

Chapter 291: Powdered Medicine

A girl like Jiang Yao, who looked soft and gentle on the outside but was actually courageous and independent, was just Lu Xingzhi's type.

Recently, Jiang Yao had been busy in the lab working on a lot of projects. The powdered medicine for Lu Xingzhi's wound was one of them. All the medicines were wrapped in clean wax papers. She gave them to Lu Xingzhi.

"I have not seen medicine packed in such a way for a long time. Looks like something from a movie." Lu Xingzhi chuckled. "Where did you get this?"

"What if I say I made it myself, would you still use it? This medicine can stop bleeding and reduce swelling, plus it helps with healing of the wound. Stop exerting yourself before it heals, alright?" Jiang Yao urged.

"Since you made it for me, I would definitely use it." Lu Xingzhi took the medicine from her. "Why don't you administer it once I am done bathing?"

Seeing Jiang Yao's calm demeanor, Lu Xingzhi felt comfortable asking for a little benefit for himself—enjoying some physical contact with his wife.

As a man, experiencing injuries were part and parcel of his job. He had no problems suffering for a better future. Each one of his scars were a reminder of his achievements. Hence, even after amassing countless injuries since joining the military, he never once told his family.

Jiang Yao glanced at Lu Xingzhi, a little surprised at his lack of questions regarding the details of the medicine.

She had even thought of excuses just in case Lu Xingzhi asked.

Well then...

Jiang Yao pretended to return to the bedroom, grabbing all her lab-made medicine and presented them to Lu Xingzhi.

"I brought these too." Jiang Yao shoved the medicines to Lu Xingzhi. "This is an odorless bug repellent. I remembered you mentioning how you have to stay still in the bushes for a long time when going for missions in the wilderness. Use this! It is really effective in repelling bugs!"

This was the first product created from her fooling around in the lab. Ever since she had seen it in the complete herbology collection, she had always wanted to try it out. After preparing it, she used it on herself, wanting to see if it would work. It worked amazingly well, protecting her from incessant bug bites in the hot and humid summer of the south.

"This is a powder that can stop bleeding quickly. The only bad thing is the strong herbal smell it gives off. It is probably not convenient for you though, using it on your missions." Jiang Yao scratched her head and continued, "Well, it does not hurt to have some on you."

Why did she bring so many things with her?

“What is that?” Lu Xingzhi pointed at a packet closest to him, but not mentioned by Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao held it up and after a swift look, pushed the pack away.

“You are not going to use this! Let me take it away!” Jiang Yao laughed. She did not notice that she had taken out the packet of itchy powder by accident.

“Well, what is it?” Jiang Yao’s laughter piqued Lu Xingzhi’s interest. He grabbed it, intending to open it up and see what it contained.

Chapter 292: How Does It Feel?

Whack!

Jiang Yao gave his hand a hard slap.

“Stop it!” She panicked. “Do not open it! It is a packet of itchy powder. You will grow itchy rashes all over your body even if a tiny bit gets on you!”

Jiang Yao was not able to test the itchy powder’s effectiveness. However, from the lab results, the refinement was a success. According to the complete herbology collection, a little bit of the powder was enough to make someone break out in itchy rashes.

Initially, she made it out of curiosity.

Her interest soon got the better of her, and she found herself looking at plenty of strange medicine to work on, such as paralyzing lotions and knockout drops. These were the easier recipes to work on, surprisingly.

“Itchy powder?” Lu Xingzhi only then noticed the scribbles on the packet. “So, this was what your school has been teaching for the past month?”

“Not at all.” Jiang Yao retorted. She left all the medicines intended for Lu Xingzhi behind, checking to make sure that she had taken the rest of her weird medicines back into her room.

When she came back out, she saw that the medicine meant for Lu Xingzhi was left untouched, while the rest was kept by him in the storage.

After bathing, Jiang Yao lay on the bed. The bed Lu Xingzhi slept on was rigid and tough, making it quite uncomfortable to sleep on at first.

Listening to the splashing sounds of water coming from the bathroom, Jiang Yao wrapped herself in his blanket, tossing and turning around. The bed was neither spacious nor comfortable like the one back home, but it overflowed with Lu Xingzhi’s scent.

Right here was Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao’s permanent residence. After spending this National Day holiday here, she was going to spend more time here with him in the future.

Coming out from the bathroom, Lu Xingzhi was wearing only a pair of pants. He was not wearing anything else, exposing his muscular upper torso.

He walked into the bedroom with his hands full. On one hand was a clean towel, and on the other hand was the medicine and some sterilized bandages. Seeing Jiang Yao lying on his bed, he smiled.

“Tired already?” He moved closer and gave her the medicine.

“Of course not!” Jiang Yao sat up shaking her head. Opening the packet of powdered medicine, she slathered some of them on his wound, and dressed it with the bandages. “How does it feel?”

Lu Xingzhi shook his head, expressing that he felt nothing.

Shortly after that though, the temperature around his wound started rising, making it warm to the touch. Trusting Jiang Yao’s ability, Lu Xingzhi chose not to ask any more questions.

Jiang Yao squinted at her husband standing in front of her. Why did she avoid this attractive man like the plague before her rebirth?

The bedroom lighting gave off a warm hue. Lu Xingzhi stood in front of her, blocking off some of that light with his huge physique. His towel covering part of his face, exposing bits of his gorgeous features—high and defined cheekbones, sharp jawline, and flawless skin.

Chapter 293: What Are You Thinking About?

Jiang Yao’s sudden silence exacerbated the delicate atmosphere in the room, compelling Lu Xingzhi to look at the lady lying on his bed.

Coincidentally, their gazes met. Noticing that she was checking him out, Lu Xingzhi beamed. He sat at the edge of the bed asking, “What are you thinking about?”

“Well, I was thinking that you are so good-looking. Why didn’t you seduce me with your looks back then?” Jiang Yao lifted Lu Xingzhi’s chin up and gave him a kiss on the lips. Just as swiftly, she changed the conversation. “Next time, do not hide your injury from me.”

She sighed, “Of course, I can’t expect you to never get hurt. It is what it is.”

It was understood that she had no wish for Lu Xingzhi to retire from the military. She respected his decisions, all she asked for was honesty and proper communication from him.

“We are husband and wife. I do not want you to tell me the good news only, alright?” She scooted over to the opposite edge of the bed, signaling for Lu Xingzhi to come closer.

Butterflies in his stomach, that was all Lu Xingzhi felt listening to Jiang Yao.

He lay down on the spot where Jiang Yao had initially lain, feeling the warmth she left behind. Listening to her gentle voice filled with affection, he could not help but feel weak.

“Seduction?” This was the first time Lu Xingzhi was described using such a phrase. He was confident of his looks; however, he did always look aloof. He did not understand how his frigid features could be used to seduce a woman.

Moreover, with his icy temperament, not many people dared to make a joke at his expense.

“That is right. Seduction.” Jiang Yao nodded gently, and nuzzled against his body, stretching her arms in the process.

“If you seduced me back when we first got married, I would have fallen head over heels for you.” This was the first time Jiang Yao ever mentioned the initial events of their marriage.

Lu Xingzhi had never spoken about it.

It was just over a summer break when she changed drastically. He was shell-shocked, but he did not ask any questions at all.

Carefully and gently, he looked after the changed Jiang Yao, safeguarding their relationship.

If the future stayed the same, he would never mention it. He thought that Jiang Yao would do the same.

Suddenly, those awkward times in the past were brought up by Jiang Yao in a half-joking manner.

He tenderly caressed her head. She smelled of him. Her hair filled with the fragrance of his lemon-scented shampoo. She curled up against him, signaling that she had full trust and faith in him.

“What happened afterwards? Why did you just...” After some hesitation, Lu Xingzhi asked.

Why? You protected me with your life. Your existence was to make sure I stayed happy. Supporting my headstrong pursuits and stubborn attitude, your passion and kindness stirred the emotions buried deep in my heart.

“Lu Xingzhi.” Jiang Yao called out his name. Even if she told him the reason, he would not understand.

Thus, she smiled and said, “I think it was the day when I fell sick. Even after knowing that I acted stubbornly without thinking of the consequences, you took all responsibility on yourself and faced the repercussions for me. From that moment on, I fell in love with you.”

Chapter 294: A Rhinoceros

Jiang Yao felt the trembling of his hands after her sudden love declaration.

Before her rebirth, he followed her and waited for her.

Now, it was her turn to accompany and support him.

Tightening his grip on Jiang Yao’s waist, he dropped his head and nibbled at her nape, gentle in a loving way, yet with some force as if to punish her.

After a few moments, he gave her neck a forceful bite. Hearing her moans, he uttered in a hoarse voice, “You are so slow-witted, just like a rhinoceros. It took you an entire year to fall in love with me?”

Jiang Yao touched at the hickey he just made, knowing for sure the mark was not going to disappear any time soon.

“You beast.” Jiang Yao mumbled.

“You slow-witted woman! With this reaction of yours, you would be the first one to die on a battlefield.” Lu Xingzhi laughed.

It took him just one look to fall for her, a few months to yearn for her and a few more months to wed her.

At this point, Lu Xingzhi had forgotten everything that happened before his marriage to Jiang Yao.

She rolled her eyes at him, having understood what he actually meant. Reading between the lines, she knew he was complaining at how long it took for her to reciprocate his feelings.

She clasped his hands in hers, revealing just how massive his hands were.

Using this very pair of hands, he gave her the life she wanted.

“Try to wake up early tomorrow, we are gonna do some shopping.” Lu Xingzhi hugged Jiang Yao and continued, “Brother Liang’s wedding is going to be a formal affair, we have to dress for the occasion. Plus, I need to get you some thick winter jackets as well.”

“What about you? Are you wearing a suit or a military uniform?” Jiang Yao asked.

“A suit.” Lu Xingzhi pinched Jiang Yao’s nose. She was curious as to how he would look as he rarely wore a suit.

During his own wedding, he wore a military uniform. As he was a soldier, he felt that it was the most appropriate attire, especially for something so important like a wedding. Plus, he did not like wearing suits.

Life in the platoon was boring, with no nightlife whatsoever. When the clock struck ten, all you could hear was the lack of sound save for the crickets.

Only a selected few owned a radio set. Even fewer people had a television at home.

Lying on bed, Jiang Yao could hear his heartbeat and his breathing getting closer.

He kissed her on the forehead, and moved down toward her mouth, savoring her delicate lips.

“Hold on, your injury...” Jiang Yao was a little concerned. Pinned down by Lu Xingzhi, she could not do anything other than give him a nudge. “Be careful.”

“Just assume it is not there, alright? What say we do it again?” Lu Xingzhi held both of her hands up. “I am not going easy on you tonight.”

Chapter 295: Pleased

After a full night’s action, Jiang Yao was still raring to go, not even feeling exhausted after all the exertion.

Seeing Lu Xingzhi’s surprised expression was all she needed.

With her current Physical Strength value, he was not her match.

After showering, she came out to see Lu Xingzhi lying rigidly on the bed. She tapped him on the shoulders and teased, “Comrade, you are getting weaker.”

Lifting the sheets up, she checked on the condition of his wound, feeling much better after making sure it was fine.

Lu Xingzhi did not have any clothes on after doing the deed. He lay there unmoved, staring at his own wife.

It was only less than half a month, but something was not right.

He wanted to see Jiang Yao admitting defeat from his relentless attacks, begging for mercy after a night of intimacy.

Never in a hundred years would he have thought to see Jiang Yao unfazed by all the action, even getting up to shower and check on his wound.

If not for his rigorous training and the extremely difficult mission that he had just come back from, he would have doubted his own physical strength.

As a man, he could not stand being physically weaker than his wife. It was then he decided to push himself harder and to train aggressively after the National Day holidays.

Jiang Yao had no idea that her extraordinary strength heavily mortified Lu Xingzhi. After she left, he designed an extremely demanding training schedule for his platoon. Making sure that the soldiers he trained were physically tenacious and a formidable foe.

It felt like the blink of an eye before Jiang Yao was woken up by the sun's blazing rays.

Opening her eyes, she saw Lu Xingzhi's chest, freshly marked with several red scratches. She probably gave him those during last night's tussle.

A little movement from Jiang Yao, and Lu Xingzhi instantly woke up. His gaze was sharp, like a tiger looking for its prey.

Since joining the military, he had gotten used to sleeping alone. With the arrival of Jiang Yao, he had to get used to the new normal.

"It is still early, get some more sleep. I am going for morning training. After that, I will get you some breakfast from the cafeteria, we will leave after you have eaten." Lu Xingzhi changed into his attire. He gave Jiang Yao a peck on the lips and went into the bathroom.

After last night's action, he dared not slack off at training anymore.

Zhou Junmin and a few others knew that Lu Xingzhi requested for leave to attend the wedding in Jindo City. Since Jiang Yao came yesterday, they assumed that he would skip the morning training as well. Nobody expected to see him there, earlier than everyone else.

Chapter 296: A Request

"You are early, Sergeant Lu. What about your wife who's alone at home?" Zhou Junmin ran toward Colonel Lin after saying that to Lu Xingzhi, trying to avoid him.

Lu Xingzhi was in a good mood and ignored Zhou Junmin. He walked toward Colonel Lin and said, "Colonel, I request for an increased-difficulty training. Since the weather is still pleasant, I propose we plan that with the wilderness training in mind."

"Sounds great, just send me the training proposal once you are done with it." Colonel Lin was pleased hearing Lu Xingzhi's suggestion. He liked how Lu Xingzhi was still thinking about the platoon's well-being, desiring for the soldiers to better themselves through training.

Lu Xingzhi stood there talking to Colonel Lin regarding his training plans. It was a while before he got to the morning training.

After that, he went and got breakfast from the cafeteria. Walking through the door, he could see Jiang Yao all dressed up, doing some stretches on the balcony.

"Go wash your hands and come have some breakfast." Lu Xingzhi called out. Laying the borrowed cutleries on the table, he lightly prepared the food he brought back.

Entering the living room, Jiang Yao could smell the intense aroma of soybean milk brought back by Lu Xingzhi.

"Why didn't you sleep for a little longer?" Looking at Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi was pretty sure that she had been awake for quite some time.

"Right after you left, Zhou Weiqi called," Jiang Yao pointed at Lu Xingzhi's cell phone on the table and explained. "He wanted to know when we were going to arrive at Jindo City. Since he is in Jin City now, he wanted us to get him on our way."

Zhou Weiqi called right after Lu Xingzhi left. After picking up the call, Jiang Yao had no intentions of going back to sleep.

Lu Xingzhi nodded and thought to himself, 'I'd better talk to Zhou Weiqi next time, how dare he wake Jiang Yao up with that ill-timed phone call.'

Lu Xingzhi had eaten before coming back. He took a set of clean clothes and walked toward the bathroom.

After an hour and a half worth of training, he could not stop sweating even though the weather had been chilly for some time.

The two-bedroom-one-bathroom unit was not too spacious. Even with him showering in the bathroom, he could clearly hear Jiang Yao making sounds while eating her breakfast.

It felt weird, but welcoming.

The entire house felt lively, even when it was quiet, all thanks to the presence of Jiang Yao.

Walking out of the bathroom, he heard a knock on the door. After getting dressed, he walked out of the bedroom to see two extra people standing in the living room.

Mrs. Ge was holding on to Ge Wenwen's hand standing right in the center of the living room. It seemed like she was planning to go out, as she had a backpack on her.

“Do you need something, Mrs. Ge?” Lu Xingzhi could see that Jiang Yao’s face had darkened. He figured that Mrs. Ge was up to her own shenanigans again.

“Mrs. Ge said that she is going to the hospital to see Sergeant Ge. She wants my help in looking after Ge Wenwen for a couple of days.” Jiang Yao could feel the anger boiling inside her. She explicitly mentioned yesterday that she was going to Jindo City with Lu Xingzhi to attend a wedding. To her surprise, Mrs. Ge still brought Ge Wenwen over, asking for her help in taking care of the little girl.

Chapter 297: A Firm Rejection

“We’re not free.” Lu Xingzhi rejected right off the bat. “Jiang Yao and I are going to Jindo City today. It’s the holidays, Wenwen does not have to go to school for a few days. If you are still worried about leaving Wenwen with other people, bring Wenwen to the hospital together with you. Also, Wenwen has not seen her father for quite some time, she must be missing him.”

Seeing that Lu Xingzhi had rejected her, Jiang Yao turned away and went back to the bedroom to take her backpack. She left Mrs. Ge and Ge Wenwen to Lu Xingzhi.

Mrs. Ge’s face darkened when she heard Lu Xingzhi’s rejection.

When she opened her mouth once again, she was obviously unhappy about it as she complained without holding back.

“There is nowhere to stay at the hospital, and Wenwen is still so young, how can I bring her there? Everyone in this platoon looks down on people from the countryside like us, how can I possibly leave Wenwen to them without feeling worried? I was thinking that we are neighbors living opposite each other, and my husband is under you, Sergeant Lu. What’s more, my husband was injured on the mission with you. I would definitely not worry if I leave Wenwen in both of your hands. I also know that you are going to Jindo City. Wenwen has been very obedient, she has been suffering with me and her father since young and she hasn’t been to any big cities. Aren’t you going to Jindo City to attend a wedding? Just bring her along!”

Jiang Yao, who was in the bedroom, was infuriated by Mrs. Ge’s words.

Lu Xingzhi’s face was even darker.

“Mrs. Ge, you need to go to the hospital and tell Sergeant Ge about this first. If Sergeant Ge requests that I bring Wenwen to Jindo City, then and only then, you can come and tell me that! I am going out with my wife now, please go back, Mrs. Ge!” Lu Xingzhi sent her out without giving her any face.

Ge Wenwen was very scared of Lu Xingzhi. Although her mother told her to behave well in the morning and pester Uncle and Auntie Lu to bring her along the night before, the child’s sensitive heart could feel Uncle Lu’s anger. At this moment, she was clinging onto her mother’s sleeve as she was frightened, and she hid behind her mother while peeking at them. However, neither did she dare to say a word, nor did she dare to follow her mother’s instructions and badger them.

Mrs. Ge quivered out of anger after hearing Lu Xingzhi’s words. If she really were to tell her husband about this, her husband would definitely slap her back to her hometown.

The only reason she dared to make such a request to Sergeant Lu was because her husband was at the hospital. She initially thought that Captain Lu would feel bad about her husband's injuries and agree to bring her daughter to Jindo City.

Thinking that when her daughter arrives at Jindo City and starts crying, looking for her mother, Sergeant Lu would then bring her along to Jindo City as well.

She had not been to Jindo City before but she heard that Jindo City was a bustling city. Jindo City had wide streets, a palace where the emperor from the ancient times lived in, and tall skyscrapers.

However, Sergeant Lu rejected her bluntly, and he did not even care about her feelings.

Mrs. Ge was feeling resentful deep down. She felt that the richer people were, the stingier they were.

The people in the platoon said that Sergeant Lu was loaded. She thought that since Sergeant Lu was not short of money, he would not mind bringing a child to Jindo City. By that time, she could follow them to Jindo City too due to her daughter's pestering, and Sergeant Lu would have to take good care of her.

She had been daydreaming about this the whole night. She was hoping that she could follow Sergeant Lu to Jindo City, stay at an expensive grand hotel and have a luxurious feast.

"Mrs. Ge, bring Wenwen along with you, I'm not available right now." After Lu Xingzhi finished saying so, he turned away and called out to Jiang Yao, "Dear, let's go when you're ready."

Chapter 298: The Gowns Ordered by This Unassuming Man

"Aye! I'm coming, I'm coming!" Jiang Yao took her backpack and rushed out of the bedroom.

Lu Xingzhi glanced frostily at Mrs. Ge who was still standing there. He furrowed his eyebrows and pointed at the door unhappily. After Mrs. Ge went out while holding Wenwen's hand, he immediately took Jiang Yao's hand and they went downstairs after closing the door.

Lu Xingzhi had his own car but it was parked at the platoon as he rarely drove it.

As he was used to driving the jeep at the platoon, when he bought his car, he bought a spacious SUV.

After getting into the car, Lu Xingzhi could not help but complain, "Mrs. Ge is being too much. A family member like Mrs. Ge would only drag Sergeant Ge down."

Jiang Yao put her backpack on her lap and fastened the seatbelt. After some thought, she said "I was fuming just now! She still believes that it was your fault that Sergeant Ge was injured."

"We are soldiers, getting hurt is unavoidable when we're out on missions." Lu Xingzhi gave a cold snort. "Brother Zhong even sacrificed his leg for the platoon, I have never heard him complaining even once."

"She is just trying to take advantage since Sergeant Ge is not around. She is using her child as an excuse, I think the one who wanted to follow us to Jindo City was not Wenwen, it was herself." Jiang Yao felt disgusted when she thought of Mrs. Ge. She shook her head and groaned silently. She did not want a neighbor like her.

Lu Xingzhi did not say anything but he was thinking the same thing.

He was planning to visit Sergeant Ge at the hospital with Jiang Yao before they went to Jindo City. However, after Mrs. Ge's play in the morning, he and Jiang Yao no longer felt like doing so.

Although Sergeant Ge had nothing to do with this matter, both of them were no longer in the mood. As such, they planned to visit him during their journey back home.

The gown Lu Xingzhi prepared for Jiang Yao was customized by a century-old shop in Jin City. Both of them made a promise to meet Zhou Weiqi there too. When they arrived, Zhou Weiqi was already there waiting while chatting with the old Sifu.

"Jiang Yao! Xingzhi!" Zhou Weiqi smiled like a flower and greeted them when he saw them. Then, he told Jiang Yao, "I saw the two gowns that Xingzhi ordered for you. They're very gorgeous and they definitely suit you well! Oh, by the way, you still don't know, right? The two gowns that you will wear tonight were customized here."

Since she had already given her measurements in advance, she only needed to try them on and check whether the waistline fitted her now that she had arrived. After all, she might have gained or lost weight within this half a month's time.

Lu Xingzhi had good taste. The two customized gowns were maxi dresses. One was beige in color and had laces, the other was a sapphire-blue mermaid dress. Each gown had their own features and styles but when Jiang Yao put them on, both of them were distinctively beautiful.

However, both of the gowns had one similarity—conservative!

The beige lace gown was short-sleeved. Although it revealed a fragment of the snowy-white skin on her neck, it was still modest and elegant. It looked even more magical when Jiang Yao was wearing it.

Lu Xingzhi's suits were matching with Jiang Yao's gowns. It seemed like he had already made it clear when he ordered the gowns.

Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi, who was putting the clothes in the backseat, and could not help but purse her lips to hide a smile. She tried on her gowns just now but Lu Xingzhi did not try on his suits because he thought that it was too troublesome to do so. However, she saw the styles of his suits. The color of his tie was the same as the color of her gown, even the embroidery of his sleeves were the same as hers.

Unexpectedly, an unassuming man like him could be quite interesting. Besides ordering two gowns, he had also ordered matching accessories for them.

It only took less than two hours to drive from Jin City to Jindo City. With Zhou Weiqi, the barrel of laughs, the army green SUV was filled with laughter throughout the whole journey.

Chapter 299: The Liang Family's Wedding

When they arrived at Jindo City, Liang Yueze had already gone to the bride's house with his best men. However, since they were in the same compound, it was only a short distance.

When Lu Xingzhi's car arrived at the compound's entrance, he wound down the car window, greeted the young soldier on duty and drove in right away, whereas Zhou Weiqi was still chit-chatting with Jiang Yao like they were used to going in and out of the compound like this.

However, Jiang Yao was stunned. These army compounds had soldiers on guard so the entrance was always under strict supervision. However, seeing Lu Xingzhi entering this place so naturally as if this was his own house, it seemed like the young soldier on duty knew him.

"We've arrived." Lu Xingzhi parked the car in front of a double-storey house. At that time, the roadside was filled with cars. At closer inspection, all of them had army passes. Huge red lanterns were hung at the main entrance of the house and they swaying in the breeze, as if they were flaunting about the grand and joyous occasion to the passersby.

"Xingzhi and Weiqi are here!" A woman, who was wearing a jubilant fuschia dress and a waistcoat made out of silk on her shoulders, heard the noise coming from the entrance and walked out of the compound. When she saw Lu Xingzhi and Zhou Weiqi, her smile grew wider.

"This is Yueze's mother." Lu Xingzhi slightly moved aside and pulled Jiang Yao, who was behind Zhou Weiqi, forward. He introduced her to Yueze's mother, "Aunt Liang, this is my wife. Her name is Jiang Yao, she just arrived at the platoon yesterday."

Mrs. Liang knew that Lu Xingzhi was married, but this was her first time seeing Lu Xingzhi's wife. Although Mrs. Liang was the wife of a high official, she did not appear to be judgemental about Jiang Yao because Lu Xingzhi was close to her son.

After Lu Xingzhi was done with the introductions, Mrs. Liang stepped forward and intimately tapped the person who was smiling at her before gently saying, "Since Xingzhi is Yueze's buddy, just make yourself at home."

"Thank you, Aunt Liang." Jiang Yao thanked her in a poised manner. Then, more guests arrived so Mrs. Liang carried on greeting them. Jiang Yao then followed Lu Xingzhi and Zhou Weiqi inside the house.

Only then, Lu Xingzhi whispered to Jiang Yao, "Yueze is the second child of the Liang Family. He has an elder brother who has been married for a few years. Aunt Liang is a very nice person. Although Uncle Liang seems deadpan and strict, he is actually quite friendly."

"Only Xingzhi thinks that Uncle Liang is friendly." Zhou Weiqi mumbled and whispered to Jiang Yao, "Jiang Yao, did you know? Xingzhi is really awesome, every time we come to Yueze's house, we are all afraid of Uncle Liang, except for Xingzhi. Xingzhi would always chat and play chess alone with Uncle Liang in the study room! Even Aunt Liang said that other people would think that Xingzhi is Uncle Liang's son!"

Lu Xingzhi glared at Zhou Weiqi. He asked, "Yueze is at his bride's house now. Since you're here, why don't you join in on the fun?"

Zhou Weiqi stopped in his tracks when he heard that. He came back to his senses. "Haoyu and Xuyao must have gone to the bride's house! Xingzhi, aren't you going? If you're not, I'll get going first!"

After saying so, Zhou Weiqi turned around and ran out immediately.

The corner of Lu Xingzhi's mouth slightly curved upward. He was finally satisfied. The annoying one was gone.

Many guests were at the Liang family's place. However, the wedding banquet had not officially started yet. People who were there were mostly relatives and elders.

After Lu Xingzhi brought Jiang Yao into the house, he found Mr. Liang. When Mr. Liang saw Lu Xingzhi, he was obviously overjoyed. He stopped his conversation with the other party right away and walked toward him. Afterwards, he noticed that there was a girl by Lu Xingzhi's side and could not help but take a look at her.

Chapter 300: Yueze's Elder Brother

"Yueze told me that you are going to bring your wife along today. She is your wife, isn't she?" Although there was not an obvious smile on Mr. Liang's face, he was a friendly old man despite having a serious look, just like how Lu Xingzhi described him.

"Out of all five of you, your marriage was the only one that I did not need to worry about! Weiqi told me that you picked your own wife and she is currently studying at a medical university in Nanjiang City! Not bad, not bad!" Mr. Liang met a lot of people throughout his life. The people that he met were more than the amount of rice that any ordinary person had eaten in their lives.

Lu Xingzhi's wife did not act inappropriately by poking around upon entering their place. She even had on a decent and faint smile the whole time. She did not pay too much attention to the people who walked past her even though their attire was elegant and glamorous.

Therefore, Mr. Liang's first impression of Jiang Yao was excellent. It was rare for people who came from a small town like her to be so composed at such a grand event.

"Oh, right, if I'm not mistaken, your name is Jiang Yao, right?" Mr. Liang nodded at Jiang Yao. "We have a lot of guests here today, could you two lovebirds please excuse me and your Aunt Liang?"

Since Mr. Liang was able to say that, he meant that he treated both of them as a part of his family.

"Please carry on, Uncle Liang. I will take care of my own wife." Lu Xingzhi quickly ushered Mr. Liang to entertain the other guests. He waited for Uncle Liang to turn around, then only he held Jiang Yao's hand and continued walking.

The living room of the Liang family's house was filled with guests. Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao's hand and walked across the room. Each time they walked past someone they knew, he would introduce Jiang Yao to them as his wife and exchange a few words with them.

Along the way, Jiang Yao pretended to be an obedient and modest girl who was in her salad days. Each time when she received a compliment, she would put on a gentle smile and reply humbly.

After walking further into the house, she saw a man sitting in front of the coffee table, making a cup of tea for himself. She recognised him as Liang Yueze's elder brother with a mere glance because Liang Yueze looked very alike with his elder brother.

When Jiang Yao met Liang Yueze's elder brother, she was reminded of Liang Yueze's face.

Even after more than ten years, Lu Xingzhi and his buddies were the phoenixes among the birds judging from their looks alone, not to mention the other aspects.

Therefore, once Jiang Yao saw Liang Yuekai's face, she could match it with the man whom she had faint memories of.

However, Liang Yueze's elder brother was not the one whom she was curious about, it was the woman who was talking to Liang Yuekai.

The woman looked a lot different from the others who were dressed up normally at the Liang family's house. She was wearing a full set of handsome military uniform. Her dashing short hair could barely cover up her ears, making her look very energized and agile.

Probably due to her fighter's instinct, the woman seemingly sensed Jiang Yao's gaze. She suddenly turned around and looked in Jiang Yao's direction.

Jiang Yao felt embarrassed. She then realized the need for her to greet the woman and explain herself. To her surprise, the woman was overjoyed and stood up immediately. She shouted in Jiang Yao's direction, "Lu Xingzhi!"

Jiang Yao lowered her head and touched the tip of her nose. That was awkward, she was someone Lu Xingzhi knew.

In comparison to the woman's excitement, Lu Xingzhi's reaction was indifferent.

He only replied to the woman with a hum and a nod. He then grabbed his wife's hand and walked past her. They sat down on the opposite of Liang Yueze's elder brother and his wife. He acted as if the woman in military uniform was no different from any other person in the house, like she was just a mere acquaintance.

"She's your wife, right?" Liang Yuekai's sole purpose there that day was to prepare tea for the guests. After Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao sat down, he gave them a cup of tea each. "I noticed my father's expression when he was talking to you. I suppose that he was very satisfied with your wife. I have heard about your wife from Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao before. Knowing a lady by repute is not as good as meeting her face-to-face, your wife is more beautiful than the way the two illiterates described her!"

The young Mrs. Liang heard him and burst into laughter. "Why does your compliment come along with some criticism? Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao graduated from military school anyway. If both of them are illiterates, what will a person like me who had been failing school exams since young do?"