

Chapter 1997: The Rain Had Stopped

“No, I’ll wait for you.” Jiang Yao shook her head and sat beside Lu Xingzhi. Then, she reached out to touch Lu Xingzhi’s forehead. As expected, he was feverish again. She sighed. “Forget it. Let’s get some medicine for your cold. You can take it after dinner.”

Lu Xingzhi had been tired for the whole night. He did not know why he felt so uncomfortable. He finally understood why after he heard Jiang Yao’s words. His fever had returned after they had kept it down.

“Leave the medicine here. Sit further away from me. I’ll sleep in the study tonight. Go back to your room and rest. Don’t wait for me!”

When he knew that his fever had returned, Lu Xingzhi’s first thought was to stay away from Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao knew that Lu Xingzhi would take the drugs if she were there, so she agreed to his request. After leaving the medicine and telling him to eat it, she returned to her bedroom to rest.

Jiang Yao was not religious, but at that moment, she prayed as she lay on the bed.

She prayed that the world would always be peaceful and free from natural and man-made disasters. She also prayed that the weather would always be good.

She did it for the man who was afraid of disturbing her.

She did it so that he would not need to work so hard.

He had worked so hard that it made her heart ache.

There had been moments when Jiang Yao almost told Lu Xingzhi that he should leave the army.

They were not short of money; they did not need him to work so hard.

Her heart ached for him as he worked in the rain.

However, she managed to hold it in when she snapped back to her senses.

Lu Xingzhi ate his meal with great care and did not make any noise to avoid disturbing Jiang Yao, who had gone back to her room to rest. Jiang Yao, who was lying in the bedroom, pricked her ears to listen to any small movements in the living room.

It was not until Lu Xingzhi ate his medicine, cleaned the dishes, and returned to the study that Jiang Yao removed her attention from Lu Xingzhi. She sighed when she looked at the empty space beside her.

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She hoped that he would never get sick again. She was not used to not having him sleeping with her in his arms or touching her stomach.

Lu Xingzhi was exhausted. He fell asleep quickly on the bed. When he woke up, it was already past eight o’clock the next day.

He had taken medicine for his fever before going to bed the previous night. In addition, his physical condition was good, so his fever subsided after he woke up.

Lu Xingzhi finally understood what it meant to be lethargic and without any strength. Lying on the bed, he was so weak that he did not even bother to open his eyes.

At that time, Jiang Yao had already returned from outside. She held the breakfast that she had ordered from the canteen with a rare relaxed smile on her face.

The rain had stopped when she woke up that morning.

There was a piece of news that made everyone in the army excited.

So far, they had yet to receive news of another major flood, so that year's rainy season was finally over.

"You went out?"

Lu Xingzhi frowned when he saw Jiang Yao in her coat when she entered the door.

"I went out when I saw the rain had stopped."

Jiang Yao nodded with a smile and said, "I gave the medicine to Zhou Junmin and asked him to give it to his comrades."

"I even went to the canteen to get breakfast. There was a big pot of porridge and tea in the canteen. The soldiers were forced to drink a big bowl of either one before they could leave."

Lu Xingzhi's expression relaxed slightly. There was a faint, almost imperceptible smile on his face.

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Jiang Yao did not expose Lu Xingzhi and pretended not to see his expression.

"Even though the rain has stopped, the road is slippery. Don't go out if you don't need to." Lu Xingzhi rubbed his head; he was dizzy. "Do you have any more medicine for me? I'll eat it and sleep. If it doesn't rain in the afternoon, we'll go to the city for a walk."

"Do you think medicine is like candy?" Jiang Yao glared at Lu Xingzhi in amusement. "Since the fever has subsided, you don't need to take any more medicine. Drink more water and eat more fruits to supplement your vitamins. Then, rest well. Don't think about going out in the afternoon."

Lu Xingzhi snorted and sat up in bed. After a few minutes, he went to the bathroom to wash up; his head was no longer dizzy. Then, he reluctantly ate half of the breakfast that Jiang Yao had brought for him.

Jiang Yao did not need anyone to accompany her 24 hours a day, so Lu Xingzhi went back to the study room to sleep after eating. He was relieved.

Anyway, he wanted to bring Jiang Yao out if it did not rain in the afternoon. So, he continued to sleep. He wanted to have the strength to drive when he woke up.

Jiang Yao did not know what Lu Xingzhi was thinking. After he went back to sleep, she went to the living room with a book. Occasionally, she would be distracted enough to go to the study room to see if Lu Xingzhi still had a fever or if he wanted to have a drink of water in case he were awake.

Lu Xingzhi woke up when Zhou Junmin arrived with lunch. When he woke up, the first thing he did was to open his eyes and look out the window. After confirming that it was not raining, he raised his hand and punched the air twice. He was in good spirits; he got off the bed in satisfaction and called out to Jiang Yao, who was talking to Zhou Junmin in the living room.

“Yaoyao, I’ll take you to the city after dinner.”

When Jiang Yao heard that, she immediately shrugged at Zhou Junmin. “Do you think your colonel is still ill? Don’t worry, his fever has subsided, and he remembered that he wanted to bring me to the city. I reckon that he has recovered quite a bit. As for your comrades, are they still sick?”

“A few of them are sick, and they’re in the infirmary now.”

Zhou Junmin had also caught a cold. His nose was congested, and his voice had also changed.

“Wait a moment. I’ll get you some cold medicine. Prevention and treatment need different medicines.” Jiang Yao told Zhou Junmin as she moved to the bedroom. When she came out, she had a medicine bag in her hand. “I’ve written the dosage here—three times a day for five days. The effect will be better than the one prescribed by the military doctor. Don’t worry. There won’t be any side effects.”

“Of course. I know you won’t harm me.” Zhou Junmin was relieved to see Jiang Yao. He took the medicine and left after saying goodbye to Lu Xingzhi.

Lu Xingzhi’s character was as good as his word.

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He said that he would take Jiang Yao out. So, after they ate, he drove Jiang Yao to the city.

After driving for an hour, he took Jiang Yao to the largest department store in the city.

The rain did not affect the city much. There was a crowd in the department store that afternoon. Perhaps they were there because they had been confined to the house for a few days due to the rain. The business there was booming.

As soon as Jiang Yao entered the department store, she saw Li Hong and Jing Mengjie. Liu Chao and a few other boys were also there. Only Wang Meiyu was not with them.

“Miss Jiang, you are here to shop? Did you have to stay at home due to the rain too, just like us?” As soon as Liu Chao saw Jiang Yao, he greeted her with a cheeky smile. Then, he looked at Lu Xingzhi and greeted him..