

## Chapter 1801: I Won't Eat That

She was so full that she was supposed to walk around the room to help with digestion. Must he stare at her like a criminal?

Lu Xingzhi planned to go to the police station in the city after dinner, so he changed his clothes and prepared to leave. Jiang Yao's eyes grinned as she held his hand and escorted him to the main door through the courtyard.

"What time will you be back?" Jiang Yao asked as she held his arm. Those who did not know would think that she hoped that her husband, who was out, would come home early.

However, Lu Xingzhi knew that Jiang Yao was not that clingy. He knew that she did not mean that.

"You want to eat a few more popsicles before I come back?"

His wife smiled as she thought, 'How could Lu Xingzhi know that?'

It was such hot weather, and there was no air conditioning there. The heat was unbearable, and she could not help but want to eat popsicles.

"You are not allowed to touch any ice for the next few days. Don't forget that your period is coming." Lu Xingzhi reminded her. Drink more water to cool off. I've prepared some in the kitchen."

"Didn't you say that you were sure your child was here?" Jiang Yao groaned as she touched her lower abdomen.

"Then I can't let my son be cold," Lu Xingzhi answered casually and urged Jiang Yao to go back inside so that she would not get sunburned.

No matter what she said or how coquettishly she acted, he would not let her touch any ice for the next few days.

Jiang Yao remained at the door, watching Lu Xingzhi walk away until he was no longer visible. Then, she touched the coins in her pocket and looked in the grocery store's direction. She could not keep her body from turning in that direction. Something gripped her pant leg just as she was ready to step out.

She looked down and saw Moe biting her pant leg to prevent her from going out.

She wondered why Lu Xingzhi would leave so easily. He had left a little traitor by her side to keep an eye on her.

"Eine, I won't eat that. I'm going back to take a nap." Jiang Yao waved her hand and immediately lost interest. She yawned and was ready to go back.

"Miss Jiang! Miss Jiang!"

Jiang Yao had barely entered the courtyard when she heard Ye Jianguo's voice. She noticed the young man leaning against the wall when she raised her head, waving at her. "Miss Jiang, how are you doing? I heard you've returned and greatly wanted to come over to meet you, but Colonel Lu did not let me

do that. I heard some movement from your side of the courtyard, so I climbed up the wall to take a look.”

Ye Jianguo was not any younger than Jiang Yao. Still, perhaps it was because Jiang Yao’s overly steady personality in front of outsiders made it easy for people to overlook her age, or maybe the young man was carefree at that age, so he was a little more outgoing than girls his age. That was why Ye Jianguo had gone so far as to climb the wall.

Jiang Yao had liked her young neighbor since the first time she saw Ye Jianguo at the station. He was a simple-minded boy.

Jiang Yao could tell that Ye Jianguo had been worried about her, so she said, “I’m fine, so don’t worry. It was already very late when we came back last night, so he didn’t let everyone come in because he was afraid it would affect everyone’s rest.”

Ye Jianguo heaved a sigh of relief when he heard that. Then, he waved his hand at Jiang Yao and made a goodbye gesture before jumping off the wall and leaving.

Moe poked his head out of Jiang Yao’s pocket and glanced at the wall. Then, he waved the coin he took out of her pocket at Jiang Yao. Without waiting for Jiang Yao to say anything, he quickly jumped off the wall and left..

## **Chapter 1802: Suspicions**

Jiang Yao thought that after that day, the entire army would know that Colonel Lu’s family would only buy popsicles with coins.

Chen Xuyao did not sleep the entire night at the police station. He kept an eye on the police station with Liang Yueze to question the individual Lu Xingzhi had apprehended the night before.

Chu Sheng claimed to have seen that man when she was taken when she was younger. She always remembered the mole in that man’s eyebrows and his face.

Even though ten years had gone and that man had grown much older, his overall appearance had not changed.

Chen Xuyao had never expected Chu Sheng’s abduction to be linked to the previous kidnapping.

When Lu Xingzhi arrived at the police station, Chen Xuyao was smoking in an office. Liang Yueze was nowhere to be seen, and Chen Xuyao was the only one sitting in that huge office.

“Where are Big Brother and Chu Sheng?” Lu Xingzhi walked in and opened the window to get some fresh air. “Don’t mess up their office even if you’re in a bad mood. How can they work when their office is filled with the smell of cigarettes?”

“Xiao Sheng is resting in the lounge. Big Brother and Uncle Liang went back to Jindo City an hour ago to help me with some errands.” Chen Xuyao rubbed his temples and said, “After interrogating him for half a day, we came up with some problems. Back then, that person did participate in the kidnapping

case. He had always been working for the Zhu family. After that, Master Zhu appeared. It's obvious that he trusts him. Therefore, Master Zhu must have had something to do with the previous kidnapping case. In recent years, there has been no interaction between the Zhu and Qian families of Ping City.

However, the two families seem to be old acquaintances. Therefore, I suspect the Qian family might have also been involved in the previous kidnapping case. Otherwise, no matter how capable the Zhu family is, they wouldn't be able to reach into Jindo City when I'm there."

Perhaps he was too emotional, Chen Xuyao's explanation was a little hazy, but Lu Xingzhi understood him.

"You mean you think the Zhu family in Ping City has been working for the Qian family for the past few years?" Lu Xingzhi asked. "You think the Qian family planned your kidnapping?"

Chen Xuyao smiled self-deprecatingly and shook his head. "I was only a few years old back then. What reason did the Qian family have to attack me?"

"You suspect that someone from the Chen family joined hands with the Qian family to attack you?" Lu Xingzhi finally understood him. It was no wonder that Chen Xuyao's expression was so ugly.

Chen Xuyao's parents were not from the family's current lineage. However, the relationship between the Chen family and their friends had always been very strong, and they had never heard of any bad rumors.

Those who knew the Chen family in Jindo City would praise their cohesion, which was why the Chen family had always been in a strong position.

Lu Xingzhi had always assumed that the Chen family's older members got along nicely.

'When Lu Xingzhi considered that, he immediately recognized Chen Xuyao's distress. If, as he suspected, the person responsible for the kidnapping was a Chen family member, they would most likely crumble bit by bit, just like the Zhu family in Ping City.

"Actually, I had my suspicions when I was younger. After I returned home, everyone was too good to me. Everyone looked like they cared about me. I even despised the fact that I doubted my own family members." Chen Xuyao grabbed his short hair. His entire being appeared to have turned depressed.

### **Chapter 1803: Let Me Ask You Something**

As a result, Mr. Liang and Liang Yueze personally went to determine if Chen Xuyao's kidnapping at the time was an accident or a purposeful plan.

If they wanted to understand more about that, they could only rely on them to investigate.

Despite the passage of time, the criminals engaged in the case at the time had long been executed. However, Liang Yueze believed that their actions would always leave traces and be discovered by others.

“How are you going to deal with the Zhu and Qian families? Two of them are now in my hands,” Chen Xuyao said, shaking his lead-filled head. “Since they dared to do this, I believe they must have a backup plan. Therefore, I haven’t made any moves yet. I want to wait for the outcome of the kidnapping case first.”

“Then let’s wait for the results to come out first.”

Lu Xingzhi patted Chen Xuyao’s shoulder. “Get Chu Sheng to stay in the army base? Let’s have some drinks tonight and let Jiang Yao accompany Chu Sheng to explain things to her.”

Chen Xuyao considered it and nodded in accord. It did not matter to him, but Chu Sheng disliked staying in hotels. It was impossible for her to stay in the lounge for the rest of her life. She was in desperate need of a companion.

Lu Xingzhi went out by himself and returned with two companions. When he opened the door and entered the courtyard, he noticed Jiang Yao squatting in the midst of it. She appeared solemn. She had no idea he had returned. He could hear her babbling but could not understand what she was saying.

“Wife,” Lu Xingzhi called out to Jiang Yao.

“Xingzhi!”

‘When Jiang Yao heard Lu Xingzhi’s voice, she seemed to have found a supporter. She spun around and leaped into the arms of Lu Xingzhi. “That guy ate popsicles in front of me for the entire afternoon!” She stomped her foot angrily, pointing to the stillness under an umbrella in the courtyard.

Even Chen Xuyao, who was in a bad mood, laughed when he glanced at what was in front of him. “Jiang Yao, your cat is living a happy life.”

There was an umbrella in the courtyard. There was a small stool under the umbrella. A palm-sized cat was lying on the stool. The cat was licking the popsicle with its head lowered. Its two paws were still pressing on the popsicle as if it was afraid it would be snatched away.

That cat would be able to live a happy life on a sunny beach if it had a basin of cold water.

‘When Jiang Yao heard that, he realized Lu Xingzhi had returned with Chen Xuyao and Chu Sheng, As a result, she broke away from Lu Xingzhi and grabbed Chu Sheng’s hand as they entered the house.

“Go wash the vegetables.”

Lu Xingzhi gave the vegetables to Chen Xuyao and carried Moe to the corner.

Chen Xuyao looked at Lu Xingzhi, who had left so suddenly. What did Lu Xingzhi think of him? How could he order him around like that?

‘While Jiang Yao and Chu Sheng were chatting in the room, Lu Xingzhi talked to Moe about everything that had happened during the three hours that he had been gone.

‘When he heard from Moe say that Ye Jianguo, their next-door neighbor, had leaned against the wall and talked to Jiang Yao, and Jiang Yao’s reply seemed to be pretty good, Lu Xingzhi thought that he would buy more bricks to build the wall a meter higher when he was free.

The wall would be two and a half meters tall then. Lu Xingzhi felt that Ye Jianguo would never be able to climb over that wall.

Chen Xuyao was not an obedient person. After entering the house, he put the things in his hands down and went to talk to Jiang Yao.

“Jiang Yao, let me ask you something. Did Ruoran tell you that she was pregnant? Did she say she’d buy us drinks when the child is a month old?”

### **Chapter 1804 Didn’t Mention It**

Chen Xuyao brought that topic up so suddenly. Jiang Yao shook her head. “She didn’t mention it.”

In any case, the child’s birth date would have been tampered with. Why would Luo Ruoran invite her friends to a dinner party if she did not want Liang Yuezhe to know the child was related to him?

Jiang Yao believed that Luo Ruoran would not even have a dinner party. “Why does it seem like she is breaking her relationship with us after she’s gone abroad to get married? She’s been gone for so long, and she barely even calls us. She said she was getting married and never coming back. She did not even invite us to attend the wedding. We found out about the child through Gu Haoyu. Is she getting arrogant?”

Chen Xuyao grumbled unhappily. He felt as if Luo Ruoran had really left them when she went abroad.

“Maybe she doesn’t want to have another daughter for a short period, so she doesn’t dare invite us.” Jiang Yao pouted. “When she got married, Big Brother went out of his way to wish her a kid as soon as possible.”

The corner of Chen Xuyao’s mouth twitched indiscernibly before he walked away. Asking that question again would be asking for trouble. Who knew that his big brother would do such a thing?

Lu Xingzhi was the one who cooked dinner. Since there were two more people, Lu Xingzhi made two extra dishes. After dinner, he told Chen Xuyao to bring Chu Sheng to the guest house to rest. He had no intention of keeping the two of them at home for the night. He immediately chased them out.

“Actually, you and Chen Xuyao can sleep in the guest room tonight. Chu Sheng and I can sleep in the bedroom.” After sending them off, Jiang Yao sighed. However, Lu Xingzhi had no intention of saying anything to her.

As expected, Lu Xingzhi was unwilling to let them stay. After listening to Jiang Yao’s opinion, he snorted and asked, “What did I do wrong for you to let Chen Xuyao and I sleep in the guest room? That is my home, and you are my wife. Why won’t you let me sleep with you?”

“Sleep?” Finally, Jiang Yao threw the TV remote control in her hand at Lu Xingzhi.

Even if an ordinary man turned into a hooligan, she would not be able to handle it.

Jiang Yao could not think of anything further to say in response to his confident question.

Did he expect to be chased into the study room to sleep when he did something wrong?

Who gave him that idea?

Lu Xingzhi appeared very proud when he noticed Jiang Yao was so upset that she glared at him. He tossed the remote onto the sofa and dragged Jiang Yao to the bedroom in a few steps.

He was not in a hurry to put her on the bed. Instead, he hugged her in the air as if he would throw her down.

“Are you familiar with the young man next door?”

He hugged her and stood there steadily. After he asked the question, he even shook his arm as if he was ready to throw her down at any moment. Jiang Yao was shocked and subconsciously reached out to grab his arm to threaten him. “Lu Xingzhi, I’m warning you. If you dare to throw me on the bed, I’ll cry! The bed is hard. I’d be crippled.”

“So be it. Even if you are paralyzed, I will be there for you.” Lu Xingzhi gave an uninterested smile. However, knowing how terrified Jiang Yao was, he gently laid her on the bed. However, his massive body crashed down on her in the next split second.

### **Chapter 1805 He’s Younger Than Me**

He asked again, “When did you become so familiar with the young man?”

“Young man?” Jiang Yao exclaimed. It took her a few moments to figure out who Lu Xingzhi was talking about.

He inquired of the young man next door. He would even get rid of the young man next door.

The term young man appeared to compliment the young man’s parents, but it was actually the opposite.

Jiang Yao and Ye Jianguo had only met a couple of times. Jiang Yao did not think she was close to Ye Jianguo.

Why would Lu Xingzhi suddenly ask that?

Who told him?

It was probably that traitor again.

“Why are you jealous? You might grow old and become a jealous old guy.” She raised her hand slightly to brush against the tip of Lu Xingzhi’s nose. Then, she pinched his nose and said, “He is from a university. He only said a few sentences to me. I found out he’s Colonel Ye’s son.”

Lu Xingzhi thought that if his wife was still so likable when she was old, he might be a jealous old man then.

“He’s younger than me.”

Lu Xingzhi noticed Ye Jianguo’s concern about Jiang Yao and was concerned that they were very close. They were university students of the same age. He was frightened that Jiang Yao would tell him that she

and Ye Jianguo got along very well. He knew that he was the opposite of Ye Jianguo. He did not find any of the young man's traits in him.

Similarly, Ye Jianguo had none of his characteristics.

If Jiang Yao got along well and was happy with someone like Ye Jianguo, she might be bored when she was with him.

He often talked about her. She was the one who spoke when the two of them were together. So, he paid close attention.

"He's not as handsome as you."

Jiang Yao kissed Lu Xingzhi's side profile. "I like someone like you. More is unnecessary, and less is too little."

Undoubtedly, that answer made Lu Xingzhi feel happy.

It made no difference whether it was more or less. Lu Xingzhi was the one for her. He appealed to her the most because of who he was. He did not have to change his personality merely to please her.

That night, Lu Xingzhi did not torture Jiang Yao excessively. Perhaps it was because he was preoccupied with too many things or concerned about Jiang Yao's body. She had just recovered from her injuries. He hugged and kissed her before he covered her with the blanket.

Lu Xingzhi abruptly said as he gazed at the woman who was drowsy from his kiss, "I will submit my leave application as soon as possible so that I can take you on a trip as soon as possible."

"Have you planned where we're going?" Jiang Yao asked vaguely as she rubbed her eyes.

"I'll take you to see the desert and the lake. We can also go to the prairie to ride horses." That thought came to Lu Xingzhi out of nowhere. He had been to all of those places. Nonetheless, they had left an unforgettable mark on him even after so many years. The scenery was simply too breathtaking. He wanted to take her to his favorite location.

"The desert, the lake, and sunsets. I like that arrangement!" Jiang Yao's interest was immediately piqued. "When we get there, we can rent a car or drive from the city. We can take turns driving. That way, we won't be tired and can still see all the scenery along the way."

### **Chapter 1806: Who Is That Woman?**

Lu Xingzhi closely examined Jiang Yao's expression. He felt considerably more at ease when he saw how thrilled and excited she was about his arrangement.

Previously, when he approached Chen Xuyao about his arrangement, he had mocked Lu Xingzhi for a long time. Chen Xuyao thought that a woman would travel to cities with huge department stores. They preferred shopping.

As a result, Lu Xingzhi was concerned that Jiang Yao feigned to be delighted to accommodate him. However, his concerns were unfounded.

That night, the two of them fell asleep while discussing the trip's possibilities. Jiang Yao had no idea when she fell asleep after that. When she opened her eyes again, it was already morning. It was clear that she had gotten a lot of rest.

It was seven a.m. when she woke up. Lu Xingzhi was dressed casually and preparing breakfast in the kitchen. He appeared to have gone out for exercise in the morning and returned to the kitchen to prepare something to eat. His hair was drenched.

"After breakfast, I will go to the city's police station. You stay at home and avoid conversing with people who climb walls. Don't go out to flaunt yourself, and don't eat popsicles!" Every time Lu Xingzhi left the house, he would nag her.

Jiang Yao shook her head. Some might think she was frustrated.

'When Lu Xingzhi got older, he would become a jealous man.

He had so much to say every day. Why did he not go and speak to his soldiers?

On the other hand, Lu Xingzhi had urgent matters to attend to. After dinner, he changed into regular clothes and left with Chen Xuyao and Chu Sheng in an army car. Jiang Yao had planned to fold the paper cranes that Lu Xingzhi had asked her to fold back as she had nothing to do that day. However, someone knocked on their door not long after Lu Xingzhi left.

They were her neighbors. They were there to see Jiang Yao after learning that she had been kidnapped. Even though they did not bring any gifts, Jiang Yao did not prevent them from entering her home. That was the military base, after all. It was not a private residence, so it was not unusual for them to visit her. They were all neighbors, after all. They would remain friends even if someone in their family were hospitalized or became ill.

"Mrs. Lu, they wanted to visit you, so I followed them here." Ye Jianguo stood out among the aunties for his abrupt demeanor.

Of course, a girl in the back of the crowd in a bright red dress stood out even more than Ye Jianguo. People were generally dressed in plain colors. Thus, her presence was obvious. She did look very smart, indeed.

"Who is that behind there?" Jiang Yao turned around and asked one of the women. "I'm new here, so please, don't mind me. I don't even recognize some of you."

"It is fine. We've been new once, and we had the same problem then." A woman waved her hand at Jiang Yao. "Who did you mean?"

"The woman in a red dress at the back," Jiang Yao said.

"A red dress? Oh, her father is Colonel Ye, your next-door neighbor. Oh, you and Colonel Lu are a match made in heaven. That person is an outsider. Do not even consider inviting her in.."

## **Chapter 1807: Break Their Bones**

“That is correct. She had broken off her previous engagement. Who would want to marry her? I am afraid none of Colonel Ye’s subordinates are willing to do that, anyway.”

Jiang Yao grinned but said nothing. Who would have guessed the woman would say such a thing?

“Mrs. Lu, that is my elder sister. She has a pretty stubborn personality. I’m used to it. Don’t bother with her.” No matter how awful she was, she was still Ye Jianguo’s elder sister. He had to interrupt the person gossiping about her.

After the group of people entered her home, they walked around Jiang Yao’s house. Everyone heard that Colonel Lu had tidied the small courtyard particularly romantically. Furthermore, he had bought the best furniture for his house. Therefore, they were very curious about the Lu family’s home.

“Oh, yes! What happened to the kidnapping case? Are you all right?”

“It was merely a false alarm. Everything is fine.” Jiang Yao waved her hand, unconcerned. She walked into the kitchen and got drinks for her guests.

“According to what I have heard, some kidnappers can be quite despicable and bully other ladies. That is simply terrifying, We had seen something similar. They ruined a poor girl, and she died because of that.”

Jiang Yao was horrified. “Is it true that such a heinous crime occurred? Oh, it is unfathomable. I must be very lucky. I just met a thief who demanded money.”

Jiang Yao pretended to be terrified. She feigned to be unaware of such a thing. She sneered in her heart as she noticed that woman glancing at her.

She wondered if that person had a terrible attitude.

After leaving the army, Lu Xingzhi did not go straight to the police station. Instead, he went to the hotel to see Liang Yueze, who had returned to Luo City in the middle of the night.

Liang Yueze’s phone call sounded urgent, so Lu Xingzhi went there first.

“Our men took Zhu Shiyi and used specific tactics to force him to confess.” They received the report just after midnight. They learned that the Zhu family was involved, and the Qian family had been pulling the strings. The Zhu and Qian families were implicated in Chen Xuyao’s kidnapping—they were

accomplices. Chen Xuyao’s second uncle was the actual mastermind. The kidnapping attempt back then had ultimately failed. Chen Xuyao’s life was saved, although there was a time when he wished he had died.

During the inquiry, Liang Yueze asked what happened to Chen Xuyao after he was taken. It was very shocking.

Case files from that year were reopened. Even though the criminal from that year had already been sentenced to death, the kidnapping case would need a new trial.

“The Zhu family is struggling right now. You have to return for closed-door training, so leave the rest to me. I will provide you with a satisfactory outcome.”

Malevolent air surrounded Liang Yueze followed his remarks. One would say he was in an awful mood. The Zhu and Qian families would most likely become his target for venting his rage.

As for the Chen family, they could only worry about Chen Xuyao and his parents.

Chu Sheng and some other children were taken for various reasons, including vengeance. Finally, the younger generation must assume responsibility for the elders' affairs. Liang Yueze, Lu Xingzhi, and the others hated villains who struck children.

"Leave the Chen family's affairs to Chen Xuyao. I will make arrangements for the Zhu and Qian families in the next two days. I shall break the bones of those who hurt my woman!" Lu Xingzhi said coldly.

### **Chapter 1808: Spend More Time With Her**

"You" Liang Yueze wanted to ask him what he was going to do, but he decided against it after some deliberation. He knew precisely what Lu Xingzhi would do.

Lu Xingzhi was not the only one who was upset over the kidnapping, Even his brothers were furious. Chen Xuyao took Chu Sheng more seriously than anyone could have predicted.

'When Chu Sheng vanished, Chen Xuyao appeared to have gone insane. He arrived at his residence late at night, weary. He used the tone that Liang Yueze had only ever heard once in his life, and he sounded so concerned when he asked, "Big Brother, what should I do? Chu Sheng had vanished yet again.

What am I supposed to do? I can't seem to find her."

Zhou Weigi had a cold and unpredictable nature. On the surface, Chen Xuyao resembled Zhou Weigi, yet Chen Xuyao had more secrets hidden in his heart than Zhou Weiqi.

Chen Xuyao had a more stubborn personality than Zhou Weigi. He would not easily concede defeat and would not bow his head. Chu Sheng's unexpected absence had swallowed all of Chen Xuyao's tranquility.

Lu Xingzhi was aware of Liang Yueze's thoughts. He chuckled and shook his head. "I have been keeping an eye on the Zhu family for quite some time. I know what I am going to do. The Zhu family has spent much too much time in Ping City. Someone else should take over now."

"But the Qian family is a different matter," Lu Xingzhi said after Liang Yueze nodded. "The Qian family's status in Jindo City differs significantly from the Zhu family's position in Ping City. So, I might need your help with them."

Lu Xingzhi requested Liang Yueze's assistance, like how he would speak to his family members. His tone was devoid of pretense. He would ask them personally, just as the Liang family and other brothers could ask him directly.

"All right, leave the Qian family to me," Liang Yueze said. "Make the most of the time you have left to accompany your wife. My family and I will keep a close eye on Chen Xuyao's situation."

“You are a soldier,” Liang Yueze said after a little pause. “Your job is not like ours in many ways. You work harder than we do and have less time to spend with her. Spend more time with her now that you have the time.”

Lu Xingzhi was taken aback when he heard that. He was certain his other brothers would say the same thing. However, Liang Yueze would not utter such things.

“Have you heard about Ruoran?”

Lu Xingzhi could only speculate on the explanation.

“How long do you think you will be able to keep it from me? The Luo family is aware of her pregnancy, as is practically everyone else. Only a deaf person would be unable to hear such news.” Liang Yueze was alluding to the people at home. He had a wide range of information sources, so even if everyone

purposefully kept the news of Luo Ruoran’s pregnancy from him, they could not keep it hidden for long.

It could not be kept a secret for long, just like the news of Luo Ruoran’s marriage.

“She had remarried and is now pregnant. It is time for you to let her go.”

Before bidding Liang Yueze farewell, Lu Xingzhi touched his shoulder and looked down at his wristwatch.

Chu Sheng and Chen Xuyao remained at the police station and did not accompany Lu Xingzhi. He drove to where Jiang Yao purchased the car and personally observed the car’s repair. Then, he went to buy some fruits that Jiang Yao enjoyed before returning to the army base.

They had headed out first thing in the morning. When he returned, it was already time for dinner. When Lu Xingzhi opened the door, he saw Jiang Yao hugging Moe and doing something in front of the TV. Jiang Yao’s hand was resting on a platter of fruits..

## **Chapter 1809: Don’t Take It**

“You’re back?” Jiang Yao raised her head and looked at Lu Xingzhi when she heard the door open. Her smile was especially gentle when she saw him.

“What are you looking at?”

Lu Xingzhi knew that Jiang Yao and Moe were not watching TV from their posture. A cat and a woman crouched in front of the TV and looked at something on the ground. Lu Xingzhi walked in and realized that they were newspapers.

“Did you go out this morning?” Lu Xingzhi asked.

“Went out not long after you did. I went to the library and borrowed some books and newspapers. Didn’t you say that you would take me to see the desert? I wanted to look at some materials in advance, so I went out to look for them.” Jiang Yao pointed at the newspapers and books she had spread on the ground.

She and Moe had been sitting on the sofa in the same position, but later, they could not stand the heat anymore, so they moved to sit on the floor. Lu Xingzhi saw her and Moe like that when he came into the room.

Lu Xingzhi's eyes had a hint of a smile, but her reaction made him very happy. She was so curious about the place that he would take her to, which showed that she was also looking forward to their trip.

"Look, if you see anything you don't understand, or if you really want to go, tell me. I'm going to wash my hands and cook." Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and took two apple slices from the plate beside Jiang Yao and put them into his mouth. Jiang Yao must have taken the apples from the refrigerator not

long ago, so they were still cold. Lu Xingzhi glanced at Jiang Yao, sitting on the ground barefoot, and then took the whole plate into the kitchen. He did not say a word.

Moe reached out with his soft claws to pat the back of Jiang Yao's hand until Lu Xingzhi's figure disappeared into the kitchen. He said, "Your man took your fruits away."

"I'm not blind. I saw it. You don't need to remind me. And I'm not surprised at all. If I had known that he would come back so early, I wouldn't have bothered to do it." Jiang Yao snorted, knowing that Lu Xingzhi would definitely keep an eye on her for the next few days.

"You did it?" Moe spat. "You only peeled it. I had to use my claws to slice them. But I only ate two slices."

'Moe was angry that Jiang Yao used its claws as a fruit knife again. She was already so lazy that she did not even want to use a fruit knife.

"Go and complain to him. If you want to eat, go to the kitchen and take it out again." Jiang Yao put the book on the ground and poked Moe's head. "A traitor like you has no right to shout at me."

"If it weren't for the fact that you protected me with no regard for your own safety, I would have scratched you to death." Moe slapped the newspaper with his claws. "I want to read it too. Don't take it!"

Jiang Yao nodded and stood up. She said, "Then you must remember it for the rest of your life. Otherwise, you might often want to scratch me to death."

Then, Jiang Yao picked up the newspaper and covered Moe's body with it. When Moe's hand struggled with it, she felt amused and went to the kitchen.

Lu Xingzhi did everything orderly, even when he was cooking.

'When Jiang Yao went in, he had already washed the ingredients for lunch and was ready to put them into the pot.

Jiang Yao said, "After you went out, some women came over to our house. They wanted to console me after they learned that I was kidnapped. Colonel Ye's daughter was also here, but she did not come in. It seemed that she just took one look at me and left.. Is she the same girl who talked to you when I

called you last time?"

## Chapter 1810: When Was That?

“When was that?” Lu Xingzhi had no impression at all.

Jiang Yao noticed that Lu Xingzhi did not remember, so she did not want to continue asking him. If he did not remember anything, it meant that he did not care about Ye Xueli at all.

However, as a woman, Jiang Yao’s intuition was very accurate. Ye Xueli was not friendly with her. Otherwise, she would not have stood at the door, glanced at her, and then left.

Jiang Yao thought that Lu Xingzhi would have more free time before he returned to the closed-door training and had enough time to accompany her, but in reality, it was not the case.

Lu Xingzhi was not in training, but he would leave the army base too.

Sometimes, he would leave for the entire day, but he would cook breakfast and eat with Jiang Yao before leaving. He would get someone to get a meal for Jiang Yao from the canteen at noon. Regardless of whether he would return home at noon, he would rush back to make dinner for Jiang Yao every day.

Even though Jiang Yao’s news was limited while in the army base, she had a cell phone. Wang Meiyu would call her sometimes, and of course, the most common source of information for Jiang Yao was still Ouyang Chenrui.

Ouyang Chenrui had relocated his company to the city.

Although he had not seen Jiang Yao for a long time, he still sent text messages to Jiang Yao from time to time.

The text messages he sent to Jiang Yao were mostly like that.

[Something happened to the Zhu family in Ping City today. Zhu Shiyi was found to have condoned others taking drugs and bought a villa in Ping City. He used that villa to entertain his friends. He was caught on the spot by the police, who raided the house. He took drugs, and he also broke a lot of laws.

Zhu Shiyi was arrested.

[The news of Master Zhu’s involvement in the kidnapping case has spread in Ping City. All the companies that cooperated with the Zhu family had left them in the dust. Some people even offered huge amounts of compensation to the Zhu family.]

[Zhu Shiyi announced that he had broken off relations with the Zhu family and did not have any dealings with them. He had his own company, which was separate from the Zhu family. However, it was not long before his company was found to have evaded taxes.]

Jiang Yao collected information like that for many days in a row. She also understood what Lu Xingzhi had been busy with those few days.

Later, Ouyang Chenrui gave her less information, but Lu Xingzhi became busier. After Chen Xuyao, Chu Sheng, and the others returned to Jindo City, Lu Xingzhi went to Ping City. The next day, he rushed back to the army base after a night’s travel.

After about a week, he truly had some free time.

Lu Xingzhi did not say anything, so Jiang Yao did not ask him what he had been doing for the past few days. In short, she only needed to know that he was angry because she was threatened.

It was enough as long as she knew he did that for her.

That was also why Lu Xingzhi finally had some free time. However, the next day, he received a notice and returned to the training ground.

“After the closed-door training is over, I’ll bring you somewhere nice.”

Lu Xingzhi left with a small bag. When Jiang Yao sent him off, the two of them held hands the whole time.

“Then be careful in your training.” Jiang Yao tip-toed and kissed the corner of Lu Xingzhi’s lips. “Sister asked me to visit Nanjiang City in the next few days, so I’ll go there tomorrow. I’ll come back when school starts.”

Jiang Yao was not familiar with the people in that army base. She might not get along with most of them anyway, so she decided to return to Nanjiang City for the time being...