

Chapter 1301: I Have Killed Before

"I've asked the doctor. He said that the probability of immediate kin being a match is not high, but if it's a cousin, the probability of a match is much higher. My Shanshan is dying. God had sent her to me. This is God's will. God has given my Shanshan a way out."

"Cousin, you are too—" the man looked terrified. "Are you trying to trade Jiang Yao's life for hers? That girl is not stupid. Why would she agree to that?"

"Why would I need her to agree?"

Mrs. Sun scoffed. "I will make as much noise as I want. I will make her foster parents ignore her. I will make her divorce her husband. I will make her follow me. When we reach Ping City, she will have no relatives. When that time comes, she will still be in my hands. I will do whatever I want with her. I only need her heart! After the surgery, what do I care if she dies?"

Mrs. Sun sneered inwardly. Just like her silly sister, who had disappeared for many years. Who would still remember her?

As long as one had a will, there was nothing that one could not do!

Even if she could not use Jiang Yao's heart, the girl would die with her daughter!

Why must her daughter suffer from an illness since she was young? Why did Jiang Yao get to live so happily with her father and mother, with a husband who doted on her, and her husband's family doted on her? Why?

Why did she have a similar face to hers? How could Jiang Yao live a better life than her daughter?

"Cousin, you're killing people!"

The man took two steps backward.

"It's not like I haven't killed anyone before."

Mrs. Sun's fingers were tightly clasped in her palm. Her long nails almost pinched a piece of flesh from her own palm, and she seemed to be completely unaware of it.

"Cousin, I'm not killing anyone for you! I'll go to jail!" More importantly, Jiang Yao's husband might divorce her, which meant she would be poor again. He would not get any benefits, so why would he help her?

After the man finished speaking, he jogged away. He was terrified of his cousin, who said she could kill without even batting an eyelid. Looking at her, she was as terrifying as a witch.

After a long while, Mrs. Sun finally let go of her palm. She lowered her head to look at her bloody palm and cursed, "Useless."

No one knew if she was cursing herself or the man who was so scared that he ran away when he heard that she would kill someone.

Mrs. Sun did not leave immediately. Instead, she stood there and looked in the direction of the Jiang family for a long time. There was a way for her daughter to survive. No matter what, she had to get Jiang Yao's heart!

Even if her daughter could not live, it would be good to have someone to accompany her on her journey to the underworld.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Jiang stood in the central room and looked at the people in the courtyard before walking toward Jiang Yao. "Did they get someone to cause trouble?"

"They're lying."

Jiang Yao smiled without the slightest hint of worry. "Mom, that Mrs. Sun isn't my biological mother. I'm not afraid of her causing trouble."

"But you two look—"

Mrs. Jiang did think they looked alike. Even though Mrs. Sun was already old and had lost her youthful appearance, the similarity between Mrs. Sun and Jiang Yao was uncanny. However, it was not as similar as when Mrs. Sun was young. Mrs. Jiang had seen the photos of Mrs. Sun when she was young, and they did look the same.

"What's so strange about the resemblance? Even the carpenter in our town looks like a martial arts star? Are they brothers too? Mom, if it's true, then she wouldn't need to forge a fake paternity test." Jiang Yao did not care at all.

Chapter 1302: Mine

"Since it's fake, why did she come at all?" Mrs. Jiang asked curiously.

"Who knows?"

Jiang Yao shrugged as she comforted her mother. After Mrs. Jiang went back to work, she continued to stand there in deep thought.

She had heard everything Mrs. Sun and her cousin said. If she did not hear it with her own ears, Jiang Yao probably would not have thought that Mrs. Sun went to the Jiang family to acknowledge her, not because the Divine Doctor was her teacher.

Jiang Yao raised her hand to cover her heart. Someone had missed and envied her heart.

Mrs. Sun was not her biological mother. Listening to Mrs. Sun's own words, it seemed like she really was Xie Qiuxiang. Otherwise, she would not have said that she had killed someone before that.

Jiang Yao did not even need to investigate Mrs. Sun for the truth first.

If Mrs. Sun were in front of her, Jiang Yao would tell Mrs. Sun that she had been working day and night for the past 20 years because of her daughter. She had been worried about her daughter's health every day, and it was her own fault.

She had to pay for it with her life, and she had let her innocent sister go to jail for her. Even God could not bear to see her tortured like that, but her sin had fallen on her daughter.

When Lu Xingzhi came out of the room after making a call, he saw Jiang Yao standing in the courtyard with an indecipherable look on her face. Her hands were in her pockets, and no one knew what she was thinking.

“Did that person leave?”

Lu Xingzhi was on the phone when someone came into the courtyard. When he heard the sound, he looked out of the window. Seeing that Jiang Yao could handle it, he continued with his call in the room.

“He left. The man said he’s my uncle, but he will never come again in the future. Mrs. Sun has scared him away,” Jiang Yao said.

“What did you see just now?”

Even though Jiang Yao’s words were not very clear, Lu Xingzhi guessed that she must have stood there and heard it, or she must have seen something that others did not see or hear.

Jiang Yao wanted to show her calmness in front of her mother, but she could display a little temper in front of Lu Xingzhi.

She patted her chest and said, “Someone is eyeing my heart.”

“It’s not for the Divine Doctor?”

Lu Xingzhi’s expression instantly turned cold.

Jiang Yao said, “No. Without a suitable heart, even the Divine Doctor would be useless to help.”

However, no one knew that the Divine Doctor was an exception.

Lu Xingzhi’s eyes flashed with a cold light. He pulled Jiang Yao into his arms and said in a deep and powerful voice, “My heart! Your heart is mine!”

Jiang Yao was stunned for a few seconds, then she smiled faintly and raised her fist to punch Lu Xingzhi’s arm. “Mine!”

Lu Xingzhi curled his lips slightly but did not continue to defend that somewhat retarded topic.

He lowered his head and planted a light kiss on Jiang Yao’s head. Suddenly, he said, “Madam Cheng has woken up. She has been awake for two days.”

Jiang Yao was shocked. “Madam Cheng is awake?”

Why was Jiang Yao not surprised by that news? It was good enough that Madam Cheng was still alive in such a dangerous situation. How could she wake up so quickly?

“There was no one in the Cheng family two days ago. A newly hired young nurse accidentally flipped Madam Cheng off the bed and threw her onto the ground when she was changing the bedsheets... Madam Cheng had a series of convulsions and other symptoms at that time.”

Chapter 1303: Madam Cheng Woke Up

“Madam Cheng was rushed to the local hospital. The doctors were also helpless because they knew about Madam Cheng’s condition. Finally, Madam Cheng woke up before she entered the operating room. However, she could not get out of bed, and she would have seizures. The hospital thought it was strange, so they checked her body and realized that the bullet in her brain had shifted.”

“Is that really a blessing in disguise?”

It felt like a myth. After a long while, she sighed softly. “People have always created miracles, not God.”

As a doctor, Jiang Yao was familiar with how amazing a person’s brain structure was. The bullet in Madam Cheng’s brain was in the most dangerous part of her brain, and it could take Madam Cheng’s life at any time.

It seemed like the young nurse had accidentally thrown Madam Cheng off the bed, causing the bullet in Madam Cheng’s brain to move out of the danger zone as well.

That blessing in disguise was not only for Madam Cheng, who had regained hope for a new life but also for the young nurse who had taken care of Madam Cheng. If Madam Cheng had not been so lucky as to fall and cause a miracle, she would have died under normal circumstances. If Madam Cheng had passed away because of that, the young nurse would have been killed in Cheng’s hands.

The young nurse was lucky that Madam Cheng had woken up.

“Do you want to see her?”

Lu Xingzhi said, “The possibility of her being your biological mother is higher than Mrs. Sun’s. After the results were out, Madam Cheng requested the operation herself. The success rate for the operation is as high as 30%. Therefore, Madam Cheng asked for the operation, and it is scheduled for the morning of the day after tomorrow.”

The success rate was only 30 percent, and there was still a 70 percent chance of failure. She might get some injuries to her brain nerve, and in the worst-case scenario, she could die on the operating table.

Lu Xingzhi told Jiang Yao the time for the operation so let her know that she did not have much time to think. If the operation failed, Madam Cheng could die, and she would never get another chance to see Madam Cheng, who was most likely her biological mother.

“I don’t know.”

Jiang Yao bit her lip. She knew that Madam Cheng was Xie Qiuran, but she did not know how to face her.

Lu Xingzhi lowered his head to kiss her as he looked at her bitten red lips.

“I’ll go with you.”

Lu Xingzhi did not want Jiang Yao to have any regrets. Since she was hesitating, it was good that he had made that decision for her.

Sometimes, guilt could be the most difficult thing to endure after death.

Once a person died, there was nothing they could do to change anything.

Lu Xingzhi said, "My people learned that another person tried to visit Xie Qiuxiang in the prison where Madam Cheng was held. The prison guards identified her as Mrs. Sun. I replaced the paternity test results in the Jindo City hospital, so she might have wanted to get a sample from Xie Qiuxiang and do another test with you. She probably thought Xie Qiuxiang must be your biological mother even if the fool was not your father. She probably thought that—"

Jiang Yao knew what Lu Xingzhi meant. Mrs. Sun probably thought that she was the result of Xie Qiuran's affair with another man.

Chapter 1304: Threaten Her

The funny thing was that Mrs. Sun had asked her own sister to go to prison instead of her. In the end, she did not even know that she had been out of prison for so many years, and she even tried to visit her in prison.

"She gave birth to me, so I have to return the favor, right?"

Jiang Yao lowered her head and kicked the stone beside her feet. Then, as if she had made a decision, she let out a sigh of relief. "Then, let's go. Let's repay the debt of gratitude for giving birth to me."

"Silly wife."

Her mother had given birth to her. How could that be described as a debt of gratitude?

She had made a decision. After Jiang Yao waited for her father to finish his work in the fields and return home, she called him and her mother to talk about leaving.

"You've only returned home for one night. You guys haven't even gone back to the Lu family yet, and you're already leaving? Why don't you go to the Lu family for lunch before leaving?" Even though Jiang Yao's mother had prepared a sumptuous lunch for them, she did not say anything about them leaving in a hurry.

Lu Xingzhi said, "No, Mom, I can smell the delicious food. You must have cooked quite a lot of food, so Yaoyao and I won't be going home. We'll stay here and have lunch with you and Dad. I've already told my parents."

"Ah, okay!"

Mrs. Jiang nodded without hesitation. Of course, she was happy that her son-in-law had such a kind heart. She had cooked one of their chickens. She wanted them to have a nourishing meal as they had worked hard in the outside world.

"Mom, Xingzhi and I will go to the city to catch a plane after lunch. After we leave, the Sun family might come back here again. I will inform you in advance, so you don't overthink this." Jiang Yao leaned on Mrs. Jiang's shoulder. "Mom, that Mrs. Sun is not my biological mother. I can tell you that with certainty. If she comes again, call the police and tell her that if she wants to acknowledge her daughter, bring the real paternity test results."

"What? How can you be so sure?" Mrs. Jiang was confused.

“Don’t worry about that for now. I will tell you in the future. If she continues to come and make trouble, she will say that Sun Xiaoshan has nothing to do with her. If she says that Sun Xiaoshan is her sister’s daughter, you will say that you don’t believe her. You think that Sun Xiaoshan is her biological daughter. She came to me because she wanted money for her biological daughter’s treatment. Then, she fancied the Lu family’s money, so she said that I was her daughter. Then, she will get money from my husband to treat her daughter’s illness.”

Jiang Yao continued to say, “If she doesn’t admit it, you can threaten her. She can do a paternity test. Say that you have hair that I’ve left at home, and you can take my hair and Sun Xiaoshan’s hair to the Jindo City Hospital for a test. If the test says that I’m Mrs. Sun’s biological daughter, then you won’t stop her from acknowledging me.”

“Is she really not your biological mother?”

Mr. Jiang also wanted to confirm it.

“Dad, that woman is really not my biological mother,” Jiang Yao said with certainty. “Xingzhi has found out some things recently. We will tell you when the time comes.”

“Okay.”

Mr. Jiang nodded and did not continue to ask. “Then you go do whatever you need to do. Your mother and I will be fine here. Don’t worry.”

With Jiang Yao’s reassuring words, Mr. Jiang and Mrs. Jiang did not have to worry about losing their daughter no matter where she went or what she did.

Chapter 1305: The Liar Is Here

After lunch, Lu Xingzhi brought Jiang Yao to the airport to look for Master Cheng in HL. After they confirmed the itinerary, they contacted Master Cheng. Even though the older man did not know why they wanted to see him, he did not refuse them. He even asked them to help them with the paperwork. Therefore, Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi went to the airport, transferred to a plane, and arrived at the international airport. When they arrived there, someone sent the relevant paperwork for going abroad to the two of them, including the tickets.

Jiang Yao used her own identity, while Lu Xingzhi did the same as last time. He got someone else’s, but the photo on it was Lu Xingzhi’s.

After a few hours of flight, the two of them finally arrived in HL. Cheng Jinyan was there to pick them up with Cheng Jinnian, his usual shadow.

“I was quite surprised to hear from my father that the two of you are coming to visit my mother.” Cheng Jinyan smiled as he spoke to the two of them as they got into the car.

The first thing that the half-grown child in the passenger seat said when he saw the two of them behind him was, “My mother is awake!”

He looked at Jiang Yao with a happy and proud tone and said, “You are a liar. You said that my mother wouldn’t wake up! Look, my mother is awake!”

When he saw that little brat, Jiang Yao felt all kinds of emotions in his heart. In terms of blood relations, Cheng Jinnian was her half-brother.

It was a very magical feeling.

When Cheng Jinyan heard his brother talking to Jiang Yao like that, he was worried that Jiang Yao would be angry. So, he hissed Cheng Jinnian's name, indicating for him to be quiet.

Cheng Jinyan knew that Jiang Yao was the Divine Doctor's student, and she was confident that his mother would not wake up. However, she had miraculously woke up. So Jiang Yao must have thought it was a miracle and wanted to take a look, right?

Cheng Jinyan wondered if that meant that the Divine Doctor and Jiang Yao would intervene? If they were to help, would the success rate of his mother's surgery be a little higher?

However, Cheng Jinyan did not expect Jiang Yao to give Xiao Nian a meaningful glance and did not say anything.

Madam Cheng was in the hospital, so Cheng Jinyan drove straight to the hospital after leaving the airport. Master Cheng did not lack money. Even if his wife was hospitalized, he had given her the best living conditions. The car stopped in front of a small building. If it were not for the sign at the entrance, Jiang Yao would have thought they had arrived at a foreign villa.

Cheng Jinnian was the first to jump out of the car. After getting out of the car, he ran straight into the building while shouting, "Mom! The liar is here! Mom, Brother and I have brought the liar back!"

The corners of Cheng Jinyan's mouth twitched slightly. His younger brother was too honest.

"I'm sorry, Xiao Nian, he—" Cheng Jinyan did not know what to say even if he wanted to apologize. "He's still young and insensible. Please don't mind him."

Jiang Yao hummed and did not say anything. It was not the first time she had met that child. When she first met him, he even wanted to kill her. Then, he was calling her a liar. Jiang Yao did not find it strange at all.

Cheng Jinyan felt that Jiang Yao was unexpectedly easy to talk to, but he did not show it on his face. Then, he invited Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi into the room.

"My mother's ward is on the first floor, and the second floor is our family's rooms," Cheng Jinyan said.

Jiang Yao continued to nod and leaned against Lu Xingzhi. Her palms were sweaty, and she was a little nervous.

Chapter 1306: Your Name

Lu Xingzhi wrapped her hand in his palm and gave her great encouragement and comfort most warmly.

With him around, everything would be fine.

He wanted her to do whatever she wanted. If she could get along with Madam Cheng, she could acknowledge her biological mother if she wanted to, but if she could not, he would take her away.

They were not far from Madam Cheng's ward, which was only about ten meters away. However, Jiang Yao felt that every step was heavy and difficult.

From the moment she stepped onto the plane, her heart had been beating violently. She wanted to try her best to control it, but she could not do that.

Master Cheng was in the ward with his wife. When he heard his youngest son running in and calling Jiang Yao a liar, he felt delighted.

He thought that his son was right—the Divine Doctor was a liar. He said that his wife would not wake, but she did.

Therefore, master Cheng did not berate Cheng Jinnian. Instead, he lowered his head and poured some apple juice for his wife.

After Madam Cheng woke up, her mental state was good if she did not get a seizure. In addition, she had been in the hospital for the past few days. Specialized doctors and nurses were attending to her, so she was taken care of very well.

When she heard her youngest son say that the liar had come, she looked at her husband. Since the man did not react, she wanted to scold her son. Just as she was about to speak, she saw her son looking at her with an aggrieved expression. She could not say anything.

Madam Cheng sighed helplessly. Anyway, she might not have many days left, so why waste it on scolding her son?

"Father, Mother, Young Master Lu and Young Madam Lu are here," Cheng Jinyan said before entering the room.

Madam Cheng heard voices and looked toward the door. The first person she saw was her eldest son. She smiled gently at him.

The next second, when the two people behind Cheng Jinyan approached them, Madam Cheng's smile froze on her face. She felt her heart skip a beat.

"She—" Madam Cheng raised her weak hand to touch her face. Then she looked at her second son.

'She looked like him, too much like him!'

"Mom, does that liar look like you and me?" Cheng Jinnian raised his head and asked her mother who was lying on the bed.

"Yes, they do look alike. I was shocked when I realized that for the first time," Cheng Jinyan said.

Jiang Yao had been staring at Madam Cheng since she entered the room. Their eyes met, and neither of them looked away. She saw the shock and pain on Madam Cheng's face.

Did her appearance remind Madam Cheng of the child who had been buried alive?

Lu Xingzhi stood quietly by Jiang Yao's side, accompanying her. If she did not speak, he would not rush her, nor would he say anything. He had brought Jiang Yao there, but she would have to take the next step.

Jiang Yao wanted to control her emotions, but for some reason, when she looked at Madam Cheng, who was awake and had so many feelings in her eyes, her heart began to pound.

She told herself that she was only there to repay Madam Cheng for giving birth to her. That was all.

“May I ask for your name, Madam Cheng?” Jiang Yao was the first to speak. Even though she already had the answer in her heart, she still wanted to ask her personally.

“Xinyou,” Master Cheng said with a frown.

Madam Cheng said, “He named me Xinyou after I met him. I was Xie Qiuran, but I have not used that name in a long time. So long that I almost forgot about it. My father gave me that name.”

Chapter 1307: I Owe You

Madam Cheng did not dare to forget it because it was the only thing her father had left for her.

“Young Madam Lu, why are you asking about that?” Master Cheng knew his wife’s past, so he knew that she was unhappy when she was Xie Qiuran. That was why he gave her a new name, Cheng Xinyou. Cheng Xinyou had the same surname as him.

He even changed her surname because he hoped that his wife would only be happy with him for the rest of her life.

Yes, it was Xie Qiuran.

Jiang Yao read that name softly in her heart. Xie Qiuran, her biological mother.

“I’m here to return a favor. Another woman has taken your name. I’ll get that name and identity back for you,” Jiang Yao said slowly, her voice very soft. “I’m here because you gave birth to me 20 years ago.”

After she said that, she stood beside Lu Xingzhi and did not say anything else. She did not even look up at anyone. She just looked down at her toes.

Also, she just wanted to see her awake. One look was enough.

Time seemed to have frozen, but the air seemed to have become heavy.

Lu Xingzhi reached out and pulled Jiang Yao into his arms. He knew that she was feeling conflicted at the moment.

“I’m fine.” Jiang Yao raised her head and smiled at Lu Xingzhi when she felt a broad hand on her shoulder. It was a smile, but it was not much better than crying.

“I gave birth to you 20 years ago?” Madam Cheng’s voice trembled. She looked at Jiang Yao with reddened eyes. “So, you are my daughter, right?”

Madam Cheng’s tears fell. “How can this be? They said that they buried you alive. I went to the mountains to look for you. I searched all night and only saw an empty swaddle and a bit of blood.”

Madam Cheng could not believe it. Her daughter, who she thought had died tragically for 20 years, suddenly appeared in front of her.

She could not believe that her daughter, who she thought had died violently, was still alive.

However, the girl did look like her. Her daughter had looked like her from the moment she was born.

The first time she saw that girl, there seemed to be some kind of voice in her heart that was shouting as if emotion was about to burst out of her heart.

Madam Cheng was crying and laughing at the same time. "If you are my daughter, then you don't owe me anything, but I owe you something."

Madam Cheng burst into tears, "You are my daughter, so I had an obligation to protect you. You were gone because I couldn't protect you. As your mother, I have failed you. So, it is I who owed you. I am your mother, yet I could not raise and love you."

Madam Cheng looked at the ring on Jiang Yao's finger and said, "As your mother, I can't send you off to get married. You don't owe me anything, so you don't have to repay me! If you came here today just to repay your so-called debt of gratitude, then I'm afraid you've come in vain."

Madam Cheng's words made Jiang Yao, who had been holding back her tears, cry as well. On the way here, she had thought of many possibilities. She thought perhaps Madam Cheng knew that she was the Divine Doctor and would even ask her to treat her illness to repay that debt.

She did not think Madam Cheng would tell her such words that continued to pound in her heart. Madam Cheng told her that she did not owe her anything.

Chapter 1308: No Reason To Keep Her

Madam Cheng told her that if she really wanted to talk about debt, then she owed her daughter a lot.

Jiang Yao was shocked, but she was touched too.

It was an emotion that she could not control herself. She was moved.

Perhaps because Mrs. Sun was a precedent, she never thought of Madam Cheng in a positive way.

She did not dare to think that because she was afraid of despair.

She was afraid of her despair toward human nature.

However, she still wanted to test her. She could not help to test her further.

"What if I tell you that if I were to take over your surgery now, your chances of survival are as high as 80 percent? I'll perform the surgery on you. After I'm done, I'll have returned the favor you've done to me."

Madam Cheng shook her head lightly. "There's no need."

She had yet to recover from the great happiness of seeing her daughter, but her daughter told her that she wanted to repay that kindness and would have nothing to do with her from then onward.

Madam Cheng said, "Even though I gave birth to you, I did not protect you well, did not raise you, and let you suffer alone in this world. It's very kind of you not to hate me. So, I don't need you to do anything for me. Although I really want to live, I'm not afraid of death. I'm alive now. I have a husband

who loves me dearly, and I have two filial sons. Now, I get to know that my daughter is still alive and well, and that's enough! Even if I die now, I don't have any regrets."

Death was scary, but sometimes, compared to other things, death was not frightening at all.

What she had never dared to dream of before had come true. Even if she were to die right away, what regrets could she have?

Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao, who was crying her eyes out. He wiped her tears with his hand. He pulled her into his arms, not caring that others were watching.

Madam Cheng looked at the scene beside her and laughed. She did not even look worried. She could see that Jiang Yao's husband loved her very much, so she did not have to worry about her anymore.

Jiang Yao laid on Lu Xingzhi's chest and said, "I have parents who love me very much, and two brothers who are very protective of me. The whole village values boys over girls, but my parents treat me like their precious child. They raised me, put in a lot of effort to support me in my studies, sent me to college, and even found me the best husband and in-laws in the world. I've never suffered for a day. I'm very happy every day."

Madam Cheng smiled with tears in her eyes. "Then I'm relieved. I don't expect you to acknowledge me as your mother, so you and your husband should go back. Your husband is a soldier. It's not good for him to stay abroad for too long."

Everyone looked at Madam Cheng in astonishment, including Jiang Yao.

"Let's go." Jiang Yao pulled Lu Xingzhi and rushed out of the door.

Cheng Jinyan stood at the door and watched as Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao left. He wanted to drive them, but Master Cheng stopped him.

"Mother, why did you chase her away?" Cheng Jinyan was puzzled.

Madam Cheng cried. "I did not chase her away. But I have no reason to keep her. Do I keep her and force her to call me mother? I don't dare, and I can't. I'm ashamed, and I'm not qualified to be her mother. I know she's alive. I know she's happy every day. I know she's not hurt. And that's enough."

Chapter 1309: No More Next Time

"Didn't you say that the child was buried alive? How did she suddenly—" Master Cheng snapped back to his senses after a long while. He paused and suddenly said, "So, I have a daughter too?"

At that point, Master Cheng's face inexplicably widened, and the smile on his lips became wider. "Daughter... not bad, not bad."

Then he raised his hand to touch his young son, who was still in a daze. "You have a sister! It's that liar just now. I mean, the beautiful sister who looks very much like you."

"It's Auntie," Xiao Nian retorted. "She's already married, so it's Auntie!"

Cheng Jinyan nearly facepalmed at the side. He did not know who had told his younger brother that she had to call a woman Auntie if she was married. Furthermore, that kid had memorized it and made it a rule.

“It’s not Auntie, it’s Sister. Regardless of whether she’s married or not, she’s still your sister. She’s different from others,” Master Cheng explained. “She’s also your mother’s child, so she’s your biological sister.”

“Brother said that I slept in my mother’s stomach for nine months before I woke up. Does that mean that she also slept in my mother’s stomach for nine months?” The child looked pleasantly surprised. “An elder sister like Brother?”

“Yes.” Cheng Jinyan patted his brother’s head. “Yes, an older sister like me, a family member. So, next time, don’t be rude to her when you see her.”

Cheng Jinnian immediately nodded, but then he looked up at Cheng Jinyan. “Brother, is there a next time?”

Cheng Jinnian’s words made the expressions of the people around them tighten.

Yes, would they get a next time?

Madam Cheng smiled bitterly, afraid that there was no future.

“I bullied her in the past, and just now, I called her a liar. When she left, she was crying. She must be angry. She definitely won’t come.” Cheng Jinnian pouted and muttered, “Can I exchange my brother for my sister?”

Cheng Jinyan was dumbfounded.

He was still a child. No matter how precocious he was, he still did not understand the ways of the world.

He thought that when his sister left, she was crying because she was angry at him for scolding her, so he thought it was useless to say sorry.

“The last time Young Madam Lu came to see Mother, she didn’t know her identity then. How did she suddenly recognize Mother this time?” Cheng Jinyan thought for a moment and then asked, “Mother, do you need me to go and check?”

“It’s good to go and check. Send someone to protect her. Don’t let anyone bully her.” Madam Cheng nodded. After the pleasant surprise, she snapped back to her senses. She also had some doubts about it.

How did Jiang Yao suddenly know that they were mother and daughter? Did someone tell Jiang Yao? Who could have told her? For what?

Cheng Jinyan said, “I’ll send someone to check. I’ll return home after your surgery. As for sending someone, I think there’s no need for that. She has two bodyguards by her side who won’t leave her side. I’ve checked. They’re mercenaries and were arranged by Young Master Lu. If we send someone else to follow her, she might find out about it.”

Madam Cheng thought about her illness and looked at the three people beside her. She smiled. "Don't worry too much about me. Life and death are fated. God has been gracious with me already. If I can't get through this, then I'll leave. Don't be too sad—"

Madam Cheng wanted to say more, but she gave up when she saw the expressions on her family's faces. She had said too much; she was afraid that it would be her last words. When that time came, she would be even more worried.

Chapter 1310: Mrs. Ge Is Found

She decided not to think about that. What else was there to worry about? She was already at ease with her three children. If her life ended at that moment, she would be able to leave with a smile.

That was enough, right?

After leaving the hospital, Lu Xingzhi was not in a hurry to bring Jiang Yao back to the country.

Madam Cheng's surgery was scheduled for tomorrow. Lu Xingzhi thought he would wait for Madam Cheng's surgery to be over before bringing Jiang Yao home.

"It's a rare opportunity for me to come here. I'll stay here for two days to see HL's night view and explore the streets." Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao's hand gently and adjusted her scarf. He closed it so that the cold wind would not blow into her.

It was still snowing in HL at that time of the year. The weather was like the coldest day in Tianjin.

He looked at the person who pursed her lips and lowered her head without saying a word. It was the first time that Lu Xingzhi felt that he was the dumbest person in the world who did not know how to coax another person. If only he could be as eloquent as Zhou Junmin. Perhaps then, he would be able to make her happy.

Madam Cheng's surgery was the following day. He would stay there with Jiang Yao. If anything were to happen to Madam Cheng, she might be able to see her for the last time.

If she were lucky, that would be the best. She would return home with peace of mind.

"This place is not nice at all. It is white everywhere." Jiang Yao's tone was filled with disdain.

Lu Xingzhi knew that she was not disgusted by the scenery but by the situation.

"Why do you think she is like that? They are both born to the same mother, so why isn't she like Mrs. Sun?" The more Jiang Yao spoke, the sadder she became. In the end, she threw herself into Lu Xingzhi's arms and cried, "If she were not a good person, then I'd be able to hate her with ease. Then, I could turn around and return home. However, she was so good that my heart softened for her. The moment I met her gaze, I couldn't bear to leave."

Jiang Yao cried louder and louder. "When she looked at me, it was like when Mom looked at me. Her gaze was so heavy that I couldn't bear it."

People were coming and going on the streets. She was crying uncontrollably like a helpless, lost child.

Lu Xingzhi's face was filled with panic and helplessness. He wanted to comfort her, but he did not know how.

After waiting for a long time until she stopped crying, Lu Xingzhi brought Jiang Yao to a hotel to check-in. When they entered the room, Lu Xingzhi saw that Jiang Yao was a little tired, so he let her rest for a while.

Just as the two of them laid down, Lu Xingzhi's phone rang. It was the army.

The army knew about Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao's return to their hometown and had approved it. However, the informant in Shu City had been keeping an eye out for them. The army had called Lu Xingzhi to talk about another situation.

Jiang Yao waited until Lu Xingzhi hung up the phone before asking about the situation. "I heard you mention Mrs. Ge? Have they found her?"

Jiang Yao thought that someone from the army must have called Lu Xingzhi to tell him they found Mrs. Ge and Ge Wenwen. She was happy for Sergeant Ge.

"Zhou Junmin found Mrs. Ge," Lu Xingzhi replied. "But he did not find Ge Wenwen. They were not together. Furthermore, Mrs. Ge's condition isn't too good."

Jiang Yao had been a little tired and sleepy, but when she heard the news, she perked up a little. She asked Lu Xingzhi to tell her about Mrs. Ge in detail.