiang Yao had his fourth and fifth brothers, Big Ke, and Ah Lu, with her, so he was not worried that what happened the previous day would happen again.

“Sergeant, the chief is looking for you.” After the morning training, Zhou Junmin approached Lu Xingzhi and said, “When I passed by the office just now, the chief asked me to come and look for you, Sergeant. It seems like he has a mission for you.”

“A mission?” Lu Xingzhi was puzzled. He would transfer to the special forces after the new year, so he thought that the army would not give him any missions to carry out during that period.

“It seems to be a challenging mission.” Zhou Junmin nodded. “I am also on the list of personnel to carry out the mission.”

So, the two of them went to the chief’s office.

Perhaps it was still Chinese New Year at the ordinary people’s homes, but no one’s daily routine had changed in the army. When a mission arose, no one could refuse it just because it was still Chinese New Year.

That was how soldiers were. They were continuously getting ready for their country.

“You’re here?” The bureau chief waved at the two of them and said, “This is a somewhat tricky mission. Sit down. I’ll tell you all about it. You will take this mission to your new position.”

Lu Xingzhi nodded indifferently and sat down with Zhou Junmin to his left. Then, he waited for the bureau chief to continue.

“That is an undercover mission. The timing is a little long, but it’s also a little tricky. You have to cooperate with the police and provide them with undercover information to help the police deal with gangs.” The bureau chief gave a general introduction to the situation. “In recent years, there have been frequent cases of missing people in our country. In recent months, it has been widespread across the country. Even Major Zhu’s family has become one of the victims. In the last few days before the New Year, many children have gone missing in the markets near their homes. Some even went missing in the villages. There are also many cases of missing women. After many investigations and informants’ information, we finally learned that it was a criminal gang that specializes in human trafficking.”

“The police need the support of our troops. We will select a few elite soldiers to go undercover in that team and cooperate with them from the inside to fight those criminals and rescue those poor women and children.”

Chapter 1154: Learn From Him

When the chief said that, his face was filled with anger. “If it weren’t for the informant providing clues, we would not have imagined that such a gray industry chain would become a mature group in just a few months. That group is divided into many teams. Each team has its own duties, and they don’t know each other and don’t interfere with each other. Each team also has a person in charge. Only that knows about the higher-ups of that group. The police will give you specific information when the time comes.”

“When will the mission begin?” Lu Xingzhi became serious when he heard the mission’s brief. It had matured into a bunch of criminal gangs, which was a challenging task.

“We still need to wait for further notice. The police are still anticipating the latest news from the informant. After that, we will need to arrange for you to be undercover agents. We will arrange for you to be partners. Another partner will be selected from our female troops. You may need to disguise yourself as husband and wife, or even siblings. They will consider a woman as weak, and that will help to cover your identity. No one would suspect a thing.”

Then, the chief continued to say, “This is a difficult mission, and the risk factor is very high. We can’t confirm the informant’s report yet, but it seems like that organization has established cooperation with other groups at the border recently. Not only will they be doing human trafficking abroad, if the informant’s information is correct, they may also have established service in drug trafficking, using women and children to transport drugs.”

“They’re inhumane!” Zhou Junmin slammed his fist on the table angrily. How could they use women and children to transport drugs? Did they hide those drugs in their bodies? Only those b*stards who did not take human lives seriously would do such a life-threatening thing!

“Control your temper and learn from Lu Xingzhi.” The bureau chief pointed at Lu Xingzhi. However, when he looked at Lu Xingzhi and met his gaze, he coughed twice; he changed his words. “It’s good to be expressionless sometimes. No one can tell what you’re thinking. Of course, as a spy, you have to change that as well.”

“I’ll wait for your order.” Lu Xingzhi stood up and saluted before leaving the bureau chief’s office with Zhou Junmin.

He hoped that Jiang Yao would have returned to her classes when the mission began. Otherwise, it would be the same as the last time.

Lu Xingzhi would not bear to think about how he would have to spend his birthday by himself when his wife had prepared a gift for him so meticulously.

Since Lu Xingzhi had entered the military academy, he had carried out many missions. However, there were not many missions that the chief would describe as difficult. Undercover missions were always the most troublesome.

That was much harder than protecting or killing someone.

When the snow stopped, Jiang Yao and the others had arrived at Jindo City. They had detoured to Jin City to pick up Ah Lu and Big Ke, so they had been delayed for half an hour. Therefore, when they arrived at Jindo City, they had also missed the time they raised the national flag.

They had so many people, so they decided to stay in a hotel. Lu Xingzhi had spent a lot of money to book the entire floor at the Jindo City hotel; he did not want any other customers to stay on the floor he had reserved.

He booked the floor with the best view—the top floor. He pulled the curtains of the living room open and stood in front of the large French windows to enjoy the scenery. The snow-covered Jindo City was so white that everyone wanted more glances of it.

Chapter 1155: What A Coincidence

“As one would expect from Jindo City’s Grand Hotel, our country’s most famous Grand Hotel! Look at the rooms in this hotel, Sister-in-law. Oh, my goodness!” Lu Xiaoxiao dropped onto the bed as soon as she entered the room. She was the daughter of a local tycoon, but she was so excited that she acted like a spoiled brat who had never seen the world.

“I’m afraid it’s not cheap.” Second Uncle Lu rubbed his chin and chuckled. “Big Brother, Sister-in-law, I’ve told you before, right? Lu Xingzhi is very competent. He definitely doesn’t lack money. Only the two of you are foolish enough to worry that he doesn’t eat well or wear enough in the army because his salary isn’t too high.”

Second Uncle Lu was a businessman, so he had been walking around the city. He had already guessed that the people in the city were so nice to him, not just because he had money but also because of his nephew, Lu Xingzhi.

“My brother is definitely not short of money!” Lu Xiaoxiao stood up from the bed and smiled. “Just look at the gifts that my sister-in-law brought back for us during the New Year. My brother is just keeping a low profile. Unlike my father, who has a little money and wants to make it known to everyone.”

“Stupid Girl, you would say that about your biological father?” Second Uncle Lu was so angry that he wanted to punch his daughter.

He knew that Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao’s family had gone to Jindo City, and Gu Haoyu was also at the hotel for no reason at all. He thought that Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao’s family would not have to squeeze into extra cars with him driving one.

When Gu Haoyu found them, he happened to hear them laughing and talking. It was a smile that could infect people to make them smile.

“Are you ready? Are you all set to go?” Gu Haoyu looked at Jiang Yao and asked. Then, he greeted the elderly in the room and introduced himself. “I’m the second brother, Gu Haoyu.”

“I remember; I did not forget.” Mrs. Lu smiled gently. “We haven’t seen you for more than a year. It’s rare for you to come back and not stay at home with your parents. Why are you here with us instead?”

“They’re not in Jindo City either. They feel that Jindo City is too cold, so they went to Province N.” Gu Haoyu smiled. “That’s why I’m lonely and thick-skinned enough to follow you guys.”

After chatting and laughing for a while, everyone left their luggage at the hotel and left in high spirits.

The kidnapping the day before had ruined everyone’s mood, but when they woke up that morning, they still looked forward to their trip to Jindo City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiang had gotten on in years. After that trip, perhaps they would return to the countryside, and in the future, they would not have to travel so far to Jindo City to have a few days of fun.

Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Jiang cherished that opportunity to travel with their family. They were also very excited to go to Jindo City and experienced its splendor. They were the first in the village to do that, and they were very proud.

After missing the national flag, everyone walked downstairs to debate whether they should go to the museum first or climb the mountain first. Jiang Yao and her group filled the elevator. When the elevator came to a halt, many people saw that there were so many people inside. They decisively chose to wait for the next one, except for two people.

The two exceptions shocked everyone in the elevator.

“Senior Gu!” Sun Xiaoshan was the first to notice Gu Haoyu, who was at the outermost part of the elevator and greeted him excitedly. “I did not expect to meet you on my first visit to Jindo City.”

When Sun Xiaoshan and Gu Haoyu were studying abroad, Gu Haoyu had attended classes. The two of them were from the same school, but they had different majors and different departments. However, they were fortunate enough to meet a few times at school activities. Since they were from the same country, they had spoken a few times.

Chapter 1156: Different

Gu Haoyu looked at Sun Xiaoshan, who was sitting in a wheelchair; he nodded. Then, he asked casually, “I heard that you took a break from school because of your health. How have you been?”

“The same. The doctor in the province suggested that I come to Jindo City to try my luck, so after the New Year, my family accompanied me here. It’s just that with my broken body, I don’t know how long I can live.”

“Don’t give up so easily,” Gu Haoyu encouraged her with a smile on his face.

Those who did not know would think he cared about Sun Xiaoshan, but Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao understood Gu Haoyu—that smiling tiger. In fact, he was only spouting nonsense. Gu Haoyu did not care whether Sun Xiaoshan lived or died.

Jiang Yao was standing behind Gu Haoyu. When she saw Sun Xiaoshan, she was shocked for a while. She had always known about Sun Xiaoshan, but she had never met her before.

“Oh, my god, Sister-in-law, she looks like you!” Lu Xiaoxiao snapped back to her senses and exclaimed, “Those who don’t know would think that you two are sisters, right?”

The others regained their composure when they heard Lu Xiaoxiao’s words. Mr. and Mrs. Lu gazed at the pale-faced girl in the wheelchair with interest, then at Jiang Yao, and then they stood a little closer. They let the wheelchair-bound girl and her mother inside the elevator.

“There’s a little resemblance, but if you look carefully, you can see that most of their features are quite different.” Gu Haoyu adjusted the glasses on the bridge of his nose and said, “It’s just that their facial features look a little similar, but their demeanor and temperament are very different.”

When Gu Haoyu had known Sun Xiaoshan, even when she was at her healthiest, there was no trace of Jiang Yao’s sunshine on her. Sun Xiaoshan had always given people the impression that she was a little depressed and sentimental because of her physical state.

Jiang Yao and Sun Xiaoshan’s personalities were entirely different, so they only looked a little alike. However, for those who knew the two of them, even if they were wearing the same clothes, they could still easily distinguish them.

Their eyes were the best feature to distinguish them.

Jiang Yao's eyes were clear and pure; they shone with a dazzling light like a miniature sun.

Sun Xiaoshan's eyes were more like a shallow pool of freshwater. There were not many ripples, and there were not too many emotions. That was because her body had never allowed her to have too many feelings since she was young. That would have killed her.

Jiang Yao felt a lot better after hearing Gu Haoyu's comments. Nobody would be thrilled if they learned that a random person had looked so much like them that people thought they were the same.

Furthermore, Sun Xiaoshan had a sickly appearance. Jiang Yao felt that she did not look much like her.

In terms of resemblance, she was even more similar to that stinking kid named Xiao Nian.

Jiang Yao analyzed Sun Xiaoshan's body and realized that her body could not take it for much longer. Sun Xiaoshan was born with severe congenital heart disease. She had recovered quickly when she was young, but as she grew older, her heart steadily weakened.

Sun Xiaoshan would probably have less than a year left in her life if she did not find a suitable heart in a short period to carry out the procedure.

Jiang Yao raised her eyes to gaze at the woman pushing Sun Xiaoshan's wheelchair after assessing her. After she walked into the elevator, the woman kept her head down and did not say anything. She had no intention of greeting anyone.

Chapter 1157: Return What You Have Taken

"What's your name? This must be your mother, right?" Lu Xiaoxiao had a sensitive personality. After getting out of the elevator, she squeezed toward Sun Xiaoxiao and asked in a low voice, "You and my sister-in-law really look alike. But if you look carefully, my sister-in-law and your mother also look a little alike. They have the same facial features."

"Yes, she's my mother. I looked more like my mother when she was young. It's just that my mother is older now, but she was a beauty like me when she was young!" Sun Xiaoshan did not feel embarrassed at all when she praised herself and her mother.

"Of course, my sister-in-law is also a beauty." Lu Xiaoxiao nodded as she spoke with Sun Xiaoshan. When she saw that the other lady was sitting in a wheelchair, she thought she could not walk. After she asked about it, she learned that it was her heart. Her body was weak, so she could not stand up and walk on her own.

When she heard that, Lu Xiaoxiao blushed and apologized. She would not have asked if she had known about that.

"Your mom is accompanying you to the hospital for a checkup, right? Don't worry. Jindo City is so big, and there are so many doctors here. They will find a way." After Lu Xiaoxiao said that, she comforted Mrs. Sun. "Auntie, don't worry too much. She will get better."

Only then did Mrs. Sun raise her head to look at the girl beside her. She acknowledged her, but her reaction was very faint. Then, she looked at Jiang Yao and asked, "Where are you guys from? Are you here for a tour? You must be. Otherwise, you wouldn't be staying in a hotel."

"Yes, we're from our hometown. Our hometown is—" Lu Xiaoxiao was a talkative person. She immediately reported the location of her hometown.

Mrs. Sun's eyes jumped when she heard that. She looked in the direction of Jiang Yao and said, "That is a place with beautiful mountains and rivers."

"Yeah? Have you been there before?" Lu Xiaoxiao asked in surprise.

Mrs. Sun smiled and did not answer her. She waited for two seconds. When Jiang Yao walked forward, she suddenly reached her hand toward Jiang Yao. She stroked Jiang Yao's hair like an old woman and chuckled. "I did not expect there would be people who look so similar to us in this world. It's really fate."

Jiang Yao did not like strangers getting close to her. Furthermore, she subconsciously did not like Mrs. Sun, but she did not know why. She felt conflicted about it.

Mrs. Sun was not embarrassed by Jiang Yao's cold reaction. She put her hand back into her pocket before reaching out to push Sun Xiaoshan's wheelchair again. She bade Lu Xiaoxiao goodbye. "We're taking a taxi to the hospital. Have fun."

"Okay, bye, Auntie!" Lu Xiaoxiao waved goodbye with a smile.

Jiang Yao glanced at the heartless Lu Xiaoxiao. That girl must have left her brain at home; she chatted so happily with a stranger.

"Hold on."

Jiang Yao did not wait for Sun Xiaoshan and her mother to leave before stepping out of the hotel. At that moment, Big Ke suddenly called out, but it was not meant for her. He had called out to Sun Xiaoshan and her mother.

Jiang Yao was puzzled. She stopped and looked backward. She saw Big Ke strode toward Mrs. Sun and stretched his hand out as if to ask for something. "Did you take something that you shouldn't have, Madam? If you did take something, please return it."

"Mother?" Sun Xiaoshan looked up at her mother. "What did you take?"

Chapter 1158: Mismatched Horoscope

Mrs. Sun's eyelids twitched, and she denied it. "Sir, please don't speak nonsense."

Big Ke glanced at Mrs. Sun coldly and immediately went forward to pull two long strands of black hair from Mrs. Sun's coat pocket. "These are Young Madam Lu's hair. I saw you put them in your pocket just now."

Big Ke's gaze did not shift away from Jiang Yao, not even for a second. He watched as Mrs. Sun touched Jiang Yao as a cover and then pulled two strands of Jiang Yao's hair and hid them in her pocket.

Big Ke initially thought that Mrs. Sun had accidentally taken two strands of her hair. It was not until she withdrew her hand that Big Ke realized something was wrong with that woman—her first action was not to push her daughter's wheelchair but to put the strands of hair into her coat pocket.

"You are ridiculous! It's just two strands of hair that accidentally got stuck on my coat." Mrs. Sun did not even feel embarrassed after the matter was exposed. She tried to cover her words and explained calmly, "It's winter, and there is a lot of static electricity. We are women, and we have long hair; we often lose them. Isn't it normal for us to have a few strands of hair on our bodies?"

Big Ke did not argue with Mrs. Sun. He only wanted to report Mrs. Sun's actions to Young Master Lu so that he could get someone to investigate the reason Mrs. Sun wanted Director Jiang's hair.

Mrs. Sun pushed Sun Xiaoshan to hail a taxi outside the hotel and left. Mr. and Mrs. Jiang did not speak the entire time. Jiang Jie and Jiang Lei even looked at the girl in the wheelchair. They felt that no one in the world would look so similar by coincidence.

They had a bad feeling when Mrs. Sun stole Jiang Yao's hair.

Perhaps other people would believe Mrs. Sun's explanation, but the Jiang family did not believe it at all, especially when the two Sun ladies looked so much like Jiang Yao. Why would Mrs. Sun steal Jiang Yao's hair?

The Jiang family's first reaction was the paternity test that Jiang Yao had mentioned. They heard that medical technology had gotten very advanced. They only needed a little blood and some hair to determine if two people were related to each other.

Jiang Yao, her parents, and Jiang Lei got into Gu Haoyu's car. Jiang Yao sat in the passenger seat while Gu Haoyu drove the car out of the hotel steadily. While he chatted with Jiang Yao, he said, "I see that you seem to be very cold toward Sun Xiaoshan and her mother."

When Mrs. Sun reached out to touch Jiang Yao, her subconsciously evasive action had been very obvious. Anyone would feel awkward about that. However, Mrs. Sun did not seem to realize it as she placed her hand on Jiang Yao's head and touched it.

If Gu Haoyu had to describe Jiang Yao's expression when Mrs. Sun touched her, then she looked as if she had touched a pile of sh*t.

"I don't like her." Jiang Yao nodded. The dislike that emanated from the depths of her soul was probably due to the fact that they looked alike.

"I've come into contact with Sun Xiaoshan a few times. She's been overly protected since she was young because of her illness. Her temperament isn't as mature as her age. She's actually quite simple. Perhaps her greatest wish is to live," Gu Haoyu said.

"I can tell." Jiang Yao could sense Sun Xiaoshan's simple temperament.

Chapter 1159: Wait For The Notification

That was true. Her family did not dare to provoke her emotions due to her weak body. Naturally, they had to work hard to create a carefree environment for her. Therefore, Sun Xiaoshan's personality was quite straightforward.

“However, I don’t like her either.” Jiang Yao’s answer was as honest as she could be. “I just don’t like her. It’s still the same. Perhaps she was born with a different horoscope than me.”

After a pause, Jiang Yao said, “Her body is in a terrible state. If she doesn’t find a suitable heart for the transplant within a short period, she’ll only live another year at most. So, I still feel quite sympathetic toward her.”

Then, Jiang Yao turned toward her parents in the backseat and said, “Dad, Mom, I still have to thank you. You gave birth to me, and I look so much like her, but I am healthy! And I’ve eaten well too!”

“Mmm, indeed. I can see that you’ve gained a lot of weight.” Mr. Jiang chuckled and teased Jiang Yao. “Looks like Xingzhi has taken good care of you.”

Mr. Jiang’s heart fluttered as he answered her.

He was a little worried, but he also hoped that he was overthinking it.

While Jiang Yao enjoyed her time with her loved ones in Jindo City, Lu Xingzhi ate alone in the canteen and returned to his office by himself.

Jiang Yao was not at home, so he did not go home during his lunch break. When Zhou Junmin came to his office, Lu Xingzhi was flipping through documents.

“Sergeant, this is something that someone sent to the army just now and asked me to give it to you.” Zhou Junmin placed a tightly packed document in Lu Xingzhi’s hand and looked at it curiously. “What document is so secretive? By the way, Sergeant, do you have any thoughts on the mission that the chief mentioned?”

“I’ll wait for the notification,” Lu Xingzhi answered without raising his head.

“That’s it?” Zhou Junmin shook his head in disappointment. “The chief said that he would find female soldiers to partner with us. Female soldiers! What a rare opportunity! Pretending to be siblings or husband and wife. If we pretend to be husband and wife, wouldn’t we be getting the moon first? Do you really want to put on a fake show for this? When I finish my mission, I might have a wife, and when I think about that, I get so excited that I can’t sleep. Captain, aren’t you excited?”

Lu Xingzhi frowned and looked at Zhou Junmin. He said, “No.”

He was a man of few words, or rather, he could not be bothered with Zhou Junmin.

“That’s true. You already have Sister-in-law! She is beautiful and gentle. She’s also a top student and a fantastic doctor. With a wife like her, you probably won’t even look at another woman.” Zhou Junmin smiled smugly. “That’s fine too. I’ll get the chief to pick a prettier partner for me and arrange for you to have someone with a strong back and waist!”

Lu Xingzhi endured Zhou Junmin’s clamor for a few minutes. When he saw that Zhou Junmin looked like he wanted to say more, he opened his mouth and interrupted him. “Are you done? If you’re done, then leave.”

“Oh.” Zhou Junmin’s voice came to an abrupt stop. After a while, he nodded before leaving Lu Xingzhi’s office. As he walked, he thought to himself, ‘With his temper, how could Sister-in-law tolerate it?’

How could such a person marry a wife? He could speak eloquently and bring joy to other people, yet he could not find a wife. It was simply unreasonable.

After Zhou Junmin left, Lu Xingzhi tore the document open. Inside the document was information about Mrs. Sun of the Sun family in Ping Cheng. That was the information that Lu Xingzhi received after getting someone to investigate it overnight.

Chapter 1160: Xie Qiuran

When Lu Xingzhi opened it, Du Chen happened to call him. Coincidentally, Du Chen was also looking up Mrs. Sun's information. Mrs. Sun had tried to look up Jiang Yao, so he had also looked up Mrs. Sun.

"Young Master Lu, I heard that you are also looking up information about Xie Qiuran in Ping City. I happened to find some information here, so I want to compare them with you," Du Chen said. "It's easy to look up her information in recent years, but it's not easy to find those from decades ago because it's been too long. I don't have enough information here either. I don't know if your people can get more details."

"Let's talk about yours first." Lu Xingzhi flipped through the few thin pieces of paper in his hand and looked through them.

"Xie Qiuran had another marriage before she married her current husband, Professor Sun. Her daughter, who has heart disease, is her daughter with her ex-husband. My people can't find any information about her ex-husband. They only know that he's from the south. Xie Qiuran met him when she went to the countryside as an educated youth when she was young. I heard that he was from the countryside too. Later, she returned to Ping Cheng alone. I heard that she divorced her first husband."

Lu Xingzhi's gaze fell on one of the paragraphs on the paper. It was exactly what Du Chen had said.

"After that, she was introduced to her current husband. That was when she had her daughter with her. People said that she had her with her ex-husband. Professor Sun did not mind, so she brought her daughter with her. After Xie Qiuran and Professor Sun got married, they had a good relationship. Later, Xie Qiuran and Professor Sun had a son, and he is still studying now."

"Xie Qiuran's daughter had congenital heart disease since she was young. Professor Sun treated her as his own daughter. To earn money to treat his daughter's illness, he had to work a lot for some time and almost fell sick from exhaustion. His stepdaughter took his surname and was named Sun Xiaoshan. The name was given by Professor Sun."

Du Chen sighed again. "It's a pity that it's not easy to investigate something from decades ago. I'm actually interested to know more about Xie Qiuran's first marriage."

"I also found out that Xie Qiuran has an older sister." Lu Xingzhi took out the second piece of information. "It's a twin sister. The two sisters look very similar."

"Yes, but there is even less information about the older twin sister," Du Chen replied.

Lu Xingzhi laughed. "It's normal if you can't find any information about her older sister. That's because Xie Qiuxiang was in a lawsuit when Xie Qiuran returned to Ping City. Not long before Xie Qiuran got married, Xie Qiuxiang was sentenced to prison."

“I see.” Du Chen quickly understood it. “Why was she sentenced to prison?”

“Murder.” Lu Xingzhi shook the thin paper in his hand and read the contents of the paper. “Xie Qiuxiang couldn’t stand her husband’s domestic abuse. She accidentally killed him in a fight and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. What’s interesting is that after Xie Qiuxiang went to prison, Xie Qiuran and her mother, her two closest relatives, never visited her in prison. They also did not find any lawyers for Xie Qiuxiang. Mrs. Xie even told outsiders to treat it as if she never had another daughter. She didn’t want to have a daughter who’s a murderer.”

At that point, Lu Xingzhi’s gaze fell onto the next line. His gaze trembled, and he said, “You don’t need to continue investigating the Sun family, and you don’t need to interfere in this matter. Don’t let her know that you and I have investigated the Sun family.”

“Okay.” Du Chen did not even need to ask who Lu Xingzhi meant—it was undoubtedly Jiang Yao.