

Chapter 2136: How Can There Be Any Forgiveness?

“Miss Jiang, it’s me. I’m Li Hong. I’m sorry. I know I was wrong. I shouldn’t have touched your things. I shouldn’t have sold your things for money.” Li Hong cried as she confessed. “When I saw your letter that day, I really wanted to help you pick it up and give it to you when the time came. I noticed that it was by the Changkang Group. Even though I was curious, I did not have any ill intentions. It was also a coincidence that I met a college classmate after I picked up the letter. He went to university to do some business. He asked me to have dinner with her. I took your letter with me. On the way, I was accidentally bumped by a passer-by. Your letter was thrown out of my bag. When my classmate picked it up, he saw the Changkang Group’s envelope. He was very curious and said to open it to take a look. I didn’t know what I was thinking at that time, but I didn’t reject it.” Please support our FreeWebNovel.com

Her cries became increasingly louder. It was clear that she regretted her decision.

“After he opened it, he was very excited. He said that I had found a treasure. A pie had fallen from the sky for me. He said he would give me money for your letter. He also said that no one saw me taking your letter. When the time comes, I shouldn’t admit it. I agreed to it in a moment of foolishness.” Li Hong cried and pleaded with her. “Miss Jiang, I’ve given the police my classmate’s contact information and the research institute where he works. I’ll give you all the money he gave me. Please forgive me, okay? If I’m prosecuted, my life will be ruined. I’ll be expelled from the university, and I’ll go to jail. Miss Jiang, I know that I did something wrong. I do know that. I beg you to let me off this time, okay?”

“What if I don’t?” Jiang Yao’s voice carried a hint of impatience. “Li Hong, do you think you’ll be fine if you confess? Do you believe you’ll be fine if you give me the money you received? You sold the documents to someone else and leaked them. Don’t you understand what that means?”

Even if most of the essential data in the careless intern’s documents were wrong, the leak would still significantly impact the team.

As long as the contents were related to the research, it would not matter if the data was wrong. The person who took the files would recheck and test the results. It was just a matter of time.

Jiang Yao had not seen the files yet, so she was unsure how important information was in them.

Forgiveness? How could there be forgiveness?

If she forgave Li Hong, then who would give an explanation to the people working under her? Who would explain that to them?

“Miss Jiang, I’m begging you, please don’t destroy my future. In just a few short days, as long as the police recover the document, it won’t impact you much. Furthermore, it’s Changkang Group’s things, not yours. The group is a big company. It doesn’t matter if they lose something so small. You’re also Professor Ouyang’s right-hand man. The company won’t make things difficult for you because of Professor Ouyang.” Li Hong cried until her voice was hoarse.

“In just a few days? If I were your classmate, I would have copied the documents to distribute and resell them! Li Hong, I didn’t ruin you. You did that.” Jiang Yao wanted to laugh..

Chapter 2137: Don’t Contact Me

“The Changkang Group is a large corporation. Why should they, no matter how wealthy they are, pay for other people’s crimes? Simply because I am Professor Ouyang’s assistant? I accept your apology and let Changkang Group blame me? Li Hong, why should I do that for you? Are you my mother? Do I need to sacrifice myself for you?” Please support our FreeWebNovel.com

Jiang Yao did not like other people taking responsibility for her if she were in the wrong.

Jiang Yao did not want to talk to Li Hong. She simply said, “A lawyer from Changkang Group’s legal department will be arriving tomorrow. Please do not contact me again about this matter. I am a nobody. I can’t accept responsibility for you.”

Jiang Yao immediately hung up the phone. She looked frustrated.

Jiang Yao’s mother entered the room with a glass of water and noticed her expression. She was aware that she was in a foul mood. “You just woke up. Drink a glass of warm water to moisten your throat. No matter how big the trouble is, it’s not as important as your health.”

“Thank you, Mom.” Jiang Yao looked at her mother. She did not want her mother to be concerned about her, so she smiled and said, “Some insignificant things happened. I lost my cool because I was in a bad mood. It’s fine. I just need a few minutes to relax.”

Jiang Yao could only conclude that Li Hong was a bad person with bad luck. She was in the worst mood of the year when she called her.

“It is great that you understand,” Jiang Yao’s mother said. “You have slept the entire afternoon. Go for a walk in the living room. Even though the doctor instructed you to remain in bed, he did not mean to do that 24 hours a day.”

Jiang Yao agreed after drinking the water. She took the empty cup and walked out of the room with her mother.

She paused in the living room before observing Mr. Jiang, who was weeding the lawn. Mr. Jiang and Mrs. Jiang were accustomed to living in the country. They were always busy working, so they were not used to being idle. When they had free time, they would spend it in the yard tending to the flowers, plants, and vegetables.

“You’re awake?” Mr. Jiang turned to face Jiang Yao. “One of the tomatoes in the garden is ripe.

Do you want to eat it? When you were younger, I recall you enjoying eating raw tomatoes.”

“And you always sprinkle it with sugar.” Jiang Yao protruded her tongue. “Whenever Second Brother noticed me eating that, he always wished he had one.”

Only Jiang Yao, the youngest daughter, received that pampered treatment.

“Yes, but your second brother adores you as well. No matter how greedy he was, he would not fight you for the food,” Mr. Jiang explained. “You three like little carrots. I didn’t expect you to mature so quickly. Your eldest brother is now a father, and you are on the verge of becoming a mother. So, you must exercise caution. Don’t let Xingzhi be concerned about you when he goes on missions.”

"I got it." Jiang Yao lowered her head to sniff the tomatoes Mr. Jiang had picked for her. It had a strong aroma.

Lu Xingzhi returned home early that day. Lu Xingzhi appeared at the door with a bag of oranges while Jiang Yao was still talking to Mr. Jiang and Mrs. Jiang.

He noticed Jiang Yao standing there with tomatoes in her hands as soon as he entered the door. Lu Xingzhi stopped in front of her and lifted his hand to pinch Jiang Yao's cheek. Then he handed the bag to Jiang Yao and said, "Zhou Junmin went to the city in the afternoon to do some business. When he returned, he noticed that the stalls were selling oranges. Remember how much you enjoy eating them? So he bought some for you."

At the time, the orange was still green and yellow, unlike the oranges they ate in November, which were yellow and orange. Those made people drool..

Chapter 2138: I've Changed A Long Time Ago

Jiang Yao looked at the bag and blinked. "Are all men like this when it comes to shopping?"

That bag weighed at least seven or eight cats.

"It's not extravagant; it's particular." Lu Xingzhi and Zhou Junmin had known each other for a long time, so he knew what Zhou Junmin was like when buying things and what he wanted. Zhou Junmin was impatient to pick and choose, so he always let the seller give him what he wanted. He would buy as much as he wanted. Please support our FreeWebNovel.com

Lu Xingzhi was the same before he married Jiang Yao. He was not particular about anything, but he was particular about saving time and trouble. However, after he married Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi had to choose everything he bought. He was afraid Jiang Yao would not like to eat the crooked melon and cracked dates he bought home without carefully selecting them.

Yes, that was right. Jiang Yao liked good food when she ate. She did not want to eat anything that did not look good.

"You're talking about Zhou Junmin as if you weren't like that in the past," Jiang Yao said.

"I changed a long time ago." Lu Xingzhi held an orange and led Jiang Yao into the room. "I still have to go to Lanning tomorrow morning. Can you stay at home with your parents?"

Lu Xingzhi almost slammed his hand on the chief's table in the afternoon, but he did not get the chief to relent. After all, the issue in Lanning was also urgent, and he could not afford to delay for another two days.

So, in the end, Lu Xingzhi had to compromise.

"I can still call you when I go to Lanning. I'll let you know if there's any news from Yuan City." Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao's head. "So you just miss me. I'll take care of other things for you."

A lawyer will take over after Li Hong's matter. "If there's any progress, the lawyer will call you," Lu Xingzhi said. "If there's nothing else, don't leave the army base. Right now, the safest thing is still here."

The soldiers' family members had left. The army base was quiet once again. The people they could meet were people who knew everything.

There was still no helpful information about Sergeant Hu's father. Therefore, after Lu Xingzhi accepted the mission, he handed the matter to his people. Shao Fucheng was also following up with the army to help him investigate. He had to take it slow. He could not be anxious.

"I'll listen to you." Jiang Yao was not in the mood to leave the army base, especially when she knew someone was watching her and Lu Xingzhi. Jiang Yao was even more careful then.

"You're so obedient." Lu Xingzhi praised Jiang Yao. Then, he picked a better orange from the bag. He peeled it and brought the flesh to Jiang Yao's lips. He felt relieved when he saw Jiang Yao open her mouth and eat it.

"Is it sour?" Lu Xingzhi asked.

"It's much sweeter than the wild peaches you picked for me in the mountains. Ever since she got pregnant, Jiang Yao's tolerance for sourness had significantly increased. At least Jiang Yao had never eaten that kind of green orange.

Lu Xingzhi left the army base with his luggage before Jiang Yao finished eating her durian. In the morning, Jiang Yao opened her eyes and touched the cold space beside her. Her heart felt a little empty.

The place where he lay was cold, which meant that he had been gone for a long time. It was a pity that she had slept so deeply that she did not notice it.

Fortunately, she had told him everything she needed to say to him the night before. She had given him all of the medication he required.

Her plan to have Lu Xingzhi feed her durian remained unfulfilled.

She had no idea if his mission would be difficult.

Lin Qiaoyu, Li Yi, and the others in Nanjiang City only received the news a few days after the incident. They called Jiang Yao to ask about the matter. The young ladies were crying so badly that their voices were almost hoarse.

Chapter 2139: Still Under Investigation

Jiang Yao comforted her in a low voice over the phone, but she could not control the girls' cries on the other end.

"Yaoyao, who on Earth has such a deep hatred for Zhou Xiaoxia and her family? Why must they be so cruel? I just received a letter from Zhou Xiaoxia the day before yesterday. She said that she worked part-time to save some money. When she has enough money, she will come to Nanjiang City to visit us on Labor Day next year." Li Yi was crying so hard that she could not even speak clearly. "It was as if we were still together two days ago. How did she suddenly die?" Please support our FreeWebNovel.com

The family's murder in Nanjiang City had aroused the attention of half of the cities in the country. Even newspaper agencies in larger and more developed cities like Nanjiang City sent reporters to Jindo City. The incident was also reported in the local newspaper in Nanjiang city.

The information in the newspaper that Li Yi and the others saw was more detailed than what Jiang Yao knew. It was so detailed that they could see Zhou Xiaoxia's family's death from the newspaper.

Many days had passed since the incident. Lu Xingzhi had also been in Lanning for many days. On the second day after he arrived, Lu Xingzhi talked to Jiang Yao about the Zhou family in Yuan City.

There was no progress in the case's investigation. No one in Zhou Xiaoxia's and Zhou Xiaoguang's universities knew when they left the university. No one in the Zhou family's neighbors had seen any suspicious strangers, and no one had heard any noises on the night of the incident.

However, the autopsy report was released, and the detailed examination results confirmed all of the initial speculations. The Zhou family members were first drugged with sleeping pill-laced water, and then their throats were slit.

There were signs of external wounds on the victims, and there was also contaminated water in their nasal cavities. Therefore, they must have been forced to drink the water. That was the most painful torture the four had suffered before they died.

Therefore, Lu Xingzhi was correct when he said that the Zhou family's death was not painful. "According to the newspaper, Xiaoxia's family was murdered for revenge. Who could they have offended to have their lives taken so ruthlessly?" Lin Qiaoyu was also sobbing uncontrollably.

"The police are still investigating the Zhou family's interpersonal relationships." Jiang Yao sighed.

"However, the investigations so far have been useless because they were simple people."

The entire city should be able to think of one person when discussing the Zhou family's enemies —the Chai family.

However, the two Chai family members were already dead. Chief Chai died in prison, and Chai Xianglong died in the hospital.

Even if the Qian family was involved, their only family members were Old Master Qian and an illegitimate child who had been sent abroad by Qian Zhibin a long time ago and had yet to reach adulthood.

Even if one wanted to implicate the Qian family behind the scenes of the Chai family, the only members of the Qian family were old master Qian and an illegitimate child who had been sent abroad by Qian Zhibin a long time ago and had yet to reach adulthood.

The Qian family was a mess. Furthermore, Old Master Qian had been hospitalized after Qian Zhibin's death. Master Qian was in poor health. Every day, he had to rely on the doctors and medicine in the hospital to stay alive. Others had long nibbled away at the power he held. He lay in bed unconscious for longer than he was awake every day. How could he possibly have access to the Zhou family?

Lu Xingzhi also said that even if Old Master Qian desired vengeance, he would not seek out Zhou Xiaoxia's family. That was because Zhou Xiaoxia's family had no animosity toward the Qian family. Compared to the old and new enemies, they should look at their own family members..

Chapter 2140: Any New Development?

To put it bluntly, Old Master Qian had no motive to attack Zhou Xiaoxia's family.

Furthermore, there should not be anyone around Old Master Qian who could make a move.

Furthermore, Old Master Liang had stated that Old Master Qian would never do such a thing. When they were younger, the two men had a good relationship. If Qian Zhibin had not done so many bad things, the Liang and Qian families would still be in touch.

However, Jiang Yao would not tell Li Yi and the others about those things because it would only increase their worries. After all, they did not know much about the affairs of the circle in Jindo City. Please support our FreeWebNovel.com

Jiang Yao comforted the girls on the phone for a long time. After she hung up, she looked at the time. Mrs. Jiang summoned her to the living room to eat. She entered the living room, calling Lu Xingzhi.

Lu Xingzhi picked up the phone quickly. When she picked up the phone, Jiang Yao could still hear someone talking on the other side.

"Busy? In the office? Have you eaten?"

The only thing that comforted Jiang Yao about Lu Xingzhi's mission was that he could still talk on the phone with his family.

"Not yet." Perhaps it was because he was angry with someone just a second before he picked up the phone, so Lu Xingzhi's first words were a little harsh. Then, he realized his tone was not right, so he quickly adjusted. "There was a situation. Now everyone is discussing how to deal with it."

Lu Xingzhi sounded angry. If it were not for the mission, with his usual temper, he would have left.

Half an hour ago, a citizen reported seeing people entering and leaving the firecracker factory in a relatively remote village in the west. During the previous operation, the people caught in the firecracker factory were nobodies. Therefore, that report received much attention from the action team.

Lu Xingzhi was there to assist them; he was not the person in charge. As soon as that report was picked up, the captain said he would arrange for people to arrest and bring those who were not caught last time to justice.

What Lu Xingzhi meant was that that report was rigged. His first thought was that the clue was strange.

Most team members agreed with the captain's assessment that they needed to seize the opportunity to apprehend the criminal and bring them to justice. Only a few people agreed with Lu Xingzhi's analysis.

Similarly, for the sake of the team members' safety, Lu Xingzhi insisted on not allowing the captain to arrange the operation hastily. The captain also insisted that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He had no idea where those people would go if they missed that chance. The two of them began to argue in the office.

Lu Xingzhi had a bad temper. His tolerance and patience for people other than Jiang Yao were even lower. Even the captain's temper blew up. He slapped the table and argued with Lu Xingzhi incessantly.

Lu Xingzhi was not the type to raise his voice and argue with others. He only needed to put on a

blank expression to make people angry. That was why Lu Xingzhi could answer Jiang Yao's phone call.

Lu Xingzhi's plan was first to answer a phone call from his wife and be happy before doing anything else.

"Always eat on time!" Jiang Yao said that when she heard Lu Xingzhi say he had not eaten yet.

Then she asked, "Is there any new development in Yuan City? Li Yi and the others just called me. Everyone in Nanjiang City is aware of it. They claimed that the story had appeared in the local newspaper."