

Chapter 1441: Let's Exchange

He knew that doctors like Jiang Yao were germaphobic, so he bought new bowls and chopsticks. When his brothers greeted him, he did not even lift his head in response; he continued to wash the dishes very seriously.

After that, he returned to Jiang Yao's side and pushed the small table toward her. Then, he put the bowls and chopsticks on the table and the food he bought.

"Eat with me?"

Jiang Yao took the bowl and pointed at the chair for Lu Xingzhi to sit on.

"Sure," the man replied. After tidying the table, he sat down on the chair and grabbed the mantou. Then, he gulped the soy milk in big mouthfuls. He did not even look at Jiang Yao the entire time.

Jiang Yao felt that something was wrong as she ate. Usually, when they sat together to eat, that guy would fix his eyes on her. Why was he eating so obediently?

Jiang Yao held a bowl of porridge and sipped on it. Then, she stared at Lu Xingzhi intently.

Lu Xingzhi could feel her unconcealed gaze even if he did not have eyes on the back of his head.

He swallowed the last mouthful of the steamed bun before looking up at Jiang Yao and asked, "Is it not good?"

"It's fine."

Jiang Yao could not taste the porridge, only the previously taken medicine.

In fact, she had no appetite at all, nor did she feel hungry. She simply wanted him to have breakfast, so she said she was hungry, thinking that he would eat some too.

Even though she was not hungry, she was afraid he would be hungry. She worried about his health, fearful that he would not take care of himself.

Lu Xingzhi grunted again and lowered his head to continue eating his breakfast. He did not say anything else.

However, he thought about cooking some noodles for her lunch. She liked to eat his food.

"Is the soybean milk good?"

Jiang Yao looked at the soybean milk in Lu Xingzhi's hand and craved it, especially since there was only the smell of medicine in her mouth, and the porridge was light. She wanted to eat something with a stronger taste.

When Lu Xingzhi heard Jiang Yao's question, he looked up and saw her greedy expression. No matter how bad his mood was, he was amused by her expression.

"Want a sip?"

Lu Xingzhi brought the bowl to Jiang Yao's lips. "If you like it, I'll buy it for you tomorrow morning."

Jiang Yao happily took two mouthfuls. Then, she decisively stuffed the porridge back into Lu Xingzhi's hands. "Let's exchange one for the other!"

Then, she happily held the soy milk and drank it one sip at a time. Lu Xingzhi occasionally took two bites of the mantou in his hands.

After Jiang Yao was full, Lu Xingzhi took a few bites of the remaining mantou and swallowed them. The remaining porridge was only a matter of a few spoonfuls for him. After eating, he quickly put away the things on the table.

Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi, who was busy; she could not help but sigh in her heart.

She knew that he was unhappy, but she did not know how to coax him. Therefore, she could only try her best to show her femininity and act coquettishly toward him, hoping that he would be happier.

After Lu Xingzhi came back from washing the dishes, Jiang Yao moved to the side of the bed and waved her hand. "Come and sleep with me!"

The sun had already shone through the window. The spots of light were beautiful, but they were not as beautiful as the way she smiled at him.

"I'll sleep on the sofa."

Lu Xingzhi leaned over and pulled Moe, who was curled up in the innermost corner and was sound asleep.

"Am I that ugly now?"

Jiang Yao once again came up with that idea.

Chapter 1442: I Hope You're Looking Forward To It Too

"No," Lu Xingzhi answered very seriously. "I'm big. I'm afraid I'll crush you. You're injured."

"You won't."

Jiang Yao shook her head. "The hospital bed is quite big."

It was the truth. The hospital bed was very big, quite different from the usual ones. It had more than enough space for two people to sleep.

"I want you to hug me while I sleep."

Jiang Yao winked at Lu Xingzhi. Then, she gently patted the empty seat next to her and urged him.

"Hurry up."

Lu Xingzhi, who was ready to lie down on the sofa, finally walked toward her. He took off his shoes and laid down in the space she had vacated. He reached out and took her in his embrace. "Go to sleep. They will wake you for more medicine in the afternoon."

Jiang Yao curled her lips. She was clear about her physical condition. Just as the doctor had said, she would be in recovery for a period.

She was lucky. She was in a plane crash. One person died on the spot while another was in a vegetative state, but she was fine.

After Lu Xingzhi laid down, Jiang Yao pressed herself against his chest. She could not help but let out a soft sigh. "I told you that the bed is big. It's more than enough for us to sleep in. Next time I'm hospitalized, I'll just stay here!"

After saying that, she received a gentle slap on her forehead. "There won't be a next time!"

Jiang Yao rubbed the spot where she had been hit. She mumbled and defended herself. "Don't I have to be hospitalized when I give birth? Then why can't I just come to this hospital to give birth? Why is there no next time? Next time, in the future, when I give birth to even more children, I'll stay in this hospital! I'll stay in this room! Hmm! If you don't let me stay in this room, then I won't give birth!"

Her little temper tantrum caused Lu Xingzhi to be stunned for a long time before he snapped back to his senses.

Lu Xingzhi did not say anything else. He just gently rubbed the top of her hair.

Jiang Yao's mood sank when he remained silent.

Why did he not react when she talked about giving birth?

Why was he so calm?

She had said that just to make him happy, but in the end, he did not even smile.

Jiang Yao pushed Lu Xingzhi. "Tell me, have I become ugly?"

Jiang Yao looked fearful, and her eyes were filled with tears. "Have I become so ugly that you don't want to look at me anymore? Have I become so ugly that you don't want to have a baby with me anymore?"

Lu Xingzhi's mind wandered for a few seconds, and when he turned around, he saw Jiang Yao's expression as if she was about to cry.

He immediately panicked. "No, don't let your imagination run wild. You're fine. If you don't believe me, see for yourself. There's not even a single wound."

Of course, Jiang Yao knew there was no wound on her face, but she pretended not to know. She did not want Lu Xingzhi to think about something she did not know.

"Then why aren't you happy when I said that I wanted to have a child?" Jiang Yao asked.

"I'm not unhappy."

He was afraid that he could not protect the child and her. He was a little hesitant. Was it a good idea to have a child so early?

"If you're not unhappy, then why aren't you smiling?"

Jiang Yao reached out and tugged at the corner of Lu Xingzhi's mouth. "Come, show your wife a smile!"

When he was still frowning, Jiang Yao let go and sighed. "I know what you're afraid of, but Xingzhi, you shouldn't be like this. You never retreat. You are an eagle that will always rise to the challenge. I believe that you can always protect our child and me... I look forward to having a child with you, and I hope that you look forward to it as much as I do.

Chapter 1443: I'll Go

So she knew everything.

Lu Xingzhi's heart tightened. She had always known what he was thinking. Even if he did not say it, she understood.

"Okay." How could he disappoint her? How could he bear to disappoint her?

"When you're better, we'll have a child." Lu Xingzhi tightened his grip on her, but he still tried hard to restrain the thought of Jiang Yao rubbing into him.

His wife was brave and fearless, so how could he be a coward?

How lucky was he to have taken a fancy to such an extraordinary girl? How lucky was he to have her as his wife?

Jiang Yao was still in recovery. After talking to Lu Xingzhi for a while, she could not resist the exhaustion and fell into a deep sleep in his arms.

Even though he did not want to sleep, Lu Xingzhi still closed his eyes and fell asleep with her in his arms.

As long as he closed his eyes, all Lu Xingzhi could think about was Sergeant Ge's death.

It was a mood that made him so angry that he had lost all hope.

He was so disappointed that he could not find the words.

Liang Yueze only came to the ward to look for Lu Xingzhi after more than two hours. Lu Xingzhi looked at the sleeping Jiang Yao, then wrote a note and left it by her bedside before leaving the ward with Liang Yueze.

"Didn't you sleep?" Seeing that Lu Xingzhi did not look like he had slept, Liang Yueze asked again, "Couldn't sleep?"

"Yes." Lu Xingzhi nodded. He could not sleep; he did not want to see Sergeant Ge. Then, the scene of the plane crash popped up. It was a thrilling scene that made him unable to sleep.

"You can't do that." Liang Yueze was really worried. "Can't sleep even with Jiang Yao with you? Do you need therapy?"

"Not yet." Lu Xingzhi shook his head and asked about serious matters, "So, how much did he confess?"

"He's too stubborn, can't get a single word out of him." Liang Yueze had a headache over that.

“I’ll go.” Lu Xingzhi’s eyes turned cold. He had a lot of emotions that he had nowhere to vent. It was the right time for him to go.

Chief Liang had wanted Lu Xingzhi to be in charge of the interrogation. However, Liang Yueze hesitated when he saw Lu Xingzhi’s mental state. If Lu Xingzhi’s mental state was already a little abnormal, would it affect his emotions?

The higher-ups wanted them to interrogate Ah Da regardless of the means. They wanted to know the identity of the group’s boss.

Anyway, Ah Da was caught and did not say much. If Ah Da died during the interrogation, they could say that he died due to severe injuries and ineffective resuscitation.

Lu Xingzhi’s interrogation methods had always been swift and decisive. It was also his specialty. He had many ways, but sometimes violence and bloodshed were unavoidable.

After all, Ah Da was a thug. Gentle interrogation methods were useless, especially for people like Ah Da, who would not budge.

Lu Xingzhi extended his hand toward Liang Yueze, but Liang Yueze did not give him the car keys. Lu Xingzhi snatched them away anyway and said, “I’m not as useless as you think.” Then, he strode away.

Liang Yueze looked at his empty hand and sighed deeply. He did not think that Lu Xingzhi was useless. Instead, his brother was too useful and responsible. He was also worried because Lu Xingzhi had nowhere else to vent his frustrations.

However, Lu Xingzhi had already left. Liang Yueze could not stop him. He could only hope for the best... Perhaps Lu Xingzhi could take the opportunity to vent his frustrations during the interrogation, and he would be fine.

Chapter 1444: Rush Back

Jiang Yao slept until noon, when Zhou Weiqi arrived with lunch. When she saw no one beside her, she subconsciously reached out to touch the space. It was already cold, which meant that Lu Xingzhi had left very early.

She did not know if he had slept or not.

“Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi had gone to work. He left a note for you.” Zhou Weiqi pointed at the note beside Jiang Yao’s pillow and gestured for Jiang Yao to read it. Then, he placed the lunch on the small table, and his chatterbox mode was activated again. “Lu Xingzhi instructed me to cook some noodle soup for you. I made duck soup that had been stewed for several hours. I put a lot of vegetables that you like in it and even fried an egg for you. What do you want to eat tonight? You can tell me. Chef Zhou will cook them for you.”

Zhou Weiqi’s cooking skills were excellent. Jiang Yao could smell the fragrant noodles just by sitting there. She could not help but laugh. “Your third brother is ordering you around again, Chef Zhou?”

“I do it willingly. I am here to serve my hero, Jiang Yao, and give my blessings to her. My heart is filled with joy.” Zhou Weiqi, the sweet-talker.

As Jiang Yao listened to Zhou Weiqi's joke, she picked up the note and looked at it. It was Lu Xingzhi's handwriting. He told her that he had to go and settle some matters. He would be back that night.

After reading the note, Jiang Yao folded it and put it away. She looked up and was about to ask if Colonel Lin and the others had awakened when she saw Lu Xingzhi walking into the room.

"You're back?"

Jiang Yao's eyes lit up.

Lu Xingzhi acknowledged her and pushed Zhou Weiqi to the side. He picked up the noodles from the insulated box and placed them in a bowl for Jiang Yao.

"Jiang Yao, it's a little hot. Be careful." Zhou Weiqi, who was pushed aside, was not angry. He just stood there and reminded Jiang Yao that the noodles were very hot.

The noodles were a little mushy because they were cooked and brought from the hotel. Fortunately, the taste was not bad.

"Have you eaten?" Jiang Yao placed her hands on the edge of the small table and held the edge of the bowl. As soon as he entered, she smelled a faint smell of blood on his body.

After scanning, she found that he was not injured, so the smell of blood must have come from somewhere else.

"He probably hasn't eaten yet, so he's here to have lunch with you."

Zhou Weiqi looked as if he had guessed everything. "If he's not here, I think you won't eat lunch so obediently."

After saying that, Zhou Weiqi received a cold stare from Lu Xingzhi, and then he ran away with a cheeky smile.

Zhou Weiqi knew that Lu Xingzhi would rush back to have lunch with Jiang Yao, so he brought a portion for him too.

Jiang Yao did not have a big appetite, so a bowl of noodles was more or less enough. Lu Xingzhi picked out most of Jiang Yao's favorite vegetables and fried eggs and filled half the bowl. Then, he took the rest and lowered his head to eat.

"If you are very busy, you don't have to come back to eat with me. If you are free, you can sleep here when you come back at night. You don't have to rush back either. As long as you remember to eat three meals a day and rest, it will be fine." Jiang Yao was afraid Lu Xingzhi would not take care of his health. She was fine in the hospital. She did not want to recover to have him collapse instead.

"Okay," Lu Xingzhi answered briefly. Since Jiang Yao had eaten more than half of the vegetables in her bowl, he scooped more for her. "What do you want to eat tonight? Tell Zhou Weiqi. If I can't make it back in time for dinner, I'll come back to sleep here."

He wanted her to recover the weight she had lost.

Chapter 1445: It Was His Own Fault

Lu Xingzhi had rushed back to have dinner with Jiang Yao. After eating, he took his car keys and left in a hurry without waiting for the nurse to get the medicine for Jiang Yao.

When Zhou Weiqi arrived again, he brought some news for Jiang Yao. Colonel Lin had woken up, and then there was another piece of news. Sergeant Ge's wife and stepson had left the airport for Province A to prepare for his funeral. Then, they brought Sergeant Ge back to his hometown to be buried.

Zhou Weiqi did not dare tell Lu Xingzhi about the following news for fear of affecting his mood.

"Is anyone going to pick them up?" Jiang Yao asked. When Sergeant Ge's name was mentioned, everyone's mood darkened.

"No."

Zhou Weiqi shook his head. "He is not a martyr. No one would go pick up a criminal's family members."

That was quite realistic. Sergeant Ge was no longer a soldier and had died as a criminal. Who would be there to pick up his family members?

"You came so quickly. Did you come by plane?" Jiang Yao moved a little and sat up in bed. However, her body was still injured, so she could not move a lot. Even though she pulled lightly on her wounds and injuries, it still made her groan in pain.

It seemed like she had to go to the medical system at night to treat her own injuries.

"Yes, I came by plane."

Zhou Weiqi complimented Sergeant Ge's wife. "When she heard about what had happened with Sergeant Ge, she immediately left with her child. They took a plane and rushed over as soon as they could. She was not like Sergeant Ge's mother. When she heard about his crimes, she immediately hung up the phone. She said that Sergeant Ge was no longer in contact with any of their family members, and they would not cover the funeral expenses. Even if the police wanted to execute his entire family, they should not go to theirs."

Zhou Weiqi sighed. "Jiang Yao, Sergeant Ge's wife, is different from Sun Cuimei. Her family is poor. She did her best to buy a plane ticket to see her husband for the last time. She also brought her child with her. Big Brother said that if Sergeant Ge had married that wife instead of Sun Cuimei, he would not have ended like that."

"We can't blame anyone else. Sergeant Ge also brought that upon himself." Jiang Yao did not think it was anyone else's fault that Sergeant Ge had ended like that. Was he not wrong as well?

Sergeant Ge could not resist the temptation of money.

Jiang Yao had nothing to say if he had entered that gang just to find his child. If she had joined the gang, she would have gained theirs. She would want to find her daughter and rescue all the poor children, kidnapped and sold like her daughter.

Sergeant Ge felt that money was more important than his conscience.

“Zhou Weiqi, there must have been a lot of people apprehended at this time, right?”

Jiang Yao suddenly remembered something. “Help me check on a person, an old woman. She was from Nanjiang City. She was released not long ago because she had been in prison for assaulting a police officer. Her son is the murderer in Nanjiang City. There was a report about her before she was released from prison. Go and find out if that person is among the people who have been caught.”

Jiang Yao specifically mentioned that old woman because she was afraid she would take advantage of the chaos to run away. The old woman had joined not too long ago, so she could be considered a new face in the gang. She was also an old woman, so it was easy for people to let their guards down around her... Therefore, Jiang Yao was afraid that the old woman would run away.

Chapter 1446: No Mercy

Jiang Yao thought that that law had given the old woman a chance to turn over a new leaf, but she did not know how to cherish it. She did not feel that she had done anything wrong. On the contrary, she felt that life was unfair and no one pitied her.

Since that was the case, she would let that old woman accompany her precious son.

Kidnapping and trafficking of women and children would always lead to a death sentence. “Assaulting a police officer will not get her a proper punishment. Is it enough this time?”

“It should be.” Zhou Weiqi nodded. Then, he decided to let Jiang Yao rest well. He turned around and went to Colonel Lin’s ward before rushing to the provincial police station.

The people in the police station knew Zhou Weiqi, and no one stopped him from entering the building. Zhou Weiqi called the team who were in charge of files. He checked the criminals registered in Nanjiang City and saw the person Jiang Yao mentioned. It seemed like the old woman did not escape either.

“Zhou Weiqi.” When he heard of Zhou Weiqi’s appearance, Liang Yueze went to look for him. “Didn’t I tell you to accompany Jiang Yao in the hospital?”

“Jiang Yao told me to investigate a person to see if they escaped.” Zhou Weiqi pointed at the document on the table. “That’s her.”

As the two of them talked, Zhou Weiqi’s sharp eyes saw Lu Xingzhi’s figure pass by the door. He ran out quickly and chased after him. “Third Brother! Where are you going?”

“The morgue.” Lu Xingzhi glanced at Zhou Weiqi. He did not ask why Zhou Weiqi was there. After answering him, he went to the morgue where the bodies were temporarily placed in the police station.

Liang Yueze waited until Lu Xingzhi had left before pulling Zhou Weiqi along and following him. “That should be Sergeant Ge’s wife. Let’s go and take a look.”

Liang Yueze’s guess was right. Sergeant Ge’s wife was there with her son to claim her husband’s body. After Lu Xingzhi heard the news in the interrogation room, his mind blanked for more than ten minutes. When he snapped back to his senses, he left the interrogation room.

The mortuary was located in the corner of the police station. There was no sunlight there all year round, and it was so cool in broad daylight that it made one’s hair stand on end.

Sergeant Ge's body was deposited in the corner of the room. Lu Xingzhi could see two people standing at the door. Their cries echoed in the small mortuary.

The child was not very young, so he must have already known what death meant. He hugged his mother's waist and threw himself into her arms, crying until his voice was hoarse.

"Mom, do I not have a father anymore? I like this father. Why did God take my father away again? Mom, is it just us now?"

Naturally, no one could answer the child's question, nor did they know how to answer it.

"Young Master Lu?" The police officer beside Lu Xingzhi asked in a low voice when he saw that Lu Xingzhi was standing at the door.

Then, Lu Xingzhi walked into the room. The small room smelled horrible. There were corpses that had not been claimed for a long time. Unlike winter, spring was not kind to the bodies. Eventually, they would emit a rotten smell. Those not used to it would feel nauseous when they walked into the room.

However, Lu Xingzhi's expression did not change.

The sound from the door disturbed the mother and child, who were still crying terribly. When they saw someone had entered the room, the woman hurriedly wiped her tears and said, "Officer, I will bring him home immediately. But I don't know how to bring him back. Can you teach me?"

Chapter 1447: Can't Keep Them

The woman looked a little worried. She was afraid the police would not let her take her husband's body or chase her away. She was only 30 years old, but she looked much older because of her hard work.

The police said, "The body can't be put on the plane or train, so you need to send it to the local funeral parlor to be cremated and then take the ashes back. If you need help, can we contact the funeral parlor? You can discuss it with them."

The middle-aged woman thanked him profusely. Then, she touched her pocket. She was short of money and worried that she did not have enough and could not give her husband a decent funeral.

"Third Brother!" Zhou Weiqi stood at the door and was about to walk in, but the moment he smelled the disgusting stench inside, he immediately covered his nose and ran out. Then, he waved at Lu Xingzhi from afar.

Lu Xingzhi heard the sound and looked at the door. He ignored Zhou Weiqi.

Sergeant Ge did not look good when he died. He died on the spot without any resuscitation effort. His entire body still looked like the night he died.

Lu Xingzhi was a soldier, so he knew that he might die during a mission too.

As for Sergeant Ge, he had never once talked to him about how a soldier had to die to be worthy and honorable.

Death was inevitable. It was either lighter than a feather or heavier than the mountain.

There was only one hypothesis that did not involve betrayal at that time—betrayal of the nation, the law, the army, and the betrayal of one’s conscience.

Only that possibility did not cross Lu Xingzhi’s mind.

As he looked at the person who could no longer threaten Zhou Junmin or Jiang Yao’s lives with a gun, Lu Xingzhi did not even know how to say his final farewell.

He hated the man.

Whenever he thought of him threatening Jiang Yao or Jiang Yao’s plane crash, he wished he could tear the man into pieces!

If he were not Sergeant Ge, Lu Xingzhi would tear him into pieces!

“Young Master Lu, we still need to take the family members for a routine interrogation.” The police officers thought Lu Xingzhi would say something to the family members, but in the end, he just stood there and did not say anything. His entire being was so gloomy that it made people want to retreat even more.

“Okay,” Lu Xingzhi said. Finally, he turned around and left the morgue without saying goodbye.

When Zhou Weiqi saw that Lu Xingzhi had finally come out, he ran over eagerly and asked, “Third Brother, what’s the situation inside?”

His face was filled with curiosity. If it were not for the stench, Zhou Weiqi would have run in to take a look.

Lu Xingzhi would not answer Zhou Weiqi’s question. Liang Yueze also felt that it was quite normal for Lu Xingzhi to behave like that.

“Sergeant Ge has one house in the county he lived in. However, two homes in the provincial Jindo City are under his wife’s name. There is also a bank account in his name, and there are 2000 bucks in it. He opened the account last year. That was just the surface. In a short few months, Sergeant Ge had gone from having nothing to becoming a wealthy man with several houses.

Liang Yueze looked at Lu Xingzhi and said, “Those are only the surface. Sergeant Ge’s wife and son won’t be able to keep those.”

Liang Yueze believed that Lu Xingzhi understood what he was trying to say.

Chapter 1448: Investigate It

Lu Xingzhi would make that decision. If Lu Xingzhi were agreeable, the inquiry into Sergeant Ge’s property would finish there, with no more probing.

Sergeant Ge was a veteran who was also well-versed in the law. Naturally, he understood that if the scenario occurred and he were apprehended, all of his possessions would be confiscated and liquidated.

Sergeant Ge's goal in purchasing a few houses was to place them on the market so that if something happened to him and the court took his property, he would not have to delve further into the properties that he might have concealed elsewhere. Sergeant Ge must have intended to leave that money to his wife and children.

Liang Yueze said, "Sergeant Ge's wife is pregnant; she's two months along."

Lu Xingzhi gazed at the sky as though he was thinking about that problem.

He heard Lu Xingzhi say, "Investigate it."

Then he went away.

Liang Yueze did not bother to pursue him. He expected Lu Xingzhi to come over to say goodbye or speak with Sergeant Ge's wife, but he didn't. He simply looked around and walked away.

"Third Brother..."

Zhou Weiqi rubbed the back of his neck. "Conduct an investigation and take all of Sergeant Ge's possessions? Wouldn't Sergeant Ge's wife and children be too pitiful? Sergeant Ge's wife has a son and is now expecting. Children cost money. How can a woman like her support them?"

Liang Yueze thought Lu Xingzhi's decision was sound. The law did not accept compassion. It would not accept selfish adoration.

Sergeant Ge had died, and it was a tragic event for his wife and children. However, what about the family of those who died because of his actions? Were they not pitiful as well?

What about the children who had to leave their loved ones because of Sergeant Ge? Were they not pitiful as well? Were the trafficked young women not pitiful too?

What about the innocent informant who perished in vain and those who died in the mission?

A mistake was a mistake. Sergeant Ge committed a mistake, and as a result, he should be punished. What should be removed must not be maintained.

That was the correct course of action.

"Why are you not accompanying Jiang Yao to the hospital?"

Liang Yueze urged Zhou Weiqi. "What do you think Lu Xingzhi would do if anything should happen to Jiang Yao in the hospital?"

Zhou Weiqi nodded. "I'm going!" Then he shook his car keys and bolted.

Lu Xingzhi returned to the interrogation room after leaving the morgue. As soon as he walked in, the person in charge went to him and said, as if he were bragging. "Sergeant Lu, he was going to close his eyes just now. I woke him up with a beating!"

Lu Xingzhi took a look at Ah Da's injuries, which he had ignored for more than ten minutes. He did not even bat an eyelid. Ah Da's offense was a death sentence. Therefore, as long as he could extract vital information from him, he did not care what method he employed.

Ah Da had been interrogated for quite some time, but he had said nothing. The people in the room had a high-powered flashlight in their hands, and they would aim it directly into Ah Da's eyes. As soon as Ah Da closed his eyes, the people next to him would immediately wake him up. He had no choice but to open his eyes again to look at the intense light.

Ah Da's eyes could not take it anymore after such a long period. Even though he was not blind, his eyesight was blurry, and he could not see anything properly.

Ah Da's injuries had not been treated or bandaged since he was apprehended. He had rolled over the cut on the ground, so there were still little stones in the wound... If anything unfortunate happened, the whip would come down and press the stones into his wound.

Chapter 1449: Eventual Good Fortune

That kind of pain was not the same as being dismembered. It was tormenting him bit by bit, torturing his spirit and his physical strength.

As soon as he fell asleep, he would immediately be whipped until he woke up again.

However, they would always avoid hitting his vital points when they whipped him. They would not kill him. They would only wake him up from the pain. However, he would not be able to hold on and would continue to close his eyes. He would continue to be whipped again and again.

He had not closed his eyes to rest ever since he escaped. Ah Da was so exhausted that he did not even have the strength to struggle.

"You still don't want to tell me?"

Lu Xingzhi dragged a chair and sat down. "Is it that hard? You're going to die anyway. You don't have to be tortured before you die. If you tell me, I'll give you a quick death."

"What's the difference?"

Ah Da's pupils did not even move as he spoke. He was like a blind man as he turned toward the source of the sound.

"You're wrong." Lu Xingzhi's voice was distant and carried a hint of ridicule. "Are you human? I only treat beasts like this. The word human does not apply to you."

Ah Da pursed his lips and did not say a word, so Lu Xingzhi stood up. He turned around and said to the police officer beside him. "Continue to stand guard. Don't let him out of your sight. If he dares to close his eyes, hit him mercilessly!"

Then, Lu Xingzhi left the interrogation room. There was no progress there, so he needed to spend his time elsewhere.

Lu Xingzhi asked the other police officers to find Sergeant Ge's wife and son's room. The police officer who led them to claim the body was investigating the mother and son to see if they had any information.

"Xingzhi."

Chief Liang was also there. He waved at Lu Xingzhi and threw Brother Jing's statement at him. "Take a look."

Brother Jing's statement described what he and Ah Da had done. However, since Brother Jing did not meet the Boss very often and they were all in places with poor lighting and many people in between, his impression was that he was not very tall. His hair was neither long nor short, and he was short and fat. His voice was low and rustling. He sounded like he was in his forties or fifties."

"Brother Jing, do you know Ah Da's real name?"

Lu Xingzhi flipped through the records but did not find the answer to that question.

"I don't know. Just like Brother Jing did not tell Ah Da his real name," Chief Liang said. "Those people are very cautious. How could they easily tell the other party their real name and identity?"

"Brother Jing already told us everything. Why did Ah Da still insist on not saying a word?" Lu Xingzhi looked at Brother Jing's confession. Brother Jing said that he had seen Ah Da and the Boss many times. Ah Da and the Boss had a very good relationship. The Boss valued him more than anyone else. That was why Brother Jing was very lenient with Ah Da. That was why the two of them got along so well.

Sergeant Ge's wife did not have any helpful information. Lu Xingzhi listened for a few minutes and then left. He drove back to the hospital.

He missed Jiang Yao, even though they had only been separated for a few hours.

Lu Xingzhi found Jiang Yao in Colonel Lin's ward. Zhou Weiqi pushed Jiang Yao in a wheelchair to visit Colonel Lin.

Colonel Lin still had the same cheerful personality. When he saw Jiang Yao sitting in a wheelchair and listening to Zhou Weiqi recount the danger Jiang Yao encountered, Colonel Lin simply treated Jiang Yao's experience as if it were a story.

"If you don't die from a plane crash, there will definitely be good fortune in the future."

Colonel Lin used those words to comfort Jiang Yao, but he only said that because he was excited. Then, he coughed twice quietly.

Chapter 1450: Get Out

"Colonel Lin, you just woke up. Don't get too emotional. Don't talk too much; rest more. I just came by to see you. I'm relieved to see that you're awake and well." Colonel Lin nearly died, and he looked like it. Even after Colonel Lin recovered from his injuries, it would be difficult for him to go on another mission.

Jiang Yao had told Colonel Lin not to get emotional because she wanted him to forget about Sergeant Ge. Just like Lu Xingzhi, Sergeant Ge's identity as Mr. G was like a big slap in Colonel Lin's face.

Even though it hurt, there was no physical damage.

"Colonel Lin, please rest. I will take Jiang Yao back to the ward. The doctor also told her to walk around. However, Jiang Yao heard that you were awake and insisted on coming over to see you," Zhou Weiqi said. Then, he took a step back and prepared to take Jiang Yao back.

Just as the two of them walked to the door, Jiang Yao met two familiar figures—Professor Ouyang and Mr. Ouyang.

Mr. Ouyang was Jiang Yao's informant in Xiang City. Jiang Yao's eyes flashed with surprise when she saw them together and remembered their surnames.

"Professor! Mr. Ouyang!" Jiang Yao greeted the two of them. "You were the one who saved Colonel Lin, right, Professor?"

Professor Ouyang knew that Jiang Yao was also hospitalized, so he did not find it strange to see Jiang Yao there.

However, Ouyang was surprised when he heard Jiang Yao greet his father.

"You know each other? You're my father's student?" Ouyang asked, surprised. Then, he asked about Jiang Yao's health.

"Yes, it's such a coincidence. Professor Ouyang is my teacher." Jiang Yao smiled. As she spoke, she noticed Lu Xingzhi, who was standing behind Ouyang. Her eyes lit up slightly, and she raised her hand and waved at Lu Xingzhi. Her voice was clear. "Xingzhi! Why are you here?"

Ouyang was familiar with Jiang Yao's tone. She was gentle whenever she spoke to her husband.

Out of curiosity and scrutiny toward his love rival, Ouyang turned around and looked at the man behind him.

He was a little surprised. The man behind him was even taller than he was. He was in a green military uniform and had an imposing aura.

He was a soldier.

"Go back and rest."

Lu Xingzhi took Zhou Weiqi's place and pushed Jiang Yao back to the ward. Although he did not know Mr. Ouyang, he knew Professor Ouyang. Lu Xingzhi nodded slightly at him as a form of greeting.

When he returned to the ward, Lu Xingzhi did not wait for Jiang Yao to stand up. He bent down, carried her to the bed, and covered her with the quilt.

Lu Xingzhi said, "Don't run around in the next few days." Then, he took an apple from the cabinet, washed it, and gave it to Jiang Yao.

"I was just checking on Colonel Lin," Jiang Yao said.

If Lu Xingzhi were not there, she was going to check on Zhou Junmin and the pilot.

"They'll discharge me in two days."

Lu Xingzhi frowned. "You need to rest now."

Just as he said that, there was a knock on the door. Lu Xingzhi did not close the door when he came in, so he turned around and saw the person knocking on the door.

“Get out!”

It was Ouyang.

However, Ouyang had walked into the room before he heard what Lu Xingzhi said.