

Chapter 1181: Dogs

That night was a special night for Lu Xingzhi; he treasured every minute and every second of it.

Lu Xingzhi had received the warmest birthday present from Jiang Yao, and she practically had to hold her waist to get out of bed the next day. When she went to wash her hands and saw herself in the mirror, she wanted to kill Lu Xingzhi.

“Your skin is delicate, and I did not use much strength.” Lu Xingzhi wore a childlike expression on his face. He gently rubbed the back of her neck with his hand. “Get some ointment for it, or wear something softer. Don’t rub it anymore.”

“Dog.” Jiang Yao pushed Lu Xingzhi. “Hurry up and make breakfast.”

“I’ll go now,” Lu Xingzhi said, but his feet seemed to be motionless. He waited until Jiang Yao finished washing up before he followed her out.

After breakfast, Jiang Yao went out with Lu Xingzhi. They drove Lu Xingzhi’s car, picked up Lin Wei and Mrs. Lin, and left for Mrs. Lin’s mother’s home.

For the people in public institutions, it was time to work. However, in most people’s homes, it was still the New Year.

It was not a weekend, so only the housekeeper was at Mrs. Lin’s mother’s home. Her parents had gone to work, and when they entered the door, Mrs. Lin brought Jiang Yao to the kitchen.

Mrs. Lin told the housekeeper that she would bring her friends home to use the oven for baking some cakes, so the housekeeper had already prepared the things she needed the day before that. Jiang Yao could do it as soon as she arrived.

Mrs. Lin knew that Jiang Yao could bake, so she was very curious as she was pretty useless in the kitchen. When Jiang Yao was busy in the kitchen, she did not leave for even a second. She just watched and learned from Jiang Yao.

“What birthday present did you prepare for Sergeant Lu? He seemed to be in an excellent mood this morning.” Mrs. Lin was a little curious.

“It’s a secret!” Jiang Yao smiled and did not answer Mrs. Lin’s question. Gifts were something that husband and wife liked to do on their own. Of course, she did not want to tell other people.

Mrs. Lin sneered at Jiang Yao and did not ask further. The two of them started to talk about other topics.

“You know that Sergeant Lu and my husband are going on a mission, right? I heard that Lu Xingzhi’s first partner was Chen Feitang. However, when Sergeant Lu saw the candidate, he fell out with the other person and immediately requested a partner change. The higher-ups agreed and are in the process of re-selecting a candidate.” Mrs. Lin smiled. “You two are fated to be with Chen Feitang. Just like that, and she’s assigned to Sergeant Lu.”

“It’s a small world, after all. That’s probably what they say about Chen Feitang and us.” Jiang Yao’s appetite turned sour whenever Chen Feitang was mentioned.

However, she heard that Chen Feitang would no longer be on the women's special forces team. In the future, Lu Xingzhi would not work with Chen Feitang, and that was great news.

Lu Xingzhi had applied to change partners. Everyone in the entire military region would know that he and Chen Feitang had a feud. Right?

Old Master Chen was in a difficult position, but so what? That was all Chen Feitang's own doing.

However, under Old Master Chen's commands, even if Chen Feitang were not Lu Xingzhi's partner, she would likely remain on the executive list with such an excellent potential to contribute. She merely did not know who would be assigned to be her partner.

Chapter 1182: By Yourself

Mrs. Lin laughed when she heard what Jiang Yao had said. Both of them chatted and giggled as if they were walking at lightning speed.

Jiang Yao's birthday cake for Lu Xingzhi was eventually finished two and a half hours later. The aroma of the cake drew Xiao Wei, who was sitting in the living room doing jigsaw puzzles, into the kitchen. He looked at the cake for a few moments before raising his eyes and asked, "Mom, you have been watching it for a long time. Have you mastered it yet?"

Mrs. Lin shook her head. She was so preoccupied with speaking with Jiang Yao that she did not notice how Jiang Yao had made it.

Jiang Yao stayed for an extra hour after seeing how much Xiao Wei enjoyed it, and she baked one for Xiao Wei. She also baked some cookies and delivered them to the Lin residence. She was so preoccupied that half a day had flown by in the blink of an eye.

Jiang Yao was about to take the cake back to the military barracks when she got a call from Luo Ruoran. She was surprised when she heard that Luo Ruoran would leave Jindo City the next day.

"I probably can't see you off tomorrow. What time is your flight?" Jiang Yao did not know how long the test would take the next day.

"It's 9:30 in the morning." Luo Ruoran smiled. "I'm not calling to ask you to come to Jindo City to see me off on a cold day. As a friend, I just need to tell you that I'm leaving."

"By yourself?" Jiang Yao sighed. She definitely could not make it to the airport so early in the morning. Otherwise, she would see Luo Ruoran off; she had taken care of her during her stay in Jindo City. It did not matter if the weather was cold or the distance of the airport. It was a bond between friends.

"Brother Haoyu and I will leave Jindo City together." Luo Ruoran explained, "I will go to his city for two days, then transfer from his city to the place where I'm going."

In other words, she would not live in the same city as Gu Haoyu. She would not even live in the same country as Gu Haoyu. She only chose the city where Gu Haoyu lived for her transfer, and she would only stay for two days.

"Oh, by the way, Jiang Yao, can I ask you a few questions?" Luo Ruoran hesitated before she said, "Recently, I've been feeling a little weak. I often feel dizzy and have a bad appetite. I don't know if it's

because of my stomachache during the New Year or something else. Can you prescribe something for me? I don't really want to go to the hospital."

"I haven't seen you, so I can't give you a check-up, which means that I can't give you any medicine. I'm in Jin City. If you're free now, you can come here. We'll have a meal together, and I can give you a check-up. If there's nothing serious, I'll give you some medicine. That way, I'll be more at ease." Jiang Yao's medical skills were rigorous. She would not give Luo Ruoran medicine to treat her stomach just because she thought she was uncomfortable.

Therefore, Jiang Yao chose to ask Luo Ruoran to see her in person.

Luo Ruoran hesitated for a few seconds before she agreed to do that. She made an appointment with Jiang Yao at a restaurant in Jin City. Then, she made a phone call and prepared to drive to Jin City.

After she got off the phone, Jiang Yao explained to Lin Wei and Lin Yao, "I'm not going back to the army at noon. I'm going to meet a friend for lunch. After I'm done, I'll come back here to pick you guys up."

"Okay." Lin nodded. "I can also have lunch with my parents. It's good. I'm not in a hurry to go back to the army anyway. I don't have anything urgent."

Chapter 1183: Is It Stomach Cancer?

After a pause, Mrs. Lin reminded her, "Remember to give Sergeant Lu a call."

Jiang Yao nodded and dialed Lu Xingzhi's number.

Coincidentally, when Lu Xingzhi received Jiang Yao's call, he was about to call her. He realized it was time for him to go back and make lunch, so he wanted to ask Jiang Yao if she would be home at noon. If she were not, he would not need to go back; he would go to the cafeteria to eat instead.

"You're not coming home at noon?" Lu Xingzhi's heart sank when he heard Jiang Yao say that she had an appointment with Luo Ruoran at noon. It was his birthday, but his wife had to accompany someone else's wife.

Even though he felt aggrieved, Lu Xingzhi did not show it. He told her to drive carefully on the road before they hung up.

Jiang Yao met Luo Ruoran in the restaurant an hour after she finished her call with Lu Xingzhi. She suspected that Luo Ruoran had driven all the way there.

"Sister Ruoran, tell me why you don't feel well." Jiang Yao greeted Luo Ruoran and sat down across from her. If she were honest, Luo Ruoran did not look too good since they last met. She seemed to have lost a lot of weight.

"After our last meeting, my appetite got poorer within two days. I feel as if I don't have enough sleep. I feel weak and can't keep anything now. Sometimes, it gets so bad that I feel nauseous when I smell the food. I did not eat anything, but I kept vomiting." Luo Ruoran frowned and sighed as she looked at Jiang Yao nervously. "Do you think I have stomach cancer? I've seen an elderly with stomach cancer like this. I don't dare go to the hospital."

She was afraid of death; she was terrified.

Jiang Yao did not expect Luo Ruoran's condition to be so serious. She asked Luo Ruoran to stick out her tongue for her to take a look. Then, she checked Luo Ruoran's pulse. At the same time, she asked the system to scan her.

Luo Ruoran had mentioned stomach cancer, so she was a little worried. However, after checking her pulse, Jiang Yao was a little dumbfounded.

Stomach cancer? That was a clear pulse...

Jiang Yao did not hurry to tell Luo Ruoran what she had found. Instead, she looked at the system's results.

As expected, the results were the same as her pulse. Then, she glanced at Luo Ruoran with a bitter smile and teased her. "This isn't stomach cancer."

Luo Ruoran's face calmed when she heard that. "That's great! I'm still young and haven't lived long enough! I don't want to die. I heard that the mortality rate of stomach cancer is very high."

After sighing, Luo Ruoran asked again, "Is it because I ate something bad?"

Jiang Yao shook her head and curled her lips into a smile. "Not really."

Then, she moved her eyes downward slowly and finally fixed them on Luo Ruoran's flat stomach. She said, "Congratulations! You're becoming a mother. You're two months along."

Jiang Yao was happy. "Sister Ruoran, the baby is very healthy! Your reaction is a normal pregnancy symptom. Relax, you have to keep up with the nutrition during this period. I will give you some dietary supplements to alleviate the pregnancy symptoms. After that, you can ask your housekeeper to cook according to the formula I give you."

The baby was still very young, so it was still impossible to tell its gender. However, the baby was very healthy.

Luo Ruoran was stunned from the moment Jiang Yao congratulated her. She sat there in a daze with a shocked look on her face. It was as if she had been struck by lightning.

Chapter 1184: Don't Tell Him

"A baby?" Luo Ruoran was dumbfounded. She reached out and touched her lower abdomen gently. "Is there a baby in here?"

"Yes, you're about two months along. It's a very healthy baby." Jiang Yao smiled. "Are you going to tell Big Brother?"

Jiang Yao did not need to ask; she knew that the baby could only be Liang Yuezhe's. It did not look like Luo Ruoran had expected to be pregnant, so it was even more impossible for Liang Yuezhe to know.

"No." Luo Ruoran shook her head. "Don't tell him, and don't tell Lu Xingzhi either."

"Why?" Jiang Yao asked.

“Yueze and I are already divorced. There’s no need to burden anyone with a child. He will remarry another woman, and she will bear his children. This is my baby. It’s not like I can’t afford to raise this baby. There’s no need to tell him.”

Luo Ruoran rejected her question. “Jiang Yao, can you help me keep this a secret? Don’t tell anyone, including your husband. I’ll be leaving tomorrow and won’t be back for a while. I can give birth to my child overseas.”

“But you’ll have to come back sooner or later. With the relationship between the Luo and Liang families, they will find out eventually that you’ve had a child.” Jiang Yao still could not understand why Luo Ruoran and Liang Yueze would divorce so suddenly.

She had seen the way Luo Ruoran and Liang Yueze were together. When they got married, they looked very happy and in love. How did it change? Every time she saw Luo Ruoran, there was worry in her eyes.

When they got married, she was smiling so happily. How did she become so unhappy after that?

“There is nothing in this world that can’t be solved with money. Coincidentally, the Luo family does not lack money.” Luo Ruoran smiled lightly. “I will not hide it from my parents. When I give birth abroad, I can tell others that I adopted my baby. Or I can pretend to get married abroad and hide it from the Liang family. I can treat it as if this is my baby with my future husband.”

Money could solve many problems. Luo Ruoran was the Luo family’s only daughter, so they would be willing to spend money on her.

Jiang Yao was at a loss for words after learning that Luo Ruoran had arranged all of the alternatives so swiftly. Luo Ruoran was resolved to sever all relations with Liang Yueze. Therefore, she had no intention of informing the Liang family about the child.

“Jiang Yao, I’m begging you. Please don’t tell anyone about the baby.” Luo Ruoran bit her lips, and her voice was choked back with sobs. “If the Liang family finds out about the baby, they will force Liang Yueze and I to remarry. Even though I love him, I’m not willing to continue to love him like this. I’ve already chosen to let him go. I don’t want us to continue torturing each other. Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi loves you, and you love him too. You two are happy, so you probably won’t understand how hard it is for Liang Yueze and me to be together. I tried, but I did not get the result I wanted. I’m letting him go, and I hope that we can break up completely. The child is mine, and I can take good care of the child by myself.”

Jiang Yao heard Luo Ruoran’s words, but she was unsure why Luo Ruoran would say that it was torture for Liang Yueze and her to be together. Why would it be so torturous for them to be together?

Chapter 1185: I Beg You

Jiang Yao could not say no when Luo Ruoran pleaded with her.

She seemed to be able to see the struggle, as well as the sorrow and pain, in Luo Ruoran’s eyes. It seemed as though she was clinging to the cliff’s edge with one hand. It would be like pulling one of her hands that was clutching onto the edge of the cliff if she did not comply. It would be the equivalent of kicking her straight into the abyss.

She could not utter a single word of rejection.

Jiang Yao did not know how to tell Luo Ruoran that she had a feeling Liang Yueze liked her. She had seen the tenderness in Liang Yueze's eyes when he gazed at Luo Ruoran, the type of affection and indulgence that a man had for a woman.

Perhaps that was the mystery of those who were involved. Just like how she could not understand Lu Xingzhi's feelings for her back then, Luo Ruoran seemed to be following the same old path that she had taken.

"Please, Jiang Yao, I beg you." Luo Ruoran received no response from Jiang Yao, even after a long wait. She reached out and took Jiang Yao's hand in hers. "If I have to remarry him for this baby, then I will choose to abort it."

Jiang Yao was speechless. After a long while, she nodded.

"I will not take the initiative to tell Lu Xingzhi and Liang Yueze, but Ruoran, if Liang Yueze sees something and asks me, I hope you can understand that I can't lie to him." Liang Yueze was Lu Xingzhi's brother, and she was Lu Xingzhi's wife.

"That's enough for me." Luo Ruoran smiled in relief. "I won't give Liang Yueze the chance to find out. I'll leave Jindo City tomorrow. I won't come back until the child is grown up."

"Keep in touch. The first three months are crucial. Take care of yourself. The weather is cold. Don't catch a cold. Call me immediately if anything happens," Jiang Yao said. Then, she spoke to Luo Ruoran about the precautions during pregnancy for almost an hour.

Jiang Yao returned home depressed as a result of Luo Ruoran's situation.

She hoped that Liang Yueze would find out that Luo Ruoran was pregnant. If that were the case, perhaps the two of them could get married again.

Why would two people who were clearly in love end up divorcing?

She had seen how Liang Yueze peeled prawns for Luo Ruoran, and she could not wait to see how he doted on everything Luo Ruoran liked.

The way Liang Yueze looked at Luo Ruoran most of the time was extremely similar to how Lu Xingzhi gazed at her. It was a desire that he could see right through her with a single glance and could not wait to look her in the eyes.

When Jiang Yao's car arrived at the gate, the young soldier on duty stopped her. She noticed the young soldier approached her vehicle with something in his arms and said, "These are for Sergeant Lu. Young Master Zhou had dispatched them. He explained that they are presents for Sergeant Lu's birthday."

"Alright, thanks." Jiang Yao asked the young soldier to help put the things in the trunk before she drove away.

When she went to take the things upstairs, Jiang Yao realized that there were quite many things. Lu Xingzhi's brothers had sent them all. There were also some from Luo Ruoran, Xiao Ya, and Liang Yuekai.

Those things were neither new nor old, and some of them were quite heavy. Jiang Yao had to make a few trips to get everything upstairs.

When Lu Xingzhi returned home at night, he saw the gift pile in the living room. He was not surprised at all. Every year on his birthday, those people would send him gifts; not one of them would miss out on the occasion.

At first, he thought there would be one less gift that year. Luo Ruoran and Liang Yueze were no longer a couple. He did not expect that they would give him a gift each.

Chapter 1186: Three Wishes

“Wife, why didn’t you turn on the lights when you’re at home?” He was greeted by the warmth of the heater the moment he walked into the kitchen. Lu Xingzhi hastily removed his military coat and walked toward the commotion in the kitchen.

“Wait, don’t come in!” Jiang Yao yelled hurriedly from the kitchen.

Lu Xingzhi’s footsteps came to a halt.

“Go back to the living room and close your eyes!” Jiang Yao shouted from the kitchen but did not come out.

Lu Xingzhi arched his brow. He had no idea what Jiang Yao was up to, so he took two steps back and stood in front of the coffee table in the living room. “It’s done.”

“Did you shut your eyes?” The person in the kitchen wanted to confirm it.

Sergeant Lu, who was standing in the living room with his eyes open, acknowledged her without hesitation. Then, he stared at the door of the kitchen with burning eyes.

Lu Xingzhi waited for a few seconds but saw no sign of Jiang Yao. Instead, he heard the crackling of a lighter in the kitchen. After a few sizzles, a faint light came from the kitchen.

Then, in his line of sight, a dim light steadily brightened up and approached the kitchen door.

A few seconds later, he noticed Jiang Yao cautiously strolling out of the kitchen with a birthday cake. She probably did not expect him to open his eyes. She raised her head and looked at him. Then her face froze, and she laughed angrily.

“I knew you wouldn’t be so honest!” If she had known sooner, she would have poked her head out to see if he had closed his eyes before taking the cake out.

That guy had her completely fooled. He even reacted loudly when she questioned if he had closed his eyes!

Jiang Yao cast a sidelong glance at Lu Xingzhi, who suddenly smiled. In his opinion, she seemed exceedingly coy, as if she were acting coquettishly.

It would be ridiculous for her to take the cake back to the kitchen and start again since she had been spotted. As a result, she could only walk toward Lu Xingzhi slowly as she held the cake and sang the birthday song.

“I went to Mrs. Lin’s mother’s house this morning to borrow their kitchen to bake you a birthday cake. I know you don’t like sweet foods, so I did not put too much sugar in it.” Jiang Yao paused in front of Lu Xingzhi with the cake in her palm. The two of them were only a cake’s width apart. “I do not know how to cook, so I can’t make the longevity noodles for you. Instead, I baked you a cake to reflect my emotions. Happy Birthday to you! Blow the candles and make a wish.”

Lu Xingzhi did not take the cake. Instead, he covered the back of Jiang Yao’s hands with both hands while she held the cake in hers.

“How many wishes can I make?” Lu Xingzhi asked.

“Three,” Jiang Yao answered.

“The first wish is to grow old with you.” Lu Xingzhi looked at the face in the candlelight. “The second wish is to have a son.”

“You don’t have to say it!” Jiang Yao exclaimed.

However, Lu Xingzhi shook his head. “I’m afraid that if I don’t say it, you won’t be able to hear me. And if I say it softly, God won’t be able to hear me.”

“The third wish...” There was a pause as the corners of his lips curled up slightly. “...is to have a daughter.”

After Lu Xingzhi paused, Jiang Yao said in a low voice, “To have a daughter.”

Unsurprisingly, the two of them did not miss a single word. She understood what was in his mind.

All three of his wishes were related to her; he was afraid that if he did not say it out loud, she would not be able to hear him.

Lu Xingzhi laughed joyfully as he listened to Jiang Yao’s whisper, which was precisely what he had said. Then he blew on all the candles in one breath. “Around this time next year, my son will blow out these candles with me.”

Chapter 1187: A Gift That Touched His Heart Deeply

Jiang Yao smiled inwardly—thinking that it was most likely impossible. Even if she were pregnant for ten months, the baby would only be two months a year from that night. What else would a two-month-old baby know other than drinking milk and sleeping? How would he know to blow the birthday candles for his father?

The two of them ate a small piece of cake each. When Lu Xingzhi went to the kitchen, Jiang Yao divided the remaining cake into several portions and gave them to their neighbors.

Lu Xingzhi’s phone was so busy at eight in the evening that he had almost no time to rest. Another call came in almost immediately after the previous one was answered.

All of his brothers had called to express their best wishes to him. They chatted with Lu Xingzhi for a time after they wished him a happy birthday. Everyone was speculating on how Lu Xingzhi had spent his birthday with Jiang Yao. They were also curious about Jiang Yao's birthday present for him.

Lu Xingzhi had the rare tolerance to deal with them one by one because he was in a pleasant mood. When someone asked him what present Jiang Yao had arranged for him, he would say proudly, "My wife wished me a happy birthday early in the morning. As for my present, my wife folded 1,001 paper cranes by hand. She left early this morning for the city to borrow someone's kitchen to bake a birthday cake for me."

Even Jiang Yao, who was listening on the side, trembled uncontrollably when she heard his pompous tone. No one could resist the words of a sullen person.

After Lu Xingzhi had finished answering everyone's calls, he went into the study room and took a pair of scissors to open each present, one by one. Jiang Yao accompanied him throughout the process and observed the gifts that his wealthy brothers had given him.

Jiang Yao was shocked when she saw the car keys and cash in the boxes—cars, watches, and even cash gifts.

"I feel like you can enjoy your birthday a few times a year."

Jiang Yao patted the box filled with cash.

While they were talking, she noticed Lu Xingzhi took a few clothes from a box. Her eyes were wide open.

"That... that... who the f*ck gave that?"

Jiang Yao was furious.

When Lu Xingzhi spotted the garments, he tossed the other items aside. He examined the signature on the package. "It's from my sister-in-law. She gets me."

Jiang Yao was dumbfounded. She snatched the items from Lu Xingzhi's hands and shoved them back into the box. She roared in her heart, 'I have done so much to help you, and yet you have done so much to hurt me. Can we still be friends?'

It was Lu Xingzhi's birthday. Why would she give such embarrassing lingerie to him?

So, had he wanted to trick her for a hundred years?

Lu Xingzhi took the item back with great care. "Sister-in-law, you have good taste. Which one are you going to wear tonight?"

"Not a single one!"

Jiang Yao roared.

"Naked?"

Lu Xingzhi raised his eyebrows. "That's not very good, is it?"

Jiang Yao did not believe that Lu Xingzhi did not understand what she meant. That guy was deliberately misinterpreting her answer.

Jiang Yao snatched the items, rolled them up, and ran all the way back to the bedroom to hide them. Only then did she return to the living room and urged her husband to open the next present. Then, she asked, "Will Big Brother send Sister Ruoran to the airport tomorrow?"

"No," Lu Xingzhi replied. "Big Brother is on a business trip today. He won't return to Jindo City until a week later."

"They were husband and wife once. Why won't he send her to the airport?" Jiang Yao asked. "Is his business trip that important? Perhaps he doesn't know that she's leaving tomorrow?"

Chapter 1188: Wear This Tonight

"Yes, he knows," Lu Xingzhi explained. "He doesn't want to see her off."

It was a farewell. What was there to see?

Lu Xingzhi could understand Liang Yueze's feelings, so he knew that his so-called business trip was just an excuse.

"Why wouldn't he want to see her off?" Jiang Yao sighed. "Sister Ruoran might not come back for a few years after this."

"He doesn't want to see her off because he's afraid of seeing her leave." Lu Xingzhi laughed. "But I'm not sure if Big Brother will be unable to resist chasing after her soon."

Jiang Yao suspected that Liang Yueze would not pursue Luo Ruoran after she left the country.

Luo Ruoran was pregnant. It might not be long until news of Luo Ruoran's new marriage abroad spread throughout the Luo family, followed by news that she was pregnant and had a kid.

Jiang Yao assumed that Luo Ruoran would probably fake a marriage to keep the Liang family from discovering her baby. She would tamper with the baby's birth certificate after the baby was born, delaying the baby's birth date by half a year. When the child reached the age of three or four, the difference of merely half a year was no longer discernible.

The baby would be Luo Ruoran and her new husband's child. As long as the child did not resemble Liang Yueze, Luo Ruoran could get a divorce and return to the country with her child. No one would suspect that the child was Liang Yueze's. No one would care about the child's father.

Liang Yueze did not want to see Luo Ruoran off, so he would not notice the changes in her body. When the Luo family finally heard that Luo Ruoran had remarried, a proud person like Liang Yueze would probably not pursue her again.

Jiang Yao sighed silently. She did not know the final outcome for Luo Ruoran and Liang Yueze in their previous lives. It would not matter if they were separated just like that.

"I still have to go to the city tomorrow." Jiang Yao did not ask about Liang Yueze's business trip. Instead, she mentioned that she would leave for a day the next day. "I need to buy some things. It's not easy to find them, so I'm not sure if I'll be back by noon tomorrow."

"If you need to buy anything, just tell Big Ke and Ah Lu to get them." Lu Xingzhi frowned.

"Medical supplies. It's better if I go personally. Da Ke and Ah Lu are amateurs, after all. If you're worried, I'll let them follow me. I'll come back as soon as possible." Jiang Yao knew that Lu Xingzhi was unhappy. She had spent so much time outside those few days, and she still wanted to go out. She would go back to school soon, so he wished that he could spend 24 hours a day with her.

"Okay." Lu Xingzhi nodded. "Take Moe with you."

Moe, who was resting in the corner, stretched luxuriously and meowed in answer when he heard his name. Then, he turned and went back to sleep.

Jiang Yao thought that she had hidden the items given by Luo Ruoran. She had not expected to see one of the black ones in Lu Xingzhi's hands when she emerged from the shower!

"Wear this tonight." Lu Xingzhi waved at Jiang Yao with a smile.

She was speechless.

Jiang Yao took a step backward and prepared to run out of the bedroom to hide in the study for the whole night.

What a joke! She still had to take the test tomorrow. Would she still be able to take the test if that person tortured her for half the night?

Jiang Yao ran quickly, but Lu Xingzhi's reaction was even faster. He moved like a wild leopard. He rushed forward and took her by the waist as she raced out of the bedroom.

Chapter 1189: The First Test

Reality proved that one should not dream of escaping from the hands of a man who was determined to torture oneself, especially since that man was the best soldier in all aspects, such as physical fitness.

Jiang Yao was not faster than Lu Xingzhi, and she could not beat him in a fight. Unless she used the drugs in her system, she would have no choice but to surrender if she met Lu Xingzhi.

However, Lu Xingzhi was her man. Even though some medications in the system had no adverse effects, she was still hesitant to attack him.

The final result was that Lu Xingzhi got everything he wanted.

He saw everything he wanted to see and did everything he wanted to do. In the end, Jiang Yao could only let him do whatever he wanted, like a salted fish.

Lu Xingzhi was in a good mood the next morning as he went out for morning exercises. Jiang Yao remained on the bed alone like a dead fish when he left; she did not even bother to move. She stayed in bed until she was forced to get out.

The chief told Jiang Yao that they would arrive at Jin City's Police Crime Squad at 8:30 am. Someone would be there to greet her.

After Jiang Yao washed up, she rubbed her waist, took the car keys, and left in Lu Xingzhi's car. After arriving at Big Ke and Ah Lu's hotel, Jiang Yao drove all the way to the Police Crime Squad.

"I'll be a few minutes. Wait for me here." Jiang Yao handed the car keys to Big Ke, gathered her coat, and said, "Do not tell Lu Xingzhi about my visit. If he wonders what I am doing here, just tell him I have to buy something from the medical equipment company. Say nothing else to him!"

Big Ke and Ah Lu looked at each other for a few seconds before they nodded.

Their mission was to protect Jiang Yao. It was not like she would be in any danger in the Police Crime Squad, right? Furthermore, that was Lu Xingzhi's territory.

Moe hid in Jiang Yao's pocket. After they entered the Police Crime Squad, he poked his head out; he was half-dead curious. In the end, Jiang Yao forced him back into the pocket before he finally calmed down.

"Jiang Yao, you're here?" Colonel Lin was speaking with someone in the Police Crime Squad's hallway. When he saw Jiang Yao, he smiled and checked his watch. "You arrived 15 minutes early. You must be used to it."

Jiang Yao looked at Colonel Lin in surprise. Colonel Lin was not surprised at all that she was there. That meant that Colonel Lin knew why she was there.

"Are you surprised? I've been here since 6 am." Colonel Lin was amused. "I am in charge of meeting with you. I am also in charge of the instruction and several assessments for your exam today."

Then, Colonel Lin brought a chair over to Jiang Yao and said, "Today's assessment has a lot of material and is quite strict. If you can't pass any of the tests, you won't be able to replace Lu Xingzhi's partner."

"The first test is marksmanship." Colonel Lin handed the form to Jiang Yao. "Three rounds of different assessment methods record your results. As a spy, the main task is to convey information to the higher-ups, so marksmanship and close-combat skills are very important. Close-combat skills will be in the last test. After marksmanship, it is observation, judgment, and adaptability. If your skills are outstanding, the requirements for the last test will be lowered appropriately."

Then, Colonel Lin clapped his hands. "I heard that Lu Xingzhi had trained you in marksmanship and close-combat skills. I look forward to it."

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"You missed a few. Professor Xingzhi also taught me observation and evaluation." Jiang Yao smiled lightly. If Lu Xingzhi had not taught her so much, she might not have had the confidence to participate in those tests that day.

After all, the superpowers bestowed upon her by the system were not always omnipotent. It would not demonstrate how exceptional she was if she did not have some ability and had to rely solely on the superpowers from the system.

“I did not think Xingzhi would teach you that.” Colonel Lin was taken aback and teased her. “Is he training his preferred partner ahead of time?”

Of course, that was just Colonel Lin’s joke. He knew what Lu Xingzhi had taught Jiang Yao because he wanted her to be able to protect herself.

Any professional soldier, especially one as dangerous and exceptional as Lu Xingzhi, had a swarm of hidden foes. As a result, the greater Jiang Yao’s capacity to defend herself, the more confident Lu Xingzhi would be.

“The marksmanship test will be held at the Police Crime Squad’s shooting room. Please follow me.” Colonel Lin rose to his feet and pointed to the long corridor ahead of him. “That way, you will only join the second round if you pass the marksmanship test.”

“The test for marksmanship will be held in the shooting room of the Police Crime Squad. Follow me.” Colonel Lin stood up and pointed at the long corridor in front of him. “This way. You will only be able to participate in the second round if you pass the marksmanship test.”

Jiang Yao was not worried about marksmanship at all. She was Lu Xingzhi’s disciple, and he had taught her everything.

Perhaps it was because it was still early, or maybe it was because the police squad had specially instructed her, when Jiang Yao entered the shooting room, there was no one inside.

Colonel Lin entered and motioned to one of the spots for Jiang Yao to stand and prepare.

Jiang Yao smiled as she stared at the fragmented bullets on the plate. It appeared that assembling the pistol was also part of the assessment.

She did not say much to Colonel Lin. She lowered her head and rapidly reassembled the gun’s scattered parts. Within a minute, a fully loaded revolver materialized in front of her.

Before she could get used to the pistol in her grasp, she was interrupted by Colonel Lin’s remarks. “Begin the assessment. The first round of mobile frisbees is underway.”

Three frisbees flew out from three meters away in the next second. The frisbees twirled in the air, giving Jiang Yao no time to react. Then, three bullets struck the three frisbees, forcing them to tumble to the ground.

“Beautiful!” Colonel Lin lauded. “Very few targets remain still in an accident. As a qualified partner, we must retain responsiveness and agility.”

A hot-blooded feeling rushed into Jiang Yao’s heart like the three bullets would have done.

She could feel the sense of honor and responsibility as a soldier in Colonel Lin’s commentary.

That round did not only put Jiang Yao’s marksmanship to the test but also her capacity to adjust drastically.

Colonel Lin purposefully chatted with Jiang Yao before abruptly interrupting the second round of the marksmanship test.

The flying saucers for that round were smaller, faster, and more numerous than the first.

Even though Jiang Yao had already reloaded her ammunition, that was the first time she had encountered such a situation. She had been conversing with Colonel Lin, and she did not expect him to have such a ploy. Therefore her reaction was not as quick. She did, however, drop two flying saucers.

“Colonel Lin, who arranged this assessment?” Jiang Yao almost jumped out of her seat. A second before Colonel Lin opened his mouth to say that the second round was about to begin, he was still discussing Lu Xingzhi. That was clearly a deliberate attempt to distract her attention with conversations about people and things that interested her.