

Chapter 2001: Keep Them For Now

Jiang Yao glanced at Lu Xingzhi, who looked like he harbored ill intentions. She turned around and pretended that she did not see him. She took a few pieces of lingerie for pregnant women that she would need and pushed Lu Xingzhi away.

Lu Xingzhi was a little disappointed when he heard Jiang Yao say that she wanted to go home after that. “Going home already? Do you need anything else? Shoes? Socks? Pants? Do you have everything?”

“Yes, I have everything I need.” Jiang Yao nodded. If she said that she lacked something, Lu Xingzhi would buy the entire store for her.

He was not a thrifty man.

Lu Xingzhi was not a romantic person, but he was on a mission. They did not go home immediately after they were done with their shopping. Instead, he brought Jiang Yao to a very stylish restaurant in Luo City.

Jiang Yao looked around the restaurant. The decor was quite retro, and the place looked elegant. There was a small stage in the middle of the restaurant. Two girls in white dresses were playing the violin on the stage.

The two girls closed their eyes as though they were having fun, no matter how many people were listening.

“What makes you want to dine in a restaurant like this?”

Jiang Yao thought it was unusual. Lu Xingzhi was not known for his classy taste.

She and Lu Xingzhi only ate outside if they were not at home. Lu Xingzhi rarely took her to a restaurant.

Lu Xingzhi preferred to cook for her, especially when she was working with the army.

“Zhou Junmin suggested that these romantic and trendy eateries should appeal to women.”

Lu Xingzhi raised his eyebrows. He knew that Jiang Yao would like the restaurant. However, he rarely had the time to bring her to enjoy that.

“Take it as my compensation for not spending the past few days with you,” Lu Xingzhi said.

He had specifically asked Zhou Junmin for advice before deciding what to do.

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Jiang Yao must have been worried and afraid when she could not get to him for the past few days. It had rained so heavily, and she had rushed back to the army base. When she got there, she found him with a fever, and she had to care for him the entire night.

“Compensation?”

Jiang Yao could not keep up with Lu Xingzhi’s train of thought.

Was he afraid that she was angry with him?

“You said you would agree to one of my requests each time we are separated. Since I didn’t get to spend much time with you, I’ll just have to make it up to you. Lu Xingzhi began to count with his fingers. “The last time you went to Nanjiang City, I was very reluctant to part with you. The last time you went abroad, I was also very reluctant about that. How many requests do you think you have to agree to before you can pay off your debt?” So, that was the catch!

How did that man remember something from so long ago?

“Do you have any new requests?”

Jiang Yao touched the tip of her nose.

“Not yet. I’ll keep them for now. We’ll talk about it after you give birth.” Lu Xingzhi chuckled and picked up some food for Jiang Yao. “Eat more. Think about what you want for supper.”

Jiang Yao did not believe that Lu Xingzhi did not have any request for her.

After all the trouble he had gone through, he must have had a reason or request for that. Perhaps he did not want to tell her then and preferred to save it for later.

How could she not know her husband?

Xiao Ding’s family arrived in Luo City on the third day after the rain stopped. Lu Xingzhi was not free to deal with that. So, Jiang Yao went to pick up Ding Xiaomei and her family, along with Big Ke and Ah Lu..

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Xiao Ding was not exaggerating when he said his entire family would be there. They had arrived in spectacular and impressive style. They even brought the babies.

“Doctor Jiang.”

With a glimpse, Ding Xiaomei recognized Jiang Yao at the exit. She greeted Jiang Yao as soon as she stepped out, then nervously stroked her palm. “Are we going to see Xiao Ding now? By the way, how tall is Xiao Ding now?”

“We are leaving right now. Xiao Ding is with the welfare institute.” Jiang Yao could tell Ding Xiaomei’s family was worried about something, so she reassured them with a soothing voice. “Seeing you all here will make Xiao Ding extremely pleased. Let’s go,” Jiang Yao said.

Jiang Yao rented a bus ahead of time since she knew Xiao Ding’s family had many people. They rode the bus to the welfare institute after that.

Xiao Ding and his friends waited with the director at the welfare institute’s entrance, looking forward to meeting his family. Xiao Ding did not even blink when the bus came to a halt at the school gate.

Xiao Ding only remembered Ding Xiaomei. They were siblings. As soon as Ding Xiaomei came down the bus, Xiao Ding immediately recognized her.

Xiao Ding was generally a calm boy, but when he saw his family and sister, whom he had been waiting for for a long time, he could not help but pounce on them.

Xiao Ding's stifled cries eventually reawakened everyone's emotions. Even Jiang Yao's eyes reddened when she saw the family hugging one other sorrowfully.

"Xiao Ding is a blessed child."

The director felt relieved when he saw the attitude of Xiao Ding's family toward Xiao Ding.

It was not as if the director had not encountered a reunion between a missing child and their family. However, it was the first time he had met a family that came to pick up a child.

The director could see that those people were not rich. However, they were willing to pay the ticket and expenditures to pick up Xiao Ding to bring him home.

It took a long time for the situation to calm down. Ding Xiaomei held her son in one hand and Xiao Ding in the other. The three of them walked toward Jiang Yao and the director. They were caught off guard when the three family members knelt toward them.

"Doctor Jiang, I don't know how else to express my gratitude, so don't refuse this gesture! You are our family's benefactor. You saved my son and me and even helped me find my younger brother. Doctor Jiang, you know how important Xiao Ding is to me. I couldn't forgive myself until I found him again. Doctor Jiang, I will remember your kindness for the rest of my life!"

Ding Xiaomei cried as she gently kowtowed toward Jiang Yao before turning to the director and saying, "Director, thank you for caring for Xiao Ding. He had suffered a lot before he met you and Doctor Jiang. People like us don't trust others easily. Xiao Ding told me that you took care of him and protected him. You even taught him to read and write. Xiao Ding respects you. Our family is very grateful to you for taking care of Xiao Ding."

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It was critical for a child to have someone to guide them as they grow up. A guide was like a light source. They would have the power to either point an innocent child to a world of grand ambitions or suppress the youngster's progression.

Xiao Ding had been very unlucky in the past, and then he was fortunate. He had Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao to guide him, and then he had the director's guidance..