

Chapter 1531: Can't Bear Another Day

After returning to her room, Jiang Yao lay on the bed in a huff. As Lu Xingzhi entered the room, she started mumbling non-stop. "Why is that Cheng Jinnian so annoying? I've already returned to my hometown, yet he still chased after me! He's a little devil, yet he pretends to be a little angel in front of Mom. Isn't he tired?"

"Mom seems to like him," Lu Xingzhi said.

"That's not true! She liked me, and when she saw that he had a face that was very similar to mine, so she loved him. He just took advantage of that!" Jiang Yao was brazen. "Did you see that just now? When your second aunt was about to hit him, how scary was his gaze? He was smart enough to avoid Mom's gaze and use only one look to force your second aunt to cower."

"My second aunt?" Lu Xingzhi pinched Jiang Yao's nose.

"Your father and mother are my parents too. But your first and second aunts are yours alone." Jiang Yao paused for a moment before saying, "Second Uncle is my uncle, Xiaoxiao is my sister, and your sister is also my sister. "

Lu Xingzhi chuckled. "The person you hate is mine. The person you like is ours."

"Yes." Jiang Yao nodded shamelessly. "Your aunts are yours alone!"

"What about Lu Xingzhi?"

He lowered his head and pressed his face against the face of the woman who was sulking on the bed. He kissed her on the lips and asked in a seductive voice, "What about me?"

"Mine!"

Jiang Yao's eyes were curved as she wrapped her arms around Lu Xingzhi's neck. "Mine! Mine! Mine!"

She was getting more and more childish as she grew older.

Lu Xingzhi laughed in his heart. Was a 20-year-old girl supposed to behave like that?

His wife was becoming more and more like the first time they met.

Lu Xingzhi laughed. "If you really can't stand Cheng Jinnian, you can chase him out in two days. Mom will get tired of him in two days. Let him follow you around these few days. He has a small pistol, so he can be your bodyguard. He might be more useful than Ah Lu and Big Ke."

Cheng Jinnian was a child, so most people would not guard against such a small child. However, Cheng Jinnian was as ruthless as an adult, perhaps even more so.

Furthermore, Cheng Jinnian could follow Jiang Yao everywhere, and he could protect her.

"If I'm reduced to having a five-year-old child protect me, then you should be worried about your wife's IQ." Jiang Yao rolled her eyes at Lu Xingzhi. "Cheng Jinnian is smart, but how can a five-year-old be better than me? Don't forget; your wife passed all the perverted tests you set up and finally became

your mission partner. Your wife is also the only non-military person in the country who received a military medal.”

Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao’s head and did not explain further. “Just bear with him for two days.”

“Two days!”

Jiang Yao raised two fingers and moved them... “I can’t bear another day! Chase him out after two days!”

Chapter 1532: Didn’t Pick Up

After saying that, Jiang Yao thought for a while and said, “I don’t know how he dragged such a big suitcase into the courtyard.”

“Someone must have helped him.”

There were quite a lot of things in the suitcase, and it was also quite heavy. With Cheng Jinnian’s strength, there was no way he could drag it into the Lu family’s courtyard by himself. Lu Xingzhi guessed that the person who had sent Cheng Jinnian to the gate must have helped him drag it in.

The gate was initially closed, so it should have been unlocked when Li Qing ran out, making it convenient for Cheng Jinnian.

“I’d better call Cheng Jinyan and ask him to come and get that kid as soon as possible.”

She thought for a while, but she still did not want to endure for two more days, so she took out her phone from her pocket.

The last time she called, they were in the middle of a call. That day, his phone was turned off.

Cheng Jinyan must have been busy that day. Perhaps he was on a plane or in a secret meeting.

“He did not pick up?” Lu Xingzhi asked when he saw Jiang Yao put her phone back after a few seconds.

“His phone is off,” Jiang Yao said. Then she sighed. “Do you think my parents and eldest brother would be unhappy if they saw Cheng Jinnian and knew that he is the son of my biological mother?”

“Why would they be unhappy?” Lu Xingzhi did not quite understand.

“Because I grew up by their side. I’m afraid they would be worried that I would leave the Jiang family and return to my biological mother. They love me, so they might be afraid that I would leave.” That was why Jiang Yao wanted to distance herself from the Cheng family.

She did not want the Jiang family to be worried and unhappy. The Lu family and the Jiang family were her closest relatives in the world.

“No,” Lu Xingzhi replied with certainty. The Jiang family was not unreasonable. They were not the kind of people who were afraid that Jiang Yao would go with another family.

They loved Jiang Yao. Those who cared about her would only be glad that she had someone who cared about her. On the contrary, they would be happy for her. When they were old, there would still be other people in that world who would protect Jiang Yao.

That was the most selfless love.

The Jiang family should understand their daughter, whom they had raised. Jiang Yao was not the kind of person who would be so heartless to break relations with the Jiang family just because she had acknowledged her biological mother.

Furthermore, she still had the Lu family, and they had never met Jiang Yao's biological mother either. They were the Jiang family's in-laws. As long as Jiang Yao was Lu Xingzhi's wife, she would remain the Jiang family's daughter.

After hearing Lu Xingzhi's affirmative answer, Jiang Yao thought about it and felt she worried too much. Back then, when Xie Qiuxiang pretended to be her mother to acknowledge her as her daughter, the Jiang family had no intention of stopping her. However, they felt that Xie Qiuxiang was not a good mother, so they frankly told Jiang Yao their views.

Jiang Yao felt much more at ease. She did not care how Cheng Jinnian fawned on Mrs. Lu downstairs. Anyway, she had decided to chase him away after Mrs. Lu's interest in Cheng Jinnian passed.

After she thought it through, Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi, realizing how much she loved him. She could not see him for half a year. It was hard just thinking about it.

"I wish I could hide you in my pocket."

Jiang Yao sighed and raised her hand to touch Lu Xingzhi's face. "Take care of yourself in training. Don't risk your life. Remember to bring the medicine that I left with you."

As time passed by, the feeling of impending separation grew stronger.

It was a feeling that no one could describe...

Chapter 1533: What Kind Of Injuries?

Lu Xingzhi also wanted to hide Jiang Yao in his pocket.

Lu Xingzhi's heart ached when he saw Jiang Yao's face filled with reluctance. However, he felt happy too.

That was an emotion that he had never dared hope to see on her face before. She had acted coquettishly to express her reluctance to part with him.

Lu Xingzhi did not mind it when she started to nag him to pay attention to various things. On the contrary, he especially enjoyed lying down beside Jiang Yao, quietly listening to her talk. It was not until her phone rang that she was interrupted.

He frowned slightly, looking displeased. He did not understand who would be so tactless to disturb him and Jiang Yao at that time, and he hoped Jiang Yao would give the call a pass.

“It’s Xiaoxiao.” Jiang Yao looked at the incoming call and then looked at Lu Xingzhi. She moved her body and lay down on Lu Xingzhi’s chest as if he were a pillow before pressing the answer button.

Lu Xiaoxiao complained. “Sister-in-law, you finally picked up your phone. My father said that you and my brother went back to your hometown. I couldn’t get through to your phone for a long time. I thought the aliens took you.”

Jiang Yao replied softly, “They can’t take me away even if I want them to.” She did not let go of the opportunity to tease Lu Xiaoxiao. “You’ve been in Jindo City for a few days, right? How are you? Did you get any results from the audition?”

“No, the audition hasn’t ended yet. I’ve been going to the film company for the past two days. It’s been really interesting.” Lu Xiaoxiao had a lot of things to say to Jiang Yao when she asked about the audition.

Ever since she went to Jindo City to see the film company, she had a truckload of things she wanted to share with others.

Besides her friends in Jindo City, Jiang Lei was the first person she shared the news with. However, Jiang Lei had a mean mouth and always liked to provoke her. As they talked, the two of them would always end up in a quarrel. Therefore, Lu Xiaoxiao did not like to speak to Jiang Lei.

Since she ignored Jiang Lei, the first person Lu Xiaoxiao thought of was Jiang Yao. Unfortunately, she did not manage to reach Jiang Yao.

Later, she called Lu Yuqing, but she was so busy that sometimes she forgot to eat. So how would she have the time to listen to Lu Xiaoxiao.

“Sister-in-law, let me tell you, I saw a lot of movie stars. Some are not very good-looking, but some are even better-looking than in the movie—for example, the actress who played Little Fairy. She is much more beautiful than in the movie! I even asked for her autograph!”

As soon as Lu Xiaoxiao opened her mouth, she forgot why she called Jiang Yao in the first place. As she spoke, Jiang Yao listened and did not interrupt her. Occasionally, she would give her some responses, like the movies and stars she liked. It was like she could not control it.

When Jiang Yao was about to fall asleep, Lu Xiaoxiao asked, “Sister-in-law, do you have any medicine that can treat injuries?”

Jiang Yao was stunned for two seconds because of Lu Xiaoxiao’s sudden change of topic. Then, she asked, “What kind of injuries? We need to treat them according to their symptoms.”

“Injuries like bruises.” Lu Xiaoxiao’s voice gradually lowered...

Chapter 1534: He Lost The Fight

“It’s all because of that idiot Jiang Lei. He got into a fight with someone. Why is a man like him so angry all the time? I’m not mad even if someone says something, but he’s angrier than I am. He rushed up to fight with that person without saying a word. After the fight, he refused to go to the hospital. He said he felt embarrassed, so he did not want to go to the hospital.”

“Did he lose?” Jiang Yao asked with a smile.

“Could he have won? The other man was more than 1.8 meters tall and huge. He looked like he was almost as tall as him. How could Jiang Lei win? Before long, he was pinned to the ground and beaten up. The man didn’t even apologize. Later, that man left after he had enough of the fight. I was so worried that Jiang Lei would be beaten to death. After that, I asked Jiang Lei to go to the hospital, but he refused. He didn’t even come out today. When I knocked on the door, he didn’t answer me.”

Jiang Yao immediately sat up when she heard about Jiang Lei. Her voice also turned serious.

“What happened? Who beat him up?” Jiang Yao frowned. Beating her second brother in Jindo City was equivalent to slapping Lu Xingzhi in the face.

Slapping Lu Xingzhi in the face was equivalent to slapping Lu Xingzhi’s brothers in the face!

That did not make anyone feel happy!

Jiang Lei was her brother. The two siblings quarreled constantly, but she absolutely would not allow any outsiders to bully her second brother.

“Someone from a film and television company said a few unpleasant words about me. Jiang Lei, who came to pick me up, happened to hear it. His temper flared, and he started fighting with him.” When Lu Xiaoxiao said that, she was a little embarrassed. After all, Jiang Lei did it because of her. However, she was afraid of the other, so she did not dare say anything. However, she felt so aggrieved about it.

Even though Jiang Lei did not win the fight, Lu Xiaoxiao was still very grateful that he stood up for her.

Although losing the fight was a little embarrassing, she did not expect Jiang Lei to refuse to see anyone.

“Do you know his name?” Jiang Yao asked.

“I do!” Lu Xiaoxiao immediately said the person’s name and nickname.

“I will get someone to send something to you later. Help me pass it to my brother.” Jiang Lei was definitely embarrassed after losing a fight. Therefore, Jiang Yao did not call Jiang Lei to ask about that matter. After giving Lu Xiaoxiao a few instructions, Jiang Yao hung up the phone.

There were only two people in the room, and they had spoken so loudly over the phone. When Jiang Yao spoke on the phone, she was lying on Lu Xingzhi’s body, so he could hear their conversation clearly.

After Jiang Yao hung up the phone, Lu Xingzhi sat up and asked, “Jiang Lei was beaten?”

“Yes, he was probably beaten up badly. Lu Xiaoxiao said that his face was bruised and swollen.” Jiang Yao was a little angry when she said, “It was a small manager from a film and television company. He seemed to be related to the boss of that company, so he had some say in it. He looked down on people.”

Those were Lu Xiaoxiao’s words. Jiang Yao relayed what Lu Xiaoxiao had said to Lu Xingzhi.

“Okay, I’ll get Chen Xuyao to deal with it.” Lu Xingzhi searched around the room and remembered that his phone was downstairs. He was too lazy to go downstairs, so he took Jiang Yao’s phone and sent a text message to Chen Xuyao, who had returned to Jindo City for a few days...

Chapter 1535: You're Not Good Enough For Her

Lu Xingzhi did not really need Chen Xuyao to handle that matter. He knew about the film and television company. Even though it had been operating in Jindo City for two or three years, it did not have a deep foundation. Chen Xuyao, a native of Jindo City, could have easily dealt with that kind of businessman.

Someone had beaten up his wife's brother and bullied his sister. It was not something he would tolerate.

After Lu Xingzhi sent the text message, he returned the phone to Jiang Yao. "I've asked Chen Xuyao to send the medicine that you left in Jin City to Xiaoxiao."

Jiang Yao had left a lot of commonly used medicine there. Naturally, there was also a lot of medication to treat injuries.

Downstairs, Mrs. Lu and Cheng Jinnian were talking happily. Mrs. Lu asked about Cheng Jinnian's mother, who was also Jiang Yao's biological mother. Mrs. Lu was concerned when she knew that Cheng Jinnian's mother was in poor health.

It was not until Moe jumped onto Mrs. Lu's lap and looked at her that Mrs. Lu remembered that she had to go to the market to buy some chicken drumsticks for him.

"I'll go buy them for you now." Mrs. Lu hugged Moe in her arms and laughed. Mrs. Lu called for Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao. "Come down and accompany Xiao Nian if you have nothing to do. I'm going out now. Don't let Xiao Nian stay downstairs alone."

Jiang Yao, who was in the room, immediately pushed Lu Xingzhi out when she heard that. "You Go! I don't want to go down."

Lu Xingzhi raised his hand and patted Jiang Yao's head. He put on his clothes and opened the door to leave the bedroom.

When Lu Xingzhi went downstairs, Mrs. Lu got up to get her bag and said to Cheng Jinnian, "Stay with your brother-in-law."

After that, Mrs. Lu turned to Lu Xingzhi and said, "Take care of Xiao Nian. Don't neglect him."

After that, Mrs. Lu left the house with a basket in one hand and Moe in the other.

As soon as Mrs. Lu left, Lu Xingzhi sat down beside Cheng Jinnian. The two of them stared at each other, but neither said anything. There seemed to be a battle going on in their eyes.

"Auntie said that you've done meritorious service this time."

Cheng Jinnian was the first to open his mouth. However, his tone was no longer as childish as when he spoke to Mrs. Lu. Instead, he spoke like a spoiled brat. Although he had to look up at Lu Xingzhi, he had looked at the older man scornfully. "My sister has done a meritorious deed as well! A man like you can't compare to my sister! You're not worthy of her!"

“Even if I’m not worthy of her, I’ve still married her. I’m her husband, her man.” Lu Xingzhi crossed his legs nonchalantly. “What are you? Who are you? Did she agree for you to call her sister?”

In terms of infuriating people, Lu Xingzhi’s skill was not low at all. It was just that he did not like to open his mouth most of the time.

Then, Lu Xingzhi saw Cheng Jinnian’s pouting and sad expression. He picked up the newspaper from yesterday and read it casually.

One could not say that Lu Xingzhi was ignoring Cheng Jinnian—he was just not a talkative person. Even when he was with Jiang Yao, she would be the one speaking most of the time. Perhaps Mrs. Lu should not have asked him to entertain their guest.

Jiang Yao was quietly observing the situation downstairs. She saw Lu Xingzhi reading the newspaper while Cheng Jinnian placed his hands on his knees and remained motionless like a statue. There was no more conversation between the two of them after that. Jiang Yao curled her lips and thought, ‘How boring...’

Chapter 1536: Can’t Eat

Jiang Yao walked downstairs in her slippers. Cheng Jinnian’s eyes lit up when he saw her. However, when he saw her walk toward Lu Xingzhi as if she did not see him, Cheng Jinnian sat up straight and did not say anything.

“Come with me to the yard to bask in the sun.” At that time, the sun was still relatively warm. Jiang Yao reached out and poked Lu Xingzhi’s shoulder. Then, she reached out to remove the newspaper from his lap and swiped her hand in front of him. She motioned for him to take her out.

“Do you want me to get you an apple while you bask in the sun?” Lu Xingzhi stood up and held her small hand in his palm. When he spoke, his voice was much softer than when he talked to Cheng Jinnian. That was natural and not intentional.

He would always leave all his tenderness to Jiang Yao.

“I’m not eating.” Jiang Yao shook her head.

The sun was shining brightly in the courtyard. It was just after ten in the morning, so it was not too hot.

The vines that had endured the whole winter had finally welcomed the spring. Tender green leaves quietly emerged from the vines. The lush green scenery made people think of ripe grapes.

Jiang Yao remembered that Lu Xingzhi seemed to like enjoying wine at home. Every year, Mrs. Lu would pluck the grapes she planted and make wine. Whenever Lu Xingzhi was home, he would have a few drinks with Mr. Lu. When he returned to the army, he would bring some to give to his brothers.

“You won’t be able to eat this year’s grapes.”

Jiang Yao stretched her hand outward and said, “I’ll ask mom to brew more wine. After your closed-door training is over, I’ll bring some for you.”

“Okay,” Lu Xingzhi nodded and replied in a low voice.

As she spoke, she leaned against his body. It was unknown whether she looked at the scenery or his face. Her eyes, as clear as autumn water, were very moving.

The sunlight shone on her face through the gaps in the leaves. The shadow of the grape leaves gently hit the side of her face. Her long eyelashes lightly swept across the shadow, and her entire person looked incomparably serene.

Lu Xingzhi had never had any poetic moments in his life. However, looking at her, a quote appeared in his mind—as quiet as a virgin, as moving as a rabbit.

His wife was gorgeous, no matter where she was or how he looked at her.

She was so beautiful that he could not help but want to kiss her.

So he kissed her. His hands were placed on her waist, and he only needed to lower his head slightly to kiss her easily.

A kiss without any desire. It was a moment when the body moved with the heart. Their lips met as they intertwined with each other.

Neither of them closed their eyes. It was as if they wanted to remember each other’s appearance at that moment deeply.

It was such a lovely time.

The love between him and her was even more beautiful.

Since Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao were at home, Mr. Lu returned home half an hour earlier in the afternoon. When he entered the door, he did not smell the aroma of food from the kitchen but saw the young guest at home.

Mrs. Lu walked to the living room in an apron and took the things from Mr. Lu. She said, “You’re home this early? We have a guest. It’s Yaoyao’s biological younger brother, Cheng Jinnian. This five-year-old child is polite and smart. He’s going to stay at our house for the time being...”

Chapter 1537: Speaking Carefully

After Mrs. Lu finished her introduction, Cheng Jinnian quickly walked toward Mr. Lu. “Hello, Uncle! My name is Cheng Jinnian.” Then he explained what he had said to Mrs. Lu. Once again, Mr. Lu burst into laughter.

“You are very smart.” Mr. Lu noticed Cheng Jinnian’s attire and the way he greeted him. He thought that Cheng Jinnian had probably been living abroad, so he did not touch Cheng Jinnian’s head. Instead, he patted Cheng Jinnian on the shoulder to show that he welcomed that young guest.

At the dining table, Mrs. Lu took the wine from last year and poured two glasses—one for Lu Xingzhi and another for himself. She also poured two glasses of juice for Cheng Jinnian and Jiang Yao. Mr. Lu and Lu Xingzhi talked about family and state affairs while drinking wine.

Mrs. Lu, on the other hand, focused most of her attention on Cheng Jinnian. After all, Cheng Jinnian was a guest, and he seemed to be a guest who had returned from abroad. She needed to pay attention to Cheng Jinnian's taste to adjust the food at home.

After observing for a few minutes, Mrs. Lu said, "Xiao Nian's preferences are very similar to your sister's. Both of your taste buds are slightly bland, but both of you seem to like braised pork with brown sauce."

If Mrs. Lu had not mentioned it, Cheng Jinnian probably would not have noticed it either. Therefore, Cheng Jinnian looked curiously at Jiang Yao's bowl when he heard that. Unexpectedly, Jiang Yao raised her hand to cover the bowl childishly. Then, she mouthed to him, "I'm not showing it to you."

Mrs. Lu did not know whether to laugh or cry when she saw that. She scolded jokingly, "How old are you now, Jiang Yao? Isn't that childish of you? Why are you still so competitive with a five-year-old child?"

"I didn't do it on purpose." How else could she treat a five-year-old child who said that he would kill her?

Cheng Jinnian's eyes curved into a smile. "My mother and brother also like to eat light food, but my father likes to eat rich food."

"You have a brother?" Mrs. Lu knew some information about the Cheng family from Cheng Jinnian, but Mr. Lu did not know anything.

"Yes, a half-brother. Brother's biological mother died when he was very young. Later, Mother took care of Brother. His taste became the same as Mother's. Brother is very good to me, and he is also very good to Mother. Mother has been feeling unwell recently, so Brother stayed by her side to help Father take care of her."

Lu Xingzhi took another look at Cheng Jinnian. He had been speaking very carefully.

It was rare for a five-year-old child to be able to explain a problem so thoroughly without arousing suspicion.

Due to the complexity of the Cheng family, when any outsiders learned that the half-brother was related to their stepmother, most people would think that the family was not harmonious.

However, Cheng Jinnian's words showed that the Cheng family members had a great relationship with each other.

Mr. Lu was relieved to hear that. Jiang Yao's biological father and grandmother were troubled. If her biological mother were also a mess, Jiang Yao would probably have a lot of trouble in the future.

Cheng Jinnian's answer attracted Mr. Lu's attention. He also asked some questions about Jiang Yao's biological mother. The people at the table started to talk one after another.

Of course, except for Jiang Yao, who was holding the bowl.

It was not until a hand touched Jiang Yao at the back of her head that she turned to look at the owner of the said hand.

Chapter 1538: I Don't Care

“Let’s eat,” Lu Xingzhi said.

Jiang Yao nodded. She lowered her head and noticed that Moe was looking up at her from under the dining table. She imitated Lu Xingzhi’s tone and said, “Let’s eat!”

He rolled his eyes at Jiang Yao from under the dining table. Then, he held his bowl in his mouth and moved to Mrs. Lu’s feet. He continued to eat his braised chicken drumsticks and ignored Jiang Yao.

The lunch did not end until one o’clock. It was time for Lu Xingzhi to go to the airport in the city to catch his flight.

Mr. Lu and Mrs. Lu were already used to Lu Xingzhi’s schedule, so they went upstairs to take a break after lunch. They had to go to work in the afternoon.

Cheng Jinnian was also sent to the guest room by Mrs. Lu to take a break. Jiang Yao watched as Lu Xingzhi organized his things in the room. Then, she followed him to the gate.

“Why don’t I drive you to the airport?” Jiang Yao reached her hand toward Lu Xingzhi. “Give me the car keys.”

“No need.” He was worried about letting Jiang Yao drive the car back alone after sending him off. She still had to recuperate from her illness.

“Then I’ll take a taxi to send you to the airport, and then I’ll take a taxi back.”

“Don’t tire yourself.” Lu Xingzhi continued to shake his head.

Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi suspiciously and felt something was wrong with that guy today.

Last summer, he had tormented her the entire night without any rest. She was so sleepy that she could not even open her eyes in the morning. That guy even wanted to carry her to the car so that she could send him to the airport. Had he changed then? They had divided so quickly.

They met on a national holiday the last time, and it had been six months later!

Why did that guy want to leave so quickly?

What did he mean by not wanting to tire her? It was fine if he were afraid she would be tired from driving, but why would she be exhausted from taking a taxi? It was not like she would get carsick!

Jiang Yao poked Lu Xingzhi’s chest with her fingertips. “Do you want to go that badly?”

Lu Xingzhi laughed as he held the fingertips poking at his chest. “I’m afraid that you’ll be tired. Don’t think too much.”

Jiang Yao shook her head. She pouted. “Did someone in the army charm you? Do you want to spend more time with them than your wife? Is that why you’re so eager to return to base?”

“You’ve been to the army base. Be reasonable. Who would want to charm me?” Lu Xingzhi pinched Jiang Yao’s cheek and said, “Rest well at home. And eat more. When I’m back from training, I’ll give you a reward if you can return to your previous weight.”

“I don’t care.” Jiang Yao shook her head repeatedly, like a broken machine, and said, “Maybe you think some people in the army base are more charming than me. They might be competing for my husband.”

Lu Xingzhi held her in his arms for quite a while. She did not want him to leave, but she did not want to make things difficult for him. She just wanted to spend more time with him, even if it was just for a little while.

She did not know how to be unreasonable and insisted he stay and accompany her. She did not want him to leave, but she also did not want to make things difficult for him.

It made one’s heart ache.

However, he had to go. He needed to realize his ambitions and revenge. He needed a chance to grow until he was strong enough to take her under his wing.

An empty taxi drove across the road from the Lu family. Lu Xingzhi waved his hand to stop the taxi before gently pushing the person in his arms. His voice was slightly tense as he said, “Yaoyao, I have to leave now.. Take care of yourself.”

Chapter 1539: Are You Crying?

Jiang Yao lowered her head and nodded. Without looking up at Lu Xingzhi, she pushed him to get into the car.

Lu Xingzhi carried his luggage, but his footsteps were as heavy as lead. In the end, he lowered his head and kissed the corner of her eyes. Finally, he turned around and started walking toward the car. He opened the car door and got in.

Lu Xingzhi touched his lips as he sat in the car’s back seat. There seemed to be water there as if they were tears from Jiang Yao’s eyes. He licked it lightly. It was salty.

She had been crying.

She lowered her head because she did not want him to see her crying.

Jiang Yao waited until the car drove away before she slowly closed the door in a daze.

It was not the first time that Jiang Yao had been separated from Lu Xingzhi. Perhaps it was because she had been inseparable from him during that period—so inseparable that she had gotten used to the days when the two of them were stuck together every day. It was difficult for her to calm down when they had to separate.

It would be hard to get used to that.

She only needed a little time to get used to having another person by her side who was considerate of her. However, it would take a long time to get used to the days when he was not by her side.

With him around, she could stay a willful girl. She could be at ease as he spoiled and protected her.

Without him around, she had to be the Jiang Yao who could take care of herself well.

She had to be independent and strong. She had to adapt to the loneliness of having no one by her side and no one to hold her at night.

She also had to take care of herself so that he did not have to worry about her even though he could not see her. He would not have to frown and scold her the next time they met.

“Sister.”

Cheng Jinnian suddenly appeared behind Jiang Yao and called her softly, “He left? When will he come back?”

Jiang Yao was shocked by the sudden voice and quickly wiped her eyes before turning to look at Cheng Jinnian. Before she could say anything to chase him away, Cheng Jinnian exclaimed, “Are you crying?”

“No!”

Jiang Yao’s hair stood on end as if someone had stepped on her tail. Cheng Jinnian retorted before moving backward. She did not even bother to say anything to chase him away.

“Sister, he left just like that. I’m still with you!” Cheng Jinnian raised his short legs and jogged after her.

Five minutes after getting into the taxi, he asked the taxi driver to change the route to another town in the county. He did not book a ticket for two o’clock. Instead, he booked a ticket for five o’clock. He needed to go to another town to deal with some matters before his flight.

Before Lu Xingzhi returned to his hometown, he did not think that Old Madam Lin would go to Jiang Yao’s school in Nanjiang City to look for Jiang Yao. When she could not find Jiang Yao there, she returned to her hometown and ruined Jiang Yao’s reputation.

Lu Xingzhi realized that the Lin family was also trying to cause trouble for Jiang Yao, and it was also particularly disgusting.

Lu Xingzhi went to that town because an old friend from the police station had called him and told him that Old Madam Lin had been going to the police station for the past few days. She wanted to identify her granddaughter and register her as part of her household.

When Lu Xingzhi arrived at the town’s police station, he found out that his friend had told him the truth. He saw Old Madam Lin causing a commotion as soon as he arrived at the police station...

Chapter 1540: You Should Help

“That’s my granddaughter. Why should she follow the Jiang family? Why can’t I acknowledge my granddaughter? Are you trying to drive me to my grave by not letting me acknowledge my granddaughter? How much money did the Lu family give you to help them like this?”

“Money? What money? Do you think everyone in the world has the same amount of money as you? Who doesn’t know what you are planning? In the past, when you realized that your baby granddaughter was a girl, you left her in the mountains and hoped for her death. Now your family has no descendants, and your son is a fool. You want to take her back when you see how well that child is doing in other

people's homes. You know that the child's husband's family is wealthy, and she's also a doctor with a high salary. You just think that the child will support you and your stupid son in your old age!"

The police officers had lost their patience. It had already been a few days, and Old Madam Lin had been making such a fuss every day. Who would still have the patience to deal with her?

"Yes, that's right. How can there be such a thing in the world? You didn't provide for someone, but you want them to provide for you in your old age?" A few of the police officers retorted.

The town was so small, and the news had already spread.

Back then, when Old Madam Lin's daughter-in-law gave birth to a daughter, she had left that baby in the mountains. Everyone in town knew about that.

Even though it was common to throw girls away in those days, not many people could be heartless enough to bury a child alive.

"She's still my son's daughter. If it weren't for him, would she exist in the world?" Old Madam Lin was very unreasonable. She was determined to get her granddaughter back.

Lu Xingzhi did not go in immediately. Instead, he waited at the door for a while. He only went in when Big Ke and Ah Lu arrived.

"Xiao Fan, your classmate is here." The police officer closest to the door saw the three men when they walked through the door. They were led by one of the most influential people in the county, Lu Xingzhi.

When Xiao Fan heard that, he turned around. It really was his old classmate.

He beckoned to Lu Xingzhi. "Over here! Over here!"

When Old Madam Lin saw Lu Xingzhi, she was a little shocked. Clearly, she had not expected it.

Even a shrew like her was stunned when she saw the cold-faced Lu Xingzhi. Furthermore, there were two big men by his side. It was obvious that they were not to be trifled with.

Old Madam Lin was stunned for more than ten seconds before she slowly snapped back to her senses. Thinking about it, no matter how scary or awe-inspiring Lu Xingzhi was, he was still Jiang Yao's husband.

She heard that Lu Xingzhi was extremely fond of Jiang Yao! The Lu family treated their daughter-in-law as if she were their own daughter!

The rumors said that the Lu family and Lu Xingzhi treated Jiang Yao very well.

Therefore, Old Madam Lin became bolder. She thought that Lu Xingzhi would address her as Grandmother like Jiang Yao should have.

However, Jiang Yao's husband was not Jiang Yao.

Old Madam Lin did not bother the police anymore. She walked toward Lu Xingzhi, and without saying anything, she stretched her hand toward him. "You're just in time. Your wife's biological father has been sick for the past few days, and I need money to treat his illness. Give me 20 bucks."

It was not a huge amount of money, but it was not a small amount either. For farmers in the countryside, 20 bucks meant living expenses for a month or two.

When the man remained silent, Old Madam Lin straightened her neck and said, "You are Jiang Yao's husband. So, you should help her biological father when he is sick since he is retired..."