

Chapter 1161: Peeling The Cocoon

Du Chen did not ask any more questions. He knew all too well that curiosity was the last thing he would want to have in that society.

After the call with Du Chen, Lu Xingzhi put his phone into the drawer and looked at the information in his hand with interest. He did not tell Du Chen about that part because it was truly fascinating.

After Xie Qiuxiang served a week in Ping City prison, she was sent to the northern prison to continue her sentence because the prison was in renovation. At that time, Master Cheng was also in that prison. The conditions were tough at that time, and the male and female prisoners were not held separately.

Even though Master Cheng was serving his sentence, he had lived a very comfortable life there. He had food and drink, but he did not have freedom.

According to the information, Xie Qiuxiang had a good relationship with Master Cheng during that period. Everyone knew that she was Master Cheng's woman.

Xie Qiuxiang was released early after serving five years in prison. Then she went abroad.

The information came to an abrupt end. There was nothing else.

However, Lu Xingzhi already knew where Xie Qiuxiang was.

The woman that Master Cheng mentioned was Xie Qiuxiang.

How interesting!

Madam Cheng and Mrs. Sun were twin sisters. However, when Madam Cheng was in prison, Mrs. Sun did not visit her, not even once. And after Madam Cheng got out, she did not return to Ping City to look for her family.

The Sun family had been living in poverty for all those years because of Sun Xiaoshan's illness. Madam Cheng did not lack money from Master Cheng. If she were willing, she could have saved her younger sister's family.

Lu Xingzhi took out a lighter and burned the papers. As he looked at the flames, his thoughts jumped to the crazy person he met at the train station when he returned to his hometown last year.

The words that Lu Xiaoxiao said suddenly jumped in his mind.

"My friend said that the idiot's wife was a beautiful city girl. She was an educated young woman who went to the countryside back then. She was well-educated and very knowledgeable, and she wrote very well too. I heard that she even knew how to play the piano."

"I heard that the people in the village always praised her. When she was in the village, many people liked her; everyone took care of her. They did not let her do any heavy work."

Lu Xingzhi replayed those words in his mind several times. Was Xie Qiuran the wife of that lunatic? The woman who had disappeared without a trace?

Xie Qiuran looked very similar to Jiang Yao when she was young.

If that was the case, then where did Xie Qiuran's daughter come from?

Lu Xiaoxiao said that the old woman had buried her granddaughter alive. The child's death was why the lunatic's wife had left.

Sun Xiaoshan could not have been picked up by Mrs. Sun; she looked too much like her mother. Furthermore, Mrs. Sun's love for Sun Xiaoshan was not fake.

Only a mother could take care of a daughter with congenital heart disease for 20 years without complaints.

Lu Xingzhi took the pan that had already been burned. He sat back in his chair; his thoughts were a little complicated.

The information did not match. It was also possible that Xie Qiuran had nothing to do with that lunatic.

It could also be a coincidence that the lunatic had mistaken Jiang Yao for someone else.

A few seconds later, Lu Xingzhi took out his phone and made a call. After the call connected, he said, "Get some photos of Xie Qiuran when she was young and go to my hometown to check them out. Oh, right! You can focus on that lunatic's hometown and ask the older townspeople if they know Xie Qiuran."

Chapter 1162: Have A Good Time

After a day of fun in Jindo City, it was already past ten o'clock when they returned to the hotel after looking at Jindo City's beautiful night view. Lu Xiaoxiao and the others were almost crawling on their feet.

"Sister-in-law, I'm going to take a shower first." As soon as she entered the room, Lu Xiaoxiao rushed into the bathroom. As she stood at the door, she looked at Jiang Yao, who was happily tidying up the souvenirs she had bought. Lu Xiaoxiao could not help but praise her. "Sister-in-law, my brother must have trained your stamina, right?"

"Hurry up and take a shower." Jiang Yao's face became hot. Lu Xiaoxiao was not married yet, so it must not have been what she had meant. However, she still urged Lu Xiaoxiao in embarrassment.

Lu Xingzhi's stamina was many times better than hers. It was as if he could not be tired. She even thought that Lu Xingzhi's potential was almost beyond most humans. Once he was fully stimulated, he was the strongest person in the world.

If Lu Xingzhi had lived during the war, he would have been able to dominate a region.

After Lu Xiaoxiao entered the bathroom, Jiang Yao took her phone, put on her coat, and went to the balcony to call Lu Xingzhi. It was pretty late, but Lu Xingzhi would never sleep until she called him.

The phone beeped twice before the other party picked it up. The man spoke with his usual low tone as his wife's voice echoed in his ears.

"Did you have fun?" Lu Xingzhi regretted that he did not have the time to accompany her to enjoy Jindo City. He could not accompany her to appreciate the scenery that he had seen by himself.

“I had fun. My parents also had a lot of fun, but they were exhausted. We took a lot of photos today. If you were here, it would be our family photo.” Jiang Yao sighed regretfully.

“Soaking in a hot bath before going to bed will make you feel much better,” Lu Xingzhi said. “What about you? Are you exhausted too? Don’t force yourself. You should rest when you’re tired. If you don’t sleep well, it’s not good for your body. You must take care of our son.”

Jiang Yao was embarrassed and replied carelessly, “It’s over. I left your son in the mountains!”

“It’s okay. I’ll pick him up later.” Lu Xingzhi chuckled. No one knew if he was amused by his own answer or by Jiang Yao’s words.

“Then you better hurry up. If you’re late, the wolf will take him away!” Jiang Yao became more excited as she spoke. Then, she told Lu Xingzhi about the souvenirs she had bought that day and what to give to Wen Xuehui and her other roommates; even Huang Chenchen had some.

“That means only me and my son don’t have one.” Lu Xingzhi chuckled. “You’re a good wife.”

Jiang Yao pretended to be dumb; she acted like she did not hear his words. He kept mentioning a son as if she was already pregnant.

“Oh, right! I met Sun Xiaoshan at the hotel today. She’s Zhou Weiqi’s junior sister, the one who looks like me. I saw her today. She does look a little like me, but only a little. But I’m prettier than her!” Jiang Yao flattered herself shamelessly. “Don’t worry. No matter how many people in the world look like me, your wife will always be the most beautiful one.”

Yes, it was not awkward to see her face, but it was uncomfortable to see who was uglier.

Lu Xingzhi knew about that matter; he had read the report in the evening. When he heard that Mrs. Sun had taken Jiang Yao’s hair, he guessed that she wanted to use Jiang Yao’s hair for a test. She probably wanted to do a DNA test between her and Jiang Yao.

Chapter 1163: It’s My Birthday The Day After Tomorrow

If Mrs. Sun was the madman’s wife, then it was perfectly normal for her to suspect that Jiang Yao was her daughter.

If that were the case, then where did Sun Xiaoshan come from?

Lu Xiaoxiao said that the madman’s wife had given birth to a daughter, not that she had given birth to a pair of twin daughters.

Lu Xingzhi’s heart trembled when he heard Jiang Yao joked with him flirtatiously on the phone. It was a good thing that Jiang Yao did not suspect anything.

However, the fact that Mrs. Sun had taken her hair meant that she was suspicious. Mrs. Sun was also investigating Jiang Yao.

Lu Xingzhi’s heart had always been troubled. How relaxed was Jiang Yao’s smile? How heartless was she in making fun of the Sun family’s mother and daughter duo? If she discovered that she was not the Jiang

family's biological daughter, how heartbroken would she be to learn that her biological parents had abandoned her? How depressed would she be?

It seemed as if all of her happiness was about to be shattered. She had a close relationship with everyone in the Jiang family. They had spoiled her since she was a child, but she was not their biological daughter. Could she take that blow?

Jiang Yao, the woman whom he could not wait to lavish attention upon, deserved the most beautiful things in the world, including her parents.

"You are going to see the national flag tomorrow morning, right?" Lu Xingzhi decided to change the subject. He did not want to talk about Sun Xiaoshan and her daughter any longer.

"Yes, I have to get up early tomorrow. Chen Xuyao said that he would take us to eat the most authentic soy milk and deep-fried dough sticks in Jindo City. I'm looking forward to it." Jiang Yao did not doubt him. She assumed that Lu Xingzhi was not interested in Sun Xiaoshan and her mother.

"Then rest early. Don't tire yourself out. If you get worn halfway through the day, tell everyone to stop and rest. Don't tire yourself out after traveling for a few days," Lu Xingzhi instructed.

Jiang Yao acknowledged that. Then, Lu Xiaoxiao came out of the bathroom. When she heard that Jiang Yao was on the phone, she guessed that she was talking to Lu Xingzhi, so she rushed to grab Jiang Yao's phone and chatted with Lu Xingzhi for a while.

Lu Xiaoxiao was tired. Jiang Yao went into the bathroom to take a shower. When she came out, Lu Xiaoxiao was already on the bed, sound asleep.

Jiang Yao accompanied her family in Jindo City for five days. Since Mr. Lu had to go back to work, everyone except Jiang Lei took a plane back to their hometown. Meanwhile, Jiang Lei went to Yuan City to meet up with his friends.

After sending her family to the airport, Jiang Yao, Zhou Weiqi, and Ah Lu returned to Jin City. Zhou Weiqi sent her to the army barracks' entrance and then rushed back to his unit.

Lu Xingzhi waited for Jiang Yao outside the entrance; he knew that she was returning that day. He did not rush back to the office after he picked her up. Instead, he helped Jiang Yao in carrying her luggage home.

The moment he entered the house, Lu Xingzhi did not do anything else. He pressed her against the door and kissed her anxiously.

It was the winter break, yet she went to Jindo City for five nights. She let him sleep in their bed alone and thought about her for five nights.

Lu Xingzhi let her go after he was satisfied with the kiss. He raised his hand and touched Jiang Yao's face. "It's my birthday the day after tomorrow."

She would be starting school soon after his birthday, and he would go on a mission.

"I remember." Jiang Yao chuckled and nodded. "I'm preparing a gift."

Chapter 1164: That Doesn't Sound Right

Even though she had been traveling for the past few days, she did not forget the handmade paper cranes she had prepared for Lu Xingzhi. She did not waste a single second of her free time.

"What is it? Let me have a look?" Lu Xingzhi said as he reached out and touched Jiang Yao's pocket. Surprisingly, there was nothing inside. However, he did not take his hand back. Instead, he conveniently placed it on Jiang Yao's waist and scratched it gently. "You hid it so well."

"Of course!" Jiang Yao was very proud.

"Rest at home. I still have to go to the office to do some things. I'll come home to cook your favorite dishes for you at noon." Lu Xingzhi kissed Jiang Yao's lips again. He said, "I need to tell you that I'll be going on a mission in a few days."

"Ah?" Jiang Yao blinked. "Aren't you transferring to a new unit? You're getting a new mission now?"

"The mission will be transferred to the new unit as well. After it is over, I will officially report to the new department. If there are no accidents, I will set off with my partner to carry out the mission in a few days."

He could not tell her more about it. Furthermore, he did not know much about the mission, and he did not even know who his partner was.

Jiang Yao nodded and grunted. Her voice was muffled, a little depressed, and also a little disappointed.

Every time she was there to visit him, he would always need to go on a mission.

Lu Xingzhi could not comfort Jiang Yao, so he could only hold her hand and led her back to the bedroom to rest. He covered her with a blanket and then went out.

Jiang Yao laid on the bed and rolled around twice as she sighed. When she saw Moe asleep in her furry shoes, Jiang Yao asked, "Are you going on that mission as well?"

"No," Moe said. "Your man is so powerful; what are you afraid of?"

"Of course, I'm afraid! He almost died in front of me when he went overseas on a mission last time." Jiang Yao sighed. "I know he's powerful, but I still worry about him. With you around, I'll be more at ease. I'll wait for him to finish his mission before returning to school. I'll also wait for you to come back. When we return to Nanjiang City, I'll buy you new toys. I'll buy you whatever you like."

Moe's ears twitched. He was clearly a little tempted, but after some consideration, he still seemed a little unwilling to be alone with Lu Xingzhi, so he continued to hesitate.

Lu Xingzhi had just left the house when he received a phone call on his way back to the office.

"Young Master Lu, I can confirm that Xie Qiuran is that idiot's wife," the man on the phone said. "Also, I met someone sent by Mrs. Sun in your hometown. They took the idiot's hair and some blood samples. I learned that she bribed the cleaners in Jindo City Hotel to get Young Madam Lu's hair samples."

He paused. The man continued to say, "I found the address by accident. A man gave me an incomplete handwritten address; he thought I was a local there, so he asked me about the location. He even

mentioned Xie Qiuran, so I took the opportunity to look into it. That was when I found out that Mrs. Sun was looking into this matter. Perhaps she thought that decades had passed and the fool would move to another place.”

“That doesn’t sound right.” Lu Xingzhi rejected the theory. “If Mrs. Sun is the idiot’s wife, and she found out from Lu Xiaoxiao that Yaoyao is from the same hometown, then she must have suspected that Yaoyao was the child that her mother-in-law had buried alive. Why did she have to travel thousands of miles to get a sample of the fool’s blood when she’s got a sample of Yaoyao’s hair? She could have used her blood and Yaoyao’s hair for the DNA test.”

Chapter 1165: When Do We Set Off?

Lu Xingzhi’s words made the person on the other end of the phone immediately fall silent. He was right; if Mrs. Sun were the fool’s wife and suspected that Jiang Yao was her daughter, why would she need the fool’s blood since she already had Jiang Yao’s hair? Why did she not use her blood for the identification test?

“But I took Xie Qiuran’s photo and asked many old locals in the town. Everyone said that she was the fool’s wife. They insisted that they would not mistake her.”

That was true; no one would forget such a beautiful girl. No one would be mistaken.

“Take Xie Qiuxiang’s photo and ask them again. They are twin sisters. They look similar, especially when they were 20 years old,” Lu Xingzhi said.

“That doesn’t sound right. Xie Qiuxiang had in prison because she killed her husband—”

“Just do as I say,” Lu Xingzhi said. “Tell me when you have the result.”

Then, Lu Xingzhi put his phone back into his pocket. At that moment, he had a vague guess, but it was a bold one.

It was decades ago, so it was difficult to investigate, indeed. Back then, especially in the countryside, couples got married without the need for a certificate. A banquet was already considered a formal marriage. Marriage certificates did not exist in their minds at all.

Therefore, it was not easy to investigate Xie Qiuran and Xie Qiuxiang’s news through the authorities.

Not long after Lu Xingzhi returned to his office, Commissar Wang was there to talk about the mission.

“I thought you’re not here.” Commissar Wang knocked on the door and walked into the room. “There has been a new development in the mission that the chief discussed with you. The informant reported that the criminal group is cooperating with some other groups at the border. One side is sending people, and the other side is sending money. The money was paid according to the number of people they have. If they die, then compensation will be negotiated separately.”

“When do we set off?” Lu Xingzhi was afraid that Commissar Wang would say the day after tomorrow.

“We don’t have confirmation yet. The higher-ups are still gathering information anxiously, and they also need to get cooperation from the female army corps. They need to arrange a fake identity for those going on the mission, and they also need you to take action, so it won’t be that quick.” Commissar Wang

looked at Lu Xingzhi. "Isn't it your birthday the day after tomorrow? Don't worry, it won't be that fast. I'm just telling you in advance so that you can be mentally prepared. You can still have a good time with your wife on your birthday."

Lu Xingzhi hummed in gratitude, but his heart was relieved.

At home, Jiang Yao laid on the bed and stared at Moe silently. She did not show any signs of weakness as she stared at him.

"I won't go even if you want me to go. I won't go even if your eyeballs were to pop out. Besides, your man won't allow me to leave your side. He thinks I have the same function as Ah Lu and Big Ke, and that is to protect you at all times," Moe said quietly. "Actually, I am quite useful by your side. For example, when you were kidnapped a few days ago, if it were not for my sharp claws, you would still be tied up right now."

"There's a scalpel in the system lab." She could take out everything in the system lab, so it was useless for Jiang Yao to use a claw to cut the rope.

Moe was speechless; he had forgotten about that.

Chapter 1166: Where's The Present?

"If you follow him discreetly, he won't know about it." Jiang Yao continued to encourage Moe. "When you come back, I'll buy you chicken legs, new toys, and a pair of bigger lanterns."

Moe was afraid of Jiang Yao, and the temptations came one after another. He was worried that he would not be able to resist, so he decisively chose to run away.

What a joke! No matter how good those things were, they would not be better than his little life.

If anything happened to Jiang Yao when he was not by her side, that man would swallow him alive. There was no other person more important than Jiang Yao to that man.

He would not care about his own life, but he cared about the slightest bit of harm that Jiang Yao might suffer.

It was evident from how closely Big Ke and Ah Lu had kept an eye on Jiang Yao when they were in the hotel. Sun Xiaoshan's mother had only taken two strands of Jiang Yao's hair, and they had found out about that. They managed to get her back. It was evident that Lu Xingzhi kept them informed of any potential danger.

They would have to wait and see if Lu Xingzhi was a threat if his wife was missing even one strand of hair.

If Moe were to run away quietly, Jiang Yao would not be able to do anything about it. Jiang Yao thought that Lu Xingzhi's mission must have been an urgent one, and the more urgent the mission, the higher the risk factor. Therefore, no matter how capable Lu Xingzhi was, she would still be worried.

It had nothing to do with other people's opinions.

Even if other people thought that Lu Xingzhi was as strong as Ultraman, he was not omnipotent.

In her heart, Lu Xingzhi was only her husband, her man, a man of flesh and blood who she would miss dearly.

Jiang Yao lazed in her bedroom for a while. When she heard a knock on the living room door, she got up to open it. It was Mrs. Lin and Xiao Wei.

“Auntie Lu.” Xiao Wei greeted Jiang Yao with a smile when he saw her. “I haven’t seen you for a few days. Mom said that you went to Jindo City for a vacation. Where’s Sister Xiaoxiao? She said that she would bring me a gift!”

“Oh! She asked me to bring it to you!” Jiang Yao patted his head as she recalled that matter. Then, she returned to the bedroom hurriedly and took the present that Lu Xiaoxiao had specially prepared. She had wrapped it very tightly. Jiang Yao did not know what it was either.

Anyway, Lu Xiaoxiao had a child-like personality, and she could make friends with anyone. After spending two nights with Lin Wei, they were like old friends who could talk about anything. She even praised all of Lin Wei’s pets. One moment they were cool, and the next moment they were handsome. Lin Wei was delighted with the praises. He told Mrs. Lin that Lu Xiaoxiao was the most interesting girl he had ever seen.

“Then when will Sister Xiaoxiao come back?” When Lin Wei heard that Lu Xiaoxiao had already gone back, he was a little disappointed. “Does Sister Xiaoxiao live far away? When I grow up, can I go and play with Sister Xiaoxiao?”

“There’s no place in the world that you can’t reach by plane. When you grow up, if you still remember Sister Xiaoxiao, you can go find her then.” Mrs. Lin laughed. Her son had been great with Jiang Yao when she first arrived. It seemed like she had to step aside when Lu Xiaoxiao appeared.

“Then, when I grow up, I’ll go look for Sister Xiaoxiao.” Lin Wei nodded. After he got the item in Jiang Yao’s hands, he thanked her. Then, he asked Jiang Yao for Lu Xiaoxiao’s phone number and went home happily.

Chapter 1167: How He Spent It?

“That kid...” Mrs. Lin scolded him with a smile. Then, she turned to Jiang Yao and asked, “Sergeant Lu’s birthday is in two days. It’s rare for you to be in the army this time of the year. How are you going to celebrate his birthday?”

“How did he spend it in the past?” Jiang Yao asked curiously.

“How could he? He was by himself then.” Mrs. Lin burst into laughter. “He didn’t even remember his own birthday. Every time, my husband would find someone to celebrate with him. Sometimes, he would drink some wine at my house, and sometimes he would go to the cafeteria to have a meal with him. However, Sergeant Lu did not have any reaction to his birthday in those years. I can see that his mood has started to improve over the past two days, so I think it must have been your presence. That’s why he’s looking forward to his birthday. He also remembered it.”

Mrs. Lin was afraid that Jiang Yao would not remember it, so she was there to remind her. It was not that Jiang Yao did not even remember her own husband’s birthday. It was mainly because Jiang Yao had been busy for the past few days, so she feared that Jiang Yao would forget.

Furthermore, Sergeant Lu's mood for the past few days showed that he was looking forward to that day.

There was nothing much to say about how Lu Xingzhi used to celebrate his birthday in the army. There was once when Lu Xingzhi was out on a mission on his birthday. By the time he returned, it had already been more than half a month. Mr. Lin called for someone to help him make up for it, and Lu Xingzhi felt that it was troublesome to reject it.

"Your husband is completely different from mine. It is the beginning of the month, and my husband is already talking about his birthday. Sergeant Lu is a reserved person, so he won't bring it up. I'm afraid that you'd forget about it because of your busy schedule. Even though he won't bring it up, as his wife, you'll have to remember it and put in some effort."

"There's no difference." Jiang Yao smiled. Colonel Lin only reminded her when it was already the middle of the month. Lu Xingzhi had already reminded her for several months.

Lu Xingzhi was not only annoying, but he was also indecent.

Although Lu Xingzhi was usually bored with other people, he was never that way with her. It made her wonder if she had met a fake Lu Xingzhi.

"I got it, Sister Lin. I'll ask him about it later." Jiang Yao nodded and smiled. "You know about my culinary skills, right? I'm not good at it."

What Jiang Yao meant was to ask Lu Xingzhi if he wanted to invite anyone home for dinner that day. However, with her cooking skills, if she invited anyone, Lu Xingzhi would have to cook again. When that time came, Lu Xingzhi would be very tired.

Mrs. Lin realized that Jiang Yao had not forgotten, so she nodded and confirmed it. She was not good at cooking either, so she understood Jiang Yao's thoughts.

At that moment, the two of them were very much in sync with each other and envied those wives who were great at cooking. They did not know how those women could learn to cook an entire table of delicious dishes in such a short time.

After Mrs. Lin left, Jiang Yao retrieved her phone and sent a message to Zhou Weiqi; she wanted to know how long it had taken him to practice his cooking skills.

When she saw Zhou Weiqi's reply, Jiang Yao threw her phone back onto the sofa and chose to return to her room to continue working on her little handiwork.

If she could not do it, then she would not force herself. If she cooked some bad dishes, Lu Xingzhi would be the one to suffer.

However, she could still bake a birthday cake!

Jiang Yao remembered that Mrs. Lin said that her house had an oven!

In two days, she could go to Mrs. Lin's house early in the morning and borrow the oven to make a birthday cake for Lu Xingzhi. Although she did not know how to cook, she knew how to make desserts. That was also her gift to him.

Chapter 1168: Married Couple

Lu Xingzhi did not go home for lunch in the end because he was informed at the last minute that he had to go to the city for a meeting with Colonel Lin and Zhou Junmin. The three of them were there until very late at night before they went home.

Lu Xingzhi's face was livid when he returned, but Colonel Lin and Zhou Junmin laughed the entire way.

When Jiang Yao opened the door for the three of them, she could feel the pressure around Lu Xingzhi. However, Colonel Lin and Zhou Junmin had been holding back their laughter. She asked, "What's wrong? Why do you have that expression?"

"Hey, Jiang Yao, you haven't heard. It is a small world, indeed." As soon as Colonel Lin opened his mouth, Lu Xingzhi, who was in front, threw a knife at him.

Other people would be afraid of Lu Xingzhi, but Colonel Lin, who had been friends with Lu Xingzhi for so long, did not fear him. He said, "The three of us are going on a mission together, and we have our own arrangements. What a coincidence! The partner assigned to Lu Xingzhi is Chen Feitang. The two of them will have to pretend to be husband and wife!"

When Colonel Lin saw that report during the meeting, he immediately burst out in laughter. Lu Xingzhi had turned hostile on the spot and rejected that partner. He requested a change of partner.

The other party was perplexed when they saw Lu Xingzhi's look as though he wanted to kill him. He had made that arrangement because Lu Xingzhi and Chen Feitang had returned from a perfect mission together. He had no idea why Lu Xingzhi was so upset about his partner.

Colonel Lin could only say that the person who made the arrangements was entirely innocent. After all, the other party was not a member of the army, so he did not know about the connection between Lu Xingzhi and Chen Feitang.

Colonel Lin's name had been added to the mission. He was older than Lu Xingzhi and Zhou Junmin, so Colonel Lin and his partner would pretend to be siblings.

Lu Xingzhi and his partner had to act like husband and wife, while Zhou Junmin would act alone.

Zhou Junmin also cried out in pain. He had been looking forward to a beautiful female partner for several days, but in the end, he had to suffer alone.

After Colonel Lin finished speaking, Lu Xingzhi's face darkened, and Jiang Yao's face was even more expressionless.

"Take your things and get out of here." Lu Xingzhi went back to the bedroom, took out a bunch of keys, threw them at Zhou Junmin and Colonel Lin, and began to chase them away. "Don't mess around in front of my wife."

Colonel Lin chuckled and waved the keys in his hand as he pulled Zhou Junmin away. Only then did Lu Xingzhi slam the door shut and pull Jiang Yao back to the bedroom.

"You have to pretend to be married to Chen Feitang?" Jiang Yao was furious. "You can go undercover with anyone; why must it be Chen Feitang? Does she want to cause trouble behind my back again?"

Of course, Jiang Yao was angry. Chen Feitang had gawked at her husband for a very long time. A while ago, she even caused trouble behind her back and disgusted her.

“When I was traveling in Jindo City, I heard Chen Xuyao say that her fiancé broke off their engagement and asked to be transferred out of Jindo City’s military to the border guards.” That was what Chen Xuyao had told her. The man had canceled the engagement because he knew what Chen Feitang had done to Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi. The man would rather offend the Chen family than marry their daughter. So, he left Jindo City without another word to the Chen family.

When Jiang Yao heard that news, she wanted to applaud that man. That man seemed wise. He probably knew that Chen Feitang’s personality would only bring him trouble.

Chapter 1169: Change Partners

Even though the Chen family could bring him benefits, Chen Feitang was a big problem. Furthermore, he would not be able to suppress his wife. Therefore, he chose not to marry Chen Feitang. He did not want her to drag her down as well after the marriage.

Chen Feitang was alone again. People in their circle had been laughing at her because her engagement was canceled. That must have put her in a bad mood.

“It should not have been her.” Lu Xingzhi shook his head. Chen Feitang probably did not want to see him either.

“That might not be the case. Maybe she’s deliberately trying to upset the two of us? By pretending to be a couple!” Jiang Yao stomped her feet in anger. “Pretending to be a couple means pretending to be intimate. How long will you have to carry out this mission? How long will you need to pretend?”

“I’m not sure.” Lu Xingzhi frowned. After he thought about it for a while, he decided to tell Jiang Yao more about the mission. “It’s an undercover mission. If it’s quick, it’ll take ten days to half a month. If it’s slow, it might take a few months.”

“Change partners!” Jiang Yao yelled at Lu Xingzhi. “If you can’t change partners, then don’t go.”

“I’ve applied for it.” That was the first time Lu Xingzhi saw Jiang Yao so angry. He could see that she was furious when she heard that he would go on an undercover mission with Chen Feitang as a couple.

Well, Lu Xingzhi felt that there was still some jealousy in her.

When she spoke, she hugged him in a carefree manner, as if she was declaring her ownership of the man. She was so angry that she blew up on him, but she was adorable.

“I simply can’t imagine you and Chen Feitang going on a mission together,” Jiang Yao said. “I hope the partner assignment has nothing to do with Chen Feitang.”

“I can’t imagine it either.” Lu Xingzhi knew how much she hated Chen Feitang. If he were to go on a mission with Chen Feitang, it would be torture for him, and it would also be very irresponsible of him, especially with regards to the mission.

He could never trust Chen Feitang, and she could never make him feel at ease with her. Such partnership would only be a burden. It would influence the mission greatly, and it might even endanger his life.

A partner was essential to a mission. They should have a tacit understanding of each other and complete trust. A partnership without trust would only bring difficulty and influence to the mission.

“Have you eaten dinner? What did you eat?” Lu Xingzhi did not go back in the afternoon. During dinner, he was worried about whether Jiang Yao had eaten at home.

He was not home, and Jiang Yao did not know how to cook. He had wanted to arrange for someone to send food to Jiang Yao at home, but he was afraid they did not know her food preferences.

Jiang Yao nodded. “I ate a little, but it’s boring to eat alone. I don’t have much appetite. What about you?”

“I’m going to cook some supper.” Lu Xingzhi took off his heavy coat and went straight to the kitchen. Then, he asked Jiang Yao to sit in the living room and wait for him.

He did not have much appetite, which meant that he did not eat much. Even if he did not want to eat, he would have supper with her.

While Lu Xingzhi was busy in the kitchen, Jiang Yao spent her time in the living room thinking about her life. She called out to Moe and looked at the kitchen to ensure that Lu Xingzhi could not hear her. Then, she threatened Moe fiercely. “You have to go with him! What if the higher-ups won’t change partners? You have to help me keep an eye on her. What if Chen Feitang deliberately wants to upset me? If you’re not there, who will help me keep an eye on that woman?”

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“Why don’t you go?” Moe rolled his eyes. “In terms of ability, you’re no worse than that woman, let alone as a spy. Your look deceives more than anyone else’s.”

Jiang Yao gasped in surprise, but she took it as a compliment from Moe. “Continue.”

“Your ability is not inferior to that of Chen Feitang. You can protect yourself. You also know marksmanship, and you also know martial arts. Your hearing and vision are way better than any other human. As a spy, you will do better than anyone else, and you will obtain information faster and more accurately than anyone else.” He continued to say, “So instead of you having to guard against that woman, you might as well do it yourself. Furthermore, you and your man are husband and wife. The two of you don’t have to pretend. That way, a real husband and wife will be more believable.”

The more Jiang Yao listened, the more she felt that what Moe said had made sense. She nodded and said, “Yes, we are a real couple. The intimacy between us will not appear fake, and it will be more unbreakable than a fake couple.”

Furthermore, Jiang Yao also felt that she was more confident than Chen Feitang in terms of looks. Chen Feitang might look noble, but with Jiang Yao’s appearance, people would think that she was delicate and weak, so they would not be suspicious and wary of her.

“The most important thing is that I have medical skills. I can handle any emergency.” Jiang Yao clapped her hands and exclaimed, “Your idea is incredible!”

However, after she got excited, Jiang Yao looked in the direction of the kitchen and sighed. “But Xingzhi will never agree to let me participate in the mission.”

That was a fact; Jiang Yao could already guess without even asking. Lu Xingzhi wanted to work hard to support her; he hoped she could live a carefree life under his protection.

Jiang Yao sighed. “Looks like we can only do it covertly. Tomorrow morning, when he leaves, we’ll find the Chief!”

“Okay, I’ll support you.” Moe raised his paw. “Just treat it as a surprise for him.”

It was probably more like a shock.

Jiang Yao touched the tip of her nose, then sat down at the dining table and looked at the busy man in the kitchen.

It was only a late-night snack, but it had to be nutritious. He prepared two fried eggs and put some vegetables in the noodles.

When he came out of the kitchen, Jiang Yao was not only hungry, but her stomach also growled.

“Smells delicious!” Jiang Yao liked Lu Xingzhi’s fried eggs very much. They were thin and fragrant. He even sprinkled some pepper on the eggs to warm her stomach. Then, he laid the fried eggs on top of the noodles; he did not put them in the pot to cook them.

Lu Xingzhi smiled when he received Jiang Yao’s compliment. “Just eat all of it; don’t leave even a single bite.”

Of course, Lu Xingzhi also felt that that was unlikely. After all, Jiang Yao’s appetite was quite small. However, he liked to cook for her. Then, he would watch her bury herself in the big bowl and eat the noodles he had cooked so happily. She was so full that she touched her round stomach and burped. When she could not finish her food, she would act coquettishly and push the bowl in front of him. Then she would watch admiringly as he finished the food for her.

Finally, Jiang Yao ate until she was too full to move. Then, she would push the bowl at him to let him finish it. After he finished eating and washing the dishes, she stood at the kitchen door and watched him while waiting for him. After he was done with his chores, she would let him lead her back to the room.

Even though Lu Xingzhi was unhappy because Chen Feitang was his undercover partner, he did not let it affect his training the next morning. The mission meeting had ended yesterday, but he still had to wait for the notification before he could begin the mission officially. After all, there were still many temporary identities that needed to be arranged.