

## Chapter 301: Blind

"You're blind." Liang Yuekai replied without any sense of respect. He replied in an instant, almost immediately after the young Mrs. Liang voiced out her question. He was making tea with his head lowered when he answered her. That was why the expression on his face when he replied could not be seen clearly. However, judging from the tone of his speech, it did not seem as if he was just joking.

Jiang Yao felt a little shocked after she heard what he said and looked in Mrs. Liang's direction subconsciously. As expected, Mrs. Liang's facial expression changed slightly at that moment.

However, Mrs. Liang seemed to be used to it already and she was quick to respond as well. She smiled. "Yeah, I'm blind, otherwise, how would I marry you?"

After making her reply, the young Mrs. Liang pursed her lips and chuckled. Her laughter sounded gleeful, anyone who did not understand the situation might think that Mrs. Liang was just joking around with her husband. Judging by her tone, others might even assume that they were a lovely couple.

However, Jiang Yao could clearly tell that Mrs. Liang took in everything that Liang Yuekai said just now.

Jiang Yao reached out and tickled Lu Xingzhi's palm. She was afraid that Liang Yuekai and his wife were having some problems with their relationship despite looking just fine on the outside.

"Yes?" The sense of itchiness caused Lu Xingzhi's hand to jerk back subconsciously. He grabbed the finger which was wriggling about in his palm and looked at Jiang Yao. He then passed a cup of tea to her and said, "Give it a try, both Uncle Liang and Big Brother Liang are fond of good tea. It's rare for Big Brother Liang to have the free time to sit here and make us tea, bottoms up."

"I'm afraid that the one who rarely has free time is somebody else. Am I right?" Liang Yuekai smiled gently and reached out to give the person, who was standing behind Lu Xingzhi for a couple of minutes, a cup of tea as well. He then greeted the person, "Chen Feitang, you have been standing behind Lu Xingzhi ever since he walked in. What is it? Are you volunteering yourself to be Sergeant Lu's attendant?"

Once Lu Xingzhi heard Liang Yuekai call out the person's name, he frowned but still asked Jiang Yao, "Scoot over a little to your side, make some space for Miss Chen to sit."

When Jiang Yao heard Liang Yuekai address the woman in military uniform standing behind them by the name 'Chen Feitang', the first question that came to her mind was, 'Is that woman somehow related to Chen Feibai?' Her name was only a word different from that foppish man.

Liang Yuekai was calling Chen Feitang by her full name. You could at least tell that they were somehow familiar with each other but when it came to Lu Xingzhi, he regarded her as Miss Chen.

However, Jiang Yao clearly heard the woman called out Lu Xingzhi by his name just now. Undoubtedly, they had known each other for a long time.

"I would like to but it depends on Lu Xingzhi whether he is willing to accept me or not." Chen Feitang sat on the space that Lu Xingzhi made and she was sitting very close to him. She then said, "We used to be classmates anyway. Lu Xingzhi, isn't it too formal for you to keep calling me Miss Chen?"

“Feitang, I remember that you were a batch behind Lu Xingzhi, right?” Liang Yuekai’s wife who had been quiet suddenly spoke.

“Mrs. Liang is right.” Lu Xingzhi nodded. “So, we only came from the same school and we’re not really classmates. Furthermore, Miss Chen is young and promising and I am only a mere sergeant. I don’t deserve to have Miss Chen as my attendant.”

Once he was done speaking, he stood up and said, “Big Brother Liang and Mrs. Liang, I am bringing my wife to meet the Luo family. Please carry on.”

Then, Lu Xingzhi pulled Jiang Yao up and walked out of the Liang family’s mansion.

However, once they were out of the mansion, Lu Xingzhi did not bring Jiang Yao to visit the Luo family. They had a stroll around the compound instead.

“What’s wrong with the woman called Chen Feitang just now?” Jiang Yao whispered to Lu Xingzhi after reaching out her hand and poking his arm, “You two were acting weird. Even Big Brother Liang and his wife were acting weird as well.”

### **Chapter 302: Chen Feitang**

“Chen Feitang is Chen Feibai’s cousin, and she is more promising than he is. She’s the only female military officer in this, and the previous generation. Back when I was still studying, we were in the same military school. Also, she was a batch younger than me and that’s it. What’s weird between her and me?” Lu Xingzhi explained.

“So she’s related to Chen Feibai!” Jiang Yao laughed. “Chen Feibai was the person I recalled when I heard her name!”

Jiang Yao could clearly tell that Lu Xingzhi was treating Chen Feitang way too coldly, or in other words, he was distancing himself from her on purpose. However, when she found out that Chen Feitang was Chen Feibai’s cousin, Jiang Yao finally understood everything.

There was an old Chinese saying that went like this, ‘When a man loves a woman, he will love everything related to her as well.’ In contrast, when a man hates someone, it might result in his total hatred of the people and things around that individual.

Jiang Yao assumed that Chen Feibai was the reason why Lu Xingzhi treated Chen Feitang like that. It was all because Lu Xingzhi did not like Chen Feibai, so he did not like Chen Feibai’s cousin as well.

“How about Big Brother Liang and his wife?” Jiang Yao asked. “Big Brother Liang looked like he meant it when he said that his wife was blind, even his wife took it seriously.”

“Both of them...” It was a rare scene to witness Lu Xingzhi showing more than one emotion on his face. “It was a political marriage between two families. According to what I heard from Yueze, Big Brother Liang’s wife had a lover before she married him but their relationship was cut off because of her family. After countless failed attempts to resist her family’s order, she was forced to marry Big Brother Liang in the end.”

Therefore, two individuals who had no feelings for each other were tied together due to their families. That was probably the reason why even when their bodies were tied together, their souls had never met, no wonder the interaction between Big Brother Liang and his wife was weird.

Jindo City in October was no longer hot. The sun was high up in the sky but it only made people feel warm.

Jiang Yao asked a few questions like a curious child. After getting all her answers, she only sighed and continued to walk alongside Lu Xingzhi, accompanying him for a walk.

In actual fact, Lu Xingzhi was quiet most of the time. If she did not ask in the first place or speak up first, he would remain silent as he was used to it.

In contrast, Jiang Yao was very talkative most of the time. Before she was married to Lu Xingzhi, she was the one who brought laughter to her family members. She had been good with her words ever since she was a child and everyone adored her very much.

Long ago, way before she had seen his will and before she had seen the time when he saved her life without concern over his own, she once disliked him for not knowing how to play with his words or sweet-talk her. She hated his deadpan personality.

However, as for now, she was walking under the sun with him by her side. Even if both of them did not say a word, they did not feel awkward at all. There was not any uneasiness between them even when the surrounding atmosphere was very much silent.

She was mimicking his footsteps. She started off with the left foot and then the right foot. He adjusted his walking speed to suit her little steps so he was not walking at a fast pace. For a game that even a three-year-old might not be fond of, she was addicted to it.

It took a long while for Lu Xingzhi to notice that Jiang Yao was putting all her attention onto his legs. As he witnessed her trying to mimic the way he walked while walking side-by-side with him, his lips curved up silently.

She was indeed a nineteen-year-old little girl who had not fully grown up and she really knew how to have fun. To his surprise, she did not complain to him for not opening his mouth.

Jiang Yao was enjoying herself so much that she did not notice that Lu Xingzhi was observing her. She lowered her head and hid a smile. She was using her own way to measure the weight and length of all the steps he made.

### **Chapter 303: Xingzhi is Not A Gentleman**

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However, she did not expect the man beside her to have something up his sleeve. Suddenly, he retracted his left leg that was about to touch the ground and switched to his right leg.

Jiang Yao mimicked his movement subconsciously but her reaction was not as quick as Lu Xingzhi's. Due to the sudden change, she tripped on her right leg and fell face-front.

Luckily, Lu Xingzhi was quick to react and grabbed Jiang Yao in time. Jiang Yao was terrified as she fell into his arms. If she were to fall straight onto the ground, her chin would have touched the ground first, and her face was going to be ruined!

Suddenly, the laughter of a few people were heard behind the both of them.

“Hahaha! Jiang Yao, I almost died of laughter because of you!” Zhou Weiqi was standing behind them and he was the one who was laughing without holding back. He had one of his hands on his waist and another one pointing at the two in front of him. He laughed so hard that even his eyes could not be seen.

“Xingzhi is not a gentleman. Aren’t you afraid that Jiang Yao might fall?” Chen Xuyao walked toward the both of them and said quickly before Xingzhi started turning against them, “Yueze already took his wife back home. Yueze heard that you guys were out and asked me and Weiqi to come out and look for you guys. He wants us to get both of you back to the mansion.”

He looked at Lu Xingzhi, who was still hugging Jiang Yao tightly in his arms, and chuckled silently. His buddy’s romance was really something else.

Lu Xingzhi replied with a hum. He helped the woman in his arms to stand straight and walked away while holding her hand.

Jiang Yao looked at Zhou Weiqi, who was laughing like a moron, in disdain. When she walked past him, she lifted up her leg and stomped on his foot. She did not stomp on it with all her might but still, she felt especially relieved when she heard him crying out loud in exaggeration.

“It’s broken! It’s broken! Oh no, my toes are broken!” Zhou Weiqi grabbed his toes and jumped around, as amusing as a clown.

However, Lu Xingzhi and Chen Xuyao continued walking as if they did not hear him.

Lu Xingzhi looked at the little woman who was trying to hold back her laugh after getting her revenge. He could not help but caress her head.

“If I’m by your side, I will not let you fall.”

“Huh?” Jiang Yao was stunned but she came back to her senses a few seconds later and replied, “Yeah! I know!”

He was trying to explain himself for nearly making her fall when he was teasing her just now.

Only because Lu Xingzhi was by her side, she could let herself loose and play however she wanted even if it meant to shut down her brain momentarily.

She believed that he was going to protect her no matter what.

“Oh, right, Xingzhi, Chen Feitang is here too.” Xuyao said, “The members of the Chen family aren’t free today so they sent Chen Feitang here as their representative.”

“Chen Feitang was already there when Xingzhi and I were in the Liang family’s mansion just now.” Jiang Yao replied without giving it a second thought. “She was in her military uniform and she looked extra

majestic and dashing. It's rare to see a female soldier who looks so pretty. Judging by her uniform, she isn't just any female soldier who's involved in the cultural aspect of the military, right?"

"No." Chen Xuyao shook his head. "Chen Feitang was tough ever since she was young. Afterwards, she made it into military school and became even tougher. She was the school's champion of mixed martial arts, champion of fencing, and first runner-up in shooting. Even for guys, only a few could outmatch her skills."

After saying so, Chen Xuyao realised that he had said too much when he got a cold glare from Lu Xingzhi.

However, he still could not resist touching the tip of his nose and glancing at Jiang Yao. "Jiang Yao? Did you just call Chen Feitang a beauty?"

How generous was Jiang Yao exactly?

Zhou Weiqi heard them talking about Chen Feitang when he caught up with them and jumped straight into the conversation as well. "That's right! Chen Feitang was so tough and that made her nowhere close to a normal woman. Am I right, Xingzhi? When she was still in school, she always came to you for practice, didn't she? During that period of time, people were saying..."

Before Zhou Weiqi could finish his sentence, Chen Xuyao gave him a big slap on the back of his head. Chen Xuyao then said, "Weiqi, which pit did you just crawl out from? There's even a worm stuck on your head, it's so disgusting!"

#### **Chapter 304: I refuse!**

Zhou Weiqi rubbed the back of his head, trying to soothe the pain and fix his hairdo—he spent the entire morning styling it. "Where? Where is it? Is it still there?" Clutching on to Chen Xuyao, he shoved his head closer, wanting Chen Xuyao to take a look at it.

After listening to Zhou Weiqi, Jiang Yao felt a greater sense of admiration toward Chen Feitang. She wondered if her martial arts skills obtained from the Medical System was enough to protect herself against the outside world.

Where could she go to test out her newly-learned skills?

"Weiqi!" Jiang Yao called out. "Do you know why Chen Feitang wanted to join the military? She looked so dapper in her uniform!"

"Ever since she was a little girl, she was a fiercely independent character," Zhou Weiqi explained. "She was the only girl, the only daughter, in her father's family. Her grandfather named her right after she was born. Do you know what it was?"

"What?" Jiang Yao asked.

It was at that moment that Chen Xuyao interrupted their conversation. He was annoyed as he said, "Come on, both of you, cut it out. Why is she the topic of your conversation? Anyone else would have thought that something fishy is going on here! Jiang Yao, are you trying to cheat on Brother Lu with that lady?!"

Jiang Yao knew that Chen Xuyao was playfully teasing her. She walked toward Lu Xingzhi and clung onto him, saying, "I only have pure admiration for that lady, I think she is amazing!"

"If you want to join the military, you could have studied at the Army Medical University. Plus, you can graduate as an army surgeon with a military title. Imagine yourself in the uniform, I bet you will look stunning! Brother Lu, why don't you help her transfer school to the university?"

"No!"

"I refuse!"

The couple dismissed the idea simultaneously.

Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi and explained, "I am not looking down on the career prospect of a military personnel. I simply feel that it is just too exhausting for me. I want to be a good wife and mother to our family while you are out there protecting the country."

"You have a good point there!" Chen Xuyao chimed in.

Lu Xingzhi was utterly pleased listening to Jiang Yao's opinion. However, his stoic appearance did little to betray his thoughts, save for his gentle gaze.

"I will do everything I can for the future of our family. With you here taking care of the family, I feel so much better."

En route to the Liang family's mansion, they had a great time talking to each other, laughing every so often.

Mrs. Liang was amazed at the group's high spirits when they arrived. Curious, she asked Zhou Weiqi what happened during the journey here.

"We were talking about Brother Lu and Jiang Yao's children! She mentioned how good-looking Chen Feitang was in her uniform. I suggested that she become an army surgeon, but both refused the idea," Zhou Weiqi explained. Trying to contain his laughter in fits, he continued, "Jiang Yao said that she wanted to give birth to Brother Lu's child once she graduates."

"What a chatterbox!" Chen Xuyao gave Zhou Weiqi a light kick in the shins and called out to Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran standing just a feet away, "I think Brother Liang and Ms. Luo should be the first to have kids! Come on Ruoran, how many children would you like to have?"

### **Chapter 305: She Saw It**

Growing up with these same people, Luo Ruoran laughed at the outlandish question. She retorted, "How about an entire company? Or an entire division, do you think that's enough?"

Mrs. Liang broke into a chuckle hearing that. She gave Luo Ruoran a playful slap on her back, "Miss! Do you see yourself as a sow giving birth to a litter of piglets?"

"Mum! You always say that you want to be a grandmother. I am just doing as you wish, but instead I got a slap on my back as a reply?" Luo Ruoran held Mrs. Liang's hand and continued, "How about three? Just perfect for a full Mahjong round with you after your retirement."

To the uninitiated, Mrs. Liang and Luo Ruoran seemed like a pair of very devoted mother and daughter. After all, Luo Ruoran grew up under the watch of Mrs. Liang.

At the mention of children, Mrs. Liang turned to look at Liang Yuekai, who was in the middle of a conversation with Liang Yueze. Her gaze then shifted until it stopped at her wife, who was busy talking to the guests.

Mrs. Liang could not help but worry about this couple. They had been married for quite some time, yet there was no indication whatsoever on wanting to have a child.

Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhe left earlier to the hotel. They had a room booked for the night as well. Arriving earlier at the hotel gave them time to get dressed. Plus, they wanted to do a last-minute check on the wedding preparation and venue layout.

The wedding dinner started at half-past five. Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi arrived at the venue, all dressed up, a little over four o'clock to make sure that the food and decorations were all ready for the wedding. The Liang family and Luo family arrived a little before five o'clock.

Having gone overseas for her studies, Luo Ruoran was not too fond of the traditional wedding dinner. The wedding dinner was planned according to her ideas, simple and casual, just like a party.

Lu Xingzhi and the rest were asked by Liang Yueze to drink on his behalf once the dinner started. Jiang Yao stayed with the bride—Luo Ruoran—and started chatting with Liang Yueze's sixteen-year old little cousin, Yannie.

Even though she was only sixteen-year old, she was very outspoken and expressive, an impressive conversationalist for her age. When Luo Ruoran left to toast with Liang Yueze, Jiang Yao hung out with Yannie.

Both were only three years apart in age, it stood to reason that they would have the same interests. Although, listening to Yannie talking about celebrity gossip and their various scandals, Jiang Yao could feel her head swelling up with all the information.

After listening for some time though, Jiang Yao got distracted and started daydreaming.

"Ms. Jiang." Jiang Yao was holding her plate up in a daze when Chen Feitang saw her.

"Ms. Feitang." Yannie greeted her right away.

"Yannie, I need to talk to Ms. Jiang for a while. Why don't you go to your aunt's?" Still suited up in her uniform, Chen Feitang looked out of place at the wedding dinner.

Her eyes twitched seeing Jiang Yao's dress, what surfaced in her mind was the embroidery that was on Lu Xingzhi's tie and sleeve cuffs.

These minor details were unnoticeable to the rest, but she saw it.

### **Chapter 306: I Don't Like Her**

It was times like this that Chen Feitang hated her sharp observation skills.

“Earlier at the Liang family’s mansion I heard from Zhou Weiqi that you have no desire to join the military?” Chen Feitang asked. She straightened her back when she spoke about the army. “Frankly speaking, being a soldier does not affect our abilities to care for our family. Do you still think it is demanding?”

Not waiting for a reply, she continued, “To be honest, it actually is very challenging to be one. There were times when I wanted to quit so bad, even then I had the whole Chen family supporting me. However, Lu Xingzhi started with absolutely nothing. Do you know how much he sacrificed to get to where he is today?”

Jiang Yao was not sure; she had only seen Lu Xingzhi’s body marked by countless scars.

“Lu Xingzhi was an outstanding student back then; nobody knew that he worked extremely hard to get to where he is though. Plenty of people say that I am very competitive, but he is even more so. I can settle for being second place, but for Lu Xingzhi, he wanted to be the best in everything. It is either a first-place victory or a defeat for him, nothing else.”

Jiang Yao furrowed her brows. Her good impression of Chen Feitang was gone just like that.

She hated how the woman standing in front of her kept on mentioning her husband’s name.

“I still remember our shooting competition back then. Wanting to break the school record, Lu Xingzhi spent the entire week at the shooting range. Even though the sun was scorching, he was not affected at all. I saw him...”

“Ms. Chen.”

Chen Feitang was suddenly interrupted by a voice.

The voice was filled with deep ire and extreme annoyance. Along with it, the facial expression of the speaker darkened with every passing second.

“Ms. Chen, I do not need a stranger to tell my wife her husband’s story. I can do it myself.”

Lu Xingzhi grabbed Jiang Yao and went off, leaving Chen Feitang, who was trying to decipher what he said, all alone.

“Stranger? We went on so many missions together...” She laughed to herself, feeling helpless about what had just happened.

After walking for a while, Jiang Yao angrily shook her hand off Lu Xingzhi’s, “I thought you were drinking elsewhere, why are you here now?”

Lu Xingzhi did not notice Jiang Yao’s mood change. He replied, “Yannie told me to come over.”

Even though she was still a teenager, Yannie had a pretty high social awareness. She went over to Lu Xingzhi and told him that Chen Feitang was talking to Jiang Yao alone. He rushed over once he heard about it.

“Lu Xingzhi, Chen Feitang likes you!” Jiang Yao was furious. She turned her back against him, as the sight of Lu Xingzhi reminded her of Chen Feitang. That woman! What a tramp!

Outrageous!

Lu Xingzhi did not tell her about Chen Feitang beforehand and she went on to declare her admiration of Chen Feitang publicly. Jiang Yao felt like a complete idiot.

Commending her love rival's appearance in front of so many people. The more Jiang Yao thought about it, the more her resentment turned into embarrassment.

"So?" Lu Xingzhi finally sensed Jiang Yao's anger. He grabbed both her shoulders and turned her a hundred eighty degrees over to face him. In a serious tone, he said, "I don't like her."

### **Chapter 307: Uncertainty**

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Seeing Lu Xingzhi's serious attempt at explaining, Jiang Yao broke into a small chuckle.

Still, she gave him a good, hard slap on the chest. Of course she knew that he did not like her, but!

"Chen Feitang likes you! Why didn't you tell me about it?"

Looking back, she realized why Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao were making strange faces after hearing her praise for Chen Feitang.

"I'm not sure," Lu Xingzhi answered uncertainly. "She did not explicitly confess, so..."

Since she did not declare her feelings, it was not appropriate to assume that she liked him. At least, that was how Lu Xingzhi saw it.

He did not know how to tell Jiang Yao about this in a proper way.

His buddies were adamant that Chen Feitang had feelings for him, though he paid no attention to it. He did not like her, and he had no intentions of getting to know her better.

However, he was a little worried when he heard from Yannie that Chen Feitang was talking to Jiang Yao alone. He was afraid that Chen Feitang would say something inappropriate.

Hold on! He obviously saw Jiang Yao smiling. But why did she look like she was still angry? Lu Xingzhi was utterly confused.

"You..." Lu Xingzhi wanted to ask, but seeing Jiang Yao's face darken, he stopped.

Yup, she was still angry.

He was starting to dislike Chen Feitang. He had no idea what she said to Jiang Yao before he arrived at the scene. She must have said something wrong to make Jiang Yao angry.

He was pleased seeing Jiang Yao getting angry because of Chen Feitang.

Being outraged at what had just happened meant that Jiang Yao was jealous and wanted Lu Xingzhi to be hers only.

Lu Xingzhi felt the same too. As a person who prided himself in his extraordinary willpower, he could not control his feelings toward Jiang Yao at all.

“Come with me.” Lu Xingzhi tugged at Jiang Yao. He looked around, and after a moment, held her up.

“Hold on!” Startled, Jiang Yao grasped onto Lu Xingzhi tightly. She looked around in horror, not wanting anyone else to see this.

Lu Xingzhi carried her to the men’s restroom. Putting up the “cleaning in progress” board outside the door with his foot, he locked the door in one swift movement.

“Lu Xingzhi, this is the men’s room!” Jiang Yao panicked. “Put me down right now!”

“I made sure there is no one else present before coming in.” Lu Xingzhi wanted to explain and to ensure that there was no miscommunication before returning to the banquet hall together with Jiang Yao.

Carrying her in his arms, he looked down and locked gazes with Jiang Yao. Seeing her flushed cheeks and bright eyes, he felt his heart skipping a beat. Suddenly, he did not want to put her down anymore.

### **Chapter 308: No Rivals**

Unfortunately, the person in his arms was struggling forcefully, trying to get down. He lowered his arms and said, “You should eat more, you are too light!”

Jiang Yao gave her dress a pat down, soothing the wrinkles and making sure that she looked presentable. As she was still angry, her chest heaved, accompanied by sporadic grunts and curses. Noticing Lu Xingzhi’s gaze on her chest, she raised her hands trying to shield it.

Lu Xingzhi grinned, “Well, I have seen it before though.”

“Shut up, Lu Xingzhi!” Jiang Yao was offended. What a thug!

“Still angry?” Lu Xingzhi stopped grinning, betrayed only by his smiling eyes.

“Well, what do you think?” Any lady would be mad getting carried into a men’s restroom.

How embarrassing!

To the uninitiated, it might seem like they were trying to do something else.

Lu Xingzhi pulled his tie, his Adam’s apple bobbing up and down. “I don’t know.”

A moment later, he asked, “What else did she say to you?”

The person in question was Chen Feitang. He had no intention of mentioning her name.

Jiang Yao rolled her eyes, “You heard everything. What are you asking? We did not get to talk much before you came and interrupted us.”

Lu Xingzhi smiled faintly, “I don’t like her, never did and never will. You should have faith in me. Or should I say, you should have faith in yourself.”

Jiang Yao turned on the water tap and splashed her face with a handful of water. The cold water was soothing to the touch and calmed her mind down.

Such a sweet talker, who said that Lu Xingzhi was quiet and unemotional?

"I know you have no feelings for her." Jiang Yao was very sure of this fact.

Lu Xingzhi was a straightforward character. The things that he wanted; he would get it no matter the cost.

Even if one day, the entire world told Jiang Yao that Lu Xingzhi caught feelings for somebody else, she would never believe it unless he admitted to it himself.

A person who could stand the intense loneliness and suffering for eleven whole years! Jiang Yao strongly believed that these feelings would not fade away easily.

Back then, she spent eleven years unsuccessfully trying to discourage him and force him to lose his love for her. Now, with her by his side, Lu Xingzhi would never love someone else the way he did for Jiang Yao.

"Then why are you still angry?" Lu Xingzhi asked.

"Can't I be angry still?" Jiang Yao sighed. "I am mad because I was praising my love rival, like an idiot! Seeing another woman trying to pry you away from me, how can I stay calm?"

She looked at the mirror and saw the reflection of the person standing beside her suddenly smiling. Startled, she lost her focus momentarily.

Lu Xingzhi looked really good when he was smiling, Jiang Yao realized. It softened his apathetic face and added some gentleness to it.

Chapter 309: Stay Out of It

The man in the mirror walked closer and wrapped his arms around Jiang Yao's waist, resting his chin on her shoulder. Without saying anything, he gave her a peck on her lower jaw.

"I don't see a love rival here," Lu Xingzhi said nonchalantly. "I have no feelings for her at all."

He lifted his head and turned her around, facing him.

At that moment, he had the sudden urge to kiss her. To which he did.

He was the happiest guy on Earth right now.

His big brother, Liang Yueze, got to finally marry his longtime sweetheart. The woman who ignored him for an entire year felt jealous and got mad at another woman's advances on himself.

Lu Xingzhi liked Jiang Yao's temperament, or rather, he wanted her to keep at it.

They both needed each other, that was how deeply connected they were in the relationship.

His kiss came unexpectedly.

Neither gentle nor forceful, his lips connected with hers. He sucked on it, trying to suffocate her with his passion.

Instinctively, Jiang Yao responded. For the past month, the increasingly frequent intimacy they shared allowed her to react accordingly.

She never told him how much she liked kissing him, seeing only herself in those sharp and bright eyes of his.

In the military, Lu Xingzhi belonged to his platoon. But when he kissed her, he belonged only to her.

Back at the banquet hall, seeing Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao leave through the side door, Liang Yueze called for Yannie, wanting to know what happened.

After hearing that Chen Feitang managed to talk to Jiang Yao one-on-one, and that both Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi left the hall right after, Liang Yueze could no longer hide his irritation.

“Chen Feitang, right?” Luo Ruoran stirred her glass of fruit wine and chuckled. “That lady is a character; do you think Jiang Yao can prevail?”

“I don’t know what that lady told Jiang Yao. All I know is that she looked angry when Brother Lu led her out of the hall. I hope they don’t start quarreling.” Zhou Weiqi looked at Chen Feitang, who had her back turned against them, with fury in his eyes. Why did she go and talk to Jiang Yao then?

If they started fighting here at the wedding, the whole issue would spiral out of control, ruining everybody’s night.

“Should I go look for them?” Gu Haoyu, who had the least interaction with Jiang Yao, offered his help.

“No.” Liang Yueze stopped him. “Let us not interfere in a married couple’s quarrel.”

He then called out to Luo Ruoran, who was winking and making faces at Gu Haoyu, to make a toast with the rest of the wedding guests.

Gu Haoyu was probably the person with the best temper among the brothers. He was never seen in anger, always calm and collected, just like a breeze in a hot summer’s day.

### **Chapter 310: Follow Me**

Gu Haoyu put down his glass, turned toward Zhou Weiqi and asked, “How is Jiang Yao like? If they really quarrel, it is not going to look good on Xingzhi. Plus, it is going to embarrass Brother Liang and Ruoran too.”

Gu Haoyu understood that Luo Ruoran wanted him to go and check things out.

Zhou Weiqi scratched his head and muttered, “She is really nice, doesn’t seem like she would get angry that easily. But then again, it is really hard to say when a woman gets into relationship problems like this.”

Gu Haoyu understood that Zhou Weiqi was trying to get a few good words in for Jiang Yao. Zhou Weiqi rarely did that for others, that was why Gu Haoyu knew that Jiang Yao had some positive qualities in her.

Anyway, he still felt obligated to check on the couple.

He agreed with Zhou Weiqi though, that even the lady with the softest heart would turn irrational when it came to the opposite sex and relationships.

After all, the connection between humans could never be fully understood.

“Brother Gu, I am going with you.” Chen Xuyao passed his glass to Zhou Weiqi and went after Gu Haoyu. They were on their way to the side door when they saw Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao walking toward them. Their gazes stopped at the couple, after much scrutiny, they looked at each other and smiled. Having understood that Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao did not quarrel.

“Jiang Yao, shouldn’t you go and borrow lipstick from Ruoran or Yannie?” Chen Xuyao playfully pointed his finger at her lips and said, “I heard that Yannie recently bought a new strawberry-flavored lipstick.” A brief pause later, he asked, “Brother Lu, do you like to eat strawberries?”

How embarrassing!

She knew that Chen Xuyao knew exactly what happened between Lu Xingzhi and herself.

After that passionate kiss, her lips had faded in color.

“Xuyao, Brother Liang is looking for you!” Gu Haoyu stopped Chen Xuyao’s shenanigans. He was pretty sure that if this went on, Lu Xingzhi was not going to be pleased about it.

“Alright! See you later.” Chen Xuyao grinned at Gu Haoyu and ran toward Liang Yueze, who had no idea what had just happened.

Jiang Yao pretended to look at Chen Xuyao, instead she was searching for Chen Feitang among the crowd.

Gu Haoyu noticed this and said, “After you left, she left as well. Anyway, she took only a half day’s leave and came here directly from the platoon.”

Jiang Yao did not expect Gu Haoyu to see right through her. She laughed and tried to make something up, “I’m looking for Yannie actually.”

“She is over there getting some desserts.” Lu Xingzhi rubbed her head. “Follow me.”

Just perfect. Even though Chen Feitang had left, there were plenty of women in the hall who were very interested in her husband. Following Lu Xingzhi around was just the right thing to do to show the rest of the ladies who the boss was.