## Chapter 1731: Go In And Talk

When she opened her eyes, the first thing she saw was the washed-clean peach. No wonder she kept smelling the scent of that fruit. She had taken it out the previous night and put it in Lu Xingzhi's coat pocket. She did not know when he had put it back by her pillow.

Perhaps he knew that she did not like it and kept it for her.

Or was it for her to smell?

Jiang Yao grinned, touched the fruit, and tossed it into the distance. She got out of the tent and went outside to wash up by the lake. She had intended to wait for Lu Xingzhi to assist her in taking a bath the previous day, but the water temperature in the pond was simply too cold for her at midnight. So Jiang Yao pondered it and gave up. It was better to suffer a little longer than to become ill in the mountains.

After washing her hands, Jiang Yao returned to the tent to find Xiao Gao and Old Yang waiting for her at the tent's entrance. She thought that Old Yang had gone out with Lu Xingzhi. She did not think he was at the command center.

"Miss Jiang, we have something important to tell you!" Xiao Gao looked solemn, as if he was attending some important meeting.

"Let's go in and talk." Old Yang pointed at Lu Xingzhi's tent. "The matter is a little important, so we have to talk to you alone."

Jiang Yao looked at the two of them with a grave expression, as if she had something important to talk about with them. So, she nodded and entered the tent before letting the two of them in.

Xiao Gao and Old Yang followed her in and subconsciously glanced at the bed in the tent. Fortunately, they did not find anything unsightly.

"Miss Jiang, Old Yang and I saw you and Colonel Lu by the pond last night!" Xiao Gao said.

Jiang Yao bent over to push the bed to the side when she suddenly heard Xiao Gao's words. She almost dropped the thing in her hand.

"We saw you and Colonel Lu hugging and kissing each other. Miss Jiang, that's wrong! "Xiao Gao clenched his fists in righteous indignation and said, "Colonel Lu is married. He has a wife. You guys are not allowed to do that!"

Jiang Yao was utterly stunned. She did not know someone had peeked at them when she was with Lu Xingzhi last night.

That was why she said that Lu Xingzhi was a scourge. She would focus all her attention on him as long as he was around.

She was probably a scourge like him.

Old Yang looked at the young woman in front of him and knew that Xiao Gao's words might have scared her.

Old Yang thought, 'Perhaps Miss Jiang didn't know Colonel Lu is married. Did he trick her?'

Old Yang thought it was possible.

"Miss Jiang, Colonel Lu is indeed married. Has he mentioned that to you? How long have you maintained such a relationship with him?" Old Yang was furious. He was also a little worried. He was angry at his colonel and concerned for Miss Jiang.

"To put it more seriously, that can be considered as breaking a military marriage. A military marriage is protected by the law. If you do that, you'll be going to the military court," Old Yang said earnestly. "I don't know if our colonel lied to you or what. No matter what, you should break up with him. Xiao Gao and I will pretend that we don't know about that."

"I advise you not to think about snatching him from his wife! He is just playing with you.. He is very good to his wife!" Xiao Gao said as if to threaten her.

# Chapter 1732: We've Seen Her

"When Colonel Lu came here for training, he did not bring anything else. He brought the paper crane that his wife folded for him and placed it under the bed every day, carefully looking at it and touching it." Xiao Gao seemed proud when he spoke. "His wife is the most beautiful woman in the world. Even though the scouts say that you're also beautiful, his wife is a thousand times better looking than you! You compare to her! His wife is beautiful and gentle, and she is also a university student. You can't compare to his wife, so he must be playing you to kill time!"

"He has a thousand paper cranes with him?" Jiang Yao recovered from her shock and asked.

"Yes! If you don't believe me, go and look in his bag to see if there is a metal box! His wife is a gentle and romantic person. There are words written to him in each thousand paper cranes. When he misses her, he will open one and take a look. After reading it, he will carefully put the paper back into the box. The box is his treasure. Whoever touches it will offend him."

"That's the case, indeed."

Old Yang nodded in agreement.

Jiang Yao's eyes immediately lit up with a smile. She thought that the fool would only discover the secret of the paper cranes when he was old!

Jiang Yao smiled when she heard what Xiao Gao and Old Yang think of their colonel's wife.

"You've her? You know that she is better than me?" Jiang Yao asked, feigning disbelief. "As far as I know, you've only just been transferred from another military base to this place, right?"

"We have met before!"

Xiao Gao answered quickly, almost without thinking, "Anyway, she is a thousand times better looking than you. You can't compete with his wife!"

Old Yang patted Xiao Gao and said, "We have met before. During the flood in Rong County, his wife went to the front line. We met her at that time. His wife is kind and gentle. She is indeed better than you. She and Colonel Lu are a match made in heaven."

Jiang Yao was certain that she had never met Old Yang and Xiao Gao in Rong County. She had only met some of Lu Xingzhi's comrades in Rong County back then. She did not see anyone familiar in the Blue Team's command center. They must have been sent out by Lu Xingzhi and not returned to the center. It was also possible that they were eliminated in the selection process.

Therefore, Old Yang and Xiao Gao were obviously lying through their teeth.

After hearing that, Jiang Yao knew that Xiao Gao and Old Yang had misunderstood Lu Xingzhi and her because they did not know her identity and happened to see her and Lu Xingzhi having a tryst by the pool in the middle of the night.

However, when she thought about how she and Lu Xingzhi were seen kissing by the pool last night, Jiang Yao felt a little embarrassed.

Furthermore, she was the one who initiated the last kiss. They probably thought that she was the kind of woman who would break up a marriage. They also misunderstood that Lu Xingzhi was the kind of person who would fool around while married.

Jiang Yao thought that if she did not explain things clearly to Xiao Gao and Old Yang, the two of them might tear her apart.

Obviously, they had never seen Lu Xingzhi's wife, but they were very protective of her.

### **Chapter 1733: Don't Worry About Your Meeting**

"You're laughing?" Xiao Gao was furious when he saw Jiang Yao laughing. "How dare you laugh?"

"Why wouldn't I laugh?" Jiang Yao decided not to hold it in and laughed out loud. "You obviously haven't seen her before, but you two are lying through your teeth. It's as if you're telling the truth. If I were not sure that I hadn't seen you two, you might have tricked me."

"We already said we've seen her before! In Rong County, she was at the front line and even saved some people. She is also a doctor!" Xiao Gao was so angry that he stomped his feet.

It looked like the young was not as steady as the old.

Old Yang immediately noticed that Jiang Yao's smile did not seem like she was embarrassed. Instead, it was genuine and gentle. The most important thing was what she said at the end.

"You're still lying. I've never seen you before." Jiang Yao imitated Xiao Gao and stomped her feet. That time, Xiao Gao was so angry that he did not say another word and just glared at her.

Old Yang finally understood what Jiang Yao said. His brain turned on, and he immediately reacted. He clapped his hands and was extremely excited. "You're his wife! You're his wife!"

Old Yang turned around and slapped the back of Xiao Gao's head. He grinned and said, "You idiot, why can't you understand? Miss Jiang is his wife. Colonel Lu's wife is Miss Jiang!"

Old Yang's face was filled with excitement when he thought of that. "Miss Jiang, you are Colonel Lu's wife, right?"

"You finally got it?" Jiang Yao nodded.

Old Yang raised his hand and slapped his thigh heavily. "I told you that Colonel Lu isn't the kind of person who doesn't have a sense of responsibility! How could we have been so stupid? He treasured those paper cranes so much he wouldn't have done that behind his wife's back. Who else would he kiss and hug if not his wife?"

Old Yang did not intend to tease Jiang Yao on purpose. However, when she heard him speak so bluntly about what happened the previous day, Jiang Yao blushed. Fortunately, her face was painted, so they did not notice it.

"Mrs. Lu, Colonel Lu loves you very much. You must not have seen the thousand paper cranes that you gave him. He treasures it so much. He hugs and looks at it daily." Old Yang smiled very comfortably at that moment and said, "I was worried about last night. I'm relieved to know that it's you. However, how did you become a doctor for the Red Team?"

"The university arranged it. When I accepted this mission, I didn't know that the Blue Team was you guys. Shao Fucheng didn't tell us anything about your troops when we arrived at the mountain. Therefore, I didn't know that the Blue Team was the special forces. I didn't know until your colonel caught me." Jiang Yao shrugged. "It was an accident. There's nothing we can do. He refused to let me go back to the Red Team and insisted on bringing me back here as a captive. I'm afraid that if my identity is made public, it will affect the Red Team and the drill."

"Your consideration is reasonable." Old Yang nodded. He thought that Jiang Yao's consideration was correct. "If the Red Team finds out about it, they may feel that that drill is unfair and may even feel uncomfortable about it."

Then, Old Yang chuckled again. "Mrs.. Lu, don't worry about meeting with Colonel Lu in the future. Xiao Gao and I will keep watch for you!"

### **Chapter 1734: Midnight Shift**

Xiao Gao nodded fervently. He wished he could show his sincerity. "Mrs. Lu, next time, don't go to the pond with Colonel Lu at night. There are so many mosquitoes there, so you can stay in the tent. Old Yang and I will take turns guarding it for you."

"Don't tell anyone about your Colonel and me, okay?" Jiang Yao reminded them. She nodded at them when she saw Xiao Gao and Old Yang smiling mischievously. Then, she let them leave the tent.

Once they were out of the tent, Xiao Gao could no longer contain his excitement. He suddenly jumped like a rabbit.

"Old Yang! Old Yang! I'm so excited! I did not expect the truth to be like that!" Xiao Gao pulled Old Yang's arm and shook it vigorously. "I thought the Colonel was a scumbag. I did not expect the Colonel and—"

Xiao Gao covered his mouth and shook his head repeatedly. "I definitely won't spill the beans. I can't be so stupid!"

Then, he just ran away.

That night, Lu Xingzhi did not return to the command center. However, Old Yang left the command center at midnight with Jiang Yao, Liu Chao, and the others, leaving Xiao Gao and the others to continue staying there.

It was challenging to walk the mountain path in the middle of the night. It was even more exposed, and soon, Jiang Yao's hair was wet from the dew.

"Where are they taking us? They won't even let us sleep in the middle of the night. Is that on purpose?"

It was not easy to walk in the middle of the night. Even a man like Liu Chao felt angry. However, when he saw Jiang Yao was calm and did not complain in the slightest, Liu Chao thought that she was not an ordinary girl.

If it were Jing Mengjie and Li Hong, they would be so angry that they would cry and curse the entire way.

"I'm not too sure." Even though Jiang Yao was Lu Xingzhi's wife, she was a doctor for the Red Team. Therefore, Xiao Gao and Old Yang would not tell her why they were leaving the command center in the middle of the night.

They were on different sides. Even if she were Lu Xingzhi's wife, it would not do anything.

The group followed Old Yang all the way north. After walking for more than two hours, Old Yang finally allowed them to rest in a bamboo forest.

"Everyone, set up your tents here," Old Yang called out to the people behind him. After everyone made their move, Old Yang looked at Jiang Yao and asked kindly, "Are you tired, Miss Jiang? You must be exhausted, right? Once the tents are set up, you should go and rest for a while.

"Alright." Jiang Yao nodded when Old Yang turned around impatiently. However, he did not leave. He just stood there and looked at the crowd he had brought with him. Then, he called out to the two male soldiers.

Old Yang said, "You two, come over here. Go and scout the surroundings. However, the most important thing is to look for any fruit trees nearby. Get some fruits for Miss Jiang. As long as it's edible, it's fine. There should be wild pears and peaches in the mountains. It shouldn't be a big deal. Anyway, if you see anything edible, just pick it up."

The two soldiers were dumbfounded, and even Liu Chao and the others were stunned.

The two soldiers had no idea what was happening. However, out of their obedience, they turned around and left without asking anything.

"Perhaps their colonel could not get any information the hard way, so he's trying this now?" The two captives muttered in a low voice.

Old Yang did not even have time to say anything to Jiang Yao before sending the two soldiers away. She pretended not to know anything when everyone looked at her.

# Chapter 1735: Who Won?

It was unclear if the notion came from Old Yang or Lu Xingzhi. On the other hand, Jiang Yao believed it was most likely Lu Xingzhi's idea. Otherwise, Old Yang would not have picked wild fruits for her.

They had to travel further to acquire water because there was no water source near the bamboo grove. Jiang Yao did not go out of her way to investigate the situation around them. She moved over to help the troops who were constructing the tents.

"Miss Jiang! Miss Jiang! Let us men do these things! You should take a seat by the side and relax!" Even if he did not know Miss Jiang was the Colonel's wife, Old Yang would never allow a female doctor to perform such a task. Furthermore, since he knew Miss Jiang was his colonel's wife, he was even more committed to assisting his colonel in caring for her.

However, as she rolled up her sleeves, Old Yang hurriedly drew her aside when he turned around.

Old Yang and the others had been stationed in the bamboo forest for three days. Old Yang gradually dispersed the people he had brought with him during those three days. Only he remained on the third day.

Jiang Yao could not entirely understand the arrangement's significance at first, but she had a good idea after the third day.

That bamboo forest was in a distant and difficult-to-find spot in the mountains. Old Yang most likely brought the Red Team captives there to keep them away from the command center. In the end, only Old Yang remained. That essentially proved that the Red Team captives were useless.

Jiang Yao, Liu Chao, and the others might have been captured, but they could have revived their status. However, they had to get their tags before the exercise ended. Old Yang was there, but their tags were not on him. The Blue Team had already dispersed. The captives had no idea who had their tags, and with Old Yang watching them, there was no way they could escape.

Jiang Yao guessed that the exercise was coming to a close and that the Red Team and Blue Team results would be published soon.

Her fellow captives seemed to have drawn the same conclusion. They had been relatively free-spirited in the previous two days. When they were bored, they would talk to Old Yang. They would talk about news from the military. They sat there and spoke about their past missions that were worth discussing.

As a result, the bamboo forest's environment was extraordinarily harmonious.

On the seventh day, at midnight, while Jiang Yao was still in the bamboo grove, Old Yang abruptly announced that the drill had concluded.

"Who won?"

Liu Chao was almost in tears when he heard that it had finally come to an end. When he reflected on how that dreadful day had finally ended, he inquired about the outcome.

When he heard that, Old Yang scoffed. "Do you still need to ask that? The Blue Team, of course, won! Colonel Lu had apprehended Colonel Shao!"

"How is this even possible? Hades Lu is formidable, but Colonel Shao is no pushover!" When they heard that, the two hostages' faces paled. It was alright if the Red Team lost, but it would be too humiliating if the Blue Team's Colonel caught the Red Team's Colonel.

"If you don't trust me, you will see when we arrive at the mountain base." Old Yang was in a good mood. He could not bring himself to argue with the two captives. He turned to Jiang Yao and asked, "Miss Jiang, please pick up your belongings. We will descend the mountain in no time at all.. The team leader will personally accompany us down the mountain."

## **Chapter 1736: Descending The Mountain**

"That's great!" Jiang Yao was overjoyed and asked, "Do you get a holiday after this exercise?"

"There will be no holiday, but I will return to the military base for two days of rest."

Old Yang grinned. "This exercise took less time than we anticipated. I was not expecting the Red Team to be so inexperienced and to lose in such a short period."

Jiang Yao was pleased to learn that she would have two days off. She turned around and returned to her tent, hastily packing up the quilt and other belongings.

Old Yang and the others dismantled everything in the tent. Lu Xingzhi brought a few other people with him.

"Are you done? Let's descend the mountain now." He proceeded toward Jiang Yao's side, carrying her items on his back. Then, he reached out and clasped her hand in his palm.

"There was a thunderstorm last night. The road is a little slippery and tough to navigate. Lean against me and keep your balance," he said softly. "Did the thunderstorm scare you at night?"

The thunderstorm was very frightening. It was that intense, but it was too loud. Jiang Yao was terrified when the first thunder clapped. She was startled awake because she thought there was a big explosion somewhere.

Not only was Jiang Yao taken aback by the storm at night, but she was even more taken aback by Lu Xingzhi's conduct.

She had not expected him to grab her hand in front of so many people. No matter how unpleasant Lu Xingzhi was in private, especially in front of his army comrades, Lu Xingzhi rarely held her hand and hugged her so closely.

"Colonel Lu, you have looked after our doctor very well," one of the Red Team's hostages commented.

"Do you think I should look after you instead of my wife?" Lu Xingzhi responded angrily. Then, he removed a large pear from his pocket and offered it to Jiang Yao. A cluster of grapes was on the other side of his pocket. They were not particularly large, but they had a deep purple color. One could tell they were extremely sweet with just one look.

"Eat some fruits to satisfy your hunger. I walked around to collect those." Lu Xingzhi placed the items in Jiang Yao's hand. Then, he turned his attention to the road.

"Colonel Lu is a true gentleman. Have you ever come upon wild grapes in the mountains? I told some of our team members to look for them, but they only found pears. Later, I had to send them away, so Mrs. Lu hasn't had any other fruit." Old Yang scratched his brow as he glanced at Jiang Yao's wild grapes. The sight made him hungry.

First, Lu Xingzhi said something, and then Old Yang said something else, both of which astonished Liu Chao and the other two persons.

Lu Xingzhi did not say much. He mumbled something to the individuals behind him. Then, he stepped forward and hugged Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao had to eat because Lu Xingzhi was around. However, since there were so many people, she was embarrassed to eat alone. It was clearly insufficient to share with them, so she stuffed the items into her pocket. Moe, who was hidden in her pocket, thought it was a fair deal.

It was easy to ascend the mountain, but it was difficult to descend it.. It had rained the night before, so the group of individuals traveled down the mountain slowly and carefully for about four hours before reaching the base.

#### Chapter 1737: Greetings, Mrs. Lu

Everyone had already gathered at the foot of the mountain after the training ended. Military cars were parked side by side. Many people were already sitting in the vehicles as if waiting for something to happen.

Jiang Yao instinctively wanted to remove her hand from Lu Xingzhi's when she noticed them. Lu Xingzhi's palm appeared to be fixed with hers like glue. She could not break away no matter how hard she tried.

At the moment, Lu Xingzhi's win could be described as remarkable. Everyone turned to look at him the moment he emerged. Naturally, they discovered that he had a firm grip on the Red Team's Miss Jiang. As a result, the Red Team's soldiers had confused expressions on their faces.

They assumed that Hades Lu was concerned about the young woman's safety as she descended the mountain, so he accompanied her. However, after further consideration, they concluded that Hades Lu was not very respectful of females.

Then, someone from the Blue Team yelled.

"Good day, Mrs. Lu!"

"Greetings, Mrs. Lu!"

Xiao Gao took the lead. All the Blue Team soldiers shouted in unison in response to his words.

That meant the Blue Team's troops were well aware that Jiang Yao was Lu Xingzhi's wife.

Since the Blue Team had won the drill, and it had been an extremely thrilling triumph, combined with the fact that they had finally met Colonel Lu's wife, even though they had not rested for a few days, they were as ecstatic as if they had been pumped with stimulants. Their greetings were so loud that they terrified the birds in the trees, causing them to flail their wings and fly away.

On the other hand, the Red Team did not look good.

"Everyone, get in your car and drive back to the base!"

Lu Xingzhi motioned for everyone to get into the cars. He directed Jiang Yao to the third vehicle. He opened the door to allow Jiang Yao to enter the car before jumping into it.

The truck slowly drove away from the mountain base. They had left the area. Jiang Yao turned her gaze toward the forest via the window. Then, she turned to face Lu Xingzhi, who was beside her.

"Don't want to leave?" Lu Xingzhi laughed. "Do you enjoy spending time in the mountains?"

"No, I don't."

Jiang Yao's response was remarkably candid. "I am just a little emotional," she said softly, shaking her head. "I have only been in the mountains for a few days, and it has not even been a month. Even though Old Yang and the others have been taking wonderful care of me, it was still torture. So my heart breaks for you, as it does for your colleagues."

The drill went fine. At the very least, there were few dangers and casualties during the training.

Her heart broke for those who had to remain in the highlands and forests while on missions. To carry out tasks in such a challenging environment, they had to be on high alert. Her heart ached just thinking about it.

Jiang Yao might not have understood Lu Xingzhi and the other soldiers' problems if she had not been engaged in the training and experienced the environment in the mountains.

"It is okay to feel sorry for me. Why would you feel sorry for them?" Lu Xingzhi laughed.

"You are not being kind, Colonel."

"Why can't she feel sorry for us?" the young soldier driving the car chuckled. "She is right. It is not a simple task for us. It is even more difficult for us than it is for you, Colonel. At least you have a wife. We don't even have a wife. We are even worse than you. So, she should feel sorry for us."

Lu Xingzhi would have kicked him if that person had not been driving.

The car reached the military base two hours later.. Lu Xingzhi jumped out of the car first and then turned around and grabbed Jiang Yao's hand.

Chapter 1738: What About Me?

"I can get down on my own. Take your hand away from me." Jiang Yao smiled as she narrowed her eyes. She leaped down softly and clapped her hands, displaying a smug look to Lu Xingzhi after shoving his hand that intended to support her.

"Go home and rest for half a day. I have a meeting in the afternoon." Lu Xingzhi caressed Jiang Yao's head with his hand. "I will take you to our house to show you the fruit trees I have planted in our yard."

"Do I have to attend the afternoon meeting?" Jiang Yao inquired.

"Yes," Lu Xingzhi said. "Everyone involved in that exercise, including the doctors, is required to attend the group meeting."

Jiang Yao nodded and made her way to their new home in the army with Lu Xingzhi.

It was not Jiang Yao's first visit there, so there was nothing new about the site. Her painted face drew the attention of numerous passersby.

Many people were curious about the girl who trailed after Colonel Lu. They were even more intrigued when they observed her follow him to his residence. No one dared to question him because he was a difficult person to talk to.

Some speculated that she could be a female soldier. After all, she was dressed in a field combat suit and had paint on her face. She appeared to have just returned from the war.

Jiang Yao was often worried that she had forgotten something crucial. When she walked into the house and found Lu Xingzhi running the bathwater for her, she stroked him on the back and asked, "Xingzhi, where is Liu Chao?"

"The exercise is complete. Where would they be if not with the Red Team?" Lu Xingzhi turned around to face Jiang Yao.

"And what about me?"

Jiang Yao was taken aback. "I am also a member of the Red Team's medical staff. Logically, I should stick with them. So, what is the point of bringing me back here?"

Jiang Yao desperately wanted to cry but was unable to do so. She had been led down the mountain. Shao Fucheng saw her, but he did not say anything. He did not stop her when he noticed she was being escorted to the military card by Lu Xingzhi. As a result, she did not anticipate the rest would stay with the Red Team.

Most significantly, her ignorance was understandable. Why did no one warn her about that?

"You are my wife. Why would you want to follow the Red Party instead of me?" Lu Xingzhi tapped Jiang Yao's nose with a wet finger. "Are you dreaming?"

Jiang Yao considered it and concluded that what Lu Xingzhi said made sense.

The drill was completed. She was Lu Xingzhi's wife, so what was the harm of her following Lu Xingzhi?

"The water is ready. Take a long, hot shower. I will make some more water for you. When you are done, let me know so that I can bring more hot water in for you."

"Oh, okay." Jiang Yao nodded. She sniffed her own arm, horrified with herself. "I smell so bad!"

Lu Xingzhi has already entered the bathroom. When he heard that, he turned around and said solemnly, "Nonsense, it is quite aromatic."

Jiang Yao thought he was amusing. The definition of beauty lay in the eye of the beholder. How could she be unaware that Lu Xingzhi was attempting to entice her?

After being a savage for over a month, what did Jiang Yao want to do?

It was not eating a normal dinner or sleeping in a comfy bed. It was to have a relaxing bath..

# **Chapter 1739: No More**

Lu Xingzhi warmed water three times for her, and it took her over an hour to wash up and return to her bedroom. Her hair was still dripping wet, but she threw herself on Lu Xingzhi's bed and pressed her face on the comforter.

Lu Xingzhi did not need hot water for his shower in that weather. After half an hour, he emerged from the restroom with a towel in his hand.

He entered the bedroom, grabbed the person on the bed, and trapped her between his knees. Then he wrapped a towel around her head and helped her dry her hair.

"The weight you gained is all gone."

Lu Xingzhi used both hands on the towel and moved Jiang Yao's face toward him.

After being apart for a few months, one could say that was the first time the two of them met. He had not seen her face properly because of the paint over it. He thought the paint was quite ugly.

Well, it was no different than when they were separated. However, after spending so much time at home, she must have been able to gain some weight.

"I want to eat white rice, and I want to eat braised eggplant. I also want to eat fried eggs and drink soup.

It was time to feed her after her bath and a brief rest on the bed.

Moe had been in the mountains for a long time, and when he heard someone mention food, he meowed. "Chicken braised leg! Braised duck leg!"

Since there was no danger in the mountains, Moe either hid in the tent to sleep or went out to scout around.

"I will do it for you if I am free tonight." Lu Xingzhi's heart ached when he heard Jiang Yao's requests for simple home-cooked dishes. "You will not participate in such activities in the future. You can simply decline. Nothing is too difficult as long as it has to do with the army."

Even though it was an enjoyable training, she found it difficult to stay in the highlands.

She could not even eat well after living like a savage in the mountains for nearly a month.

A person like her, who was finicky and had a sharp tongue, would never choose a dish that did not put his culinary abilities to the test. However, she had stated a lengthy list of home-cooked foods.

"I had no idea what to do when the army found me this time," Jiang Yao said. "I only know that the army needs a doctor for the drill. I assumed that it was merely a backup plan. I assumed that if someone were wounded during the training and required medical attention, doctors would help out then. I had no idea we would have to suffer for half a month like you guys."

If Jing Mengjie, Li Hong, and the others had known what would happen, they probably would not have accepted to engage in the training even if they were beaten to death.

However, she would undoubtedly still be tempted if she knew Lu Xingzhi was also participating in the military drill.

"It is all right. I am not a sensitive person." Jiang Yao grinned. "I would take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your work. Such an opportunity does not come along every day."

"In any case, please don't return to join in the fun in the future." Lu Xingzhi's expression remained unchanged. In any case, he no longer allowed her to serve in the military.

Lu Xingzhi quickly dried her hair. "Your hair grew back," he said abruptly after a long silence. "It is so long now. That's quick!"

Lu Xingzhi would never forget how she had appeared when he first met Jiang Yao. He would always appreciate how she looked with her long hair.

He did not have any regrets in his heart when he learned that she had chopped her hair off. He did not say anything to persuade her not to do it. He knew she would not listen to him, and she would not let him have his way.. That was why he did not say it aloud since he did not want any trouble.

### **Chapter 1740: Chicken Drumstick Tree**

He stroked her hair after they reconciled at the airport. He did not say those words unconsciously. He regretted it as he was scared she would reject him outright, but she had accepted.

She had succeeded.

She had let her hair grow back because of what he had said.

"You are a good girl!"

Lu Xingzhi chuckled and leaned in to peck her on the cheek.

He simply intended to kiss her once; he could not do anything to her. Even if she did not say anything, one look was enough to make him fall head over heels in love with her.

He wanted more toward the end of the kiss.

He yearned to caress her body, to kiss every inch of her, to possess her greedily.

When love was powerful, the world appeared to be a massive vortex that spun nonstop. She fell into it bit by bit until all that remained in her ears were his heavy breathing and the tiny moans she could still hear.

Jiang Yao was so exhausted that she could not even move her fingers. Since it was still early, they clutched to one another to catch up on sleep.

It was nearly noon when she woke up. Lu Xingzhi woke her up for lunch.

There was no one at home for an extended period, so there was no food. "I slept so soundly that I didn't even realize you were out," Jiang Yao said when she spotted Lu Xingzhi holding a box of food.

Lu Xingzhi had already returned from getting lunch at the cafeteria. She had no idea when he got out of bed, nor did she know when he went out.

The sun was so scorching hot that Jiang Yao did not want to go out and stand for two more seconds. The electric fan whistled and blew silently at her. They leaned against the glass, looking out at the fruit trees in the courtyard. The cat was grumbling about whether they would be able to eat those fruits next year.

In the meantime, Lu Xingzhi washed the dishes in the kitchen.

"The yellow blossom pear is excellent, sweet, and moist. It satisfies my thirst." Jiang Yao turned around and spoke quietly about it. "How about I ask him to plant another yellow flower pear in the courtyard?"

Moe nodded and pondered for a moment before saying, "Ask your man to plant another drumstick tree. I'm not sure whether I can grow a drumstick tree in the spring, but I will have your man cook two drumsticks for me every day."

"Why don't you just plant diamonds, and they will develop in the autumn?"

Jiang Yao could not help but stare at Moe.

While Moe was thinking about the drumstick tree, he did not notice Jiang Yao's contemptuous tone. In his excitement, he asked, "Is that possible? I will plant it straight away! One diamond tree, one chicken drumstick tree, and one duck drumstick tree! I will share it with you once autumn is over!"

Lu Xingzhi emerged from the kitchen after hearing Moe's meowing. One of them was staring at the cat.

"What's going on?"

He walked forward, grabbed Moe, and flung him on the ground.

"Moe said that he intends to plant chicken drumstick and duck drumstick trees in the courtyard, as well as diamond trees. Don't you think he is a moron?" Jiang Yao knelt and poked Moe in the head. "idiot."

Moe eventually snapped back to his senses. He discovered that Jiang Yao had duped him, so he snorted angrily at her, wagged his tail, and walked away. He was enraged and refused to speak to her anymore.

"The fruit tree is already planted. We should not move.. I think this place is rather nice."