

Chapter 1791: Who Gave You The Courage?

That b*stard did not even mention his last-minute change of plans, and he even asked such a stupid question.

They had planned the kidnapping, but without the choice that Qian Zhibin presented. They had even thought of hurting the two women. All they wanted was a promise.

All they wanted was peace of mind.

Master Zhu glanced at Qian Zhibin. Just like how Qian Zhibin looked down on him, he also looked down on Qian Zhibin's way of doing things.

Master Zhu thought for a few seconds before he said, "Mr. Liang, Young Master Liang, Young Master Chen, the Zhu family has no animosity with you. I invited you here because we could not contact Young Master Lu. That's why we had to get you here from thousands of miles away. My request is very simple. I'll have to persuade Young Master Lu to let the Zhu family stay in this country. I'll let his wife go as long as you agree to that."

That was Master Zhu's goal. His family's losses in YN almost caused Master Zhu to have a stroke. However, a few days ago, he accidentally discovered that someone was eyeing the Zhu family's properties in the country. He immediately thought of the Young Master Lu and his wife.

Master Zhu suspected that Lu Xingzhi was behind the Zhu family's uprooting from YN. Therefore, he wanted the man to give the Zhu family a guarantee. Even if it were just a verbal promise, he would still take the risk.

The Zhu family could not afford to have any major incidents again.

"Swear on her life. Swear that she will die a horrible death, be alone and suffering for the rest of her life, curse her to be sick—"

Before Master Zhu finished his words, Mr. Liang and Liang Yueze could no longer listen to him.

"Are you going to use all the most vicious curses in the world?"

Liang Yueze sneered, "The Zhu family kidnapped our people just to extract a promise from us. What if someone else does the same thing next time? Just how prominent is the Zhu family that we are willing to do that for you?"

Of course, Master Zhu understood the sarcasm in Liang Yueze's words. However, he had no choice. His family's external problems had not ended, and there were even some internal conflicts within the family. Even though he was head of the family, he feared that he would be the family's downfall.

He knew that the Zhu family's power had weakened, especially when they lost their economic footing in YN. His family members even incited some conflicts within the family. They were not worried about the family's future; they only wanted to seize more benefits for themselves.

After Master Zhu finished speaking, Qian Zhibin's expression became unsightly. He was unhappy.

“Fifth Young Master Chen, my request is the same. I know that you have been investigating the Qian family. I also know that you stole my territories. You must have wanted to take revenge on me. Our families don’t need to stay in each other’s businesses. Take a step back from that matter, and I will return her to you in one piece.”

When Qian Zhibin almost finished speaking, a gunshot rang out quickly, followed by another gunshot that was slightly more muffled.

Two people fired from different directions. They were not fatal shots, but Qian Zhibin and Master Zhu were shot simultaneously.

Lu Xingzhi appeared. His face looked even more cold and ruthless. He walked toward Master Zhu and stepped on Master Zhu’s walking stick. “Who gave you the courage to curse my wife like that?”

If he had not needed to cooperate with Liang Yueze, Lu Xingzhi would have rushed out to attack Master Zhu. He wanted to protect his wife.. Who had the right to swear at his wife?

Chapter 1792: Capture Him

Lu Xingzhi and Chen Xuyao had put on an act to see their opponents’ real target. However, they did not expect Master Zhu and Qian Zhibin to appear.

Lu Xingzhi did not hesitate to shoot. Even though he did not kill them, it was enough to intimidate the two of them.

Master Zhu’s reaction was also swift. Before he could identify where the shot came from, he quickly covered his wound and ran toward Jiang Yao and Chu Sheng. Master Zhu’s reaction was faster than Qian Zhibin’s, and he immediately knew that something had changed.

He wanted to pull Jiang Yao to restrain her. However, he did not expect that just as he ran toward Jiang Yao, someone had kicked at it before he could take out the gun from his cane. He had lost his weapon in the blink of an eye.

Master Zhu was old and had limited mobility. He fell to the ground when he lost his cane. However, his men went to help him up quickly enough. Just as his bodyguard moved to capture Jiang Yao again, she had already run toward Lu Xingzhi with Chu Sheng.

“didn’t expect it to be you.”

Chen Xuyao was very surprised when he saw Qian Zhibin, He thought that the Liang family had dealt with him. One could say that Qian Zhibin’s future had been ruined.

They had dealt with the previous incident. Although Qian Zhibin had only lost a large sum of money, the Liang family had started to make bigger moves against him because they had found the collectors for the confiscated antiques. The police’s investigation had followed the flow to the collectors.

It was only a matter of time before the antiques ended up with someone. With time, the answer would come out eventually, and when it did, Qian Zhibin would never be able to make a comeback again.

That incident had happened in Jindo City. Even though not many people knew about it, the police had increased their search for the antiques' origin. It was impossible to hide the fact that they had gone to the homes of various collectors to ask about them.

Therefore, many people knew about the case, and many even paid attention to its progress.

The Liang family did not let go of the lead from the foreign research institute. The Liang family decided to have Qian Zhibin deal with that.

Chen Xuyao, Mr. Liang, and Liang Yueze did not expect it to be Qian Zhibin.

Mr. Liang thought that the Qian family would do their best to deal with the complex problem the Liang family had given them. They would never expect Qian Zhibin to make a risky move to capture Chu Sheng and Jiang Yao.

Mr. Liang also understood why Qian Zhibin did that. Perhaps he felt that the Liang family had backed the Qian family against the corner. He had no other choice than to capture Chu Sheng and Jiang Yao to threaten the Liang family to let him go.

Qian Zhibin did not reveal anything after capturing Chu Sheng because he wanted to know if Chu Sheng was important to Chen Xuyao. So, he felt happy when he saw Chen Xuyao searching for Chu Sheng in Jindo City for so long.

He was ecstatic to learn that the Liang family, the Chen family, and the Gu family had done their best to find Chu Sheng.

If they valued Chu Sheng, it meant that he had significant leverage in his hands..

Chapter 1793: Want To Run?

Liang Yueze did not even have to inquire about Master Zhu's involvement in the matter.

It was because Lu Xingzhi suppressed the Zhu family. If Qian Zhibin's future had ended, it would be the same for the Zhu family. Master Zhu had bet the last of the Zhu family's luck and strength on that.

'The Zhu family was in Ping City, so the person who kidnapped Jiang Yao must have been one of Master Zhu's men. However, Liang Yueze did not quite understand. One was far away in Ping City, and the other was in Jindo City. Why would the Zhu and Qian families work together to do something that required them to trust each other?

How did the two families get in contact?

When Qian Zhibin saw Lu Xingzhi, his face darkened. He quickly retreated to the side and casually grabbed two men and threw them in Lu Xingzhi's direction. Then he turned around and ran toward the stairs.

'When Master Zhu saw that, he immediately ordered someone to bring him out of the factory. He did not dare to stay longer there.

Even though it was Master Zhu's factory, there were not many employees there. Lu Xingzhi had appeared so suddenly. Did he bring his men there?

If that were the case, no matter how many men Master Zhu had, he would not win against them, especially since he had lost his hostages.

"You want to run?"

Chen Xuyao chased after Qian Zhibin. He could not care less about Master Zhu for the time being. Anyway, there were troops outside, so those people could not escape so easily.

Chen Xuyao had already rushed downstairs and was stomping his feet anxiously. Chu Sheng looked in the other direction. She pulled Jiang Yao's arm and pointed at one of the bodyguards that Master Zhu had left behind. One looked at Jiang Yao anxiously and then looked at Lu Xingzhi.

"Speak—I can read lips."

Lu Xingzhi knew that Chu Sheng must be anxious. Otherwise, she would not have forgotten to sign.

Chu Sheng's tears fell, but she quickly wiped them away and faced Lu Xingzhi. However, her eyes remained in the other direction, and her fingers never retracted.

"You want me to catch that person?"

Lu Xingzhi understood what she meant even though she only mouthed three words to him.

Chu Sheng nodded and continued to cry. Lu Xingzhi immediately looked at Jiang Yao and asked, "Can you manage by yourself?"

"Go quickly! I can do it." Jiang Yao knew that Lu Xingzhi did not mean for her to rush forward to catch the man. Instead, he asked her if it was okay for her to stay by Chu Sheng's side alone, if she was afraid, and if she was in danger.

After getting Jiang Yao's answer, Lu Xingzhi moved swiftly toward the direction that Chu Sheng was pointing at. There were a few people behind him. They tried to stop Mr. Liang, Chen Xuyao, and the others from running downstairs to chase after Master Zhu and Qian Zhibin, who had already left.

The person Chu Sheng was talking about was one of them.

'The men that Master Zhu and Qian Zhibin brought with them were not very useful. They had just taken most of their bodyguards to ensure their safety, so only two or three people were left here.

'The men stayed with Mr. Liang and Liang Yueze. Lu Xingzhi only needed a few seconds to catch that person in a sneak attack.

"Game over."

Lu Xingzhi kicked the person to the ground with one foot, and with one hand, he held that person so tightly that he could not move.

Chapter 1794: Bring Them Back For Interrogation

At that moment, the people that Chen Xuyao brought from the army had already captured Qian Zhibin and Master Zhu. The military truck had collided with the two luxurious private cars consecutively, and even the military truck had signs of wear and tear. So one could only imagine the injuries that the cars' passengers had sustained.

"Why do you want me to catch him?" Lu Xingzhi asked Chu Sheng after Mr. Liang and Liang Yueze had found something to restrain those men.

Chu Sheng had only mouthed three words. It was so simple that even Jiang Yao knew what she meant.

"Are you saying that that person is the kidnapper?"

Lu Xingzhi nodded. "He is a member of the Zhu family. We are not sure if he kidnapped Jiang Yao, but it is an indisputable fact that he was involved in that kidnapping."

Jiang Yao shook her head. "That's not right." A member of the Zhu family could not have gone to Jindo City to kidnap Chu Sheng. After all, they were too far away.

"Chu Sheng meant the kidnapping incident when she was young," Jiang Yao said as Chu Sheng nodded frantically. Then, Jiang Yao continued to say, "That person might be related to the kidnapping case when Chu Sheng was young. Back then, the Qian family kidnapped Chu Sheng, using the information

from the kidnapping case as a trap. The Zhu and Qian families must have had some insider information regarding that case back then."

"Bring them back for interrogation."

Lu Xingzhi turned around and called out to some of his comrades. Then, he took out his phone and called Chen Xuyao so that he could bring Chu Sheng with him.

Chen Xuyao still had a lot of things to do in Jindo City, and the Chu family must have been worried sick thinking about Chu Sheng's disappearance. Therefore, Chen Xuyao should bring Chu Sheng back to Jindo City.

Mr. Liang and Liang Yueze did not stay idle either. The two of them immediately took the next flight back to Jindo City. Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao's hand the entire time as they sat on the military truck until they returned to base.

Jiang Yao was safe. Even though she returned in the middle of the night, all the other families in the army base had known about it.

'When everyone heard that Colonel Lu's wife had been rescued, they craned their necks to take a look, as if they wanted to see how she had looked when she returned.

Jiang Yao was neatly dressed, and she was still wearing the same clothes as when she left that day. She did not mind those people watching her as she followed Lu Xingzhi back to their home.

Ye Jianguo was like a madman. He opened the door and ran out in his pajamas. If Lu Xingzhi had not stopped him, he might have hugged Jiang Yao excitedly.

However, no matter how much Ye Jianguo wanted to see Jiang Yao, he was blocked at the door by Lu Xingzhi.

“Colonel Lu, I just wanted to see if your wife is okay. She should be scared out of her wits, right? The kidnappers are too despicable. They did such a thing in broad daylight.”

Lu Xingzhi shut the door on Ye Jianguo. He frowned and walked across the living room impatiently.

The moment he saw Jiang Yao, his expression immediately softened.

“Did you end the training early because of me? Did you win?” Jiang Yao did not know that Ye Jianguo struggled to see her, so she thought that Lu Xingzhi’s expression was directed at her.

“No, it’s still ongoing without me.”

Lu Xingzhi scoffed, “I’ve arranged everything in the battle plan so the drill won’t have to be interrupted. If they still lose, then they should all go home..”

Chapter 1795: The Answer Is No

Arrogant and conceited. That was his usual tone.

Jiang Yao knew he was not staring at her with that expression because of that tone.

Lu Xingzhi raised his hand and caressed her head to comfort Jiang Yao. Because of the height difference between them, Lu Xingzhi could perform that action with ease, as if he were clutching the handrail as he descended the stairs.

“Have you finished folding the origami crane for me?” Lu Xingzhi retrieved a little box containing imported candy from his suitcase and presented it to Jiang Yao. “There is more here.”

Jiang Yao touched the tip of her nose and muttered, “I haven’t been folding it recently.”

She might have completely forgotten about that matter.

“Also, I have an answer for you.” Lu Xingzhi patted the box in Jiang Yao’s palm. “No.”

His response was solemn. After hearing it, Jiang Yao was astonished for a few seconds. “What do you mean no?”

Lu Xingzhi pressed his tongue to his cheek. That made him appear a little mischievous.

A few seconds later, he said, “You’ll understand in the future.”

Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi blankly and muttered in her heart, ‘He’s really mysterious.’

Lu Xingzhi had already gone out to wash his hands while she thought about that. Jiang Yao calmly opened the metal box in her hand and took a look at the top piece of paper.

One look!

Just one look!

Jiang Yao was livid!

Was he answering her question in the thousand paper cranes?

Her comment on the thousand paper cranes was about how he was energetic and tormented her every night. She asked if she shared a room with him once a month. Was that his answer?

No?

Jiang Yao stood there silently with the box in her arms for a few minutes. When she heard Lu Xingzhi's footsteps, she hurriedly turned around and put the box into the drawer.

"Go take a shower. It's late. Then, rest early." Lu Xingzhi stood at the door and urged Jiang Yao. "The water is ready. Don't dawdle."

Jiang Yao hummed and tiptoed to kiss the corner of his lips. Then, she giggled and went to the bathroom.

She could see the shadow of the seedling trees outside the window from her bathroom. If she changed her direction, she could see a figure standing by the door. It was Lu Xingzhi, waiting for her at the door.

"It's not like there's thunder. I'm not afraid, so you don't have to guard the door." Jiang Yao raised her head slightly and shouted in the direction of the door. Just as she was about to let Lu Xingzhi go and rest or something, Lu Xingzhi opened his mouth and called out to her.

"Second Brother just sent me a message saying that Luo Ruoran is pregnant."

The phone screen that Lu Xingzhi was holding stopped at that moment.

Lu Xingzhi was very surprised, and he was a little envious of Luo Ruoran's husband. He had married Luo Ruoran late, but he was the first one among them to have a child.

"Luo Ruoran said that Big Brother was there when she got married, but he only gave her a cash gift. He gave his best wishes and even wished for her to get pregnant soon. So, it's in line with Big Brother's wishes, right? I think his blessing is quite effective. When Sister Ruoran's child is born, she can call him godfather."

Jiang Yao was teasing Liang Yueze, and Lu Xingzhi could tell. In reality, he agreed with her assessment. Perhaps Liang Yueze could give them similar blessings too..

Chapter 1796: Inviting Hallucinations

Lu Xingzhi looked meaningfully at Jiang Yao's belly, stroked his chin and thought whether he should call Liang Yueze to tell him of Luo Ruoran's pregnancy and, at the same time, let him give similar wishes to Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao.

That notion rushed through Lu Xingzhi's mind. He eventually gave up. After all, he was his brother. It was preferable to do such a heart-wrenching thing later.

“No matter what, it’s too late now. Go take a shower and rest early.” Lu Xingzhi’s lips curled as he pushed Jiang Yao into the bathroom. When he noticed Jiang Yao was still hesitant to talk, he lifted his eyebrows slightly and smiled maliciously. “You look at me as if you are inviting me to take a shower with you.”

Jiang Yao was stunned for a moment. She chuckled and slammed the door shut. “Get lost! Dream on!” Then, she heard his laughter at the door.

Lu Xingzhi was texting Gu Haoyu while Jiang Yao took a bath. Liang Yueze will eventually learn of Luo Ruoran’s pregnancy. The news of her pregnancy might come as a shock to Liang Yueze. Even if he had already accepted her marriage, Liang Yueze might need some time to recover from the shock.

Lu Xingzhi flung his phone on the table after sending the text. He lowered his head and pondered for a moment. He straightened up the place a little after regaining his composure. He could not help but smile when he thought about Jiang Yao staying there in the future. He picked up his phone and sent a message to Gu Haoyu.

Under what circumstances could a woman get pregnant easily?

Gu Haoyu, who was out of the country, nearly dropped his phone when he received the message. He could not tell if Lu Xingzhi was ready to have a kid or if he was stimulated by the news of Luo Ruoran’s pregnancy.

However, Gu Haoyu felt that Lu Xingzhi was asking the wrong person. He was a man, not a doctor, and he was not a father or a husband. How would he know?

Gu Haoyu suspected that Lu Xingzhi regarded him as omniscient. As a result, he considered it and texted Lu Xingzhi, telling him that it was easy for a woman to become pregnant when she was in an incredibly relaxed and cheerful state. After sending the text message, Gu Haoyu put his phone in the corner and returned his attention to his work.

Lu Xingzhi thought Gu Haoyu’s response was quite fair. He believed that Luo Ruoran became pregnant so rapidly because she was in a good mood after remarrying, and hence she became pregnant so quickly.

He and Jiang Yao had decided to have a child, but Jiang Yao was not pregnant yet. Perhaps it was because he had not been by her side in a long time. She might have been upset because she missed him so much.

Lu Xingzhi had the impression that his prediction was correct.

Meanwhile, Jiang Yao, who was in the shower, had no idea that Lu Xingzhi believed she missed him so much that it affected her pregnancy.

So when she stepped out of the bathroom, she was taken aback when she heard Lu Xingzhi ask that question.

“Wife, have I taken you on a trip before?”

That was obviously a question about her life before she was reborn. Lu Xingzhi had been wondering about their lives before she was reborn ever since he found out about them..

Chapter 1797: Let Me Ask You Another Question

Jiang Yao blinked her eyes and shook her head.

Based on their relationship at that time, he had not even bought a popsicle for her. What was the point of traveling?

Lu Xingzhi clicked his tongue. Jiang Yao looked at him, puzzled as to why he was sighing.

“Why are you asking that question now?”

Jiang Yao inquired, perplexed.

“It’s nothing. I just want to take you on a trip, so I want to find out which places you’ve been to so that I can avoid those. After the closed-door training is over, I’ll take a vacation and take you on a trip. Isn’t it popular to have a honeymoon? We didn’t go anywhere when we got married. We’ll make up for it now.”

As he spoke, Lu Xingzhi removed his shirt and tossed it into the dirty clothes basket in the corner. When he noticed Jiang Yao’s gaze traveling over his abdominal muscles, he turned around proudly so she could view him better.

“Can’t you take it off after you go in?”

Jiang Yao’s ears burned. The view was breathtaking. She had no control over her gaze. She had no idea he would catch her doing that.

“Why?”

Lu Xingzhi asked back nonchalantly. Then, he asked again, “Where do you want to go for a vacation? To the beach?”

“Any place is fine because I’ve never been anywhere.”

Jiang Yao nodded. “You can arrange it. I’ll just go along when the time comes.”

“Okay.”

Lu Xingzhi thought for a few seconds and nodded. Then, he moved closer to Jiang Yao and said, in a low voice, “Let me ask you another question.”

When Jiang Yao saw his expression, she immediately hid under the blanket. “I don’t want to hear it. I refuse to answer.”

Even though she did not know what he would ask, she was confident that it was not a good question.

She was fully aware of how Lu Xingzhi felt when he displayed such an expression. It was typical for him to hold it in.

“Take a bath with me.” Lu Xingzhi did not continue asking, but he carried her back to the bathroom in an extremely vile manner.

“I’m not going! I’m not going!” Jiang Yao shook her head vigorously. “I’m sleepy! I’m going to sleep!”

“There’s plenty of time for you to sleep during the day.”

At that point, there was no way Lu Xingzhi would let Jiang Yao off.

By the time the two of them came out of the bathroom, it was already almost two hours later. It had not even been 20 minutes since they had taken a proper shower. Jiang Yao was still wet when he carried her into the bathroom, and she was still wet when she came out again.

She had no intention of moving as she was taken back to her bed by Lu Xingzhi. She just sat there and let him dry her hair.

The towel hid her lovely curves, but it could not hide the hickeys on her neck. Lu Xingzhi considered such marks to be the most appropriate ornament for a woman.

Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and whispered into Jiang Yao’s ear, “Have I ever used that position with you before?”

Jiang Yao glared at him fiercely. She was so angry that she raised her leg and kicked him, but she missed.

She cried a few times for more than an hour that night. She could not even make a sound at the time, but he was ecstatic.

“If you don’t answer, then I’ll do it again.”

Lu Xingzhi grunted and threatened her. “Anyway, I still have half a day to waste with you.”

Jiang Yao was terrified... “No! No!”

Chapter 1798: Don’t Feel Guilty

She used to be so naive as to think that she could rely on the medical system to suppress his urge in bed. It was replaced with him on top of her while she cried and begged him to stop. She did not have the energy to say anything else.

It was simply impossible. Even if he appeared to have put in a lot of effort, she would always be the cowardly one.

She could not estimate the physical strength difference between men and women.

When Jiang Yao noticed Lu Xingzhi’s skeptical expression, she exclaimed, “Previously, we only had sex once on our wedding night, and never again after that!”

Jiang Yao noticed that Lu Xingzhi had paused for a moment; her heart inexplicably ached for him.

He was a man with the strength of a wolf or a tiger, but he lived the life of a monk, with a clear desire for her. However, he kept himself celibate for eleven years.

He was an idiot. Lu Xingzhi only snapped back to his senses after a few seconds. How could he hold back on such a sweet wife?

Jiang Yao thought that if she had lived her current life before the eleven years in her previous life, where she and Lu Xingzhi treated each other like strangers, she would probably think that Lu Xingzhi was an idiot.

She did not realize how much he cared for her at the time. She did not know what it was like to love someone. Thus, she could not understand anything.

However, she understood that then. Just like him, she was deeply immersed in that relationship and was willing to be stuck in it for the rest of her life. Therefore, her heart ached for him.

He had an uncanny ability to make her heart ache. He was also able to move her so easily.

At that time, he was very silly. He was so foolish that he only had one obsession. He was so foolish that he only held onto her with one obsession and would not let go.

Lu Xingzhi bent his head and pinched Jiang Yao's face as if he had detected the minor shift in her expression. "Can you tell me what you are thinking?"

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Jiang Yao was ready to apologize when Lu Xingzhi interrupted her and called her name sternly, "Jiang Yao, listen carefully. I want you to keep in mind that the past is the past. Don't entrust your guilt to me now. I don't know what happened in the past, so I don't want your guilt. You just have to remember to place your heart on me."

His tone was a little heavy. "I want you to love me, not your guilt."

He did not want to see her face filled with shame or redemption.

"Okay."

Of course, Jiang Yao understood what Lu Xingzhi was saying. Everything she spoke to Lu Xingzhi, everything she felt, had nothing to do with guilt.

She only responded to him because she loved him.

He was a very proud man. How could he be willing to offer her feelings when he had a heart that compensated for it?

He wanted her to love him completely and unconditionally from the bottom of her heart. It was as potent as a jug of hundred-year-old wine and had the potential to intoxicate individuals.

"Your hair is almost dried. It is the same for the rest." Lu Xingzhi stroked Jiang Yao's hair before going to bed and encircling her in his arms. Even though it was pretty hot outside, they did not loathe one another. They simply hugged each other and fell asleep.

After being tortured by him, Jiang Yao was exhausted. She collapsed into his arms and promptly fell into a deep sleep. Occasionally, she would snore.

While holding her, Lu Xingzhi could not close his eyes. He had not planned for her kidnapping at the time, which allowed Master Zhu to take advantage of her.

He had intended to wait until the closed-door training was completed before uprooting the Zhu family. He did not anticipate Master Zhu to be so desperate that he would use Jiang Yao to threaten him..

Chapter 1799: Excellent

Fortunately, Master Zhu had underestimated Jiang Yao, so he was defeated immediately, which was incredibly humiliating for him.

Lu Xingzhi raised his hand and stroked Jiang Yao's hair tenderly. A part of his heart began to throb as he noticed she moved her head comfortably and brushed against him twice like a kitten but did not wake up.

Lu Xingzhi vowed in his heart that no one in the world would try to touch her again! He would make certain that no one dared to even think of touching her.

It was nearly 11 o'clock in the afternoon when Jiang Yao woke up. She had previously refused to sleep for the sake of her and Chu Sheng's safety. Even though she had always been full of energy in the medical system and was not particularly concerned for her and Chu Sheng's safety, she would always feel

uneasy before the situation was addressed.

Jiang Yao slept soundly because she had spent some time with him in the bathroom.

The room featured heavy curtains that gave excellent shade. She did not realize it was noon until she opened the drapes. Jiang Yao walked out of the bedroom when she heard tinkling sounds outside. She took a step toward the kitchen, where she heard the noise. She poked her head out and noticed Lu Xingzhi turning around to face her.

"You're awake?" Lu Xingzhi was in a checkered apron that Jiang Yao had purchased a few days before. "Have you been eating noodles at home lately? Why don't you go to the cafeteria?"

"Noodles are easy to prepare. I am too lazy to go to the cafeteria by myself." Jiang Yao would never admit to being lazy. She could usually cook noodles for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, so she only ate three meals a day.

"Don't go into the kitchen when I'm not at home. There are biscuits at home. If you're hungry, eat some biscuits. Go to the canteen for meals." Lu Xingzhi snorted. "After eating noodles for a few days, I see that you're almost like a noodle."

In their hometown, being a noodle was not a good way to compliment someone skinny and obedient. Unhappy, Jiang Yao walked into the kitchen and pinched Lu Xingzhi's waist. "I threw in some poached eggs and vegetables!"

“Excellent.” Lu Xingzhi paid little attention to his compliments. He poured some sauce into the pot. Jiang Yao smelled the aroma right away. She rested her chin on his shoulders and tapped her toes. She cried as she stared into the saucepan. “We’re having braised chicken drumsticks for lunch?”

“Meow, meow, meow!” Moe, who Jiang Yao had ignored, suddenly pointed at the pot. “Your man said that the pot is for me!”

Jiang Yao had been starving for days after eating only noodles. Later, when she was kidnapped, Moe could not even smell the noodles he disliked.

‘When Jiang Yao heard Moe’s smug tone, she knew that he probably sold her out while she was sleeping, such as how many noodles she cooked, how many meals she ate, how many ingredients she put in, and so on.

For example, how many times did she buy ice cream?

How many mornings did she sleep until she woke up naturally and did not eat breakfast?

Lu Xingzhi probably knew everything, No wonder he gave her such a pretentious compliment.

Jiang Yao pouted her lips and poked Moe’s head. “Traitor!”

Jiang Yao’s childlike demeanor effectively amused Lu Xingzhi. His stiff face could not say anything to teach her a lesson. He had no choice but to lower his head and kiss the corner of her mouth. “Go wash up. You can have lunch later..”

Chapter 1800: ‘ot Participating Anymore

“I forgot to brush my teeth.” Jiang Yao put her hand over her mouth and did not give him more kisses. Then she dashed out the door barefoot. Lu Xingzhi’s eyes darkened, and he reached out to pull her back. “How many times have I told you to put on your shoes? Even if it is summer, do not walk around barefoot. The houses here are not the same as the ones we used to live in. There may be some bugs on the ground that may sting you.”

“T’ve been through that since I was young,” Jiang Yao answered, shaking her head. Then, when Lu Xingzhi was distracted, she took advantage of the chance to flee. Nonetheless, she obediently put on her shoes first.

It was annoying to hear about that. However, if she did not hear about it for a long time, she would miss it again.

Jiang Yao was in the latter state. Therefore, she could still listen to whatever Lu Xingzhi said.

The dishes prepared by Lu Xingzhi were light, but they were all home-cooked delicacies that Jiang Yao enjoyed. She was texting on her phone and looked up when the meals were served. Her gaze shifted from her phone to the platters.

“This is your new dish?” Jiang Yao inquired, pointing to the dish in front of her.

“Yes, it’s cabbage with some spice. You can eat it,” Lu Xingzhi explained. “Zhou Junmin taught me that. I tried it, and it’s quite good.”

Lu Xingzhi was a person with a good learning aptitude, and he learned everything rapidly.

“How is Zhou Junmin doing?”

“When Jiang Yao was released from the hospital, Zhou Junmin was still there. His injuries were even worse than Jiang Yao’s.

“He’s young, so he’s recovering well. He performed well when he came back to participate in the drill.” Zhou Junmin’s superior, Lu Xingzhi, was still very satisfied with his performance. “I won’t go back to participate in the drill after this. When I left, I gave the command to Zhou Junin.”

Zhou Junmin was the squad member most familiar with Lu Xingzhi’s combat style. Lu Xingzhi understood Zhou Junmin the most. For fairness, since he had quit midway, it was impossible for him to return to the drill after that.

“I shall be leaving the army in the afternoon. If you have anything you want to buy, or if you have anything you want to eat, let me know. I will bring you some food when I come back,” Lu Xingzhi said as he added some food for Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao thought for a few seconds before gently putting down her spoon. She looked at Lu Xingzhi with bright eyes and asked softly, “How’s my car? Is it okay? What is the problem? Can I still drive it?”

Then, Jiang Yao received a glare from Lu Xingzhi.

“Grapes and yellow pears.” Those two fruits are the best in that season! “Jiang Yao quickly added, “I’ll buy a fish on the way back. I want to drink fish soup tonight.”

“Grapes and yellow pears. Those are the two best fruits this season! I will buy a fish on the way back,” Jiang Yao promptly said. “I want to have soup tonight.”

Lu Xingzhi’s expression finally looked better. “Your car has been sent to the maintenance center. I don’t know what it looks like now. But don’t worry. I don’t think it’s that bad.”

Jiang Yao narrowed her eyes and smiled at Lu Xingzhi. She was in a good mood. “Then let’s have a few more apples.”

Lu Xingzhi stated that he would not return to participate in the drill. He would be in the army before the training concluded, so he could stay for a few more days.

After dinner, she sat on the sofa and let the electric fan cool her down. Her tongue was practically curling from the heat. Jiang Yao had been pacing back and forth in the living room, periodically poking her head to look at the kitchen, while Lu Xingzhi was cleaning the dishes in the kitchen. He would yell her name whenever she tried to sit on the sofa..