

Chapter 1271: Acknowledging A Child

Mr. Jiang could not deny the fact that Jiang Yao was not his and his wife's biological child. After the police came, they immediately investigated and found out the truth.

So what if she was not his biological child?

Mr. Jiang looked at the parents in front of him and asked, "Now that you remember your daughter, did you raise her? You left her in the mountains. If my wife and I had not been worried about our young child at home, and I didn't hear the crying of a child in the mountains and went to take a look, how could that child still exist in this world?"

Mrs. Jiang's heart trembled with fear. "In such cold weather, the child looked like she was only a few days old. She was dressed in thin clothes and left the mountains. There were wild dogs everywhere in the mountains. When we heard the child crying and found her, two wild dogs had surrounded her. If we had arrived a little later, the child would have either frozen to death or eaten by the wild dogs."

The more Mrs. Jiang spoke, the angrier she got. "Even if you didn't want a child back then, could you not leave the child on the main road? If someone saw her, they could still pick her up. You left the child on the mountain; did you want her to freeze to death? If you don't want a child, why don't you give the child away? What makes you think we'd let you see her today?"

Mrs. Jiang looked at the family of three in front of her. Even though they did not look wealthy, at least they did not lack money. In fact, that man looked even more refined. One look and one could tell that he was an intellectual. She did not think that he would be able to do such a thing.

"It doesn't look like you lack money. Back then, you were ruthless enough to throw your child away. Now, our family is happy. The child has grown up and gotten married. She has her own family. You shouldn't disturb her anymore." Mr. Jiang shook his head.

"I don't know what other people think of our daughter, but in our family, our daughter is our treasure. We love Yaoyao as much as we love her two brothers. Her two brothers have always doted on her. She is very happy in our family, and she doesn't know about this. You appeared so suddenly today. Have you ever thought about how she would feel? You guys are being selfish!"

"Mr. Jiang, I hope you can listen to our explanation." Mr. Sun hurriedly explained. "I'm not the child's biological father. Back then, Qiuran did not abandon the child intentionally. Qiuran's ex-mother-in-law took the child behind Qiuran's back and then lied to her that she had buried the child alive. Qiuran returned to Ping City in despair. Then, I got to know Qiuran. All these years, Qiuran had always thought that the child was dead, and she had always blamed herself. She blamed herself for not being vigilant enough to protect the child back then."

"The child's father is that idiotic Lin from your county. I heard that he used to look for his wife at the train station and bus station. I don't know if you know that person," Mr. Sun said.

"Before, we didn't know that the child was alive. Now we know that she is alive, we have to come here and acknowledge her. You loved the child and cared for her. We are grateful—"

“Father! Mother!” At that time, Jiang Jie and Lu Xingzhi’s father and mother had arrived. Jiang Jie entered through the door and shouted twice, just interrupting Mr. Sun’s words. “Mr. and Mrs. Lu are here.”

Chapter 1272: Just In Time

“What’s going on?” Mrs. Lu was utterly dumbfounded when she heard that Jiang Yao’s biological parents had gone to the Jiang family. Later, she ran into Jiang Jie on her way back. She learned that Jiang Yao’s parents had adopted Jiang Yao.

Before that, Mr. Lu and Mrs. Lu had never suspected that Jiang Yao was not the Jiang family’s child. After all, everyone knew how well the Jiang family treated Jiang Yao.

After knowing Jiang Yao’s background, Mr. Lu and Mrs. Lu began to worry about what would happen if Jiang Yao found out about that?

Suddenly, her parents became adoptive parents, and the brother who doted on her became someone who was not related to her by blood. Was that not a shock for her?

Mr. Sun asked, “Who are these two people?”

“They are my brother-in-law’s parents,” Jiang Jie said.

Mr. Lu and Mrs. Lu were also stunned after listening to Mr. Sun’s explanation. Her grandmother and father had abandoned Jiang Yao. Was she hidden from her biological mother? Then Jiang Yao’s biological mother should not be blamed for what happened to Jiang Yao; she was also a victim. It was because of her weak husband and evil mother-in-law that they had been separated for 20 years.

Under such circumstances, if the other party wanted to acknowledge the child back, then no one could blame her.

“We still have to let her know about that. Where is she now? “Father Sun did not dare to let those people know that his wife had already gone to the school to look for someone but was unable to find her.

“Yaoyao and her teacher went to the countryside to participate in medical assistance. We don’t know the exact location. We only know that the place is very backward. There is no phone, and she did not bring her cell phone. We can’t contact her now.” Mr. Jiang was telling the truth. That was what Jiang Yao told him when school started.

“Really? Can’t you contact her either?” Mrs. Sun asked with a look of disbelief. “Don’t tell me you don’t want us to meet her?”

“Is that how you speak to other people? Don’t you know any nice words?” Mrs. Lu was also angry when she heard that. “Even though you did not mean to lose the child, still, you did not raise her.

Furthermore, Mr. and Mrs. Jiang had raised the child so well and excellently. They have no obligation to let you see her. Furthermore, Jiang Yao is not here. You can’t get in touch with her, but you still have that attitude?”

“It’s not that we’re biased toward helping our in-laws. But they had raised your daughter and kept her safe. They even nurtured her talents. You should be grateful. They are not only Yaoyao’s benefactors but yours as well. You have to understand the situation. Right now, you owe the Jiang family, not the other way around. So pay attention to your attitude.”

As expected of the school leader, Mr. Lu’s words made Mr. Sun and Sun Xiaoshan blush.

However, there was not a trace of guilt on Mrs. Sun’s face.

“Are you Jiang Yao’s in-laws?” Mrs. Sun straightened her back. “You came just in time. If you did not come here today, I would have gone to look for you later.”

Chapter 1273: Divorce

When the Jiang family, including Mr. Lu and Mrs. Lu, heard the tone of that woman’s voice, they knew that she had come with ill intentions. That woman did not know how to be grateful. She did not have the slightest bit of gratitude toward the Jiang family for raising Jiang Yao.

Mrs. Sun sneered, “The Jiang family must have been blinded by lard. My daughter was only in her second year of high school. She was only 18 years old, and yet, you let her get married! If you care about her, how could you let her get married while she’s still studying? Your family keeps saying that you care about your child. In the end, didn’t you kick her out early because of the betrothal money? You still dare to say that you care about her?”

No one could refute her; Mrs. Sun said, “I’m not only here to take her away, but I also want her to have nothing to do with country bumpkins like you. I want her to divorce her husband. How can my daughter marry someone like your son? Even if the Xie family is down and out, we are still a scholarly family... Our descendants can’t live like this!”

“You are such a wicked person!”

Mrs. Jiang was so angry that she almost fainted. The Lu family had given the Jiang family a very generous dowry. Lu Xingzhi had also given them a sum of money. However, Mr. Jiang and Mrs. Jiang did not leave a single cent for themselves. They were all used as Jiang Yao’s dowry and returned to Jiang Yao.

Mr. Jiang was not so useless that he would use the dowry to support his family’s expenses!

When Mrs. Sun spoke, even Sun Xiaoshan and her father were shocked. They did not expect Mrs. Sun to offend Jiang Yao’s family members as soon as she arrived. Furthermore, she wanted Jiang Yao to divorce her husband?

“Mom, don’t be like that.”

Sun Xiaoshan advised her mother. “We’ve seen them. They’re very close, so why should they get a divorce? They got married early, perhaps because they knew each other earlier. Furthermore, the law states that a girl can get married when she turns 18. They’re not wrong.”

Mr. Sun did not snap back to his senses for a long time. He looked at his wife in astonishment. Before they came to the village, they had inquired about the couple. Everyone said that the couple was very close, so Mr. Sun was shocked that his wife would mention divorce to Jiang Yao's family members.

"Qiuran, don't act so rashly!" Mr. Sun tried to stop her. Jiang Yao and her husband were close. Why would her biological mother break up the couple the first time they met? Did she still want her daughter? Was she trying to make enemies??"

Furthermore, it seemed like she had offended Jiang Yao's family. If she were so petty, would she hate her daughter as well? Did she want to cause a problem for Jiang Yao? How would the child face her family in the future?

"Lunatic! Get lost!" Mr. Jiang looked around angrily, but he was unable to find a suitable tool. He immediately picked up the stool and was about to throw it at the two elders from the Sun family. He was so angry that he did not know what to say. "Take your crippled daughter and get lost!"

"My daughter isn't crippled!" Mrs. Sun shouted angrily. "How dare you scold my daughter? I'll beat you to death!"

"Mother!"

Sun Xiaoshan was so scared that she cried. She stood up and wanted to struggle, but her entire body began to tremble after only two steps. Perhaps because she was frightened by that scene, her emotions fluctuated wildly. She clutched her chest and fainted.

Chapter 1274: No Way

Mr. Sun did not care about stopping his wife. He quickly carried his daughter back into the wheelchair and gave her two pills. Then, he saw his wife still fighting like a shrew. He shouted, "Have you had enough? Your daughter was so scared that she fainted. Are you done? Are you only happy if your daughter dies?"

Mr. and Mrs. Sun had left the village in a hurry because of Sun Xiaoshan's illness. It seemed that they were in a hurry to send Sun Xiaoshan to the hospital.

After the three of them left, Mrs. Jiang sat there and cried. She cried as she was filled with anger. She gasped for breath. "What kind of fate does Yaoyao have? What kind of biological parents does she have? Her biological father and grandmother wanted to let her freeze to death. Her biological mother wants to separate her and Xingzhi like a madman. She wants to mess up her life."

"Mother, that woman might be doing that on purpose."

Jiang Jie quickly went forward to comfort her. "She might be trying to make us angry on purpose. When the time comes, she wants us to vent our anger on Yaoyao and chase her out of the house. That way, she can bring Yaoyao back and treat her as their daughter."

"That should be the case."

Mr. Lu nodded as well. They must have wanted to monopolize Jiang Yao; he could not think of any other reason.

“Mrs. Jiang, don’t cry. Yaoyao is a very sensible child. Furthermore, her marriage with Xingzhi is protected by the law, and it’s a military marriage. That woman can’t break them up.” Mrs. Lu patted Mrs. Jiang’s shoulder and comforted her. She also reassured her. “The Lu family will only acknowledge Yaoyao as our daughter-in-law. If anyone dares to snatch her away from us, they will have to go through me first. I’m not easily bullied.”

“The most important thing right now is to tell Yaoyao about this. If that woman doesn’t get your permission, she might go to Yaoyao’s school and look for her there. If Yaoyao finds out about this from them, she might overthink and be even sadder.” Mr. Lu paused for a moment before he said, “That woman won’t say anything nice. It would be bad if she said that you stole her child. That woman is wicked.”

“But Yaoyao hasn’t called home recently, and I don’t know when she will call us.”

Jiang Jie sighed. “Let’s tell Lu Xingzhi about what had happened here. Actually, Xingzhi already knows about it.”

“What?”

When Jiang Jie said that Lu Xingzhi already knew that Jiang Yao was not the Jiang family’s biological child, everyone in the room was shocked.

“When did that happen?” Jiang Jie’s parents asked.

“During the New Year. They must have noticed your expression. He asked me, and I couldn’t hide it for him, so I didn’t. Let him talk to Yaoyao, and maybe ask her to bring her here,” Jiang Jie said.

“If Xingzhi knew about this, would Yaoyao know about it as well? Would he have told Yaoyao?” Mrs. Jiang asked.

“No.”

“Impossible.”

Jiang Jie said the first sentence, and Mrs. Lu said the last one. Lu Xingzhi told Jiang Jie to hide it from Jiang Yao, and Mrs. Lu knew her son well.

“With Xingzhi’s personality, he won’t tell Yaoyao about that. He would only think of ways to hide it. He must also be afraid that Yaoyao will be affected if she knows about it,” Mrs. Lu said.

Chapter 1275: Taking Advantage Of The Situation

“Then let’s talk to Xingzhi first. Go to the shop and borrow a phone to call Xingzhi’s unit,” Mr. Lu said.

After making the call, the Lu Xingzhi’s unit in Jin City informed the Jiang family and the Lu family that Lu Xingzhi was on a mission. However, that person could hear the anxiety in the other party’s tone, so he tried his best to give them more information. Then, Lu Xingzhi, far away in Shu City, received the news two days later that something had happened to his wife’s family.

Lu Xingzhi had managed to piece the situation together based on the few words that his comrades had relayed to him. He guessed that the Sun family might have approached the Jiang family.

Lu Xingzhi was a little surprised that it had happened so fast. After all, he had already replaced the test results. At first, he thought that they should be able to live peacefully for the next few months. Xie Qiuran should not have believed that the paternity test was fake so quickly...

Furthermore, only Jindo City Hospital had the paternity test. Other hospitals could not do it, but he had already asked Liang Yuezhe to keep an eye on Jindo City Hospital. If Xie Qiuran did another paternity test, all the results would be changed.

When Lu Xingzhi returned to his room, his wife and the cat were whispering on the bed. That night, he and Jiang Yao went to the hospital to visit Wen Yunfang. After a few seconds, they quietly laid by Wen Yunfang's side.

"What are you talking about?"

Lu Xingzhi casually asked when he saw Jiang Yao's mocking and excited expression. Then, he casually lifted Moe off the bed.

Jiang Yao smiled. "Moe told me that the person called Wen Yunfang had asked someone to spy on us for two days. She knew that the two of us had been inseparable and had lost our tempers several times in the hospital. Then, she found a few subordinates and said that she would give me to another man tomorrow. Wen Yunfang thinks that a woman like me, who is good-for-nothing, weak and inexperienced, will definitely feel like I am not good enough for you once another man defiles me. I will leave you on my own accord or even commit suicide."

When Jiang Yao mentioned that, she was not even angry. Instead, her face was full of sarcasm. "Am I that kind of idiot? Why would I let go of my man and give him to her?"

Jiang Yao did not notice Lu Xingzhi's grim expression. She said, "Tomorrow, Sister Wen might find an opportunity to find something for you to do. She'll get you away from me and arrange an opportunity for her daughter's people to trick me out of that house."

"I'll take you with me wherever I go." Lu Xingzhi gritted his teeth. That Wen Yunfang would wait for him after everything was done.

Jiang Yao shook her head. "No need. If Sister Wen asks you to do something tomorrow, you can do it. I don't need you to be on guard at all times. Don't forget, although we're partners, there are times when we have to act separately. I'm your comrade, not your burden."

Jiang Yao had Moe, the super spy. She already knew about the situation in advance and also knew what Wen Yunfang would do. If she still fell into the trap, then she was too stupid to be saved.

Tomorrow, Sister Wen would take Lu Xingzhi away. Wen Yunfang did not have the guts to do anything to her in the house. So, she might ask her to a movie and get her to leave the house with her.

Jiang Yao was prepared to play along. No matter what kind of man Wen Yunfang had planned for her, Jiang Yao would do the same to her.

Chapter 1276: Why Are You Asking Me This?

Lu Xingzhi had wanted to say no, but he knew that Jiang Yao was right. At that time, Jiang Yao was not only his wife but also his comrade-in-arms. He should believe in Jiang Yao's ability. Furthermore, she had Moe to help her. She was so confident then, so he could not undermine her.

No matter how bad it was, Ah Lu and Big Ke would also be in Shu City. Lu Xingzhi had contacted them, so they were on their way to Shu City. However, he did not want anyone to notice them, so they did not meet up.

Ah Lu and Big Ke would probably keep an eye on the house. He knew that they would protect Jiang Yao. However, there was still a problem.

"Wife, in the next two days, perhaps you can make a trip back to our hometown." If it were possible, Lu Xingzhi would have wanted to accompany Jiang Yao home, but he knew that he might not be able to leave.

"Did something happen at home?" That was Jiang Yao's first reaction. Otherwise, Lu Xingzhi would not have suddenly said that. "What's wrong? Did my second brother get into a fight in Yuan City and got his legs broken?"

Lu Xingzhi saw Jiang Yao's serious expression and immediately smiled. He shook his head and said, "Aren't you afraid that your second brother will be sad when he hears that?"

Jiang Yao giggled. "He's very easy-going, but he has a bad temper."

Lu Xingzhi stopped laughing when he heard Jiang Yao's crisp laughter.

He looked at Jiang Yao's smile. He was silent for a long time; he did not know how to tell Jiang Yao about that.

How should he tell Jiang Yao about her background?

"Wife, let me ask you a question." Lu Xingzhi thought about it and decided to take a roundabout approach.

He got Jiang Yao to take off her slippers and let her lie down on the bed. He looked like he wanted to chat with her.

Then, the first thing he did was take her hands and place them on his stomach to warm them up. Jiang Yao was playing with Moe just now, so her hand was a little cold now.

"Ask away." Jiang Yao nodded without thinking too much. Then, her gaze fell on his hand, and she used her fingertips to scratch his palm to tease him.

Lu Xingzhi tightened his grip. As he stopped her little movement, he asked, "How do you feel about Sun Xiaoshan's mother? Or rather, what do you think of her?"

"Sun Xiaoshan's mother?" Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi strangely. "Maybe she wasn't compatible with me. I didn't like her the first time I saw her."

Finally, Jiang Yao asked, "Why are you asking about her?"

“What about Madam Cheng? What do you think about Madam Cheng?” Lu Xingzhi did not answer Jiang Yao’s question but continued to ask.

“Madam Cheng?” Jiang Yao recalled the person who looked almost exactly like her. “It’s so strange. I have a feeling that when I’m old, I might look like Madam Cheng as well because I’m already too similar to her.”

Madam Cheng must have felt that the world was too wonderful too.

“But you are a little strange tonight. Why are you suddenly asking me all this?” Jiang Yao was suspicious and casually asked, “Don’t tell me that Mrs. Sun or Madam Cheng are my relatives? Did my parents pick me up from somewhere? Is one of them my biological mother or something?”

Chapter 1277: I Don’t Like Her

Jiang Yao’s joke made the words that Lu Xingzhi wanted to say stop in his heart. How disapproving and careless she was then, and how casually she had joked about that. She would hurt when she learned the truth.

She could casually joke about that because she did not think that there was such a possibility at all. She never assumed that she was related to those two people who looked so much like her.

“Yaoyao.”

Lu Xingzhi’s heart ached so much that he did not even dare to let out a sigh in case Jiang Yao heard him. He could only keep the sigh in his heart.

His worry at that moment was the same as when he confirmed his guess the other day.

Xie Qiuran was Jiang Yao’s biological mother. Lu Xingzhi could not bring himself to tell her about that.

Would it be easy to say those words?

However, that was Jiang Yao. The person smiling back at him was his Yaoyao.

It was the same Yaoyao who had always said that she was the happiest person in the world.

She always said that she had the best parents in the world, two brothers who doted on, and a husband who loved her the most.

“Yaoyao—”

Lu Xingzhi pulled her into his arms and hugged her tightly. Then, he said softly, “What if I tell you that either Madam Cheng or Mrs. Sun is your biological mother?”

If Lu Xingzhi’s expression were not too grave, Jiang Yao would have thought it was a joke.

However, she could tell from Lu Xingzhi’s expression that he was not joking with her.

“Mrs. Sun brought Sun Xiaoshan and her husband to your hometown to look for your parents. She wants to acknowledge you as her daughter.” Lu Xingzhi tightened his arms after he said that. When he saw the shock in Jiang Yao’s eyes, he wanted to reach out to cover them.

“Do you remember the story Xiaoxiao told you about the madman?”

“He is your biological father. Mrs. Sun took your hair and the madman’s hair to do a paternity test. The results showed that the two of you are father and daughter. However, I changed the report. I don’t know why Mrs. Sun is so sure that you are the child who was buried alive by that old woman.

“I did some research. The crazy man’s wife’s name is Xie Qiuran, and Mrs. Sun’s name is Xie Qiuran. I took a photo of Xie Qiuran when she was young and asked the crazy man’s old neighbor. Everyone recognized her as the crazy man’s wife.” Lu Xingzhi felt the body in his arms begin to tremble slightly. He knew how cruel it was, but he still had to continue. “After I brought you back to the army from Master Cheng’s place that day, I asked your eldest brother, and he admitted it. He said that your parents picked you up from the mountains.”

“So Mrs. Sun is my biological mother? I’m just an abandoned child picked up by my family? So if it weren’t for my parents, I would have died in the mountains when I was young.” Jiang Yao clenched her teeth. “Is that my sister, Sun Xiaoshan? Or a younger sister? I don’t like Mrs. Sun! I don’t like her at all. From the moment I saw her, I did not like her at all.”

Jiang Yao’s tears had started to fall before she could finish her sentence.

“My parents love me so much, and my brother loves me so much. How could I be someone they picked up from the mountains? You must have investigated wrongly.” Jiang Yao buried her face in Lu Xingzhi’s chest. Her tears started to fall like a dam. They were so hot that they almost burned his heart.

Chapter 1278: I Don’t Believe It

Jiang Yao did not believe it. She really did not believe it. Why would they suddenly tell her that her parents were not her parents—they were her adoptive parents? She was not their biological child. They had picked her up from the mountains.

She was a child who others had abandoned. The family that had raised her for 20 years and loved her for more than that was not her real family. It was just a borrowed home.

All the love that she thought she had was not something that she should have. It was all borrowed from the Jiang family.

“Yaoyao, we haven’t verified whether Mrs. Sun is your biological mother. Even though Mrs. Sun’s name is Xie Qiuran, after my investigation, I suspect that she is living in place of her twin sister. Your mother may be the real Xie Qiuran—Madam Cheng.”

Lu Xingzhi said, “Yaoyao, it doesn’t matter if you are your family’s biological child or not—they still loved and doted on you. They did not fake that for you. Yaoyao, Mrs. Sun’s family of three has been to see your family. Right now, they are waiting for you to go back and deal with this matter. The most important thing right now is to find out if Mrs. Sun and Madam Cheng’s identities have changed.”

Lu Xingzhi’s voice gradually softened. “Even if Mrs. Sun is your biological mother, she has not been kind to you. If you hate her, then don’t acknowledge her. No one will blame you. That way, you can make your parents feel at ease.”

No matter what Lu Xingzhi said, Jiang Yao was still very sad. That news was like a storm to her.

That news also made her feel a strong sense of guilt.

She was not her parents' biological child, but they still loved her. No, it was indulgence and love.

She could not be so insensible as to make a fuss with her family. Perhaps she was insensible. Did her parents ever regret picking her up and bringing her home?

All of that, of course, could not withstand the slightest bit of scrutiny in the face of truth.

Before she was reborn, she must have let her parents down, right?

She did not dare to think about how those people would criticize her behind her back when she did not return home for many years.

It was probably because the Jiang family raised an ingrate daughter. After she got married, she did not acknowledge her family and did not even know how to raise a family.

Perhaps it was because her parents were unlucky to have picked up a daughter they had raised for nothing? In the end, it was like they did not have a child at all.

Whenever it was the New Year and a festival, every family would bustle with activity. So, what did her parents think of her?

Did they also blame her? Did they regret raising her?

"I won't acknowledge Mrs. Sun. When I get home, I'll tell my parents that I'll always be their child. Even if I'm not their biological child, I will still be theirs. I'll pretend that I don't know about this. I'll pretend that they are my birth parents! I don't want to call other people my parents. They're the only parents I have." Jiang Yao sobbed softly.

Lu Xingzhi patted her head. "Nonsense. You have two fathers and two mothers, the Jiang family and the Lu family."

Jiang Yao sniffed and nodded pitifully.

She had already stopped crying, but when she looked up and met Lu Xingzhi's eyes, the grievance in her heart inexplicably surged again. "I hate the Sun family. I also hate that crazy man's family."

Chapter 1279: For The Sake Of Her Daughter

"Yes, no one is forcing you to like or accept it." Lu Xingzhi comforted her softly. As he looked at Jiang Yao crying miserably, his heart was filled with bitterness. How could his wife cry so miserably?

He wished he was the one who was involved in that matter.

Jiang Yao laid on Lu Xingzhi's chest and sobbed for a few minutes before she finally calmed down. Then, she moved away from Lu Xingzhi and laid on the side with a sullen face. She asked, "What did you mean when you said Xie Qiuran and Xie Qixiang switched identities? And what about Sun Xiaoshan? Is she my sister?"

"Sun Xiaoshan is older than you. She should be your cousin." Lu Xingzhi told Jiang Yao everything he found out about Xie Qixiang and Xie Qiuran in detail. He did not leave any information behind.

“But Madam Cheng’s name is Xinyou. I heard Master Cheng call her that.” Jiang Yao was confused. She could tell that based on Lu Xingzhi’s findings, it was very likely that Madam Cheng was the real Xie Qiuran. Madam Cheng could be her biological mother.

Apart from the confusion over Madam Cheng’s name, Jiang Yao also believed in that fact.

Master Cheng’s second son had looked very similar to her, and she looked like Madam Cheng.

“Madam Cheng might have changed her name. There are two possible reasons for changing her name. The first one was when she returned to Ping City, and she happened to meet Xie Qiuxiang, who had killed her husband. Between Mrs. Xie’s extreme favoritism and Xie Qiuxiang’s selfishness, they must have bullied her into going to prison under Xie Qiuxiang’s name. She must have just returned to Ping City and did not know that many people. She had nowhere to escape, so she was forced to be locked up in prison. After that, Mrs. Xie announced that she had severed all ties with her convict daughter, so she hated her mother and sister. After she was released from prison, she changed her name and never returned to Ping City.”

That was one of the guesses. “The other guess was that Xie Qiuran returned to Ping City in despair and learned that her father, who loved her the most, had passed away. She must have met Xie Qiuran, who accidentally killed her husband, and Xie Qiuran also had a daughter who was crying for food. She pitied her niece because she had also lost her daughter. In addition, she might have been disappointed with the world because of her own issues, so she took the initiative to take her sister’s place and go to prison. Later, she learned that after she went to prison, her mother issued a statement that she had broken off all ties with her, and her sister and mother never went to visit her in prison. After that, she was utterly disheartened and changed her name to marry Master Cheng after getting out of prison.

Jiang Yao scoffed. “If Mrs. Sun isn’t my biological mother, then why did she go through so much trouble to investigate me and then acknowledge me as hers? Perhaps she did not want to see her niece be left outside of the family? I don’t think that Mrs. Sun is a kind person. The way she looks at people gives people a very uncomfortable feeling. Her eyes are like a scale. Whenever she sees someone, it’s as if she’s weighing that person’s value.”

Then, Jiang Yao raised her head and looked at Lu Xingzhi. She saw the same answer in Lu Xingzhi’s eyes.

“The Divine Doctor!”

That was all Jiang Yao could think of, and that was all Lu Xingzhi could think of too!

Lu Xingzhi said, “Mrs. Sun was there because of Sun Xiaoshan’s health condition. Sun Xiaoshan’s health is getting worse. Mrs. Sun must have known you’re the Divine Doctor’s student, so she wants to acknowledge you as her daughter and ask you to get the Divine Doctor to treat Sun Xiaoshan’s illness.”

Chapter 1280: Go Back Early

“But if that’s the case, how do you explain Sun Xiaoshan’s identity? How will Mrs. Sun explain to Sun Xiaoshan how she had another daughter? Xie Qiuran had a daughter. If Sun Xiaoshan were younger than me, it would be easy to find an excuse, but Sun Xiaoshan is older than me. Then, what about Mrs. Sun’s current husband? Does he know that Mrs. Sun’s identity is fake?” Jiang Yao asked.

"I guess Mrs. Sun might say that Sun Xiaoshan is her sister's daughter. She felt bad that her sister was in prison and no one cared about her child. Coincidentally, she also lost her daughter, so she took her sister's daughter and raised her as her own. If Mrs. Sun's husband doesn't know that she is Xie Qiuxiang, that should be a perfect excuse, and it can also accentuate her incomparable kindness. However, Sun Xiaoshan's heart is not good and can't withstand a blow like that, so Mrs. Sun will not tell Sun Xiaoshan about that matter. She might acknowledge you and beg you to tell some lies for the sake of Sun Xiaoshan," Lu Xingzhi said.

Lu Xingzhi's analysis was close to the truth.

"If Mrs. Sun is really Xie Qiuxiang, and Xie Qiuran was forced to go to prison, then Xie Qiuran is too pitiful. She lost her daughter because of a weak husband. When she returned to her family, she was forced to go to prison by her mother and sister. After she finally got out of prison, she found a husband who doted on her and gave birth to a new son. Then, she ended up on her deathbed."

"Do you feel sorry for her?" Lu Xingzhi asked.

"No!" Jiang Yao raised her voice. "What happened to her has nothing to do with me!"

Lu Xingzhi did not say anything else. Jiang Yao was a soft-hearted person. Furthermore, if that were the truth, then Xie Qiuran life was miserable, indeed.

"I don't want to talk about them anymore! Anyway, I'm on a mission now, and I can't go back!" Jiang Yao laid on the bed and pretended to sleep. "I'm sleepy, and I want to sleep. I still have to deal with Wen Yunfang tomorrow."

"Under such circumstances, the army can arrange an opportunity for you to go back," Lu Xingzhi said.

"If I go back, will you go back with me?" Jiang Yao asked.

"I want to, but I'm afraid it's very difficult. One of us has to stay," Lu Xingzhi said.

"Then we'll both stay! Mrs. Sun wants to acknowledge me, but she can't find me anyway. Let's see where she can do that." Jiang Yao was a little afraid to go back to her hometown, or rather, she was a little scared to go back to her hometown to see her parents and her two brothers.

"Yaoyao, you have to go back. Not for the Sun family but for your parents. They are old, so don't leave them in suspense. Go back and let them feel at ease about this," Lu Xingzhi said. "They must be worried that you will go with the Sun family."

That was the truth. After the Sun family left, Mr. and Mrs. Jiang were not worried about how Jiang Yao would react when she found out the news. They were not only concerned that Jiang Yao would not be able to accept the blow but they were also worried that Jiang Yao would leave with the Sun family.

After all, blood was thicker than water.

It was not as if there had never been a case where a child returned to live with their biological parents. Furthermore, Jiang Yao's biological mother did not abandon her on purpose. Instead, she was kept in the dark about it.