

## Chapter 1331: Did She Know?

As a child, Ding Xiaomei had been told that her father worked outside the village and earned a lot of money. As a result, she was all set to leave the village by herself to find her father, whom she barely remembered, and return home with the money to help treat her nephew's illness. Her youngest brother saw her getting ready to leave and insisted on accompanying her. So, the two of them left the village.

"You said that the person who lied to you was a girl about your age?"

Jiang Yao asked, "A human trafficker in her teens? A girl?"

"Yes, she had short hair and a mole in her eyebrows."

Ding Xiaomei wiped her tears. "Later, when I was locked up, I heard people call her Young Miss, so I knew she was the leader of those human traffickers."

Jiang Yao was silent for a long time before she asked again, "Does she know your name?"

Ding Xiaomei thought for a few seconds and nodded. "I told her my brother's name and mine."

With a mole in her eyebrow and addressed as a Young Miss, Jiang Yao knew it could only be Wen Yunfang.

If Ding Xiaomei knew that she and her brother were sold by the daughter of her father's mistress, who was also her biological father's adopted daughter, she would be in despair.

Jiang Yao thought Wen Yunfang was the most vicious woman. Even though Wen Yunfang had only been 15 or 16 years old at that time, she had already gone out to deceive people. That was an indisputable fact.

Jiang Yao wondered if Wen Yunfang had recognized Ding Xiaomei back then. She must have known that Ding Xiaomei and her brother were Brother Ding's children. Under such circumstances, Wen Yunfang had even sold Ding Xiaomei and her brother.

Did Wen Yunfang do that because she recognized them and feared the two siblings would take away Brother Ding's love for her?

Ding Xiaomei and Brother Ding really looked alike. Wen Yunfang would not have had any doubts about that.

Lu Xingzhi did not show up. The two soldiers arrived 20 minutes later. They brought Jiang Yao and Ding Xiaomei to the hospital.

Jiang Yao did not take off her mask and hat the entire time. When they arrived at the hospital, Jiang Yao finally understood why Ding Xiaomei trusted her more after hearing about the soldiers.

People in the countryside naturally trusted the soldiers because of stories about the People's Liberation Army soldiers sacrificing themselves to save others.

Ding Xiaomei did not trust the police officers who had hurt her, but she trusted the soldiers. When the child was lying quietly on the hospital bed receiving the infusion, Ding Xiaomei knelt to the two soldiers

and begged them to help her find her younger brother. She wanted them to help her find the human traffickers from back then and shoot them.

The two soldiers thought about finding an excuse to place Ding Xiaomei in the army temporarily. When they heard Ding Xiaomei's plea, they immediately agreed to Ding Xiaomei's request. They promised her that they would investigate the matter.

Ding Xiaomei was successfully transferred to the army. Then, Jiang Yao decided to leave, with the excuse that she had to catch a train] She bade farewell to Ding Xiaomei and left the hospital.

Lu Xingzhi was waiting for Jiang Yao at the hospital. When he saw her come out, he quickly went up and asked about the situation in the ward.

"It's very smooth. Ding Xiaomei will go to the army to stay with the two soldiers after the child is discharged from the hospital." Jiang Yao sighed. "Ding Xiaomei—that is really an unexpected gain for us."

Jiang Yao sighed again. "It's just that her experience is so miserable. Also, I don't know where her brother is now."

### **Chapter 1332: Meritorious Service**

"Ding Xiaomei is just one of them. There are still many women and children suffering, so we have to eradicate and eliminate those human trafficking activities. Ding Xiaomei is special because she is Brother Ding's daughter." Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao's head.

"If Ding Xiaomei knows the truth, do you think she will be willing to help us?" Jiang Yao asked.

"I don't know."

Lu Xingzhi shook his head. "Those things are arranged by the army. You were able to find Ding Xiaomei and gain her trust. It's already great merit for her to be able to follow our comrades into the army."

Lu Xingzhi sounded proud because his wife had made that happen! He was honored.

Ding Xiaomei could rely on the army.

Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi still needed to go to Shu City, so they did not stay in the hospital for long. The two of them caught the train back to Shu City.

The one who came to the train station to pick them up was Ah Zhu. He asked about Gu Junhui's mother's condition. After hearing that she was out of danger, Ah Zhu was relieved.

"Why didn't you stay for a few more days? Sister, it's rare for you to be able to accompany your mother. You should stay for a few more days," Ah Zhu asked.

Jiang Yao lowered her eyes and looked very pitiful. "My grandmother came, and we almost ran into her. Then my mother and uncle asked for Brother Changshu and me to leave first. "

Ah Zhu sighed, "I see. Then I really have no choice. It's a pity. It took so long for you to go back, and it's so far away. The train tickets are also expensive, let alone the plane tickets. Oh, by the way, do you still have the ticket stubs for the train tickets? Give them to me. Brother Ding said to reimburse you."

“How can we do that?”

Jiang Yao shook her head. “Brother Ding and Brother Ah Zhu, you have already lent us enough money for when we go back. We don’t even know when we will return them. How can we ask Brother Ding to reimburse us for the train tickets?”

“Ah, it’s okay. Give them to me. Brother Ding has money. He doesn’t need that small amount of money. This is also a small gift from Brother Ding.” Ah Zhu looked at Gu Changshu, who held the train ticket and was too embarrassed to give it to him. Then, he reached out and snatched it. He glanced at it and smiled. “No need to go back and forth. It’s expensive and tiring. In the future, when you guys earn a lot of money, you can go and take a plane. Oh, right! How do you feel about taking a plane?”

Along the way, only Jiang Yao talked about flying for the first time and Lu Xingzhi’s occasional muffle in response. Then, the car was filled with laughter as they returned to the house.

As soon as Lu Xingzhi arrived, Ah Zhu brought him to see Brother Ding. Apparently, Brother Ding had special instructions for him. When Jiang Yao got out of the car and saw Wen Yunfang, she walked toward the other woman with a face full of joy. “Is your face better? That’s great! I was still worried when I went back to my hometown. I asked the old people there. I’m relieved to see that you’re better.”

Jiang Yao smiled innocently, looking as if she was only bringing up Wen Yunfang’s happiness. Then, she asked curiously, “How did you get cured? That doctor must be excellent.”

Jiang Yao had asked innocently, but Wen Yunfang’s face darkened. Wen Yunfang would never tell Gu Junhui that she had to put sheep dung and cow dung on her face for several days to get cured.

“You still don’t know, do you? You and your brother Changshu are going to be separated soon.” Wen Yunfang could not bear to see Gu Junhui’s smiling face, so she insisted on giving Gu Junhui some news that would make her unable to smile.

### **Chapter 1333: Thank You, Brother Ding**

“What do you mean?” Jiang Yao’s beautiful brows furrowed slightly.

“I mean it literally.” Wen Yunfang chuckled and swaggered off. It was obvious that she was deliberately keeping her in suspense without telling anyone the answer.

Jiang Yao did not need to guess for too long. Soon, someone called her, saying that Brother Ding was looking for her.

When Jiang Yao arrived, Ah Zhu and Lu Xingzhi were also in Brother Ding’s teahouse. It seemed like the three of them had been sitting there for a long time and talking.

Ah Zhu greeted Jiang Yao when he saw her come in. Then, he gave up the seat next to Gu Changshu and changed to sit across from him.

Brother Ding sat on the main seat and made tea for the three of them personally. It was hard for Jiang Yao to tell that a person like Brother Ding liked the elegance of making tea. After all, in Shu City, tea leaves were more expensive than gold.

Ever since Lu Xingzhi came in with Ah Zhu, Brother Ding had not talked about serious matters. Instead, he asked about Lu Xingzhi's life and his views on Shu City. It was as if they were just chatting.

The questions were a test of Lu Xingzhi's knowledge of Shu City, his plans for the future, and most importantly, his opinions on what he would do in the future. The questions were designed to see how much Lu Xingzhi knew.

Lu Xingzhi knew that he had done nothing wrong, and Brother Ding's expression showed that he was satisfied with him.

After Jiang Yao sat down, the first thing Brother Ding did was to pour her a cup of tea. Then, he said, "Ah Zhu is young, but he has worked with me for many years. He is my right-hand man, the person I trust the most. He brought you here, so I value you more. What's the old saying? Fated to be together?"

Jiang Yao had already guessed what Brother Ding was going to say, and she was a little excited!

It seemed like her's and Lu Xingzhi's efforts in Shu City had not been in vain, and Lu Xingzhi was not beaten for nothing!

Sure enough, the next second, Brother Ding looked at Lu Xingzhi and said, "Changshu, you're young and decent, but you have the courage and the ability to take charge. I like young people like you, so I'll give you a better chance than Ah Zhu. I'll arrange for you to go to Brother Jing's side. If you perform well, you'll only be more promising than Ah Zhu."

As Brother Ding spoke, he reached out and patted Gu Changshu's shoulder. He said earnestly, "If you help me, I will give you the best chance. You may not know Brother Jing, but Ah Zhu does. Later, I will let Ah Zhu tell you about him."

Ah Zhu smiled. "Changshu, why don't you thank Brother Ding? That is a great opportunity! Even I am envious!"

Ah Zhu laughed so hard that his eyes almost disappeared. He was like another version of Maitreya Buddha. He said, "Brother Jing is Brother Ding's superior. If you work with Brother Jing, the money will come faster. As long as he can keep using you, you can earn a lot in a day."

Excitement and joy flashed in his dull eyes. Then, he quickly said, "Thank you, Brother Ding!"

Jiang Yao was shocked when she heard that. He said that he would send Lu Xingzhi to Brother Jing to be a spy for Brother Ding.

Brother Ding was ambitious. He had long wanted to pull down the two people above him and bring Lu Xingzhi into the fold. It was not because he fancied the man but because Lu Xingzhi was a stranger. Therefore, when Brother Jing saw Lu Xingzhi, he would not have guessed that Lu Xingzhi was Brother Ding's man.

### **Chapter 1334: Staying In Two Different Places**

However, that was a good thing for Lu Xingzhi, and it was also very beneficial for Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi's mission. Originally, Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao were going for Brother Ding's team and not just him.

“As for you, Junhui, Brother Changshu is going to do something big. It’s inconvenient for you to follow him. I’m afraid it will affect his work.”

“Then I’ll stay at home,” Jiang Yao said. Then, she smiled and turned to Lu Xingzhi. “I’ll stay at home and wait for you. I’ll do the housework and tidy up the house.”

“There’s a nanny in the house. There’s no need for you to do housework.” Ah Zhu burst into laughter. “Have a few kids, and you can take care of the children. That is the only thing a woman needs to do.”

Jiang Yao’s little face turned red, and she shyly turned her body sideways to avoid looking at Ah Zhu.

“You’re so shy.” Ah Zhu’s teasing became more intense.

Lu Xingzhi pinched Jiang Yao’s hand and smiled. He would not get Jiang Yao pregnant during their mission; he was afraid that Jiang Yao’s pregnancy would affect her mobility. However, it was different when he thought about the future.

When the mission was over, he would report to the new army. By then, Jiang Yao would be able to get pregnant and have a child.

When they had a child, she would be busy with the baby. At night, when he returned home, he would see his wife and child. His heart stirred when he thought about it.

“Changshu is not at home, and Junhui will be bored by herself. So, Junhui can go with Yunfang and keep her company. When Yunfang is free, she likes to go shopping, play cards, and do beauty treatments. Junhui can go along with her. As a woman, she should eat, drink, and dress up every day. She should live as happily as she can. When Changshu is free, he will go and see you. The two of you can get together then.”

“No.” Lu Xingzhi was the first to refuse. “She can stay here. If she feels bored, she can go out and find some easy work to do.”

Ah Zhu’s eyes were also filled with astonishment. That was not the arrangement he had told Brother Ding.

At first, Ah Zhu had suggested to Brother Ding that Gu Junhui should stay in the house. He could control Gu Changshu’s wife and keep her under his nose. He would not need to be afraid of Gu Changshu betraying him.

When Ah Zhu heard that Brother Ding wanted to arrange for Gu Junhui to stay with Wen Yunfang, his first reaction was that Wen Yunfang must have said something to Brother Ding. She had taken a fancy to Gu Changshu, and Brother Ding valued that man. If he placed Gu Junhui with Wen Yunfang, would she treat Gu Junhui well?

“I’m afraid that if she stays here, you’ll be distracted. Changshu, Brother Jing will come to Shu City in a few days,” Brother Ding said. “It’s not wrong for you to dote on your wife, but we can’t spend all our time thinking about love. Otherwise, we won’t be able to achieve anything significant.”

When Gu Changshu’s expression did not ease, Brother Ding was a little annoyed, but he still said, “Yunfang is my adopted daughter. I’ve watched her grow up. She’s about the same age as Junhui. Your wife needs to have friends too. Don’t tell me you want to keep her at home like a canary? A woman her

age needs to chat and have fun with their friends. I see that she and Yunfang can get along well. I know why you're worried. I promise you that I won't let your wife work with Yunfang. She doesn't need help either. She can arrange her own matters with the people she has."

### **Chapter 1335: Please Tell Her**

After Brother Ding finished speaking, he added another piece of juicy news. "Brother Jing will stay with me for a few days. What if your wife stays here and your Brother Jing sees her? He doesn't have another hobby other than playing with women. Your wife is so good-looking. Can she escape if her Brother Jing meets her? Even I told Yunfang to make herself scarce before Brother Jing arrives in Shu City, so why not your wife? I'm doing it for her sake."

After Brother Ding finished speaking, he looked at Gu Junhui. "Tell Gu Changshu not to be stubborn and inflexible. If a woman like you follows him all day long, it will only affect him. Since he wants to earn big money, then it is a sacrifice that he must make. It's only for a short period. Why the reluctance? Wait for Brother Jing to leave, and you can come back then."

Ah Zhu sneered inwardly. If Gu Junhui followed Wen Yunfang to another location after Brother Jing left, would she get to return alive?

Wen Yunfang was a ruthless woman. Without Brother Ding and him keeping an eye on her, and without Gu Changshu keeping an eye on her, it would be a wonder if Wen Yunfang would keep Gu Junhui happy.

Ah Zhu was confident that Wen Yunfang must have said something to Brother Ding in private before he agreed to it. Brother Jing liked to play with women, but it would be fine if they avoided Brother Jing and asked Gu Junhui to move out of the mansion for a period. Shu City was a big city. Would Brother Jing see Gu Junhui if they avoided him?

Besides, Brother Jing liked to play with women, but it was always consensual. He gave them money, and they let him use their bodies. Brother Jing had never forced himself on a woman.

However, Ah Zhu could not say those words to Gu Changshu in front of Brother Ding. At the moment, Gu Changshu could only agree, or he would anger Brother Ding.

Therefore, Ah Zhu could only help Brother Ding to persuade Gu Changshu. "Changshu, Junhui, Brother Ding is right. Junhui can go out of town for a while. If you really miss her, buy a cell phone and call her when you have time."

Ah Zhu was reminding Gu Changshu to buy a cell phone for Gu Junhui so that he could contact her at any time.

Then, Ah Zhu continued to say, "Changshu, I know that you are worried that Junhui is timid. You are afraid that she will get hurt. You can rest assured about that. Young Miss has a lot of capable people by her side. They will protect her, even when they go out. I guarantee that we won't let anything happen to her."

Ah Zhu's words were also a safety net for Gu Junhui. Once he promised that, Wen Yunfang would have to think twice before doing anything.

He had said it in front of Brother Ding to persuade Gu Changshu. Therefore, his words were also Brother Ding's words. If Brother Ding wanted to use Gu Changshu, he would have to restrict Wen Yunfang from doing anything to Gu Junhui.

However, after saying that, Ah Zhu still loathed Wen Yufang. She was a despicable woman and had endless tricks up her sleeve.

"Alright, I agree. I won't be a burden to Brother Changshu." Jiang Yao bit her lip as if she had finally made up her mind. Then, she turned around and tried to persuade the man beside her, who had always had a cold expression. She coaxed him gently and even acted coquettishly.

After a long while, Gu Changshu nodded. Then, he said to Brother Ding, "Brother Ding, I beg you to tell Young Miss to take care of Junhui."

### **Chapter 1336: A Hostage**

"Of course." Brother Ding's expression changed for the better. He thought that the best way to persuade Gu Changshu, who had his heart set on a woman, was to have that woman convince him.

Then, the four of them drank another two cups of tea before leaving. After Brother Ding left the teahouse, he asked someone to get Wen Yunfang to the study room.

Wen Yunfang had been waiting for a long time. When Brother Ding finally called for her, she could not wait to ask when she entered the study room. "How did it go, Godfather? Did Gu Changshu promise to let me take Gu Junhui away?"

"Put away your smug face."

Brother Ding knocked on the table and warned her. "He did agree, but let me be blunt. Don't blame me for not acknowledging you if you ruin my plan."

"What can I do to Gu Junhui, Godfather?"

Wen Yunfang acted coquettishly. "Don't I need a partner? Besides, I'm looking after Gu Junhui for you."

"Others may not know about your narrow-mindedness, but I've been there while you grow up."

Brother Ding said, "The things you did with your mother may be hidden from others, but it can't be hidden from Ah Zhu and me. We know very well what you did to Gu Junhui. I'm warning you, if you continue to be so disobedient after leaving Shu City, don't call me Godfather in the future."

"What can I do to her?"

Wen Yunfang almost turned hostile, but she finally realized that the person beside her was not her subordinate but Brother Ding.

"I have already told Gu Changshu that Gu Junhui will tag along with you. You will protect Gu Junhui. If anything happens to Gu Junhui, then it will be your responsibility. I currently need talented people on my list. Changshu is a bold person. He is aggressive and ruthless. Gu Junhui is his heart and soul, so you have to treat her well!" Brother Ding said.

In the end, Wen Yunfang could not hold back her temper. She grunted unhappily and left after slamming the door.

Ah Zhu was not in a hurry to leave the house. Instead, he followed Gu Changshu and Gu Junhui to their room. He closed the door and spoke softly to the two of them.

“Young Miss is not as friendly as she appears, especially now that she’s acting like you’ve stolen Gu Changshu. So, Junhui, you have to be wary of her. Even though we have made a promise, she has many tricks up her sleeve. Those promises are not useful at all. If something happens, she will have many excuses to shirk her responsibility. My original intention was to let you stay in the house for some time and not go anywhere. Young Miss must have said something to Brother Ding later that convinced him to do that. Brother Ding is a very suspicious man. He wants Junhui as a hostage so that Changshu will not betray him.”

After a pause, Ah Zhu said worriedly, “After you leave with her, no matter what she says, don’t taint yourself with the things that she does. Junhui, since you called me brother, I’ll tell you honestly. The things that we do are mostly illegal. Changshu wants to protect you. If he doesn’t want you to touch him, then don’t touch him. When you’re with her, just act like a noblewoman from ancient times. Just eat, drink, and have fun. Don’t ask about anything else, don’t look, and don’t be curious.”

“I know, Brother Ah Zhu.”

Jiang Yao was really very grateful for Ah Zhu. Although he did not need to tell her that, he did. He said those words for her sake.

### **Chapter 1337: How Could He Not Be Worried**

Ah Zhu grunted and patted Gu Changshu on the shoulder. “I still have something to do. I’ll tell you about Brother Jing when I get back tonight.”

Then, Ah Zhu opened the door and left in a hurry. It seemed that he was swamped.

Jiang Yao waited until she was sure that the other man had left before she tugged at Lu Xingzhi’s sleeve. Her eyes sparkled. “An opportunity fell from the sky and landed on both of our heads! Are you excited?”

Excited? Of course, Lu Xingzhi was excited because he had finally gotten the chance to get close to Brother Jing, but he was also worried.

“Are you okay with Wen Yunfang?”

Lu Xingzhi could not be at ease. His wife was a kind woman, but what about Wen Yunfang? She was a wolf.

“Wen Yunfang had sold Ding Xiaomei when she was only 15 years old, and she lied to them then. She is more evil than we thought. You must be careful when you are with her. Don’t fall into her trap.” Lu Xingzhi was worried about what Wen Yunfang would do without Brother Ding’s instructions.

Jiang Yao said, “I don’t even care about Wen Yunfang. Sha Ying has yet to get in touch with Wen Yunfang’s subordinates and gain their trust, but I can follow Wen Yunfang. Even though it’s just for fun, with that super spy following me, even if Wen Yunfang goes out, I can still get a lot of useful information.”



Jiang Yao held Lu Xingzhi's hand and lifted her other hand to fiddle with his long black eyelashes. Then, she gently covered his eyes. "Don't worry. Trust me. No matter what, I'm still a recruit trained by you, Sergeant Lu. Everything I've learned is what you've taught me. So, if you have confidence in me, you have confidence in yourself."

Jiang Yao was a little excited. "If that's not enough, I still have my strange medicines and Moe to protect me. Then, as for Ah Lu and Big Ke, one can stay with you in Shu City to help you, and the other can follow me."

No matter what Jiang Yao said, Lu Xingzhi was still worried.

That was his wife. She would be away from him and be at the wolf's den. How could he not be worried?

Even though he knew that Jiang Yao was an outstanding woman and very smart, Lu Xingzhi was still worried.

That kind of emotion could not be swept away unless she stayed by his side.

"There's still Sha Ying. You don't have to worry about anything. In any case, the mission is also hers. Don't rush forward foolishly. It's your turn to act. Just treat it as acting, in case Wen Yunfang tries to harm you." Lu Xingzhi rubbed Jiang Yao's head.

Then, Lu Xingzhi said, "I'll take you out for a walk in the afternoon."

Jiang Yao understood that there were changes, so she needed to go out and spread the news.

As the two of them were talking, Moe suddenly jumped in from the window. Then, he stood on the top of the cabinet and looked at Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi from above. He meowed, attracting their attention, before jumping down from the cabinet and stepping on them. He walked toward the two of them elegantly.

"I saw Wen Yunfang throwing things in the room in anger."

Moe wagged his tail. "That old woman said that you are short-sighted. You came from the countryside and have not seen much of the world. When you are not with Gu Changshu, Wen Yunfang will take you to see the world and meet rich people. You might even run away with some rich people. If you do that, it is not because Wen Yunfang did not protect you well."

### **Chapter 1338: No Second Look**

"Are they stupid?" Jiang Yao burst out laughing. "Do they really think that all the women in the world are as obsessed with money as they are?"

Perhaps they were that way.

Even if it were the real Gu Junhui, the girl was stubborn. Gu Changshu had been in prison, but after he got out, he had nothing, and she was still loyal to him.

It was not as if no one in town was richer than Gu Changshu, but Gu Junhui loved Gu Changshu. That was love. If it were anyone else, it would be impossible.

Even if the real Gu Junhui was there, it was impossible for Wen Yunfang's wealthy friend to seduce her.

Jiang Yao only found it funny.

Could they find a better man than Lu Xingzhi who could make her fall in love with him?

The answer was no.

There was only one Lu Xingzhi, and she only had one Lu Xingzhi. No one could surpass or replace him.

“What did Moe say?” Lu Xingzhi could not understand what Moe was saying, but he could understand what Jiang Yao said. Therefore, he guessed that Moe had just returned from Wen Yunfang’s or Brother Ding’s place and heard something.

“Moe just came back from Wen Yunfang’s place. After you and I are living separately, Wen Yunfang will introduce me to rich men who are younger and more handsome than you.” Jiang Yao smiled so widely that her mouth was curved into a crescent moon.

On the other hand, Lu Xingzhi’s expressionless face gradually darkened.

A few seconds later, he snorted. “You will take it?”

“Yes, I’ll take it!” Jiang Yao nodded.

Lu Xingzhi raised his hand and flicked her on the forehead. “Don’t even take a second look!”

“Young handsome men, they’re pleasing to the eye. They won’t take your place in my heart. I’m just taking a look.” Jiang Yao grinned cheekily at Lu Xingzhi and made a face, sticking out her tongue. “Don’t worry. Even if Wen Yunfang really finds someone more attractive than you, I’ll just look at them. They won’t move me.”

Obviously, that kind of guarantee was not convincing at all. Lu Xingzhi turned his head and said quietly, “Keep an eye on her. Whichever man gets close to her, stick some sheep dung and cow dung on him.”

Moe gave in cowardly and nodded with a meow.

Gu Changshu and Gu Junhui were friends with Ah Zhu’s friend, Xiao Xing, so Gu Changshu could bring Gu Junhui to see Xiao Xing without attracting anyone’s attention. The three of them went to watch a movie, and after that, they went their separate ways. Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao also sent out their reports.

Around seven in the evening, Ah Zhu arranged for Lu Xingzhi to go out. He said that he would find a quiet place to talk to him about Brother Jing’s matter, while Jiang Yao stayed alone in the house. Before Lu Xingzhi returned, Wen Yunfang sent someone to pass a message to her. She asked her to leave Shu City with her the day after tomorrow and dress nicely for the occasion.

After Jiang Yao dispatched Wen Yunfang’s messenger, she stood at the window and watched Wen Yunfang ask about the servant downstairs. She sneered. Ah Zhu said that Brother Jing would only arrive in Shu City in a few days. However, Wen Yunfang could not wait to get her away from Lu Xingzhi’s side.

Jiang Yao thought it was tiring to have a flirty husband.

Lu Xingzhi did not know about that. By the time he and Ah Zhu returned from their discussion, it was already eleven o’clock. He even reeked of alcohol. Everyone knew that he had gone out to drink with Ah Zhu.

## Chapter 1339: Ah Zhu's Ambition

Lu Xingzhi had drunk a little too much that night and was a little intoxicated. Since he had to pretend that he could not hold his liquor, he let Ah Zhu support him.

"Sister, I'm sorry. We were chatting happily and accidentally drank too much. Hurry up and take care of your man. I'll go back to my room first." Ah Zhu helped Gu Changshu to the bed before he turned around and explained to Gu Junhui.

Jiang Yao heard Ah Zhu's footsteps as he went downstairs. She called for the servant to bring honey water for Gu Changshu before she went back to her room.

"Stop pretending."

Jiang Yao pushed the man on the bed. She had not even settled the score with him for being a womanizer.

The man on the bed turned over and smiled. Then, he quickly pulled the woman bending over him into his arms.

"Do you know who I saw tonight?" Lu Xingzhi's voice contained a hint of a smile. He was not really going to let Jiang Yao guess, so he spoke first. "Brother Jing arrived in Shu City yesterday, but Brother Ding did not know that."

So he was drinking with Brother Jing?

"Is Ah Zhu with Brother Jing?"

Jiang Yao was dumbfounded. "Ah Zhu is Brother Jing's spy?"

"Ah Zhu was part of Brother Ding's team initially, and then he decided to follow Brother Jing instead. My wife, I remember telling you that Ah Zhu is an ambitious man. He wants to replace Brother Ding." Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao's tiny face. "Are you surprised?"

Jiang Yao nodded. Yes, she was surprised. How could she not be surprised?

Ah Zhu kept saying how good Brother Ding had been to him, how much he had helped him, how many opportunities he gave him to make money, and how grateful he was to Brother Ding. Who would have thought that Ah Zhu would betray him?

Jiang Yao did see how Ah Zhu respected Brother Ding.

"As the saying goes, a soldier who doesn't want to be a general is not a good soldier. Ah Zhu is still very young. He has ambition. It's very normal." Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao's shocked expression. "Haven't you noticed that almost everyone in the house is on good terms with Ah Zhu? The man seemed to get along well with everyone. Even Wen Yunfang, whom he disliked, was able to put on a good show. He didn't seem disrespectful toward her at all."

Ah Zhu was a person with good acting skills. His network was more comprehensive than Brother Ding and Lu Xingzhi had thought. He was also a person who was good at running a business. How could such a person be willing to stay as Brother Ding's subordinate forever?

Lu Xingzhi guessed that Ah Zhu had other plans after he entered that house. He thought that Ah Zhu would strike out independently eventually, but he did not expect his plan was to replace Brother Ding and become Shu City's new leader.

For that ambition, Ah Zhu decided to join Brother Jing.

"We need to deal with Ah Zhu carefully."

Lu Xingzhi touched the back of Jiang Yao's head. His palm was filled with her soft hair and her scent. "Ah Zhu has been by Brother Ding's side for a few years. First, he gained Brother Ding's favor and trust. Later, he climbed up the ladder alongside Brother Jing. Brother Ding still doesn't know anything and is talking to Ah Zhu about how to pull Brother Jing down."

Ah Zhu would report Brother Ding's plans to Brother Jing; no one could imagine Brother Ding's fate.

"Today, Ah Zhu took you to see Brother Jing. Does he want you to follow Brother Jing like him?" Jiang Yao felt that Ah Zhu was really ruthless when dealing with Brother Ding.

### **Chapter 1340: Inconvenience**

One could say that Ah Zhu was looking for a capable assistant for Brother Ding, but in fact, he was looking for someone he could use. He completely controlled Brother Ding's information from his superiors.

Ah Zhu would not dare to instigate a rebellion, so he could only look for people who had just joined and been recruited by Brother Ding.

He knew that one could not judge a book by its cover, and the sea was not measured by its volume.

Ah Zhu was disabled and looked down upon by many people. Perhaps only Brother Ding thought that he could be useful. However, Ah Zhu's ambition could almost engulf the entire city.

Ah Zhu's matter reminded Jiang Yao not to underestimate anyone.

Therefore, she had to be careful when dealing with Ah Zhu as well as Wen Yunfang.

"Oh, right! Wen Yunfang told me that we are leaving Shu City the day after tomorrow." Once Jiang Yao mentioned that matter, she was so angry that she hit Lu Xingzhi. "It's all your fault!"

Lu Xingzhi chuckled and lowered his head to kiss her neck. "Go with her. No matter who she finds for you, you are not allowed to take a second look."

He was still holding a grudge!

Jiang Yao pushed Lu Xingzhi. "Hurry up and take a shower. You smell like alcohol."

Clearly, Lu Xingzhi did not want to take a shower. He was thinking about something else.

He moved his body, but he did not stand up. Instead, he changed the position of the person beneath him and hugged her. Then, he pressed his entire body against hers. They got even closer. There was not even a millimeter of space between their bodies.

His chest could feel her softness pressing against him. Their hearts were against each other at zero distance, and they could hear each other's heartbeats.

His lips moved from her neck, landing on her pearl-like earlobe; he was sucking and kissing her gently.

That was her sensitive spot.

Feeling that the body of the person beneath him had become much softer, Lu Xingzhi's heart was burning with anxiety.

"Tonight..."

Lu Xingzhi did not finish his sentence, using his actions to explain what he had not said.

Jiang Yao only snapped back to her senses when the cold wind blew. Lu Xingzhi had already untied the clothes on her body, and they were still on the ground.

"No, no..."

Jiang Yao pushed Lu Xingzhi, who was on her when she snapped back to her senses. "What if at that time—"

"I won't."

Lu Xingzhi took something out of his pocket and handed it to Jiang Yao. Then, he whispered in her ear, "Can you help me put it on later?"

Jiang Yao looked at the thing that he stuffed into her palm. Her face burned. "How do you have it?"

Lu Xingzhi had not touched her because he did not have it. They had not done it since they left their home at the army barracks. They did not have any protection on them. They knew that it was not the time to get pregnant.

"I bought it when I went out in the afternoon."

Lu Xingzhi did not give Jiang Yao a chance to speak. In the next second, he sealed her lips. He was as tense as if he were looking for spring in the desert.

Afternoon?

Jiang Yao thought to herself. 'That guy is using the excuse of going out to buy cigarettes to buy that thing?' She was perplexed about how that guy could have been so tense in the days following their abstinence.

The embarrassing noises in the room could be heard through the door. The servant stood outside the door with a cup of honey water. She wanted to knock, but she heard movement from inside the room. After hesitating for a few seconds, she turned around and went to the room next door.

"Mr. Ah Zhu, the honey water you asked for," the servant said.

Ah Zhu opened the door and came out to receive it. He saw that the servant still had a cup in her hand, so he asked, "Didn't I tell you to send it to Gu Changshu's room?"

The servant pointed to the room next door hesitantly. "It may be inconvenient for Mr. Changshu and his wife to come out now..."

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