

## Chapter 1571: Arthritis

Cheng Jinyan lay the newspaper on his lap and answered Jiang Yao. "I did not bring any. I did come to pick up Xiao Nian, but I shamelessly agreed when Auntie invited me for lunch. I'm greedy because Xiao Nian told me that Auntie's cooking is delicious."

After that, Cheng Jinyan stood up. "Thank you for taking care of Xiao Nian last night when he was sick."

"Of course."

Jiang Yao curled her lips. "A doctor is benevolent. I'm a doctor. "

Then, Jiang Yao went to the dining table to eat breakfast. Since Cheng Jinnian was sick last night, Mrs. Lu had made only light breakfast.

Cheng Jinnian also sat on the dining chair beside Jiang Yao while he was eating breakfast. He said, "Sister, I'm leaving in the afternoon."

"I know," Jiang Yao replied without even looking at him.

Cheng Jinnian looked disappointed when he saw Jiang Yao's cold face. He sat there and did not say anything. He just quietly watched Jiang Yao eat. After eating, he took the bowl back to the kitchen before returning to Cheng Jinyan's side and sat down. He whispered to Cheng Jinyan, "Brother, Sister was really nice to me last night, but I don't know why she became like that when she woke up."

When Jiang Yao was washing the dishes in the kitchen, she remembered that she seemed to have received a call from Cheng Jinyan in the morning.

When Cheng Jinyan asked if it was Jiang Yao, she seemed to have rudely rebutted him.

What did she say to him that morning?

Jiang Yao racked her brain for a few seconds. When she remembered, she scratched her head and decided not to say anything about that to Cheng Jinyan. She was determined to pretend that she had forgotten!

It was so embarrassing!

When Jiang Yao walked out of the kitchen, she saw Mr. Lu coming in with a basket. Jiang Yao asked curiously, "Dad, why are you going out to buy vegetables?" Usually, it was Mrs. Lu who went.

"It might rain in the next few days. Your mother woke up in the morning with a sore knee. It must be her arthritis again," Mr. Lu said.

Jiang Yao took the basket from Mr. Lu and placed it in the kitchen. Then she asked, "Mom has arthritis in her knee?"

Jiang Yao did not know about that. She had not spent much time at home in the past lifetime. In addition, her elders would not tell her if they were in any pain, so Jiang Yao did not know.

"Yeah, it's a recurring old problem."

Mr. Lu nodded and said, "She fell when she was more than a year old. She had an injury to her knee. After she recovered, it did not affect her walking. However, when she got older, her arthritis also came along. It's usually fine, but her knee will feel uncomfortable when it's the rainy season. Once the weather improves, she'll be fine. It's not a big deal; don't worry."

"How can it not be a big deal? The longer that lasts, the more difficult it is to treat and the more torturous it is for her. It's also very painful." When Jiang Yao walked toward Mrs. Lu, who was sitting on the sofa talking to the Cheng brothers, she said, "Mom, let me take a look at your leg."

"What's wrong with Auntie's leg?" Cheng Jinyan asked casually.

Mrs. Lu waved her hand embarrassedly. "It's just arthritis. It's not a big problem. It's not a big problem that makes you nervous."

"Isn't arthritis a big problem?" Jiang Yao muttered helplessly. "You don't have to lose anything by letting me take a look at it. I'm a medical student."

Mr. Lu approached her and tried to persuade her. "Didn't Xingzhi say that Yaoyao has a Divine Doctor as a teacher? Maybe Yaoyao learned a lot from her teacher and can cure it..."

#### **Chapter 1572: Bring Your Father Here**

Mrs. Lu did not think it was very likely. Arthritis was not easy to treat. She had also seen many doctors, but they did not treat the root cause. After a while, the illness recurred. However, seeing that Jiang Yao was insistent about it, she rolled up her pants legs and showed her knees to Jiang Yao.

There was a very shallow scar on Mrs. Lu's knee. It looked like it was from the fall.

Mrs. Lu saw that Jiang Yao was groping her leg and knee seriously. She pressed on it and asked her a lot of questions. She looked like she was smiling.

"Sister, my father also has arthritis! His leg hurts when the weather is bad. Can you cure it?" Cheng Jinnian asked Jiang Yao expectantly.

Cheng Jinyan had wanted to ask the same question, but he hesitated for a few seconds. Master Cheng's arthritis was much more severe than Mrs. Lu's. After all, he had accumulated many wounds on his body since he was young, so most had become sequelae.

"I can't be sure without seeing him," Jiang Yao answered. Then, she put down Mrs. Lu's trouser legs and got up to speak to her. "Mom, I'll go to the pharmacy in the afternoon to get some medicine for you. After boiling them, apply some to your knees and soak your feet. Your knees should be much more relaxed in the next few days. Then, I'll try to help you with acupuncture and other medicine. It's convenient for me to treat you at home during this period. "

Mr. Lu nodded. "Sure. Your second uncle wanted us to go to his place for dinner tonight. He bought some seafood. He found a chef who knew how to cook that seafood and will be at his house to cook it tonight."

Mrs. Lu's face was full of joy. "When Xiao Nian woke up this morning, he bragged to me that you were very good at medicine. I was half-convinced. I didn't expect to see that you were really good at it! It's good to have a medical student at home. If we have any minor ailments or pains, we don't even need to go to the hospital or clinic. It's convenient and reassuring."

After saying that, Mrs. Lu turned to Cheng Jinyan and asked, "Isn't your father also suffering from arthritis? Yaoyao said that she would need to see him to treat his illness. Logically speaking, your father is an elder, so there's no reason for a junior like Yaoyao to ask him to come here. However, Yaoyao's health hasn't been good recently, so she needs to rest at home. If your father doesn't mind, he can make a trip here when he has time to get Yaoyao to take a look at him."

"That's great." Cheng Jinyan did not expect that Mrs. Lu would speak before Jiang Yao did. He did not decline and readily agreed. "Then I'll thank you in advance, Jiang Yao."

"I'll go upstairs to get the medicine for Madam Cheng." Jiang Yao left and went back upstairs. When she arrived downstairs again, she carried a small wooden box and placed it in front of Cheng Jinyan. "I've marked the usage and dosage of each medicine on it. Give it to your family doctor. These medicines can help your mother recover faster."

"Thank you, Sister. Mom will be very happy after receiving it!" Cheng Jinyan was extremely excited. He was eager to return to his house. He was no longer so reluctant to leave his sister's house.

Cheng Jinyan and Cheng Jinnian left the Lu family after having their lunch. Jiang Yao took a lunch break at home until three o'clock. Then she drove Moe, Mr. Lu, and Mrs. Lu to Second Uncle Lu's magnificent house in town.

The three of them and the cat happily chatted and laughed in the car. Their house was empty. The three of them did not know that two figures sneaked into the Lu family's house not long after they left. They sneaked into Jiang Yao's room...

### **Chapter 1573: Going To The Town**

Jiang Yao followed Mr. and Mrs. Lu to the town as it was still early. She went to the largest pharmacy to buy the medicine she needed before going to Second Uncle Lu's house.

Second Uncle Lu did not usually have time to stay at home at that time of day.

He was essentially either at the office or on the way to social engagements. However, that day was different. That day, he was the one who invited his eldest brother and sister-in-law to dinner. Therefore, after he knew that Mr. and Mrs. Lu had brought Jiang Yao to the town, he rushed home from the office.

Jiang Yao followed Mr. and Mrs. Lu into the house and found two new people there. They looked like chefs and assistants from a big restaurant.

"Elder Brother and Sister-in-law, you've arrived?"

Second Uncle Lu smiled when he saw them. Then, he looked at Jiang Yao.

As a junior, Jiang Yao took the initiative to greet him.

“Hey, I knew you were back a few days ago. It’s just that I’ve been busy lately and haven’t had time to see you. I heard that you’re not feeling well and came back to recuperate. What’s going on?” Second Uncle Lu had been busy those few days. He had returned from a business trip the day before, so he had not had the time to ask about Jiang Yao.

He only heard rumors that Jiang Yao had gone home to recuperate. When he called Mr. Lu that morning, Second Uncle Lu thought that he would see her in the afternoon, so he did not ask too much over the phone.

“It’s nothing serious. We’ll speak in your study.” Outsiders were standing there, so Mr. Lu did not tell them about Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi getting injured while on a mission, but he looked happy.

Second Uncle Lu saw that and knew that the rumors in the county town were most likely false.

Second Uncle Lu had been back in town for more than a day and had heard a lot about the reasons why Jiang Yao had gone home to recuperate. There were outrageous rumors that Jiang Yao had been beaten by her soldier husband, Lu Xingzhi, until she was seriously injured and could not get out of bed. So, she was sent home to recuperate. The Lu family would also not let Jiang Yao go back to school.

Second Uncle Lu did not believe that rumor. How could he not know his nephew’s character? Lu Xingzhi would never lay a hand on Jiang Yao. That kid looked cold and aloof to others, but he would always protect his family and wife. He was the same as the other men from the Lu family.

There was another rumor that Uncle Lu might have believed a little more.

They said that Jiang Yao had miscarried, so Lu Xingzhi quickly sent her back to her hometown to recuperate.

Many people in the town said that they saw Mrs. Lu buy fish and meat every day for her daughter-in-law to nourish her body. Those things were not cheap. Most daughters-in-law would not be able to eat those.

That rumor sounded reasonable—the couple might have gotten pregnant. Jiang Yao might have miscarried while she was in the countryside where the conditions were not good. Perhaps she was home to rest and care for her body.

After all, the young couple spent the entire new year together. It was entirely normal for a young couple to have a child accidentally.

Second Uncle Lu initially believed that, so he prepared many supplements for Jiang Yao. However, looking at his eldest brother’s happy expression, he knew that even that rumor was fake.

Which elder would be so happy after their daughter-in-law had a miscarriage? It was impossible...

#### **Chapter 1574: Second Uncle Lu’s Ambition**

“Those two are chefs from the best hotels in the city. I know their boss, so I borrowed them for a few hours. We’ll eat Australian lobster tonight! I heard that it was flown in by plane. It’s very fresh, and it looks huge. I’ve never seen one that big.”

“Thanks to Second Uncle, I’m really lucky today!” Jiang Yao also curiously looked into the kitchen. Needless to say, there was really a big frozen lobster in the fridge.

Jiang Yao was speechless. That huge Australian lobster must have cost a lot of money since it was flown into the country. She did not know who would give such a big gift to Second Uncle Lu.

Jiang Yao walked out and asked casually, “I heard from Dad that it was a gift from a customer of yours.”

“Not really a customer.”

Second Uncle Lu turned around. “He’s a future partner. I took a piece of land in the city for building and selling. He also took a fancy to the land at that time, but I bought it first. Then, he came to me and said he wanted to work with me to build the building. I thought about it and agreed with his offer. It can help spread the risk a little. If I lose, I’ll have less to lose. But if I earn anything, I’ll earn less. But let’s get some experience first.”

“Second Uncle, are you going to build a building?”

Jiang Yao was shocked. She remembered Second Uncle Lu was not involved in real estate in her previous life.

It seemed like he had followed the various changes in the country’s policies, and the performance of the endeavors under his control also declined bit by bit. Later, it seemed like many factories were on the verge of being closed down, and one of them, a brick factory, was subsequently shut.

“Initially, I did not think about it, but when you came back during the New Year, you mentioned that those in big cities had begun to build high-rise buildings and sell them. It seemed that the sales were quite good, so I took it to heart. Then, I went out to many cities to take a look. I realized that it seemed like an excellent method, and then I found some trouble.”

When Second Uncle Lu said that, he smiled embarrassingly. “A few days ago, someone wanted to introduce me to a wife, but I rejected him. Do you think I still want to get married? At my age? I don’t have any big wishes right now. I just want to take advantage of the fact that I’m still young enough to earn more dowry for Xiaoxiao. In the future, whether she wants to marry or not, as long as Xiaoxiao has money, she will have enough to live her life. If I earn a thousand bucks now, Xiaoxiao will have less trouble for a thousand bucks in the future. “

“Even if you want to earn money, you still have to take care of your health. You have enough assets for your daughter. We are already old; what if something happens to you? We should rest now. After all, we are not 30-year-old anymore. No matter how much money you earn, it is not as good as keeping a healthy body. No matter how much money you leave for your daughter, it is not as good as accompanying her for another day. You are a father, and you are the one who needs to be with Xiaoxiao. Money is secondary.”

Jiang Yao nodded in agreement. “Dad is right. Second Uncle, you have to listen to his advice. Second Uncle, although I’m young and not as good as you in business, I have some suggestions for you.”

Second Uncle Lu did not look down on Jiang Yao just because she was a girl and a junior. Seeing that Jiang Yao was about to say something very lengthy, he sat down beside her; he was all ears...

## Chapter 1575: Keep The Land

“You have a brick factory, Second Uncle. You need to build it so that you can use your own bricks. Of course, the price will still be based on the market rate. You have to make that clear to your partner. That way, your brick factory can improve its efficiency. Furthermore, you can trust the quality of the things made by your own factory. It is okay to get a partner, but you must take the majority of the shares. Make sure you have the power to make the decision. If you are worried that your funds won’t last, don’t hurry to build it. Just hold the land in your hands. Don’t sell it, don’t even touch it. After two years, when you have enough money, you can start to build the project.”

Jiang Yao’s suggestion was very pertinent. Their town’s development could not be compared to a big city like Nanjiang City, so the property market’s growth would definitely be pushed back compared to a big city like Nanjiang City.

At that moment, there was not much profit in a building project in the town. However, it would be very profitable in two years.

If Jiang Yao guessed correctly, Second Uncle Lu’s brick factory would gradually lose its profit in two years. They would have more roads and highways during that time. Foreign businessmen would come in, and bricks from other places would be much cheaper. Even though some people might know that Second Uncle Lu’s factory had great quality bricks, they would always choose the more affordable option. Therefore, it would have a certain impact on the brick factory’s benefits.

“Keep the land? Wouldn’t I waste two years on it?” Second Uncle Lu looked at Jiang Yao with a dumbfounded expression.

Jiang Yao said, “I know it will look like two years have been wasted, but Second Uncle, based on the current situation in our country, isn’t the economy growing at a rapid pace every year? Isn’t everyone’s life changing in just a few short years? Now that the real estate market is making money, will it be even more profitable in two years? For example, how much did you spend on buying that land?”

“It’s only a few thousand bucks. At that time, the country was in shambles. It was not as prosperous as it is now. There are train stations, bus stations, and so on.” Second Uncle Lu understood what Jiang Yao was trying to say. He slapped his thigh. “The land had an old house nearby. I heard that it was sold to someone more than a month ago. That piece of land was sold for tens of thousands of bucks. It’s not even as big as mine!”

Jiang Yao smiled cheerfully. It was as expected of a businessperson. His mind was more flexible than the average person’s.

At that time, it seemed that there were not many things in the world that could increase at a speed comparable to house prices.

No matter how fast the prices rose, they could not surpass housing prices.

Second Uncle Lu said, “Alright, then I’m not in a hurry to build it. I’ll talk to my partner tomorrow. We’ll talk about it after the inspection. It seems like I was right to call you over for lobster today!”

“How are you cooperating with the other party?”

Second Uncle Lu smiled. “The original plan was for each person to take half of the shares. He would give me half the money to buy the land. After that, we’ll follow the normal procedure. But we’ve just been discussing it. The contract hasn’t been drawn up yet.”

Jiang Yao nodded and did not continue to ask Second Uncle Lu about his work. She planned to remind him to find an opportunity to sell the brick factory after two years...

## **Chapter 1576: Strangers**

After the chef finished cooking dinner, he was sent back to the city by Second Uncle Lu’s chauffeur. The four of them sat at the dining table and ate the dishes cooked by the chef. The three older adults even drank some wine. The atmosphere at the table was very harmonious.

Second Uncle Lu sighed. “It’s a pity that Xingzhi has returned to the army base. Otherwise, there would be one more person to drink with if he were here. Ever since he went to the military academy, he has grown up well. He spends less time with us in a year. I wonder when he will come back again.”

Lu Xingzhi’s second uncle had objected when he went to the military academy. However, with Lu Xingzhi’s personality, it was useless to oppose his decision. That young man had always been ambitious since he was young, and he could make his own decisions.

Mrs. Lu sighed. “They’re doing a closed-door training, and it’ll last for half a year. He’s in another city, which is a little closer to our place. It’s also convenient for him to go home. It’s not like when he was in Tianjin City, where he had to spend so much time on the road when he came home.”

Jiang Yao did not interrupt them when the three adults talked about Lu Xingzhi’s work. Instead, Moe pulled her pants leg, asking her to pick some meat and lobster for him. Jiang Yao took advantage of the fact that the adults were not paying attention to anything else and picked up a large piece of lobster meat for Moe.

Jiang Yao’s appetite was not big, but Moe’s appetite was enormous. Finally, Jiang Yao’s portion of meat went into Moe’s stomach.

They had dinner quite early. After their meal, Second Uncle Lu had his driver take Jiang Yao and the other two back to town. Therefore, when the three of them returned home, the sky had only started to show signs of darkening.

Moe ate until his belly was round and he was lying in Jiang Yao’s pocket, yawning. When Jiang Yao returned home, she took the medicine that she got from the county town and prepared it in the kitchen. She would use it on Mrs. Lu later.

However, as soon as she walked into the kitchen, Moe suddenly jumped out of her pocket and ran upstairs at a breakneck speed. Jiang Yao looked in the direction that Moe had left in confusion. Then, she turned on the stove and boiled the water.

She was still waiting for the water to boil when Moe returned to her in a battle-ready posture.

“While we’re out, two strangers came into the house. Go and check if anything is missing from the house.”

Moe stood on the countertop. “Their smell in the house is still very strong. They must have left not too long ago. Judging by the smell, it should be two men.”

Jiang Yao’s hand, which was holding the pot’s lid, trembled. She frowned. Moe was an animal. His sense of smell was more sensitive than an average person’s. He could still remember the smell of his family members. So, he ran out of the house because he smelled the strangers’ scent.

“I walked around upstairs and found that your room and the study had the strongest scent. Those two people should have stayed in those two places for the longest time.” He nudged Jiang Yao with his claws. “Quickly, go up and see if anything is missing.”

Jiang Yao grunted, but she still waited for the water to boil before putting the medicine into the pot and adjusting it before going upstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lu had already gone upstairs for so long, but they did not say anything about a burglar in the house. They probably had not realized that anything was missing or that there were outsiders in the house.

Jiang Yao went into her bedroom and looked around. The room was very neat—precisely the same as when she had left. If Moe had not reminded her, she would not have known that a stranger had come into her bedroom...

### **Chapter 1577: A Bug**

Moe said that the two people had left the strongest scents in her room and the study, which meant they had stayed the longest in those two rooms.

Therefore, judging from the appearance of her room, the two intruders were not ordinary thieves.

They snuck into the Lu family, but they did not take anything. Then, they had stayed in her room and the study room for a long time. Were they there for her? What were they looking for?

“Aren’t you going to look if they took anything valuable?”

Moe nudged Jiang Yao and meowed. “SH\*t!”

Jiang Yao was shocked by Moe’s meow. She immediately looked down at Moe, thinking he had found something important or terrible.

Unexpectedly, Moe suddenly ran downstairs while meowing. “I forgot to check if the braised chicken wings in the fridge are missing! That’s the most important thing!”

Jiang Yao was dumbfounded. She wanted to stop Moe and tell him not to think too much about that. Even if the fridge at home were missing, the braised chicken wings would still be there!

The first thing Moe treasured was the medal he received. Then, it was the braised chicken wings and then the diamond toy that Jiang Yao had bought for him.



After Moe hurried downstairs, Jiang Yao wandered around the room alone. When she reached a corner that extended out from the bedside table and found a bug the size of a dime, she was not surprised at all!

The two intruders were indeed not ordinary people!

Ordinary people could not obtain such a small bug with a high-tech camera even though the technology was not as advanced as it would be a decade later. Even though the Internet had started to develop, it had not advanced to the point where it would be more than a decade later. If they installed that thing there to monitor her, the two intruders would still be nearby.

That would be easy.

Jiang Yao was also in a hurry to get rid of the bug. She went to the balcony. She only needed to use her eyes to see what everyone in the nearby houses was doing.

Five minutes later, Jiang Yao found the people she was looking for.

The two people were very close to her room indeed. They were less than 500 meters away. They were in a row of wooden bungalows on the east side of her balcony. Those bungalows had been abandoned for many years. The owner had built a new brick house not far away. That was their old house. Since it was abandoned, it was used to store some sundries.

The two intruders hid in a room in the corner. It was not the most dilapidated room. One of them held a black box and was fiddling with it to eavesdrop on the commotion. He looked like he was not a local. However, Jiang Yao could not make the same conclusion about the person next to him.

The first thing that came to Jiang Yao's mind was that they had been sent from abroad to spy on her.

Jiang Yao retrieved her phone from her pocket and sent a text message to Big Ke, informing him of the location of those two intruders. She ordered Big Ke and Ah Lu to go and get them. She would wait for Mr. and Mrs. Lu to sleep before she joined them.

Big Ke and Ah Lu's mission was to protect her. So, when the Lu family left to go to the town in the afternoon, Big Ke and Ah Lu followed them discreetly. That was why they did not discover anyone entering the Lu family's home.

Jiang Yao thought that the two intruders must have been observing them for a long time before they finally found the perfect opportunity that afternoon. They must have known that Ah Lu and Big Ke would be with her, so they could get into the house without anyone noticing them...

### **Chapter 1578: Dutiful**

After all, Big Ke and Ah Lu were elite mercenaries. The two of them quietly approached the room that Jiang Yao mentioned, and it took less than three minutes to control the two people inside.

A few seconds later, Jiang Yao received a message from Big Ke.

Only then did Jiang Yao return to her room and remove the bug. She was cautious when she did that as that thing was very expensive. If it was in her hands, she might be able to reuse it for other purposes another day.

Jiang Yao had to thank Lu Xingzhi for teaching her to recognize that coin-sized bug. Lu Xingzhi had once drawn Jiang Yao's attention to all kinds of high-tech eavesdropping tools that he had seen in his notebook. One of them was the one in her hands.

Therefore, there was no harm in learning more things. If someone did not know anything about the eavesdropping devices, even if they accidentally found one, they would think it was a child's toy.

Jiang Yao turned around and went downstairs. She returned to the kitchen and continued to stare at the medicine meant for Mrs. Lu's feet. After waiting for 45 minutes, she poured the black mixture into the foot basin, then spread the dregs on the gauze.

When Mr. Lu heard movement in the kitchen, he walked in and saw Jiang Yao carrying the foot basin. He quickly went to carry it for her. "It's so heavy and hot. Why didn't you tell me to take it for you? What if it burns you?"

"Dad, my hands are very strong."

Jiang Yao did not know whether to laugh or cry. Did Mr. Lu think she was made of tofu? It was not heavy anyway.

"Do you have strong hands? I don't believe you." Mr. Lu chuckled as he carried the basin to Mrs. Lu, who was sitting on the sofa watching television. "Yaoyao made it for you for almost an hour. Go ahead and soak your feet in it. "

"Dad, it's too hot. We need to wait for the water to cool down first."

Jiang Yao did not know whether to laugh or cry. Mr. Lu was worried about her, and he was even concerned about the hot water burning her. However, he had forgotten that the water was hot so he asked Mrs. Lu to soak her feet in it.

Mr. Lu stood there and smiled awkwardly. Jiang Yao moved a short stool and sat beside Mrs. Lu's feet. Then, she stretched her hand to check on the gauze. She lowered her head and hiked Mrs. Lu's trouser legs when the temperature was just right. She applied the gauze on Mrs. Lu's knees.

Jiang Yao's movements were very light. Mrs. Lu could only feel the temperature of the medicine on the gauze. On that slightly cold night, it was as if it could warm her bones. It made her knees, which had been uncomfortable for the whole day, feel much more relaxed.

"People say that a mother-in-law will always complain about a daughter-in-law. It's always difficult to be a mother-in-law. But I think that my daughter-in-law is more considerate than my daughter." Mrs. Lu's eyes were red as she spoke. She patted Jiang Yao's head. The young woman sat on a lower stool, so she was only as tall as her chest.

The human heart was made of flesh. If a person did not treat another person well, their heart could feel it.

When Lu Xingzhi insisted on marrying Jiang Yao, Mrs. Lu did not have any opinion about it. She only hoped that the couple's relationship would be good. She also did not want to like her daughter-in-law.

However, it seemed like her daughter-in-law was comparable to her daughter.

"Your son married you a dutiful daughter-in-law."

Mr. Lu smiled and nodded in agreement...

### **Chapter 1579: You Interrogate Them**

He casually answered her question that morning, and Jiang Yao memorized Mrs. Lu's problem with arthritis. The first thing she did when she arrived at the county was to go to the pharmacy to get medicine, and the first thing she did when she returned was to go to the kitchen to prepare the medicine. Then, she guarded the kitchen for more than 40 minutes.

If she did not care about Mrs. Lu, if she did not have enough patience, she would not have done all those things.

Jiang Yao crouched beside Mrs. Lu's feet and applied the medicine on her legs. In Mrs. Lu's eyes, Jiang Yao was not a doctor but her own child.

Mrs. Lu was satisfied even if Jiang Yao could not cure her arthritis.

"That's because you and Dad treat me well." Jiang Yao did not dare raise her head to look at Mrs. Lu. The older woman's exclamation made her feel a little guilty. "When I got married to Xingzhi, I was still very immature. However, you and Dad were very nice to me, especially you. Even though you always nagged me, I know that you are very soft-hearted. You have always been very nice to me."

There was no flattery or fawning. That was what Jiang Yao was thinking. When she married into the family, Mrs. Lu did not say anything to her and tolerated her for two to three months. Later, when she saw that she was still the same, she could not help but nag at her.

Even though Mrs. Lu had used some unpleasant words when she spoke with Jiang Yao, she still cooked for the sick woman. Jiang Yao knew that Mrs. Lu was a soft-hearted person.

Mrs. Lu burst into laughter. "To be honest, you did make me very angry the first year you were here. We were afraid that you and Xingzhi would continue to be like that. Fortunately, both of you have improved, and we no longer need to worry about you two."

As a mother, she naturally felt that her son was perfect. She had felt dissatisfied when Jiang Yao was not willing to marry Lu Xingzhi. She always wondered if Jiang Yao had studied too much but was stupid enough to look down on her son.

Thinking of that, Mrs. Lu also secretly rejoiced that she did not have a bad temper. Otherwise, she would have lost such a good daughter-in-law for nothing.

The water was almost cold. Jiang Yao let Mrs. Lu soak her feet in it for a full 30 minutes. Then, she sat down by their side, watching TV and talking with them.

Jiang Yao was very patient with her family. She waited until it was ten o'clock, when Mr. Lu and Mrs. Lu had gone to bed, before she quietly left the house.

Big Ke and Ah Lu tied up the two intruders in their residence. Big Ke and Ah Lu had rented a house in the town. It was rather large and clean. There was a cellar under the courtyard that the original owner used to brew wine. Since the owner did not live there, the cellar was also empty. Big Ke and Ah Lu threw the two intruders into the cellar.

When Jiang Yao arrived, Big Ke stayed in the house to guard it. Ah Lu brought Jiang Yao down to the cellar to meet the two intruders.

"Director Jiang, I found two cell phones from them. These are the phone numbers they called. They are all international calls. They are from YN." Ah Lu handed the two cell phones in his pocket to Jiang Yao.

"YN?" Jiang Yao pointed at the foreigner and asked, "Is he from YN?"

Ah Lu nodded. "From his accent, he should be from YN. Should we start the interrogation now?"

Jiang Yao searched the cellar and pulled a gray chair from the corner. She blew on the dust on the chair and sat on it. "You interrogate him, and I'll watch.."

#### **Chapter 1580: Rules Of The Game**

After a pause, Jiang Yao said, "As long as we can get something useful, it doesn't matter if they're dead or alive. If they cooperate, then we'll leave them alive."

After saying that, Jiang Yao looked at the two people and asked, "Can you understand what I'm saying?"

Their eyes moved, but they did not give Jiang Yao any reaction. Ah Lu raised his legs and kicked them. "I know that both of you can understand us. Don't play dumb with me!"

Then, Ah Lu asked Jiang Yao, "Director Jiang, do you want to go up and wait? The interrogation might not be pleasant."

"Do I need to wait until you're done?" Jiang Yao did not even frown. "Go ahead, do it your way. Don't worry about me. I'm not as timid as you think."

Ah Lu thought about it and agreed. If Jiang Yao were a timid girl, she would not have joined the mission.

"How about this? Let's play a fun game." When Ah Lu saw Jiang Yao sitting there calmly, he did not worry about her anymore. He took a sharp military knife from his boot and played with it in his hand. "Let me ask you a question. I won't touch you if you answer first. I'm sorry if you're slow. I'll break your thumb with this knife."

At that point, Ah Lu laughed evilly. "Don't look at the knife as if it's very powerful. The knife has been with me for so many years; it's already very dull. One slash will not take off your finger. It needs to be like this."

Ah Lu took the knife and placed it on the abandoned ceramic wine jar, slowly grinding it up and down. The sound produced by the friction between the two objects made one shudder.

One only needed to imagine that the wine jar was an adult's finger. He could slowly cut it with the knife, and there were ten fingers. The pain was enough to make one faint just thinking about it.

Jiang Yao observed the two people. As expected, their expressions changed significantly; they looked terrified.

"The first question is who sent you to monitor Director Jiang?" As Ah Lu spoke, he deliberately used the military knife to rub against the wine jar.

The two people on the ground looked at each other and fell silent. It was obvious that they had decided not to say anything.

"Add another rule." Jiang Yao suddenly opened her mouth to break the silence. "Since both of them are not going to say anything, then both of them will get punished together. I want to see how long they can resist. It's still the same. I only want the answer that I want. This is not your debt. You are just doing things for others. Once you give us the answer, I will give you a sum of money. In the future, you can go wherever you want to go."

However, the two people still did not say anything. Jiang Yao turned her head and said to Ah Lu, "Do it."

Jiang Yao's tone was crisp, and Ah Lu's movements were swift. However, Ah Lu's agility was only limited to the moment he struck with the knife. One of the men's thumbs immediately spurted out blood. That person's pained screams almost caused the cellar to collapse.

Ah Lu held the knife as if he was cutting up a piece of pork. Even though the cellar was dimly lit, Jiang Yao could still clearly see the bones on the person's right thumb.

"I'll talk! I'll talk!" The man was so scared that he almost peed himself. "I'm working for Master Zhu! I'm working for Master Zhu!"

The uninjured man suddenly roared at the man who claimed to be working for Master Zhu.

Jiang Yao did not understand the language, but Ah Lu did.

Ah Lu stepped on the man's broken thumb. "Shut up!"