

Chapter 1391: Bringing Brother Ding To Justice

“Don’t pretend to be a hypocrite! What will happen when I’ve recovered? Won’t I be killed all the same? Don’t even think about getting any information out of me!”

“Dad, haven’t you harmed enough people? Do you think that only Gu Changshu and I betrayed you? Even Ah Zhu, whom you have always trusted, is not one of your people. Why do you think Ah Zhu removed so many of your men tonight and did not come back to save you? How many people in that world have suffered because of you? When are you going to admit your wrongdoings?” Ding Xiaomei shouted.

Ding Xiaomei’s tears fell. “Dad, you’ve been wrong for most of your life. You did not fulfill your responsibilities as a husband, a father, or a son. You’ve done so many wrong things, but in the end, it was my younger brother and me who had suffered. Don’t you think it’s wrong? Did My younger brother and I make a mistake? My younger brother was not even eight years old when he went missing. He was so young. Have you ever thought about how he has been living all those years? Have you ever thought about whether he is still alive or not? Because of you, so many people have suffered the way I have suffered, and so many parents are like my mother who are bitterly looking forward to the return of their missing child?”

Jiang Yao knew that Ding Xiaomei had already heard of her brother’s disappearance when she heard her sobbing in a low voice.

Jiang Yao was a doctor at that moment. Her task was to ensure that Brother Ding survived, so for the time being, she was not thinking about how to persuade Brother Ding to provide information to them.

“Xiaomei, you should go out. I’m going to perform the surgery on your father now. Don’t worry; he is not severely injured. I just need to take out the bullet.” Jiang Yao turned around and started to chase everyone out of the room.

Then, she asked Lu Xingzhi to stay and be her assistant.

The conditions for the surgery were deplorable, and there was no sterile environment. Jiang Yao could only do her best to make it as clean as possible. They changed into clean clothes that were prepared in advance and then sterilized all the tools.

One of Brother Ding’s wounds was on his shoulder, and the other was on his back and waist. None of his vital parts were injured. That was also the reason Brother Ding was still able to scold Ding Xiaomei.

Of course, Brother Ding did not want to do the surgery. However, Lu Xingzhi held him down. Jiang Yao injected an anesthetic into him, and Brother Ding soon quieted down.

That was the first time Lu Xingzhi saw Jiang Yao when she was working. She was wearing a medical mask, and her hair was tightly coiled inside her hat. She did not let a single strand of hair fall. Her hand made a gesture on Brother Ding’s wound; it seemed that she had a plan in her mind to cut him.

“Big round knife.”

Her cold voice rang in the room, and then she suddenly stretched her hand toward him.

Lu Xingzhi was stunned for a moment, and then he realized that he was her assistant. Then, he quickly handed her the big round knife that she wanted.

The scalpel in Jiang Yao's hand suddenly had the magic of a painter's paintbrush. With one cut, red blood quickly spread, but she did not show any signs of panic. She turned around and threw the big round knife back onto the plate.

"Machete."

"Tweezers."

"Suture needle and suturing thread."

"Scissors."

During the surgery, she appeared very cold and stern. Even though her voice was no longer as soft as before, Lu Xingzhi was lost in thought for a while.

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Her hand was swift. In just a few minutes, she removed the bullet from one of the wounds and quickly stitched up the wound to stop the bleeding before moving on to the next injury.

That operation only took half an hour. The operation went very smoothly, and there were no mishaps along the way. After the bullet was removed, Jiang Yao used the hemostatic medicine in her system to quickly stop the bleeding from Brother Ding's wound.

That half an hour allowed Lu Xingzhi to reacquaint himself with Jiang Yao.

When Jiang Yao could no longer use him for the final finishing touch, he looked at Jiang Yao. He wondered if she had performed the same surgery for him when he was sent to the Jindo City hospital with serious injuries back then.

However, at that time, he did not know if she was crying as she gritted her teeth and tried her best to save her.

Thinking of that scene, Lu Xingzhi's heart palpitated slightly, and he felt a little grief.

"Okay, let's go out." After she was done, Jiang Yao finally had time to pay attention to Lu Xingzhi. When she looked up, she realized that Lu Xingzhi had been staring at her. Her eyes met his, and her pupils moved slightly. After a few seconds, there was another reaction.

"Thank you for your hard work," Lu Xingzhi said as he looked at the sweat on her forehead. "Thank God you're here for this mission."

She was afraid of the cold, but she had become so tired in the past half an hour that she broke out in a layer of sweat. That was a situation that could only occur after high-intensity concentration work.

During that half an hour, she probably could not feel the temperature around her body. Her entire body was highly tense, and her eyes constantly paid attention to the patient's state.

After all, there was no machine there that could help her monitor the patient's signs. She could only rely on her own experience to judge everything.

Jiang Yao did not feel tired. However, when she heard Lu Xingzhi's words, she could not help but laugh. "Now you know that I'm helpful? When you knew that I would participate in this mission, you wanted to send me back to Nanjiang City."

"No."

Lu Xingzhi moved closer to Jiang Yao. After the surgery, she had a faint smell of blood and a strong disinfectant, but he did not find it unpleasant. "When I saw you transform into Lady Lu and become my partner, I was so angry that I wanted to rip off your pants and spank your *ss to teach you a lesson."

When a hooligan was not serious, he would not care about the occasion!

Jiang Yao vented her anger and stomped on Lu Xingzhi's foot before pushing the door open and walking out. Lu Xingzhi lowered his head to look at his shoes, suppressing his laughter. After she reached Shu City, she had changed into soft shoes. Therefore, there was no pain at all when she stepped on his foot.

Of course, it was because she was unwilling to stomp on them heavily.

When Captain Hao saw Jiang Yao, he immediately walked up to her. "How's the situation?"

"It went very smoothly." Jiang Yao took off her hat and placed it by her ear to fan it. "The bullet wound on Brother Ding's shoulder hurt his bones, so if you want to move him out of Shu City tonight, you have to be careful. You can't rush, so you have to drive as steadily as possible."

"Okay."

If it were not because Gu Junhui could not go missing at that time, Captain Hao would have wanted Jiang Yao to follow them to take care of Brother Ding.

"By the way, how did you get Brother Ding here?" Jiang Yao asked casually.

Chapter 1393: The Fight Between Two Parties

Captain Hao smiled. "Sister Wen arranged for the location to be at the iron factory on South Street. The iron factory is right next to a river. Usually, there will be people fishing for sand and fish on the river. The workboat will always be parked on the river or the shore. Our people hid on the sand boat. We agreed to throw Brother Ding into the river, and then we took the opportunity to get Brother Ding away. Now, there should be people trying to salvage Brother Ding's body by the river."

Jiang Yao nodded. That arrangement was great. "Two days later, we'll get a fake body to go downstream."

"We'll get a death row criminal who's about the same size as Brother Ding. We'll put it in the water for two days. By then, no one will notice." Captain Hao pointed at Ding Xiaomei. "Let Xiaomei claim the body as her family member and then quickly cremate it. There won't be any problems after that."

Even Brother Ding's clothes were put on the condemned man, including all of his jewelry.

Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi, and Ding Xiaomei could not stay there for long. Ding Xiaomei needed to return to the Ding residence, while Jiang Yao needed to return to the hotel. As for Lu Xingzhi, he needed to return to the riverside to help find Brother Ding's body.

That night, Jiang Yao spent the night alone in the hotel. The following day, Ah Zhu went to her.

"Did Changshu come to look for you last night?" Ah Zhu asked casually after entering the door.

"Brother Changshu came for a while and left very soon. He said that he was afraid that I would be worried, so he stole some time to come and see me. Then, he went back to work," Jiang Yao replied. The fact that Lu Xingzhi had come to the hotel yesterday was something that could be investigated. However, she had disguised herself when she left, so no one knew that she had left.

Ah Zhu teased her. "Changshu really can't let go of you for even a second. Don't worry. The situation in Shu City has changed, so your Brother Changshu and I will be quite busy these few days. You should stay in the hotel and don't go out. After these few days, your Brother Changshu can accompany you again."

Gu Changshu was busier than Ah Zhu, so he just stopped by to see Gu Junhui. After talking for two or three minutes, he left in a hurry.

Ah Zhu was busy, indeed.

Ah Zhu appeared to be Brother Ding's man, and the man was dead, killed by Sister Wen. Ah Zhu had found an excuse to deal with Sister Wen.

Ah Zhu gathered all of Brother Ding's men. Then, he used the excuse of avenging Brother Ding to fight for Sister Wen's territory and Brother Ding's properties. He went against Sister Wen everywhere. He would create some trouble for Sister Wen from time to time, which made Sister Wen extremely anxious. Then, he would take the opportunity to continue taking those properties.

Sister Wen did not know that Ah Zhu was Brother Jing's man. When Sister Wen asked Brother Jing for men to deal with Ah Zhu, Brother Jing did not agree to her request. He said that Sister Wen was useless and that he would not continue helping her. He even asked Sister Wen to hand over 50 percent of her own properties, as promised in the beginning.

In the past few days, fighting and killing happened everywhere in Shu City. Even the authorities did not dare to interfere. Many shops decided to close their doors during that period. There were less than half of the pedestrians on the streets, and the street stalls were nowhere to be seen.

For those few days, Lu Xingzhi did not go to the hotel again. Instead, Ah Zhu went there and brought Jiang Yao a lot of fruits. He specifically told her not to go out, and after sitting for more than two minutes, he left again.

It was not until the middle of the night of the fourth day that Lu Xingzhi finally found the time to go to the hotel.

Chapter 1394: Missing Persons

Jiang Yao had been staying in the medical system for the past few days, so when Lu Xingzhi knocked on the door, she immediately opened it for him.

“You haven’t slept yet?” It was drizzling outside. After Lu Xingzhi entered the door, he did not immediately approach Jiang Yao. After closing the door, he first dragged his coat, then shook the water off his hair like a puppy. Only then did he pull her into his arms. “Have you not had a good rest these past few days?”

“I’m a light sleeper.” Jiang Yao quickly poured him a cup of hot water. Then, she looked at Lu Xingzhi’s expression and asked, “Did something happen?”

Lu Xingzhi nodded. He held the water in his hands and did not seem to have any intention of drinking. “Our people realized that they could not contact Zhou Junmin; they had lost contact with him.”

Jiang Yao’s heart skipped a beat. “What do you mean lost contact? When did that happen?”

“We lost contact with him two days ago. Our people could not contact him at all.” Lu Xingzhi frowned. “Three days ago, Zhou Junmin was still sending news. When our people wanted to contact him the day before yesterday, they suddenly realized that they could not reach him. Yesterday, Captain Hao sent people to look for him at his residence, but they realized he had not returned for two days.”

“Someone discovered his identity?”

That was the worst-case scenario. Jiang Yao did not even dare imagine what would happen if she was discovered.

There was almost no second-guessing; she could not let anyone expose her identity.

Lu Xingzhi and Captain Hao could not figure out why Zhou Junmin was out of reach. Zhou Junmin had always been a spy that lurked nearby and had never contacted the team’s core members. Therefore, Zhou Junmin’s disappearance left everyone somewhat puzzled.

If Zhou Junmin had been captured, how could someone discover his identity?

Captain Hao speculated whether there was a mole in the team.

Jiang Yao asked, “What about us? If Zhou Junmin’s identity was exposed, would we be in danger?”

“Yes.”

Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao’s hand tightly in his palm. “Captain Hao is considering whether to withdraw all of us.”

“If we leave, will the mission be abandoned halfway? Will our previous efforts be in vain? Will those people still be able to do whatever they want? Would there still be pitiful women and children like Ding Xiaomei? What about Zhou Junmin? Where can we find him?”

“Our people will find Zhou Junmin.”

Lu Xingzhi’s gaze trembled slightly; they had to find him.

He must return with everyone he brought to the mission!

“Be careful these few days. I’ll ask Moe and Big Ke to stay in the hotel to keep an eye on you.” He lowered his head and kissed Jiang Yao’s lips. There was a hint of panic and coldness. “If Captain Hao tells you to retreat, you have to leave this place obediently. Nothing is more important than your life.”

“What about you?”

Jiang Yao only noticed Lu Xingzhi’s words. He was talking about her, not them.

“We’ll see.”

Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao’s head. “I’ll rest with you for a while. I’ll leave when the sun rises.”

After saying that, he carried her to the bed and gently pulled up the blanket to cover her. Then he went to the bathroom to take a quick shower before lying down beside her.

Chapter 1395: A Chance For You

“Don’t worry too much. Maybe it’s not as bad as we thought. Maybe Zhou Junmin found something and went to follow it. Perhaps he will contact the organization tomorrow.” Jiang Yao raised her hand and gently touched Lu Xingzhi’s furrowed brows.

“Yes.” His voice was muffled. He did not say anything else. He just raised his hand and removed her hand from his face. Then, he placed it on his lips and kissed it. “Close your eyes and rest early.”

The room was dimly lit. It was so quiet in the middle of the night that even the sound of water leaking in the bathroom was evident.

The two of them just kept their eyes open for the whole night. They did not get up until dawn. They put on their clothes from last night and got up. They knew that Jiang Yao hadn’t slept the whole night like him. Before he left, he hugged her and kissed her for a long time before leaving.

Brother Jing was no longer staying in the hotel across the street. The information that Jiang Yao could gather in those few days was also minimal. She only knew that Ah Zhu and Sister Wen had been fighting over their territories for the past few days.

Lu Xingzhi had just come out of the hotel when someone blocked him. It was one of Sister Wen’s men.

“Gu Changshu, Sister Wen wants to talk to you.” That person did not even extend an invitation. Instead, he directly took him to an old car and left.

Sister Wen no longer lived in the Ding residence. Wen Yunfang had also followed her to Shu City a few days ago. The mother and daughter lived in Sister Wen’s house in Shu City. It was probably to prevent Ah Zhu from bringing people into the house. Therefore, Sister Wen’s subordinates were everywhere in the house. If one looked carefully at their waists, it was not difficult to see that most of them were carrying guns.

After Lu Xingzhi went into the house, he waited for two minutes before Sister Wen and Wen Yunfang came downstairs in their mulberry silk nightgowns.

Wen Yunfang’s eyes lit up when she saw Gu Changshu. “Where did you find him?”

After Brother Ding died, Wen Yunfang began to look for Gu Changshu. However, Gu Changshu seemed to have disappeared. She could not find him, even after searching for a few days.

“We followed Ah Zhu to a hotel and found out that Gu Junhui was staying there. Then, we waited near the hotel for two days. Last night, we received news that Gu Changshu entered the hotel and brought him back early in the morning, just as he was about to leave.”

“Are you stupid? Why didn’t you bring Gu Junhui back with you?” When Wen Yunfang heard that they had found Gu Junhui but did not bring her back with them, she was so angry that she smashed the glass in her hand.

“What do you want with Gu Junhui?” Sister Wen glanced at Wen Yunfang, who was throwing a tantrum. Then she politely asked Gu Changshu to sit down. “Let’s talk about you.”

Lu Xingzhi was not sure what Sister Wen and her daughter were up to. He had been working with Brother Jing for so long, so he was stunned that they had not gone to Brother Jing to reveal his identity yet.

Even though Brother Jing knew his identity, it did not mean that Sister Wen and her daughter would not tell Brother Jing about it.

They thought they were smart and had many tricks up their sleeves. They also hated Brother Jing, who was in a higher position.

“About me? What about me?” Lu Xingzhi remained calm as if he did not understand.

“Gu Changshu, don’t play dumb. Brother Ding is dead now. Brother Ding arranged for you to go to Brother Jing’s side. Although Ah Zhu still wants to avenge Brother Ding, it’s just a desperate struggle. As long as Brother Jing makes a move, Ah Zhu won’t be able to escape! You’ve stayed by Brother Jing’s side for a few days. I did not report you either. This is also a chance for you.”

Chapter 1396: The Informant’s Death

“Gu Changshu, if my mother and I want to deal with you, we can go directly to Brother Jing and tell him that you’re a spy for Brother Ding. You and your Gu Junhui will die; there’s no doubt about that. Do you think Ah Zhu can protect the two of you? As long as Brother Jing goes up against Ah Zhu, he won’t be able to protect himself. What if you cooperate with us?” Wen Yunfang was still holding her high and mighty airs.

Wen Yunfang sat beside Gu Changshu and waited for his reply. That was why she and Sister Wen did not expose Gu Changshu.

Brother Jing was a wolf, more cunning than Brother Ding. It would be more difficult to survive under Brother Jing’s command than under Brother Ding’s.

Most of Brother Ding’s things had been taken by Ah Zhu. She and her mother did not have much, to begin with. In the future, they would have to give half to Brother Jing, which meant they would have a lot less.

That was not all. They also had to be their guard against Brother Jing and even more so against Ah Zhu.

Therefore, Sister Wen thought that if they did not denounce Gu Changshu and continue to plant Gu Changshu by Brother Jing's side, it would mean that they would have an extra layer of protection.

"Send Gu Junhui back to her hometown and don't contact her in the future. Marry me, and we will all work for Brother Jing from now on! At that time, we will be in the same boat." As Wen Yunfang spoke, she raised her hand to touch the hand of the man beside her. However, he avoided her as if she was a piece of trash.

Wen Yunfang's face darkened. "Gu Changshu, think about it carefully. If you disagree, then my mother and I will immediately report you to Brother Jing. By then, my mother and I won't even need to fight. We'll watch you and Gu Junhui die!"

"Then go and report to him."

Lu Xingzhi stood up and pretended to leave.

"I'll kill you if you keep walking!" Wen Yunfang was so angry that she lost her rationality. She took a gun from the coffee table and pointed it at the man about to leave.

After Lu Xingzhi heard Wen Yunfang and Sister Wen's words, he felt that the mother and daughter had a good plan. The mother and daughter knew that Brother Jing would not use them; he was prepared to burn the bridges with them. They had no choice but to rely on Gu Changshu.

"Shoot me."

Lu Xingzhi stood there with his hands in his pockets, looking impatient. "Shoot me. I am Brother Jing's man, and I want to see how you will answer to Brother Jing if you kill me."

"Yunfang! Put down the gun!" Sister Wen scolded Wen Yunfang. She had cursed her daughter's bad temper. She still thought that she was working for Brother Ding and was the host of the Ding residence?

"Mother!"

Wen Yunfang was very unwilling. She raised the gun and gritted her teeth, refusing to put it down.

"I said put it down!"

Sister Wen walked forward and snatched the gun from Wen Yunfang's hand. Gu Changshu was Brother Jing's man. If Gu Changshu were to die there, Brother Jing would think that they had done it to go against him!

Lu Xingzhi saw the mother and daughter arguing. With a snort, he strolled away. Without Sister Wen's instructions, no one dared to stop him.

Just as Jiang Yao and Captain Hao were wondering if they would suddenly receive news about Zhou Junmin, another piece of bad news came.

The body of the informant who had contacted Zhou Junmin was found in a river in a village. After forensic verification, he had been dead for more than ten hours.

The time of death was much later than when Zhou Junmin had lost contact.

Zhou Junmin was about to join the special forces. Captain Hao did not think that Zhou Junmin would reveal the identity of the informant if he were caught.

After all, Zhou Junmin was a soldier. He would not betray his comrades.

Chapter 1397: Don't Go Out

The informant's death made everyone tense.

Zhou Junmin was missing, and the informant had died. Even though Brother Ding had been arrested and brought to justice, he was still unwilling to give up any useful clues or information for the operation.

Ah Zhu and Brother Jing were lying in ambush beside Lu Xingzhi. He had been so busy in the past few days that he did not even have the time to show up at Jiang Yao's hotel. Jiang Yao had been unable to leave the hotel for several days. She was starting to lose her patience.

"Lady Lu, although Zhou Junmin is the only one who has a problem, I still feel that something isn't right about this matter."

Over the phone, Captain Hao did not call Jiang Yao's name but instead called her by her code name. "Unfortunately, Brother Jing is even more slippery than Brother Ding. Until now, we haven't been able to get any more useful information about Brother Jing. Brother Ding's mouth is even harder to pry open."

Jiang Yao said, "Let Ding Xiaomei go. Let her bring her child to see Brother Ding, or secretly take him to his hometown and let his family persuade him. Although Brother Ding is selfish, he has a weakness. He still cares about his family. Maybe they can persuade Brother Ding."

Apart from Ding Xiaomei, Jiang Yao could not think of a more suitable person to do that. Based on Brother Ding's pampering of Ding Xiaomei in the Ding residence, he must have a sense of responsibility and love for his daughter. Ding Xiaomei has been very useful. As long as they asked Ding Xiaomei to persuade him, Brother Ding might cooperate with them.

If they wanted to force Brother Ding, it would be absolutely useless.

"Yes, we are thinking of a way to get Ding Xiaomei out of the Ding residence," Captain Hao said.

"However, Ding Xiaomei is now like you, which means that she is basically trapped in Shu City and is not easy to receive guests."

"Then, let's get Ding Xiaomei's son and grandmother in their hometown, or Ding Xiaomei's elder brother. Tell them about Ding Xiaomei's situation and let them cooperate with us to persuade him. The Ding family hasn't looked for Brother Ding for so many years, even if they are so poor that they don't even have money to pay for their child's treatment. Looking at Ding Xiaomei's character, they must be equally strong-willed and law-abiding people."

As Jiang Yao was speaking, she heard a commotion from outside the door.

She looked outside and saw Wen Yunfang leading more than a dozen people toward her room in an aggressive manner.

Not long after that, those people reached her room and started kicking her door. They shouted, asking her to open the door.

The noise outside was so loud that even Captain Hao, who was on the phone, heard it. "Lady Lu, what's the situation?"

"Wen Yunfang and her people are trying to break into my room. They might be planning to capture me and threaten Xingzhi to cooperate with them." Lu Xingzhi had already told Jiang Yao why Wen Yunfang and her mother did not expose his identity. Therefore, it was not surprising to see Wen Yunfang and her people there to capture Jiang Yao.

"Captain Hao, I'll deal with this first." After saying that, Jiang Yao quickly hung up the phone and deleted the call records. Then, she called Ah Zhu.

Ah Zhu was probably busy. The phone rang for a long time before he picked it up. Before Jiang Yao could speak, he heard Ah Zhu quickly say, "Sister, don't worry. If you're afraid, you should hide. I'm rushing there with my people. The men I left in the hotel have already gone upstairs. They will bring those people to me. Stay in the room and don't go out."

Chapter 1398: Everything Is Fine

Ah Zhu had left quite a few people in the hotel, so after Wen Yunfang's men kicked at the door for a while, they were stopped by Ah Zhu's men.

Outside the door, the two parties quickly began fighting. It was a real brawl, scaring the hotel guests into screaming and fleeing. Most went back to their rooms. In a matter of seconds, there was not a single customer or hotel employee to be seen in the long corridor.

Jiang Yao could only say that the hotel's facilities were excellent, particularly the quality of the doors. The people outside had been slamming for a long time, but they could not get her door open. Ah Zhu was probably already nearby; he appeared downstairs after three minutes of hanging up the phone. He only lagged because his legs were inconvenient. The people he had brought with him were the first to arrive at the hotel.

Ah Zhu was on the verge of taking over Brother Ding's men. Naturally, Wen Yunfang's men were no better than those brought by Ah Zhu. Wen Yunfang realized something was wrong and fled. The few people who remained ran through the fire escape.

Jiang Yao was anxious until she saw Ah Zhu appear in the corridor. She burst into tears. She cried pitifully as she opened the door for Ah Zhu.

"Sister, don't cry. Are you all right now?" When Ah Zhu walked into the room, he did not know what to do. After a brief moment of thought, he dialed Gu Changshu's number and asked him to rush over to see his wife.

Lu Xingzhi arrived about half an hour later. The blood outside Jiang Yao's room had yet to be wiped clean when he arrived. Lu Xingzhi was terrified when he saw the bullet and knife marks on the wall.

"What happened?"

When Lu Xingzhi entered the room and saw Jiang Yao sitting on the bed with red eyes and Ah Zhu smoking at the side, he walked over to Jiang Yao and pulled her up. He checked her from head to toe, and after ensuring that Jiang Yao was unharmed, he breathed a sigh of relief.

“Do not worry, Changshu. Your wife is unharmed. She is simply terrified. Wen Yunfang arrived with people to take your wife away. Fortunately, I was with some men to clean up a nearby area, so I rushed over in a few minutes.” Ah Zhu stood up, stubbed out his cigarette, and explained, scratching his head as he did so. “Hurry up and calm your wife. Her eyes are like a faucet when she cries. She can’t stop sobbing.”

Ah Zhu quickly exited the room after saying that. He was scared away by the girl’s tears. He let Lu Xingzhi coax his wife properly.

Jiang Yao wiped her tears and smiled at Lu Xingzhi after Ah Zhu had left. “Do not be concerned; I am perfectly fine.”

Regardless of what Jiang Yao said, Lu Xingzhi continued to frown. If it were not for his fear of affecting the overall situation, Lu Xingzhi would have wanted to capture Sister Wen and her daughter because of Wen Yunfang’s evil intentions toward Jiang Yao; he could interrogate those two people using countless methods.

“There will be no next time.”

Lu Xingzhi rested his chin on Jiang Yao’s head. In his heart, he felt a lingering fear. Jiang Yao had changed his name to Gu Junhui. Even if Wen Yunfang’s men rushed in, Jiang Yao could not reveal her skills because she did not want to implicate others, and she could not take out her gun either. If that were the case, she had no choice but to let Wen Yunfang take her away.

There would not happen again. That was the promise Lu Xingzhi made to her. She would never face such a dangerous situation alone again, and there would be no chance for her to participate in any missions either.

Chapter 1399: Why Do You Envy Him?

He alone is sufficient for the country and the people.

His wife should not be kept in such a dangerous environment at all times.

He could not bear the thought of her going to such lengths to disguise herself as someone else and staying in that hotel every day to wait in boredom.

Ah Zhu waited outside for about five minutes before returning inside. When he saw the two people hugging, he laughed and said, “Changshu, you have a lot on your plate right now with Brother Jing. Go back. I will return Junhui to the Ding residence. She will now reside at the Ding residence. Right now, the Ding Residence is the safest place.”

Jiang Yao agreed as Lu Xingzhi was about to open his mouth to reject Ah Zhu. “Okay!”

Lu Xingzhi's grip on Jiang Yao tightened after she responded. Even without looking up, she could see the contempt in his eyes.

Jiang Yao intuitively understood the source of Lu Xingzhi's rage. Returning to the Ding residence at the time was akin to a sheep entering a tiger's den.

Was there not a better saying? There could be no tiger without first entering a tiger's den. Ah Zhu had been following Brother Jing for a long time. He might be able to provide her with more helpful information.

There has not been much information about Ah Da up until then. There was also that enigmatic figure who appeared out of nowhere.

Jiang Yao reasoned that if there was truly an accident, leaving through the secret passage should be sufficient to ensure her safety.

Even Ah Zhu was unaware of the secret passage. Brother Ding had left an escape route for himself.

When Lu Xingzhi parted ways with Jiang Yao at the hotel, his eyes were filled with the desire to hide Jiang Yao. Ah Zhu kept looking back, then grinned and teased the girl sitting quietly beside him.

"Take a look at your Brother Changshu's hesitance."

Ah Zhu grinned. "I really envy him at times."

"What makes you envious of him?" Jiang Yao inquired.

Ah Zhu did not respond. He said, "Remember to keep your door open for Brother Changshu. I am sure he will return to see you no matter how busy he is."

"Can he go back to the Ding residence?"

Jiang Yao was perplexed.

"Of course, why not?"

Ah Zhu gave her a casual smile. "Do not be concerned. Soon, the two of you will be able to enter and exit the building together."

Jiang Yao smiled shyly as she lowered her head. She did not say anything the whole time. Ah Zhu assumed she was scared and did not bother her.

Ah Zhu sent her to the Ding residence before he left. He appeared to be very busy.

Jiang Yao returned to her room and left for a short period. The majority of the staff were replaced. Ah Zhu also changed the servants and cleaning staff.

Ding Xiaomei was still residing in the main building. Even though she was Brother Ding's daughter, she was treated very well in the house. After all, Ah Zhu was fighting against Sister Wen to protect Brother Ding's property. As a result, he remained polite to Ding Xiaomei.

Many of the white clothes in the house had not been removed because the funeral had just taken place. There was a chill in the air as she stood on the balcony and surveyed the entire Ding residence.

Jiang Yao had just finished putting things away when Ding Xiaomei arrived to look for her. Although Ding Xiaomei was well-treated in the residence, Ah Zhu had been looking for someone to keep an eye on her; he had not allowed her to leave the Ding residence.

Ah Zhu kept Ding Xiaomei there to create a cover so that Brother Ding's loyal subordinates did not suspect he had plans to steal Brother Ding's properties.

Then there was Wen Yunfang, who had fled the hotel in a shambles... Although she had dodged most of the attacks when the two sides fought at the door, her arm was still scratched by a bullet because she had dodged too late.

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Wen Yunfang did not return to her home after leaving the hotel. She never returned to the hospital. Instead, she went straight to Brother Jing.

In her rage, Wen Yunfang did not consult with her mother, Sister Wen, before revealing Gu Changshu's identity. She had a persona that she could not shake, and Gu Junhui was well aware of it.

Just as Jiang Yao was talking to Ding Xiaomei in the room, Lu Xingzhi called her and told her that he had been forced to go offline by Brother Jing.

"When did Yunfang reveal your identity? What does Brother Jing intend to do with you?" Jiang Yao snorted. "Sister Wen and Wen Yunfang must have been forced into a stupor recently, right?"

Jiang Yao grinned. "I would never force you to marry me if I were Wen Yunfang. I would only force you to assist me in doing what you are capable of."

How could marriage possibly be the most dependable relationship? People had different dreams while sleeping in the same bed all the time.

Not all couples who met because of their feelings had a happy ending, let alone those who met because of their interests in the first place.

After putting all her eggs in one basket, Sister Wen had lost her rationality. She suspected Brother Jing was taking advantage of them, so she clung to Gu Changshu, who could be her lifeline. Perhaps she hoped that Brother Jing would not kill them after he had used them.

Jiang Yao surmised that Wen Yunfang and her mother were remorseful for betraying Brother Ding. If they had not betrayed Brother Ding, they would not be walking on thin ice like they were.

"Brother Jing asked me to leave Shu City temporarily and pretend to have been dealt with by him," Lu Xingzhi said solemnly. "Yaoyao, if I leave Shu City, you will be the only person left."

Even though Brother Jing had arranged for Lu Xingzhi to leave Shu City, he considered it a minor task.

Lu Xingzhi had mentioned bringing his wife to that city, but Ah Zhu and Brother Jing had denied it. They claimed that if he died, Gu Junhui would flee Shu City immediately. Sister Wen would probably guess that Ah Zhu was also Brother Jing's man if that was the case.

After all, if Gu Changshu died under normal circumstances, Ah Zhu should have taken better care of Gu Changshu's wife. Why would Ah Zhu allow Gu Junhui to leave Shu City at that particular time?

Not all of Ah Zhu's men were willing to submit to Ah Zhu; the fact that Ah Zhu was Brother Jing's man remained a secret.

Thus, Gu Changshu had to disappear from Shu City, but Gu Changshu's wife had to remain in Shu City.

Brother Jing and Ah Zhu had promised to protect Gu Junhui, so Lu Xingzhi could not take Jiang Yao away. Otherwise, Brother Jing and Ah Zhu would conclude that Gu Changshu did not believe in them.

That was the worst-case scenario for Lu Xingzhi—only Jiang Yao and her informant would remain in Shu City after he left.

"Ouyang will come to Shu City to help you," Lu Xingzhi said. "He is the only one who has a reason to be by your side."

A pursuer from Xiang City was an instrumental identity to have.

"I left Big Ke and Ah Lu in Shu City, but they could not get close to the Ding residence and had to stand guard outside."

The worry that occupied Lu Xingzhi's heart at the time was difficult to express in words.

He assumed that if Wen Yunfang revealed his identity, he would be forced to go offline temporarily to hide... He did not expect Brother Jing to make other plans for him.