

Chapter 311: Not Drunk

Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao's hand for the rest of the wedding, not wanting to let go at all. Her being by his side was bound to raise questions. Lu Xingzhi, as always, gave a short and concise answer.

"She is my wife."

A simple yet clear statement. He did not, however, introduce her. Nobody asked further questions either, understanding that he was trying to protect her by not divulging any unnecessary information.

From time to time, somebody would come up and give the couple a toast. Lu Xingzhi passed a glass of fruit wine to Jiang Yao, reminding her to only take a small sip after the toast.

"Okay." She held the glass close to her nose and sniffed it. She then took a quick sip, tasting the full flavor of the beverage. 'Isn't this just a glass of fruit juice?' Jiang Yao thought, 'Why did he insist that I only take a tiny sip of it?'

Wanting to quench her thirst, she took a swig and finished the entire glass of "fruit juice". It tasted amazing, just like any fresh juice.

The wedding dinner ended at nine o'clock. Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran stayed back at the hall with their respective parents, talking to the guests and thanking them for attending the wedding. The rest of his brothers were ushered up the eighth floor to a reserved karaoke room.

Lu Xingzhi sensed that something wrong with Jiang Yao the moment they left the banquet hall. Her steps were light, and she was slumping against him the entire time they were walking.

"What's going on? Are you sick?" Lu Xingzhi placed his hand on Jiang Yao's forehead.

It felt very warm to the touch. Was it a fever?

"I am okay. I feel like everything around me is spinning though. Weird," Jiang Yao replied softly. "Don't let me lose my footing, alright?"

"Did she have too much to drink?" Chen Xuyao, who was waiting by the elevator, asked Lu Xingzhi.

"I did not drink any alcohol; it was only cherry juice." Jiang Yao shook her head.

Hearing that, all chatter stopped and nobody else muttered a word.

Finally, Yannie could not hold it in and broke into a laugh, "The juice that you drank, was it black and sweet?"

"Yes! Lu Xingzhi gave it to me." Jiang Yao nodded and answered sincerely.

She did not taste any alcohol in the fruit juice that was given to her.

Moreover, she had never been drunk in her entire life.

The only time she drank was during her wedding. Even then, she only took a sip.

She did not know what it was like to be drunk since she had no experience.

Remembering the fruit juice she had, Jiang Yao tugged on Lu Xingzhi's sleeve. She tiptoed and moved her mouth closer to his ears, wanting to whisper.

She lost her balance and accidentally nipped his earlobe. Not being able to control herself though, she gave it a few good licks before moving her face away.

"Buy me some of that cherry juice when we go back. It is really good, I think Wen Xuehui will like it too!"

Chapter 312: Stingy

"Haha..." Yannie was the first to laugh while covering her mouth.

"No!" Lu Xingzhi rejected right off the bat. He knew that Jiang Yao could not hold her drink, that was why he specifically told her to drink less. To his surprise, she became drunk when he was not paying attention!

It turned out that she thought that what he gave her was fruit juice, and it tasted nice, so that was why she drank to her heart's content?

So, his advice to her went unheeded?

She was drunk but she did not forget to flirt with him and bite his earlobe, besides asking him for his permission to bring some cherry wine back to Nanjiang City?

"You're so stingy!" Jiang Yao pouted unhappily and stood there, refusing to leave. Probably because she was very drunk, she felt that the whole world was spinning around her. She lifted her arm and rubbed her eyes before blinking her eyes with all her might.

After drinking, she had rosy cheeks, eyes like the crescent moon which were blinking non-stop. She looked at the people around her defenselessly with her little cherry-like lips that were slightly pursed. Suddenly, her lips were moving, but no one knew what she was mumbling about.

She must have been scolding him about him being stingy.

"Ahh! Jiang Yao is really cute!" Weiqi grinned and laughed. "Xingzhi, just promise Jiang Yao. Prepare some at home for Jiang Yao to drink from time to time."

Weiqi thought that in the future, if he had a wife who was so interesting after getting drunk, he would certainly let her wife drink up every two or three days so that he could relieve his boredom.

Xuyao could not even stop his laughter after witnessing the scene. Jiang Yao's reaction when she was drunk was the most amusing one that he had ever seen.

Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao silently. He knew that she must be drunk, or else she would not be that coquettish.

If they were not outside right now, he would have pinned her down on the bed and have her!

"Jiang Yao! Xingzhi refuses to buy for you because he's stingy and he's a cheapskate! I will buy it for you! No matter how much you want, I will send them to you!" Xuyao thought that it was not too much to join in on the fun. After he promised her, he asked cheekily, "Jiang Yao, I'm more generous than Xingzhi, right?"

Jiang Yao nodded and replied with a hum.

This time, Lu Xingzhi was really a little heartbroken. How could she be so ungrateful? His money was all in her hands, but she still called him stingy?

After she has sobered up, he really needed to get even with her for this.

“Then, Jiang Yao, who is more handsome between Xingzhi and I?” Xuyao’s tone was especially gentle, it seemed as if he was coaxing a three-year-old kid.

Jiang Yao yawned. She glanced at Xuyao and turned her gaze back to the man beside her. After some thought, she blurted, “Xingzhi is more handsome than you.”

After saying so, she leaned onto Lu Xingzhi’s shoulder and acted as if the woman who called him stingy was not her. She turned around and hugged him like an invertebrate.

Lu Xingzhi’s eyebrows quivered. He mockingly glanced at Xuyao, who had a glum look on his face, and kicked Xuyao’s instep. “Don’t frighten Jiang Yao with your ugly looks.”

Xuyao had a defeated look on his face before turning away quickly, acting cool. Lu Xingzhi was not bothered about him and his arms were tightly secured around Jiang Yao.

“I am bringing Jiang Yao back to the room, you guys go on ahead,” Lu Xingzhi said.

“Don’t!” Xuyao turned around. “We rarely meet up like this, do you really want to abandon us and accompany Jiang Yao? Xingzhi, don’t be all ‘gals before pals’! I mean, putting us aside, what about Haoyu! How many times can Haoyu come back in a year? Oh, no, it’s once in a few years! The few of us can still go overseas and reunite with Haoyu occasionally, but a homebody like you can’t go abroad. Just think about it, how long has it been since you last saw Haoyu?”

Chapter 313: Cherry Wine

“That’s right! Just bring Jiang Yao along! There isn’t anybody else besides us. If Jiang Yao is tired, she can just rest in the private room. If not, will you be rest assured to leave Jiang Yao in the hotel room all by herself?” Zhou Weiqi nodded and continued.

Lu Xingzhi glanced at Gu Haoyu who was standing there while smiling without saying a word. Weiqi and Xuyao were right, it was true that he had not seen Haoyu for some time.

This time, Gu Haoyu specially took leave to attend the wedding and he had to go back to his country in a few days’ time. He did not know when they could meet again after parting this time.

He was indeed going to worry if he were to leave Jiang Yao, who was drunk, in the room all by herself.

“Do you want to sleep?” After some thought, Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and asked Jiang Yao.

The little woman who was leaning on him shook her head before taking a look at her watch and mumbling, “It’s still early.”

Jiang Yao said it herself, therefore the group of people directly headed to the eighth floor.

There were no outsiders, only the few of them, even Yannie had already gone back.

Among the buddies, only Yueze, the eldest, and Lu Xingzhi, the third eldest, had their own families.

After Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran sent their guests back, the private room was already bustling.

Lu Xingzhi put one hand around Jiang Yao and held a wine glass with his other hand while talking to Gu Haoyu. Both Weiqi and Xuyao were holding their mics while yelling intoxicatedly. However, their voices were more or less damaging people's ears.

In the private room, only Jiang Yao did not have anything to do.

When Luo Ruoran was seeing her guests off downstairs, she was planning to send them back as early as possible so that she could accompany Jiang Yao. However, after she came in, she realized that Jiang Yao did not seem to even need her company.

"Xingzhi, is your wife drunk?" When Luo Ruoran saw Jiang Yao sitting there obediently like a young student, she thought that she might be drunk. During the ceremony, she saw Jiang Yao drinking many mouthfuls of cherry wine.

Luo Ruoran saw it at that time but she merely assumed that Jiang Yao was unhappy about Chen Feitang. As it was inappropriate to argue with Lu Xingzhi, she was drowning her sorrows in alcohol.

At that time, Luo Ruoran thought that although Lu Xingzhi's wife was young, she was sensible. At least when she was unhappy she did not immediately cause problems.

However, after drinking so much, she must be drunk.

"Jiang Yao is drunk!" When Weiqi saw Luo Ruoran and Liang Yueze, he threw his mic away and ran to the both of them. "Jiang Yao said that tonight's cherry juice tasted awesome and asked Xingzhi to buy them when they go back. Xingzhi refused to, and Jiang Yao called Xingzhi stingy, she even said something to scold him. She's really cute."

Liang Yueze raised his eyebrows. He did not expect Xingzhi's wife to get drunk just because she assumed that the fruit wine was fruit juice. Then, he glanced at Luo Ruoran, who lowered her head while touching her nose awkwardly, and could not help but chuckle.

"Yueze actually laughed..." It seemed as if Xuyao had just received terrific news as he stood there holding the mic and announced it.

"Tonight's cherry wine is also my wife's favorite. She chose the wine for the ceremony herself. I need to thank Haoyu for sending this cherry wine from overseas." After Liang Yueze had finished saying so, he sat beside Gu Haoyu.

Although it was kind of terrible to put the blame on his brother, but because it was Luo Ruoran, he had to fight for her.

Chapter 314: A Cute Wife

Weiqi and Xuyao looked at Gu Haoyu all confused. Both of them then started causing a commotion saying that Gu Haoyu was biased toward Ruoran by giving her wine without giving them any.

Lu Xingzhi smiled faintly and his eyes met with Liang Yueze's. Lu Xingzhi understood Liang Yueze just like Yueze understood him.

If a subtle person like him were to say that sentence, it must have a hidden meaning. Perhaps, this cherry wine had another story behind it.

"Ahem, ahem... Erm..." Luo Ruoran's face was slightly flushed. She took a chair and sat down in front of the men. She glanced at the drunk Jiang Yao and asked Lu Xingzhi, "Should we ask the waiter for some hangover soup?"

"We have already ordered some. They should be preparing it now," Lu Xingzhi said.

"Don't!" Weiqi waved at Luo Ruoran. "Ruoran, you don't know how interesting Jiang Yao is when she's drunk! She is just like a four or five-year-old kid, she's very funny."

Weiqi received his buddy, Xingzhi's glare before he started demonstrating in front of Yueze and Ruoran.

"Jiang Yao! Jiang Yao!" The intoxication from the fruit wine was very strong. If Jiang Yao was just a little drunk back when they were waiting for the elevator, she would be completely drunk by now.

Even though she looked energetic with her eyes wide open, her eyes were only fixed on Lu Xingzhi. In the whole private room, it was as if she could only see Lu Xingzhi among the crowd. If they wanted to talk to her, they needed to call her out loud by her ears until she responded.

"What?" Jiang Yao only responded unhappily after a few seconds. She appeared scornful toward Weiqi who was making noise, and she mumbled, "You're so annoying..."

Luo Ruoran burst out laughing. By looking at Jiang Yao's response, she knew how much Weiqi had done to annoy the drunk wife of Xingzhi before she and Liang Yueze arrived.

Zhou Weiqi did not feel mad either. Instead, he laughed cheekily. "Jiang Yao! Jiang Yao! Who is the most handsome among us?"

"Lu Xingzhi..." She dragged the words lazily for a long time. She was gentle and soft, and it caused ripples in their hearts.

"Nonsense! I am clearly the most good-looking one!" Weiqi countered.

Then, the soft and gentle voice retorted immediately with a clear-cut sentence. "You're ugly! You're very ugly!"

"Hah! How protective is she!" Luo Ruoran laughed with tears brimming in her eyes. She then asked, "Do you love Lu Xingzhi?"

This time, she did not answer. However, the head, which was leaning on Lu Xingzhi's arm, nodded gently.

"Did you see that! Jiang Yao's drunk look is cute enough, right?" It was as if Weiqi had found a new toy. "The drunk Jiang Yao is especially clingy to Xingzhi. She wants to sit by Xingzhi's side and she wants Xingzhi to hug her. Most importantly, she is excellent in being coquettish!"

If it were not for Jiang Yao who had accidentally drunk too much tonight, Lu Xingzhi might have never found out about Jiang Yao's cuteness when she is drunk.

Good girl, such a good girl. She answered every single question. However, she would not answer all of them properly. She would also glare at you unhappily and lose her temper while letting out a hmph, besides arguing with you.

The most important reason for Lu Xingzhi to be genuinely happy was, when she was drunk, she would be more dependent on him and more clingy to him.

When Weiqi annoyed her until she was unhappy, she would stand up and move to a seat far away from him besides showing a 'I don't want to talk to you' face. If Weiqi were to continue bombarding her with questions, she would use a coquettish voice to tell Weiqi that she was angry and refuse to talk to him! If he continued to annoy her, she would let Xingzhi give him a good beating!

Chapter 315: Yaoyao

Putting a nineteen-year-old woman aside, even a nine-year-old girl would not be that coquettish and cute.

"Do you want to go back and sleep?" Lu Xingzhi lifted his arm and pushed Weiqi's hand away while he was teasing his wife. He then pulled her petite body that had fallen slightly aside back into his arms and asked her gently.

The woman in his arms thought for a few seconds and nodded obtusely. She responded, "Alright, he's too noisy, like a cicada!"

"..." Weiqi was hurt to the max and needed first aid.

"I'll bring her back to get some rest, you guys carry on. Let's have lunch tomorrow at noon. I will be going back to Jin City with her tomorrow afternoon." Lu Xingzhi was not prepared to take his wife out to be everyone's little toy, he then carried her in his arms before walking out.

The woman who felt shy very easily when she was sober no longer knew how to be shy after she was drunk.

While being carried by Lu Xingzhi in his arms, she even giggled along her way out of the room.

After seeing the couple off, everyone in the private room was enraptured by the scene.

"Xingzhi's wife is quite interesting." Gu Haoyu smiled gently. When he was talking, he even lifted his hand to adjust his spectacles on the bridge of his nose. He added, "Just like Ruoran when she was young."

Unsurprisingly, the happiness in Liang Yueze's eyes suddenly faded.

"Haoyu, Xingzhi and I are already married, what about you? You're no longer young, it's time for you to settle down, right? Don't wait until me and Ruoran's kids can call you their uncle and still be single." Liang Yueze looked at Luo Ruoran who was playing 'Rock Paper Scissors' with Weiqi and Xuyao. He curved up the corners of his lips. "Ruoran said that she wants three children so that they can play Mahjong with my mother. After some thinking, it should take around five years to accomplish our goal."

“Yueze, Ruoran said that she wants a whole platoon of children!” Weiqi yelled at the top of his lungs.

Gu Haoyu swirled the wine in his wine glass. He did not respond to Liang Yueze’s words as he clearly knew what Yueze meant.

Fact of the matter was, the girl whom he grew up with and whom he treasured eventually became his buddy’s wife, his ‘Sister-in-Law’.

Lu Xingzhi stayed in a room on the twelfth floor. After he exited the eighth floor, he went straight up by an elevator.

He had other houses in Jindo City but as he seldom lived there, the house did not have any furniture. Therefore, when he came to Jindo City, he would usually choose to live in a hotel as it was more convenient.

He took his room card and opened the door. After he put the woman on the bed, he turned back to lock the door. As he turned around again, the woman rushed into his arms and all he heard was her giggle.

She kicked away her high heels and stepped onto the white tiles with her bare feet. The skin on her little feet was more beautiful than the color of the tiles.

“Buy me some fruit juice, will you?”

She tip-toed and put her arms around his neck. She was still yearning for the delicious fruit juice and even until now, she was still begging him coquettishly.

After hearing her gentle and sweet voice the whole night, he still was not tired of it.

Finally, Lu Xingzhi could not resist. He nodded and agreed.

The little woman who got his permission hugged and kissed him gleefully. She then ran back to the bed on her pointy toes and lay on it.

Lu Xingzhi pulled his tie away and threw it on the sofa. He took off his coat and lay on the bed by mimicking her posture. Looking at her messy hair on her head, he was reaching out his hands, wanting to tie it up when she suddenly turned around and their eyes met.

Looking at her entrancing eyes, Lu Xingzhi could not help but test the waters and call out, “Yaoyao.”

That was the nickname her family gave her since she was young. That name was always on the tip of his tongue, however, it was the first time he had called her by that name.

Chapter 316: You Are Very Obedient

Just like what he had always thought, that name was the loveliest name in the world.

Yaoyao, his Yaoyao.

The lover whom he had engraved into his bones, the one who was irreplaceable in his life.

A knock on the door interrupted the two who were staring at each other. Lu Xingzhi stood up and opened the door. He took over the hangover soup sent to their room by the waiter.

The woman on the bed sat up lazily but she did not get down from her bed. She gently opened her eyelids and looked at the thing he was holding in his hands. When she realized that it was not something that she was interested in, she fell straight back into her bed again.

Lu Xingzhi asked Jiang Yao to wake up and drink the hangover soup gently, treating her like his own daughter. Only then, he went to the bathroom and filled up the bathtub. By the time he was done filling it up, Jiang Yao had already gone back to sleep with all her limbs stretched out.

That sleeping position indicated that she was completely defenseless. She was just like a stubborn little kid. Lu Xingzhi could not bear to wake her up.

That night was a peaceful night. The breeze was gentle, the sky was clear and the moon was bright. Tomorrow's Jindo City must be blessed with good weather.

Jiang Yao woke up at midnight due to thirst. Once she opened her eyes, she heard Lu Xingzhi's voice.

"You're awake?"

Taken aback, she turned around to have a look at the man beside her and saw that he was half naked. The blanket was only partially covering his waist. He was lying on his side. His eyes were clear, as if he did not just wake up.

"What time is it?" Jiang Yao felt that some pieces of her memories were missing.

She remembered that she went to a private room alongside Lu Xingzhi to have some fun after the dinner which ended around nine o'clock. However, she could not remember what she did and what time they came back. She could not remember the details.

She noticed that she had changed into the pyjamas that she brought along. Also, she felt that her whole body was clean and comfy, even the makeup on her face had been removed perfectly but she had no memory of her bathing before she went to bed.

"It's three twenty-one and thirty four seconds in the morning." Lu Xingzhi glanced at the watch that he had placed on the nightstand and told her the precise time.

He paused and then said, "Don't ever drink again! If you want to drink, you must get my permission, and I must be with you."

The truth was, she looked so flirty when she was drunk. What if someone else saw her being drunk and tried to take advantage of her? How could he let that happen?

"Did I drink last night?" Question marks were popping on top of Jiang Yao's head.

"It's cherry wine, not cherry juice." Lu Xingzhi took the chance and educated Jiang Yao. "Those imported cherry wine do taste like juice but the alcohol content is nowhere lower than normal red wine. Moreover, the hangover you get is stronger than normal red wine."

Jiang Yao's head went blank. She scratched her head. "No wonder I felt that the world was spinning last night." She was, without a doubt, a lightweight. She was the kind of person who would start to feel dizzy even when she had only gotten a whiff of alcohol.

“Did I drink a lot last night? Did I do something outrageous?” Jiang Yao was starting to get curious about what happened after she got drunk. She witnessed cases of people embarrassing themselves after they got drunk. People who would start to nag after they were drunk were not considered the serious cases. She had seen people who would pee anywhere that they set their eyes on or even start to shout and go crazy when they were drunk. Those were very embarrassing.

“No, you’re very obedient.” Lu Xingzhi told her the truth. Jiang Yao was indeed obedient even when she was drunk.

When he was helping her to bathe, she would raise her arms up when he told her to do so. She would go into the bathtub herself when he told her to as well. She would then stare at him with an innocent look and wait for his next instruction. If he were to not say anything, she would just sit there and lock her eyes on him.

When he took off his shirt and put one of his legs into the bathtub, she would make space for him too. When there was water flowing out of the bathtub, she even took it seriously and started a discussion with him about whether the bathtub was too small.

Chapter 317: Take His Revenge

After that, he was hugging her in his arms. She was as obedient as a kitten when she was curled up in his arms. When he asked her to kiss him, she would kiss him as he wished. She would kiss wherever his finger pointed at.

However, things almost went sexual in the end but the good thing was he managed to control his desires.

Nonetheless, he made a firm decision. From that day onward, he was the only one who could ever tease and mess around with his wife if she were drunk.

Upon hearing the answer from Lu Xingzhi, Jiang Yao was still observing his facial expressions doubtfully. However, she felt slightly relieved when she did not see any traces of him getting annoyed. The truth was, she herself did not even know how awful she would look like once she got drunk.

“Was I bothering you too much and you can’t get any sleep?” Jiang Yao remembered that Lu Xingzhi spoke to her the moment she opened her eyes. It was clear that he had not fallen asleep.

“No.” Lu Xingzhi shook his head. He did not tell her that he was enchanted by the look of her sleeping and was not willing to sleep.

Jiang Yao scratched her head. She could not tell whether Lu Xingzhi was telling the truth or he was lying to her.

She then flipped open her blanket. When she was about to sit up, Lu Xingzhi pressed her back into the bed.

“What are you doing?” Lu Xingzhi was using his big long leg, pressing it straight onto Jiang Yao’s waist. “What are you trying to do in the middle of the night instead of sleeping?”

“I’m thirsty...” Jiang Yao explained helplessly, “I woke up because I’m thirsty.”

Lu Xingzhi covered her once more with the blanket and got off the bed himself. He did understand that it was natural for people who were drunk to get thirsty in the middle of the midnight.

The good thing was there were bottles of mineral water in the hotel room. He grabbed one from the shelf and passed it to Jiang Yao after he twisted it open.

Jiang Yao was really thirsty. Once she took over the bottle of water, she lifted her head and gulped it down like a water buffalo. When she noticed that Lu Xingzhi was staring at her, she squinted her eyes and smiled at him.

“Since you’re awake, let’s do something else.” Lu Xingzhi flipped open the blanket and sat back onto the bed.

That statement almost made Jiang Yao choke on the water.

“Something else... what?” Jiang Yao twisted the lid back on and placed the bottle on the nightstand. She could sense that Lu Xingzhi’s eyes were following her movement. She got so shy that she did not dare to turn her head over.

He could just do it if he wanted to, why did he have to say it out loud? How embarrassing was that?

“Someone called me a stingy guy last night.” Lu Xingzhi curved up the corner of his lips ever so slightly that it was hard to notice. He did not know why she was shy all of a sudden but she most probably got the wrong idea.

However, he made her get the wrong idea on purpose. It was interesting to mess around with her sometimes even though she was fully awake at that time.

Jiang Yao was stunned and it took her quite some time to react.

So, was that the reason why he wanted to do something else with her? In order to get his revenge?

So, what was she thinking just now?

As for calling him a stingy guy, Jiang Yao did have some memories of it. She remembered scolding Lu Xingzhi as one.

“Jiang Yao, am I that stingy in your heart?” Lu Xingzhi asked her in a serious manner.

“How is that possible...” Jiang Yao turned her head around immediately and shook her head at Lu Xingzhi. “I was drunk last night, why would you argue with a drunk person? You can’t trust the words of a drunkard!”

“I believe that people who are drunk speak the truth.” He replied gently, “You said that you love me last night. So does that mean that I still can’t believe what you say when you are drunk?”

What exactly did she do last night when she was drunk?

The one who praised her for being obedient just now was trying to take his revenge on her. What else did she say when she was drunk last night?

Chapter 318: I Promise You

“Last night, you hugged me and vowed to the moon, you said that you will never ever leave my side. You said that you will love the man named Lu Xingzhi for the rest of your life.” He was not happy. “Could all that be fake?”

“...” Jiang Yao was speechless.

Did she really say those nauseating words? Why did she have no memory of her saying that?

“What else did I say?” Jiang Yao asked softly.

“You said a lot of things. For example, I’m the most handsome guy in this world and you love me a lot.” Lu Xingzhi tried very hard to hold back his laughter but he was pretending to be very serious. “Do you have no memories of what you said yourself?”

Upon seeing Jiang Yao shake her head, he replied unhappily with a snort. “Do you still dare to drink next time?”

“No, I won’t.” Jiang Yao made a vow. She did not dare to do it again. She did not know that she would say something that was so nauseating when she was drunk.

However, those words were truly from the bottom of her heart. So, was she the type of person who would start pouring out all her thoughts hidden in her heart once she was drunk?

“Last night, you said that you like to bathe and sleep with me. You like the way I pamper you and love you.” When Lu Xingzhi said that, he stopped for two seconds to observe the facial expression on her face. He was satisfied when he saw the shocked expression on her face as if she was struck by lightning. He then said gently, “I promise you.”

“Promise what?” Jiang Yao had a blurry look on her face.

“To bathe and sleep together, to pamper you...” He dragged her into his arms and gently bit on her ear. “To love you.”

For unknown reasons, Jiang Yao always had a feeling that the phrase ‘love you’ that came out from Lu Xingzhi’s mouth was a verb.

Later that night, Lu Xingzhi did prove her conjecture with his action. That phrase was really a verb and he ‘loved’ her for the rest of the night, from midnight until the next morning.

The hotel room was located on the higher floors. That was why the room remained very quiet even though the hotel was located on the busy streets of Jindo City.

The thick curtains were airtight and they were blocking sunlight from entering the room. The room was in total darkness and the one on the bed was sleeping as if she had blacked out.

Jiang Yao was still sleeping when Lu Xingzhi came back from outside.

Last night, when she was drunk, she slept through half of the night and spent the rest of the night being ‘loved’ by him. That pained her so much that she needed to beg for his mercy while being under him. She only got to go back to sleep after the sun had risen.

“Jiang Yao, it’s time to wake up.” Lu Xingzhi sat on the side of the bed once he came through the door. The soft bed caved in a little. He softly called out the name of the woman who was still in her dreams. His eyes were exuding nothing but gentleness.

Jiang Yao woke up with a yawn. When she noticed that Lu Xingzhi had already changed into his usual outfit and was sitting on the side while staring at her, she sat up immediately out of surprise. She turned her head around and looked in the direction of the window. “What time is it? Are you going back to your platoon?” After saying so, she touched her stomach. “I’m a bit hungry, why don’t you go back after having breakfast?”

She then stared at Lu Xingzhi with her eyes wide open while waiting for his answer.

“It’s already eleven o’clock, so you should say, go back after having lunch.” When Lu Xingzhi was answering her question, he stood up and pulled the curtains open, leaving only the yarn curtains hanging there. Jiang Yao could not get used to the sudden burst of sunlight and closed her eyes immediately.

“I asked Yueze and the others out for lunch today. The few of us didn’t even have the time to have a good talk yesterday at the wedding dinner.” Lu Xingzhi took out her clean clothes from the luggage bag one by one. “Although it’s sunny today but the wind is strong. Remember to bring along the coat you bought yesterday.”

Chapter 319: Everyone Is Here

They were meeting at Longteng Restaurant, the place where Lu Xingzhi called Jiang Yao previously. It was already fifteen minutes past noon when they arrived and the rest were already waiting for them.

“Brother Lu! Sister Jiang! How are you?” Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao greeted them almost immediately.

“Sit here.” Lu Xingzhi pulled a chair out, beckoning Jiang Yao to sit down. Once she was seated, he turned toward the rest and asked if food had been ordered. Hearing Gu Haoyu’s confirmation, he called for the server and ordered two lighter dishes.

Jiang Yao woke up with an empty stomach and she only managed to eat a piece of biscuit on the way here.

“Brother Liang, Brother Lu, I think that’s enough!” Chen Xuyao knocked the table twice with his knuckles. “Be mindful of what you are doing, there are three bachelors here. We cannot take it anymore!”

“That’s right! Come on ladies, take care of your men! We are planning to give you both a strawberry-flavored lipstick,” Zhou Weiqi continued, chuckling loudly.

Jiang Yao and Luo Ruoran rolled their eyes at the two cheeky guys. They were very familiar with both Zhou Weiqi’s and Chen Xuyao’s personalities, and knowing that these two were just fooling around, they paid them no heed.

A short while later, the server came around with the dishes. Since both Jiang Yao and Luo Ruoran were sitting together, they started chatting.

As she was still a student, Jiang Yao talked a lot about her life in school. Luo Ruoran was a few years older than Jiang Yao. She graduated from university overseas, and came back to take over her family business, thrusting herself into the limelight as a female newcomer in the business world.

Throughout the conversation, Jiang Yao found out that Luo Ruoran knew Gu Haoyu first. She then became friends with Liang Yueze and the rest through him. Coincidentally, she moved into the old quarters soon after, becoming extremely good friends with the rest of the them.

After graduating from military school, Gu Haoyu resumed his studies overseas. He was a true academician, he was currently doing research and teaching in a prestigious university overseas as a professor.

According to Luo Ruoran, she had known Gu Haoyu ever since she was a toddler, making them true childhood friends.

Deep in a conversation with Luo Ruoran, Jiang Yao still had the ability to listen to the guys talking. Work was the only topic discussed. Liang Yueze was telling Lu Xingzhi his plans on expanding Longteng Restaurant. He planned to buy the plots of land surrounding the restaurant.

“You decide, Brother Liang. I have no qualms about your decision whatsoever. I fully trust your judgement. Just let me know how much money you need.” Lu Xingzhi tried to cut the conversation short since he had no interest in business matters.

Now that he mentioned it...

“About the money... If I am not around, look for Jiang Yao. She is now in charge of the finances; I gave her full access to all the accounts. You know I am always out on missions and cannot be contacted immediately. Previously she wanted some cash urgently, instead she used someone else’s instead of mine.”

“Jiang Yao, did you buy all the shares of Shengqi Hospital?” Chen Xuyao interjected. “I heard from Brother Lu you were planning to do just that. It has been a while; how did it go?”

“Basically, yes. Although, I have a small issue right now; I am still six percent short of complete ownership.” Jiang Yao was pleased discussing the matter. “Do you know that I purchased them dirt cheap?”

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“Tell me, how did you do it?” Intrigued, Luo Ruoran asked.

Jiang Yao told everyone, without holding back, how she went and bought all the shares off the shareholders, pushing the price way down in the process.

She looked at the varied expressions after she was done talking, wondering if they were judging her for being so shrewd.

After all, doing business was like going to war. Victory always went to the ones that had the best tactics.

A while later, Liang Yueze commented, “Not bad.” Saying it nonchalantly, he was actually very impressed with Jiang Yao’s actions.

There was still plenty of room for improvement. However, for someone who was a stranger to running a business just weeks ago, Jiang Yao's handling of the matter was very impressive.

With Liang Yueze's acknowledgement, Jiang Yao grinned and felt better. As a very capable businessman and a big shot in the city, Liang Yueze surely understood that being ruthless was a trait highly sought after in the business world.

"This reminds me, I do not remember seeing Old General Liang yesterday?" Lu Xingzhi asked.

"Grandpa was suddenly called to a meeting a few days ago. He left two days ago to attend it. Nobody knows what the meeting is about. That's why he could not make it to the wedding since he is out of the country now." Liang Yueze explained. "Looking at his schedule, I suppose he will be back in three days' time."

Luo Ruoran laughed. "You cannot imagine how mad he was! He had been waiting for a long time for us to get married, and now he could not attend the wedding because of that meeting. He had a slight cold when he left and grandma was worried, but we could not contact him at all. Seems like the meeting has something to do with some highly classified information."

Lu Xingzhi nodded. Even after retiring, Old General Liang was well-respected by the military, involving himself in plenty of matters at the request of the military.

After dinner, Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao strolled around Jindo City for two hours before leaving.

They were supposed to stay an extra night at Jindo City. However, Jiang Yao did not agree to it. She knew that Lu Xingzhi took only two days of leave, and figured it was better for them to return to the platoon a day earlier.

It was evening when they arrived at the platoon, Lu Xingzhi drove to the family building and parked his car there. Suddenly, they saw Ge Wenwen running down the stairs, with rage on her face.

Not expecting to see them both, she stood surprised at the stairway entrance. She picked up a stone on the ground and hurled it at Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao swiftly dodged it. The projectile hit the glass window of the car with a loud bang, before dropping onto the ground.

Shocked, Jiang Yao looked at the little girl. She had immense arm strength, probably because she grew up in the village. The glass was probably shattered, judging from the loud sound on impact.

Fortunately, a not-so-obvious scratch mark was all to be seen.

"This is reinforced bulletproof glass." Lu Xingzhi raised his eyebrows. Any other regular car window would have shattered into a thousand pieces. The stone thrown was sizable, as big as Ge Wenwen's fist. Thrown at such a short distance, one could imagine how hard the little girl had thrown it.