

Chapter 1351: New Staff

In order to achieve that goal, Wen Yunfang even spent a lot of money on Gu Junhui, hiring the best stylist for her, buying the best dress for her, and even teaching her wine and conversation.

Jiang Yao thought that if Wen Yunfang had not taken a fancy to Lu Xingzhi, she would have praised Wen Yunfang for her generosity because of the money Wen Yunfang had spent on her.

If it were someone else, Wen Yunfang might have been able to act as a matchmaker successfully.

However, Jiang Yao also knew that the men around her praised her because of her fair skin and beauty. In that city, where most women had tanned skin, she was like an alien who had suddenly fallen into that circle, attracting the curiosity and novelty of those superficial men.

None of those men would marry a wife of her status, so it was only for fun.

Wen Yunfang understood that. She was so assured to let Jiang Yao dress up so beautifully and follow her around, not worrying that Jiang Yao's good looks would overshadow her limelight.

Wen Yunfang wanted Gu Junhui to abandon Gu Changshu and get with another man so that she would have a chance to be with Gu Changshu. She did not sincerely want Gu Junhui to leave her humble family and marry into a wealthy family.

When Gu Junhui and Gu Changshu finally separated, Gu Changshu and Brother Ding could not blame her at all.

She tried her best to take care of Gu Junhui, take her out to play, and make new friends.

Jiang Yao was like a girl who had yet to understand Wen Yunfang's purpose for her. She walked around with Wen Yunfang while waiting for the new staff in Lu City to make arrangements.

The wait did not last long. On the third night, she received a call telling her to meet someone at a coffee shop in Xiang City the next day.

During the day, Wen Yunfang was almost never home. There was only a servant there. Wen Yunfang did not have any defenses against Jiang Yao and did not ask anyone to follow Jiang Yao. Therefore, Jiang Yao found an excuse to leave during the day. After leaving the house, she took a few buses before arriving at the coffee shop.

As soon as Jiang Yao entered the coffee shop, she was invited to the office on the upper floor. When she opened the door, there were three people inside. One of them was a surprised Sha Ying or Chen Feitang who had been in Lu City for a long time.

Of course, what was even more surprising was that one of the three people there was the same person that Jiang Yao had met when she went to a cocktail party with Wen Yunfang the night before. He was the boss of a new enterprise in Lu City. He was very young, only in his 20s.

"Lady Lu, let me introduce myself. I'm the captain here in Lu City. You can call me Captain Hao. That is Mr. Ouyang, one of the informants here in the

Lu City. Because of my special status, it's not good for me to have frequent contact with you. So in the future, if you have any news, you can pass it to Mr. Ouyang. The mission in Lu City will be handed to you from now on. Your mission is very difficult. I hope that you will pay attention to your personal safety while completing the mission."

Captain Hao was a man in his 40s. Judging from his accent, he was not a local of Xiang City. Jiang Yao thought that he might have been transferred there.

"I didn't expect it to be you." Ouyang was a little shocked when he saw Lady Lu. He had seen Gu Junhui at the cocktail party and talked to her a little.

Chapter 1352: Go Back

However, before meeting that person that day, Ouyang did not know that the army had another spy in Xiang City. Furthermore, he had already approached Wen Yunfang, openly going around with her.

"Have you met?" Captain Hao asked when he heard Ouyang's tone.

Ouyang nodded. "We have. It seems like it will be very convenient for me to contact Miss Gu in the future."

Ouyang flashed a smile at Jiang Yao that only the two of them understood.

"Yes, it's very convenient."

He did not even need to avoid Wen Yunfang.

Jiang Yao smiled. Ouyang could pretend to pursue her and ask her out. Wen Yunfang would probably wake up at night with a smile.

"Captain Hao, what about me?"

Chen Feitang looked at Jiang Yao and Mr. Ouyang as if they were old acquaintances with a smile. Meanwhile, Captain Hao's attention was all on them. At that moment, she stood there like an extra person without a role.

Captain Hao remembered that there was another person beside him. He looked at Chen Feitang and patted her shoulder earnestly. "Sha Ying, your mission is over. You can go back to the team."

"Captain Hao, I—"

Chen Feitang was a little anxious. "I can stay and help from the side!"

"With Lady Lu's ability, she doesn't need any help at the moment, so it's a waste for you to stay here."

Captain Hao knew that Chen Feitang was a competitive person, so he quickly comforted her. "Sha Ying, just because you ended the mission early doesn't mean that your ability isn't good. Sometimes it depends on luck. You've wandered the city for a few days and still couldn't gain the trust of Wen Yunfang's subordinates, but Lady Lu is now with Wen Yunfang. As luck would have it, Lady Lu is now more suitable to stay in the city to take on this mission."

In order to comfort Chen Feitang, Captain Hao could only continue to emphasize the word luck, hoping that it would make Chen Feitang a little happier. He did not want her to think that she was replaced because she was not as skilled as the others.

In fact, Captain Hao did think that Jiang Yao was lucky, which was why she was able to go directly to Wen Yunfang. However, it was obvious that Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi were very competent. After all, they were the two people who had sent out the most important messages so far.

Jiang Yao tried to persuade her as if it was a serious matter. "Yes, I've been lucky since I was young, so everything I do depends on luck. My progress here is very smooth, and now that Mr. Ouyang is here, I don't need an assistant for the time being. I can't take over the staff just because of my selfish desires."

Jiang Yao was not angry at all. Instead, she continued to use the word luck. She also did not forget to emphasize the word assistant. She wanted to anger Chen Feitang.

Whether it was due to luck or strength, she was the one who replaced Chen Feitang to stay in Xiang City. She was doing better than Chen Feitang in Xiang City.

She was more outstanding than the person who had looked down on her.

The organization trusted her ability and allowed her to stay in Xiang City. They told Chen Feitang to return to the team and withdraw from that mission. What could make her feel more smug than that news?

Chen Feitang did not even have the qualifications to stay by her side as her assistant. Jiang Yao would prove it to Chen Feitang. It was not that she thought that the woman was useless, but there were many people who were more powerful than Chen Feitang.

Chapter 1353: Ding Xiaomei Is Back

Chen Feitang thought Jiang Yao was not good enough for Lu Xingzhi. Jiang Yao could hide behind Lu Xingzhi and enjoy his protection, but Chen Feitang could fight alongside Lu Xingzhi and not burden Lu Xingzhi!

Captain Hao looked at Jiang Yao and thought that the young master's wife was not as soft and cuddly as she appeared to be. She did not let go of any opportunity to step on other people.

Everyone knew that Chen Feitang, Jiang Yao, and Lu Xingzhi had a personal grudge. That was also why when Jiang Yao stayed in Xiang City, the people in Jindo City let Chen Feitang return to the army. That was because the people in Jindo City knew that anyone could become Jiang Yao's assistant, except for Chen Feitang.

Xiang City was far away from Jindo City. The people in Jindo City were afraid that Chen Feitang would act impulsively, so they did not hesitate to give the order for Chen Feitang to return to the army. Old Master Chen would not say a word about it.

"That matter is settled. Sha Ying, you can go back now." After saying that, Captain Hao turned to look at Mr. Ouyang and said, "Can I borrow your office for a while? I have something to tell Lady Lu in private."

“Go ahead.”

Ouyang made a hand gesture and then left the office.

Since Ouyang had left, Chen Feitang was even more ashamed to continue staying there. She looked intently at Jiang Yao and then followed Ouyang to leave.

Captain Hao waited for the two of them to leave before he spoke to Jiang Yao about what he wanted to say.

Captain Hao said, “Ding Xiaomei will arrive at Shu City tomorrow. Young Master Lu is with Brother Jing now. Ding Xiaomei will go to Brother Ding to assist you and help you gather information. Ding Xiaomei is Brother Ding’s daughter. It’s easier for Ding Xiaomei to gain Brother Ding’s trust than it is for you guys. It’s more suitable for her to stay by Brother Ding’s side. She can also ensure that Brother Ding doesn’t suspect you guys.”

“Ding Xiaomei...”

Jiang Yao suddenly smiled. In fact, she was not surprised. “Ding Xiaomei must hate her father very much.”

Captain Hao said, “Of course, she hates him. After knowing that the person who betrayed her was her father’s adopted goddaughter, she hated him even more. She went to Shu City for revenge and to get back her brother. Ding Xiaomei’s son is in the hospital and is taken care of by the military doctor. After Ding Xiaomei found out about that, she asked us a question. She wanted to know if her eldest brother’s eldest son was still alive?”

Captain Hao sighed. “After she found out the answer, she hid in a corner and cried for a long, long time.”

“She came here to ask her father for money to treat her brother’s child and younger brother. In the end, she lost her brother, and her life was ruined. She even lost her brother’s child. If it were anyone else, they would be able to withstand such a heavy blow.” Jiang Yao shook her head helplessly. “Furthermore, the person who sold her was so close to her father. One could even say that she had taken over her identity.”

“When Ding Xiaomei returns, she will definitely do something against Wen Yunfang. You guys should adapt to the situation. You should stay with Wen Yunfang and be careful at all times.” Even though everyone had told Ding Xiaomei not to do anything dangerous when she returned to Shu City, however, no one could guarantee that she would follow through. Thus, Captain Hao could only encourage her to do the right thing.

Since they were worried that Ding Xiaomei’s mood would affect their plans, the army did not even tell Ding Xiaomei about Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi.

That was also a precaution... Although Ding Xiaomei had taken the initiative to leave the child in the hospital, they still had to take precautions.

Chapter 1354: A Heavy Responsibility

Jiang Yao nodded. “I got it. Don’t worry, Captain Hao. I know what to do.”

“You’ve worked hard. Keep up the good work! So many children are homeless, and so many families have lost their loved ones. It’s all up to you. Pay attention to your safety. Nothing is more important than your own safety.” Captain Hao patted Jiang Yao’s shoulder. That was a form of trust and encouragement.

“By the way, what did you say on the phone? Did you bring it here?” Captain Hao asked.

“The ledger, I brought it with me.” Then, she handed it to Captain Hao and asked, “That Mr. Ouyang—”

“Don’t worry; he’s trustworthy.” Captain Hao knew what Jiang Yao was going to ask, so he gave her the answer before she could ask it. “Mr. Ouyang’s original name isn’t Ouyang. He used to be at the military academy. After studying for a year, he transferred to a foreign country to study economic management. The identity of Mr. Ouyang is borrowed from a friend of his. However, Mr. Ouyang also has shares in a company in Xiang City.”

Captain Hao’s words were not clear, but that was the rule to protect their informants.

Jiang Yao understood that. Captain Hao had already said too much. If she wanted to investigate Mr. Ouyang’s real identity, she would be able to find out more about him.

Mr. Ouyang was the shareholder of a company, and that was his real identity.

After leaving the coffee shop, Jiang Yao returned to Wen Yunfang’s house. That night, Wen Yunfang did not return. When she returned at 10 in the morning the next day, she had changed her clothes. The servant had sent her those clothes early in the morning.

Jiang Yao was not an inexperienced girl. She knew what that meant.

However, when she thought about the kind of woman interested in Lu Xingzhi, she felt angry.

Wen Yunfang went upstairs for a few minutes before going downstairs. When she saw Jiang Yao, she said, “I’m going back to Shu City now. Do you want to stay here or go back with me?”

Jiang Yao’s eyes lit up. “I’ll go back with you!”

Wen Yunfang sneered to show her disdain. “Then hurry up and pack your things and get in the car. I’ll wait for you for two minutes. If you take more than two minutes, then don’t come with me.”

Jiang Yao did not pack anything at all. She took her backpack and got in the car.

After the car drove out of the border of Xiang City, Jiang Yao asked, “Is there something going on in Shu City? Why are we going back to Shu City so suddenly? Will we meet Brother Jing if we go back now?”

“How would I know?” Wen Yunfang rolled her eyes at the person next to her, obviously too lazy to talk to her.

Jiang Yao observed Wen Yunfang’s expression. Seeing that her expression was normal, she guessed that Ding Xiaomei had arrived in Shu City. When Brother Ding found out about the matter, he must have called for Wen Yunfang to return home, but he was afraid that Wen Yunfang would do something behind his back. Therefore, he did not tell Wen Yunfang in advance about what had happened. Brother Ding might have watched Sister Wen to prevent her from informing Wen Yunfang.

Wen Yunfang did not know, and even if she did, she would not tell her. Therefore, the time after that was the same as when Jiang Yao came to Xiang City. She was like a clump of quiet air.

After more than three hours, they reached Shu City. Brother Jing had not yet said anything about his arrival, so Lu Xingzhi should still be staying at the Ding residence at that time.

When she thought about how she would see Lu Xingzhi soon, Jiang Yao could not sit still. The anticipation on her face was not hidden at all, allowing Wen Yunfang to repeatedly turn her head to look at her a few times.

Chapter 1355: Blame

When the car arrived at the Ding residence, the people at the door immediately let it through. However, after Jiang Yao got out of the vehicle with Wen Yunfang, her expression changed when she heard how the servants addressed Wen Yunfang.

On the other hand, Wen Yunfang did not seem to notice anything unusual. As usual, she walked in with her high-heeled shoes.

Jiang Yao and Wen Yunfang went straight to the main building. At that time, Lu Xingzhi was there too. After entering, Jiang Yao saw a girl sitting on the sofa with her back facing her. That girl had changed into clean clothes; she was wearing a set of loose cotton clothes. She was wearing the same clothes as Jiang Yao. That girl was Ding Xiaomei.

After Wen Yunfang entered, she only saw the back of the girl on the sofa. As she walked in, she muttered, "Godfather, where did you find that country bumpkin?"

After saying that, Wen Yunfang happened to stand in front of the sofa and looked at the girl she was mocking.

Ding Xiaomei had her head lowered. When Wen Yunfang looked at her, she slowly raised her head and gave Wen Yunfang a wicked smile. That contradictory emotion instantly appeared on the same face. Ding Xiaomei immediately looked strange.

"Wen Yunfang, don't you recognize me?" Ding Xiaomei's voice at that moment was even more strange than her expression. A monstrous hatred accompanied the ridicule, but there was also a burst of mocking laughter. "Godfather? Calling Ding Xiaomei's father as Godfather. Have you had nightmares in the middle of the night all these years?"

Then, she sneered. Ding Xiaomei finally could not hold back the overflowing hatred in her heart. She raised her hand and grabbed the cup on the table, and threw it at Wen Yunfang. "Wen Yunfang, you beast! You inhumane beast! Return my brother to me!"

Wen Yunfang did not expect it. She stood there and took a heavy hit from the teacup that Ding Xiaomei threw at her. Fortunately, the tea was already cold, but the teacup still left a red and swollen spot on Wen Yunfang's forehead.

Wen Yunfang, on the other hand, was still standing there in shock. Her expression was stiff and full of surprise, and her body was slightly trembling.

When Sister Wen saw it, she immediately pulled Wen Yunfang to the side, her heart breaking.

She turned her head and said, "Brother Ding, back then, Yunfang was only a teenager. How would she know that Ding Xiaomei and her brother were your children? Yunfang only did what she was supposed to do. But you're blaming her for doing what she was supposed to do. Isn't that too unreasonable?"

"How does she know? How could she not know?" Ding Xiaomei sneered, "My brother looks like my mother. It's fine if she doesn't know that, but my face looks like my father's. I'm practically a copy of him. How could she not know? Fine, she's blind, and she still doesn't know! Then, how could she not know that her godfather's name is Ding Xionghe?"

Ding Xiaomei approached Wen Yunfang. "Back then, you asked me. You asked me why I brought my younger brother to the city. I told you that there was an emergency at home and I brought my younger brother to look for my father. You asked me what my father's name was. I told you that my father's name was Ding Xionghe. I even showed you a photo of my father holding me when I was young. You took the photo and said that you knew many friends in the city and that you could help me look for them. In the end, what happened? You sold me to someplace far, far away, to be trampled on, to be chained like a dog to be used as a fertility machine! Where's my brother? Where's my brother?"

Chapter 1356: Don't Cry

Ding Xiaomei's words were clear enough. There was a name and a photo. Wen Yunfang had grown up with Brother Ding, so it was impossible for her not to know that the father that Ding Xiaomei was looking for was Brother Ding.

Wen Yunfang had even sold out Ding Xiaomei and her brother, even though she knew about them!

Ding Xiaomei's tears fell. She looked back at Brother Ding, "Father, you raised and doted on your goddaughter. Let me ask you, have you seen my younger brother? The last time you left home, my younger brother was still in Mother's belly, right? From the time he was born until now, have you seen him? Have you held him? And Eldest Brother's son, that's your eldest grandson, do you know that? He's also dead! Because that woman lied to me, I was delayed in finding you to go and save him. He's also dead! You pampered that woman, but you let others torture your own child!"

"I'm not asking you for anything. I'm just asking you to let her return my brother. You don't have to go home, but I have to bring my brother home! My mother and grandmother have been waiting for me and my brother for so many years. They're both old, and they haven't seen us for so many years. Please, return my brother to me. Let me have the dignity to go back and kowtow in front of them to apologize."

Ding Xiaomei knelt on the ground and burst into tears.

Finding her brother was her only wish at that moment. The more anxious she was to return to her hometown, the more nervous she was to see her brother.

There was not a day that she did not blame herself. If she had not been so stupid, how could she have made herself suffer so much and even lost her brother?

Ding Xiaomei's questions, her pleas, and her painful cries were so touching that even an outsider like Jiang Yao felt pity and moved.

Jiang Yao could understand how much hatred Ding Xiaomei had in her heart. In the past, she and her brother had been close to her father. Once she found her father, she would have the money to bring home to treat her brother's son's illness. With money, they would be able to save him.

After so many years, although she had finally found the person she had been looking for, the dead child could no longer be brought back. As for her lost brother, she did not know where he was.

The people in the countryside must also be missing them, bitterly looking forward to the return of the people who had left home.

Jiang Yao stood beside Lu Xingzhi with red eyes, and her nose was sore.

Ding Xiaomei's every sentence hit Brother Ding's heart hard. That question made Brother Ding feel ashamed.

In a fit of anger, Brother Ding reached out and slapped Wen Yunfang's face. "I have been good to you since you were young. Is this how you repay me? You sold my child, and you still have the face to call me Godfather every day? And you still have the face to act coquettishly in front of me?"

Ah Zhu pulled the two of them out. That was Brother Ding's family matter, and it was obviously not appropriate for them to continue listening there. So Ah Zhu did not go and persuade Brother Ding not to lay a hand on Wen Yunfang. Instead, he pulled Gu Changshu and Gu Junhui away.

Even the air outside was much more relaxed.

Ah Zhu looked at Gu Junhui, whose eyes and nose were red. He laughed and teased her. "Girls tend to cry easily. Changshu, coax her."

Lu Xingzhi glanced at Jiang Yao and pulled her with one hand. Then, he raised his hand to wipe her eyes and said stiffly, "I don't know how to persuade you, so don't cry."

Chapter 1357: Things Are About To Change

She really did not know how to coax him, especially when Ah Zhu was by her side.

Lu Xingzhi only had one trick that could make Jiang Yao immediately stop her sentimental emotions, but with Ah Zhu here, it was not suitable.

Jiang Yao was originally a little grouchy, but her tears turned into a smile because of Lu Xingzhi's words.

"Looking forward to the day you coax me? Maybe not until our child is older!"

Lu Xingzhi nodded in agreement. He thought for a moment and said, "Then let our child coax you when he grows up."

Jiang Yao glanced at Lu Xingzhi. Since Ah Zhu was still there, she did not say anything else.

The three of them did not go back to the house immediately. Ah Zhu looked around to make sure there was no one around before he started to discuss Ding Xiaomei with the two of them.

Ah Zhu sneered, "It seems like the situation in the house is about to change. Brother Ding's daughter came looking for him, but she has an irreconcilable feud with Wen Yunfang. In the future, there might

be one more person who will do his bidding in that house. Even Sister Wen has to stay at the back. But to be honest, Brother Ding's daughter is too pitiful. And her brother is also pitiful. If I were Brother Ding, I would kill the person who ruined my son and daughter."

"Wen Yunfang sold that person. As long as she is willing to tell us, we should be able to find him, right?" Jiang Yao asked.

Ah Zhu shook his head, "That's hard to say. The boy was already seven or eight years old when he was sold. He remembers everything. It's not easy to sell a boy at that age. Not many people would like him. If he were bought, he would be fine if he were obedient, but if he were not, they would probably beat him up and not feed him."

Jiang Yao said, "He will be obedient when he's afraid of being beaten up. He shouldn't be in pain if he's obedient, right? In any case, it's good if we can find him."

Ah Zhu shook his head. "Sister, you're too naive. Not many people are so lucky to meet a good buyer. It's already good enough that they can feed and clothe themselves, but they might still get hurt. Furthermore, the boy was sold. The buyer might think that he was disobedient and did not want to keep him anymore. He might be sold to another buyer again. If he were sold again, it would be even more difficult to find him. In short, just keep an eye out. No matter if the boy can be found or not, Wen Yunfang's position in the house will change."

There were many people who acted according to the wind. When Jiang Yao entered the house, she heard those people address Wen Yunfang as Young Miss, but she already felt the change when she became Miss Wen.

No one was stupid. They also knew that there was no comparison between a biological daughter and a foster daughter. The foster daughter even made a mistake.

Ah Zhu giggled. "I bet that Brother Ding's daughter will take revenge on Wen Yunfang that time. But it has nothing to do with us. The three of us just have to keep a distance from them. The fire won't burn us."

After saying that, Ah Zhu happily hummed a song and left. As Brother Jing's spy, Ah Zhu was happy that something had happened to Brother Ding's family. He must have gone out to inform Brother Jing, who was already in Shu City.

Lu Xingzhi thought for a while and pulled Jiang Yao back to their room. Then, he went to the kitchen to cook some food and brought it upstairs to their room.

"Come and eat something. You must not have eaten enough in the last few days in Xiang City, right?" Lu Xingzhi placed the food on the table and called out to Jiang Yao. "How are the arrangements in Xiang City? Have the new personnel been arranged?"

Chapter 1358: Hard To Believe

"Yesterday, I met with Captain Hao and the others. I also met with a new informant. Sha Ying has also been transferred back to Jindo City. From now on, I will be in charge of Xiang City." Jiang Yao proudly

shook her head. Then, she sat on the chair and took two bites of Lu Xingzhi's fried noodles. She looked like she was enjoying herself as she said, "Your culinary skills are getting better."

Lu Xingzhi felt his heart ache when he saw her enjoying a bowl of fried noodles without any good ingredients. "Are you having trouble eating in Xiang City? I should not have let you go to Xiang City in the first place. You've lost weight in just a few days."

While Jiang Yao was eating the noodles, Lu Xingzhi sat beside her and accompanied her. His eyes were glued to Jiang Yao's movements. When he saw the soy sauce on her lips, he immediately bent down and kissed her. Then, he continued to look at her.

"Sit over there." Jiang Yao's head was almost buried in the bowl of noodles. She could not stand that guy's infatuated gaze.

"No." Lu Xingzhi rejected her.

Jiang Yao was left with no choice but to roll her eyes at Lu Xingzhi. Then, she started to talk to him.

"Have you learned anything in the past few days by Brother Jing's side?"

"Yes." Lu Xingzhi nodded. "Brother Jing and Ah Da have a very good relationship. They seem to be close brothers."

"It's hard to imagine." Jiang Yao was speechless. She thought that the two of them were also competitors.

Lu Xingzhi said, "There's another piece of news. There should be another person who has the same powers as Brother Jing and Ah Da in the group. I guessed it when I overheard Brother Jing and Ah Da talking on the phone. Both of them seemed afraid of that person."

Jiang Yao frowned, "But the information did not mention that person. All the information from the informants did not mention the existence of that person. There are still people above Brother Jing and Ah Da, but none of our informants have any relevant information."

"That person seems to have joined the group not too long ago. From Brother Jing's words, it seems that that person favors the Boss that Brother Jing and Ah Da mentioned, so the Boss especially values him. Brother Jing and Ah Da don't see the Boss often, but that person seems to always be by the Boss' side."

Jiang Yao said, "Brother Ding doesn't seem to know about that person's existence either. He's really mysterious."

"Even though that person has the same powers as Brother Jing and Ah Da, Brother Jing and Ah Da have to support him because they're closer to the boss. Although Brother Ding is considered powerful in Shu City, he's not the core figure. That person is a new member. It's not strange that Brother Ding doesn't know about them." Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao's head. "I'll try my best to find out the identity of that person. All you need to know is that there's such a mysterious person."

He wanted Jiang Yao to be more vigilant.

As the two of them were talking, Lu Xingzhi watched as Jiang Yao finished more than half of the bowl of noodles. Jiang Yao pushed the remaining half of the bowl and chopsticks toward him. Then, she touched her stomach and burped. She was too lazy to speak, so she let Lu Xingzhi finish the rest.

It was rare to see Jiang Yao so sluggish. Lu Xingzhi teased her and reached out to touch her slightly bulging stomach. He smiled and said, "Do you want me to rub it for you? Is the child mischievous in your stomach?"

The corner of Jiang Yao's mouth twitched. She raised her foot and kicked his leg. She muttered, "Whose child is this? I can't eat anymore. You eat the rest... Don't waste it."

Chapter 1359: Stop Looking At Me

Of course, Lu Xingzhi knew what Jiang Yao meant. He just wanted to tease her.

"When we go back, our first task will be to have a child." After Lu Xingzhi said that, he swallowed the remaining half of the bowl of noodles.

Jiang Yao was still not used to Lu Xingzhi's eating pace. In the past, when she was at home, Lu Xingzhi would slow down when he accompanied her for meals. He would help her pick up some food, add some soup, and listen to her talk, or he would take a few bites and stop to look at her.

Therefore, Lu Xingzhi rarely ate like that in front of her. Naturally, Jiang Yao was still surprised when she saw that.

"Stop looking at me like that. I always do that when I'm outside." Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao with amusement. He lowered his head and kissed her on the eyes before opening the door with an empty bowl in his hand.

He had just eaten the noodles, and he was already kissing her. Without even thinking, it was obvious that there was soy sauce on her eyes. That guy was doing it on purpose.

Jiang Yao sat on the chair in a daze. It had only been a few days since she last saw Lu Xingzhi, and that guy had already started to cling to her. Jiang Yao wanted to know how he had gotten through the years when she ignored him in the past?

Lu Xingzhi put the empty dishes in the sink in the kitchen and went back to the room. There was a servant in the house, so he could not be bothered to wash them. That was different from being in the army. If he did not wash them, he would have to leave them for Jiang Yao to do it. He could not bear to do that, so he could only do it himself.

Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi were in the room making out. The two of them were holding hands and talking, but the atmosphere in the main building was like a cold river.

Brother Ding was merciless when he attacked Wen Yunfang. At first, he only hit her. Then, he even took out his whip and whipped Wen Yunfang a few times. It was not until Sister Wen swore to protect her daughter that he stopped.

Ding Xiaomei stood there and watched the scene coldly. When she saw that her father's eyes finally revealed his softness, she sneered, "You can't take it because of the physical pain? But back then, I was tied up like a dog. I was beaten up every single day. There was not a single day that I was treated well. I was like a punching bag that allowed people to hit and scold me. I thought about my younger brother and my family, so I gritted my teeth and endured it. I don't know if my poor younger brother would be so lucky to survive if he met with a situation like mine."

Anyone could tell that Ding Xiaomei was mocking Brother Ding for caring for his foster daughter, but he did not remember the suffering her biological daughter had endured.

Just as Brother Ding revealed a little bit of reluctance, she had poured a bucket of oil on him, causing Brother Ding's anger to flare again.

Then, Brother Ding dealt a fatal blow to Wen Yunfang. In the end, Sister Wen pressed Wen Yunfang under her body and roared at Ding Xiaomei, "What do you want? Tell me! Why did you let Brother Ding torture my daughter? You came here to seek revenge, not to recognize him as your family!"

Ding Xiaomei smiled. "Recognize him as my family? What family? Ding Xionghe? She is Wen Yunfang's godfather. Does that have anything to do with me? Is he worthy of being my father? I am only here to find my brother! You're also right about one thing. I'm here for revenge. We have enmity between us, so why can't I take revenge?"

Chapter 1360: Sell Her

"Xiao Mei..." Brother Ding was almost 50 years old. Before he left his hometown, he had enjoyed the pleasure of having his children with him. His wife was kind, hardworking, and capable. He had children who were filial and obedient. However, that seemed like a distant life.

At that time, Brother Ding felt that he was living on a shoestring. However, he seemed to be living very well every day. He did not have any grand aspirations for life. He only hoped that his children would grow up quickly and study well. He hoped that they would get to attend classes at university.

Later, he left home. His days became more luxurious, but he also lost his home because of it. He wondered if he would regret it one day, but he also felt he would not regret it. Everyone yearned for a higher life, a life of luxury. He was not wrong.

However, he had to admit that over the years, he still dreamed of his home time and time again—his wife, his parents, and his children.

Brother Ding had never seen his youngest son. He remembered that his third daughter resembled him the most. When he was at home, he loved that daughter even more than his eldest son. His wife and parents laughed at him. They loved the child who resembled him the most.

Brother Ding loved Ding Xiaomei. Therefore, when he heard his daughter's words, an indescribable pain surged in Brother Ding's heart.

When he thought about his daughter's suffering and his young son who was nowhere to be found, Brother Ding hit Wen Yunfang even harder. He even slapped Sister Wen. He knew that Sister Wen knew what Wen Yufang had done, so those things could only be done by those two.

Sister Wen also did not expect the whip to fall on her body, so she cried in pain. She yelled at Ding Xiaomei. "Ding Xiaomei, what do you want?!"

Did she want Brother Ding to beat the mother and daughter to death?

Otherwise, why would she act like she was about to die when Brother Ding stopped?

“What do I want?” Ding Xiaomei looked at the mother and daughter on the ground darkly. “I want to sell Wen Yunfang the same way she sold my brother and me!”

Sister Wen stood up from the floor. “I won’t allow it! I won’t allow it! Brother Ding, you can’t treat Yunfang like that. I only have one daughter. She has helped you for so many years. Even if she hasn’t contributed much, she has worked hard. Brother Ding, I beg you, don’t treat Yunfang like that.”

Brother Ding did not expect Ding Xiaomei to make such a request, so he was in a difficult position.

He could vent his anger on Wen Yunfang, but he could not sell her.

It was not only because Sister Wen had been with him for more than ten years, but also because Wen Yunfang and Sister Wen still had a lot of things to do for him.

At least at that juncture, he could not do it.

Ding Xiaomei sneered, “You can’t bear to part with her? I did not expect you to be willing to part with her. After all, she is your daughter whom you have doted for more than ten years, isn’t she? A daughter who acts coquettishly in front of you all the time must be better than a child who you have abandoned in the countryside for more than ten years.”

Ding Xiaomei’s smile did not have the slightest bit of warmth. It only remained at the corner of her lips and could not go any deeper.

Ding Xiaomei said, “It’s fine if you don’t want to sell her. Then, tell them to get lost! If you acknowledge me as your daughter, then chase them out! If you don’t want to acknowledge me as your daughter, then stay with them! I have nowhere to go. I can only stay here with you. But I hate them. I don’t want to see them!”