

Chapter 321: A Big Mess

“Baddie! You stupid! Idiot! I hope you get into a car accident!” Ge Wenwen was unhappy that she did not hit Jiang Yao with her first throw. She kept cursing while looking for more stones.

“Ge Wenwen! What do you think you are doing?!”

Colonel Lin appeared behind Ge Wenwen and yelled at her. She turned and started running once she saw who it was. Running past Jiang Yao, she gave her a hard shove.

“What is wrong with that kid?” Lu Xingzhi would have given her a few hard slaps on the face if she were his child. It was insane seeing a little girl behaving in such an outrageous manner.

“Thanks to her mother, that is!” Raging, Colonel Lin continued, “Remember a few days ago when she came and asked for your help to look after Ge Wenwen? After that, she went around telling people that you rejected her because she came from a rural village, saying that you looked down on her.”

“She knew beforehand that we were going to a wedding in Jindo City, and brought Ge Wenwen to us early in the morning, wanting us to bring the little girl to Jindo City as well. Come on!” Lu Xingzhi scoffed coldly. “Who cares anyway, she is not my wife.”

“Someone from the Yang family has had enough of her and started an argument with her. I am not sure how, but Sergeant Ge somehow got wind of the situation. He asked for a quiet discharge from the hospital. After returning home, the couple started quarrelling in front of their daughter. He asked for a divorce and for the mother of his daughter to leave. Enraged, she actually left then and there, nobody knows where she is now.”

In Colonel Lin’s eyes this was an extremely messy situation. “Sergeant Ge has been playing the roles of both father and mother to Ge Wenwen, taking care of her while recovering from his injuries. Ge Wenwen was spoiled by her mother, not even Sergeant Ge can manage her. Talking back and arguing every time she is unhappy with her father. They were arguing just now before the little girl ran off and decided to express her anger by trying to hurt you.”

Colonel Lin did not mention how a six-year old girl like Ge Wenwen could get so foul-mouthed, it was as plain as daylight who she learned it from.

“How is he doing? I thought the hospital wanted him to stay a little longer?” Lu Xingzhi could not stop worrying about Sergeant Ge.

“He is getting better, slowly.” Colonel Lin shook his head. “I am worried, seeing him like this. He does not have nurses taking care of him now. Moreover, he still has to do house chores and look after his daughter.”

The more Colonel Lin thought about it, the stronger his conviction that Mrs. Ge had some issues mentally. Her husband was in the hospital recovering from a serious injury, yet she was here making a scene and disturbing other people. She did not stop even after Sergeant Ge came back. Rather than apologizing and taking up the responsibility to care for her husband, she left abruptly, leaving the family just like that.

A lover's quarrel, Colonel Lin had no issues with it. Yet, Sergeant Ge was not in a physically sound state, why could not she put everything aside and look after her husband for now? If she really wanted to leave, she could do so after making sure that he was well taken care of.

Not wanting to hold up Mr. and Mrs. Lu, Colonel Lin left after saying so.

Upon reaching their house, Jiang Yao turned and looked at the door opposite them. It was shut tight and locked up, nobody could see what was going on inside.

Chapter 322: Main Girl

"Can you clean up some of the things first? I am going to get some food from the cafeteria for both of us and Sergeant Ge. I am going to eat with him later, are you okay eating alone tonight?" Lu Xingzhi knew that Sergeant Ge had gone through a lot and needed someone by his side.

Getting together with a character like Mrs. Ge was a huge mistake, Lu Xingzhi thought, he would rather be a single man for the rest of his life.

"I am not a kid anymore!" Jiang Yao pushed Lu Xingzhi and continued, "Once you are back here at the platoon, you do not belong to me anymore."

After giving Lu Xingzhi a piece of her mind, she muttered under her breath, "Give me a break already. Why is he so popular?"

"What are you saying under your breath? Speak up!" Lu Xingzhi heard only snippets.

"I say, you belong to me only when we are on the bed, understood? Shoo, go and get some food for me, I am starving!" Jiang Yao glared at Lu Xingzhi.

Lu Xingzhi was pleased. "Right. There are twenty-four hours in a day, and usually I spend eight of them in bed. That means I am giving you a third of my time in my life."

"I am your wife! What about the rest of the two-thirds? Are you reserving it for your concubines?" Jiang Yao snorted.

Lu Xingzhi pretended not to hear Jiang Yao's remark, rather, he replied, "Jiang Yao, you are the only woman in my life! Now, get back into the house, I cannot risk starving the queen, can I?"

He gave Jiang Yao's head a good rub. After making sure that she was not mad, he went off.

Sometimes, it was not difficult to charm and pamper his wife.

After getting food from the cafeteria, Lu Xingzhi came back and gave Jiang Yao her share. He then turned and knocked on the opposite door.

He ate at the cafeteria before returning, but he still brought two portions for Sergeant Ge. Although Ge Wenwen was nowhere to be found, she was still his daughter.

Jiang Yao did not know what Lu Xingzhi and Sergeant Ge were talking about on the other side. After she was done eating, had cleaned the house and taken a bath, Lu Xingzhi then returned, smelling of alcohol.

"You drank?" Jiang Yao asked.

“Sergeant Ge was feeling really down, so I had a few drinks with him,” Lu Xingzhi explained. He wanted to mention that Ge Wenwen had just returned but he knew that Jiang Yao probably did not want anything to do with the girl so he kept quiet.

The next morning, Lu Xingzhi left after he brought Jiang Yao her breakfast. Apparently, he was working on developing a more demanding training schedule, which explained why he had been really busy for the past few days.

Right after finishing her breakfast, Mrs. Lin came over, wanting to accompany Jiang Yao on her shopping trip.

It was Lu Xingzhi’s request for Mrs. Lin to go with Jiang Yao. Having only just arrived at Jin City, Jiang Yao was not familiar with the place. After knowing that she wanted to go into the city to buy some stuff, he mentioned it to Colonel Lin, asking for Mrs. Lin’s accompaniment.

Chapter 323: An Incident

Mrs. Lin was quite happy to be shopping with Jiang Yao. They clicked well and were comfortable talking to each other.

On buying furniture, Jiang Yao did not hesitate nor looked at the price tag. If she liked it, she would buy it.

After spending nearly an hour and a half at the furniture plaza, Jiang Yao bought plenty of furniture and household products. After paying for it, the plaza would deliver everything to the platoon. Once the products had reached the platoon, there would be people around the platoon assisting with the tough chore of moving everything into her house.

After the big purchases, Jiang Yao went to the wet market with Mrs. Lin. They bought a lot of fresh produce and meat. Knowing from conversation that their cooking skills were pretty much similar, they looked at each other and laughed.

Even though her children had already grown up, Mrs. Lin’s cooking skills were still to be desired. She grew up comfortably in a family with a good financial background. All house chores were done by her mother and the maids. After her marriage, with her husband in the platoon, she brought up her children in Jin City at her parents’ house. They only visited the platoon during weekends. Even then, they either ate at the cafeteria or Colonel Lin would cook.

Jiang Yao thought of Sergeant Ge when buying her groceries. Remembering his injuries, she bought a chicken, a fish, and some organic eggs. However much they hated Ge Wenwen and her mother, Lu Xingzhi still cared about Sergeant Ge. If not, he would not drink with him till late at night and come back with a frown on his face.

They left early in the morning, only returning to the platoon at noon.

Lu Xingzhi brought lunch for Jiang Yao from the cafeteria. Upon entering the house, he could see Jiang Yao busy tidying up the house.

“Come and eat first, you have the rest of the afternoon to tidy up.” Lu Xingzhi prompted Jiang Yao.

“Coming!” Jiang Yao came out from the bedroom saying, “The curtains are custom made, they will be delivered in a few days. I chose a light purple one, it is beautiful!”

Lu Xingzhi hummed and turned on the radio.

Jiang Yao opened the lunch box and her eyes lit up at once. “I am famished after an entire morning of walking non-stop. It was fun going out shopping with Mrs. Lin. She has really good taste and knows where to buy the best stuff in the city.”

She remembered Mrs. Lin telling her something this morning. “Mrs. Lin told me that going out with Mrs. Ge was a nightmare. It is not because she did not have enough money, it is just her attitude. Nobody likes her.”

Lu Xingzhi was listening to the news on the radio, so he just nodded in acknowledgement. Gossips like these did not concern him. Anyway, there was breaking news on the radio, a commercial plane was hijacked by an unknown force and was now uncontactable and untraceable.

Chapter 324: Thank You

The two of them were shocked upon hearing the news.

Jiang Yao put down her food and focused on the radio, listening intently to the news report. She asked afterwards, “What did they mean by an unknown force? Why did they hijack the plane?”

“There are many places in the world that are not as peaceful as our country. In some places, groups and organizations seize control of the land using military force to advance their interests.” Lu Xingzhi explained it in simple terms. There was something that was still not making sense to him. Why did they hijack a plane out of nowhere? There must be a reason to it.

The plane was flying above the air space of a conflict zone before being surrounded by helicopters and was forced to land.

It was a commercial flight from a different country. Even though Jiang Yao was shocked, she felt that it did not affect her in any way whatsoever.

Both Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao paid no extra attention to the news before a different news story was reported.

After wiping down the shoe cabinet, Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao to see that she was looking back at him. He urged her to finish her food before it got cold.

After her meal, Jiang Yao started arranging the things she had bought with Lu Xingzhi.

“I spent most of my time today shopping for furniture and other big things, the smaller ones I am leaving till tomorrow.”

While cleaning the fresh produce she bought at the wet market, she suddenly remembered something else and said, “I bought a chicken and a fish today. I am going to make it into a soup later in the afternoon. Take some and give it to Sergeant Ge later when you go over at night. I think he needs some of these to help his recovery.”

This should be something for Mrs. Ge to worry about. However, since she left abruptly after the argument, abandoning her husband and her six-year old daughter, there was no one else available to look after Sergeant Ge. Jiang Yao acknowledged the relationship between Lu Xingzhi and Sergeant Ge, that was why she put in a little more effort in making sure that Sergeant Ge was well.

“Thank you, dear.” Lu Xingzhi stood up and walked toward Jiang Yao. He lowered his head and kissed her on the forehead.

He was nervous with Sergeant Ge injured. They were comrades, with Sergeant Ge being his subordinate. He understood how important the mission was for Sergeant Ge.

Lu Xingzhi planned to ask the cafeteria to boil some medicinal soup for Sergeant Ge this afternoon. Unexpectedly, Jiang Yao had already thought of that and prepared the ingredients.

Back then, Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao always told him that marrying Jiang Yao was not a wise decision. She would be the one interfering in his career and impeding his future. Yet, this was not the case now. His wife was caring and considerate, an excellent military wife and his soulmate.

Chapter 325: Brother Ge

Seeing how Mrs. Ge and Ge Wenwen had treated her, Jiang Yao would not have done it if not for Lu Xingzhi, even though it had nothing to do with Sergeant Ge.

“What is there to thank me for? I cannot bear to see you looking worried, that’s why I am doing it. I am saying this upfront though, I do not know how to make it, so you are going to cook it first and teach me at the same time.” Jiang Yao was embarrassed.

Lu Xingzhi did not have much time for his afternoon break. He spent the rest of his time cleaning the house and arranging the new furniture with Jiang Yao.

Their house looked different after they were done with the cleaning.

“Let’s put all the old and worn-out furniture here in the living room. I will get some people to help move them out.” Lu Xingzhi wiped the sweat off his forehead. The living room was very cramped, filled with all the temporary extra junk.

Compared to his own house, this house in the platoon was very small. Luckily, Jiang Yao had no issues with it.

After a few words with her, Lu Xingzhi got changed and left. A while later, some soldiers came and took all the unwanted furniture away.

Just as she was entering the house, the door opposite creaked open. A man with a crutch came walking out.

“Brother Ge,” Jiang Yao greeted him.

Sergeant Ge had a tanned complexion. He looked a little over thirty years old, with a very normal appearance. At his age, with his current ranking, he probably had an extremely difficult time progressing.

“Are you Captain Lu’s wife?” Sergeant Ge looked a little shocked, locking eyes with Jiang Yao. He then swiftly apologized, “I am sorry for what happened with my wife and my daughter. She is not the brightest and has a bad temper, I hope you can forgive her.”

Jiang Yao ignored his last remark and asked, “Where are you going, Brother Ge? I thought that the doctor wanted you to be on bedrest?”

Jiang Yao used the Medical System and scanned Sergeant Ge. He was injured seriously, with gun wounds, bone fractures and some cuts. Usually, the doctor would require the patient to stay in the hospital for further care. This was done also to prevent infection of the wounds.

Sergeant Ge acknowledged Jiang Yao’s concern, but he was out of his wits.

“Wenwen left early in the morning and has not been back since. It is past lunchtime now. I am going to look for her.” Sergeant Ge sighed. “She was unhappy that I scolded her this morning.”

“The platoon is really strict with security, I do not think a kid like her is going to get out, do not worry.” Jiang Yao had no good feelings toward Ge Wenwen. A six-year-old like her would have been able to support her family out in the countryside, doing house chores and whatnot. Who would have expected a wild brat like Ge Wenwen?

Chapter 326: Manhunt

“Sergeant Ge, I say you head back in and get some rest. We will go look for Wenwen, if we see her, we will bring her back.”

Mrs. Zhu and Mrs. Lin were on their way down when they heard the exchange. Mrs. Zhu took the initiative and reassured Sergeant Ge.

Jiang Yao nodded and continued, “That is right, Brother Ge. This is the fifth floor, and we do not have an elevator. It is just too dangerous for you to be moving about. We will go look for her, do not worry.”

After giving it some thought, Sergeant Ge thanked the ladies and said, “Alright. Thank you for your help.” With the current state of his body, he had to be extra careful moving around. A fall down the stairs was only going to worsen his already serious injuries.

Jiang Yao locked the door and walked down the stairs with Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu.

“We wanted to continue shopping with you. Who would have thought we were given another mission to complete?” Once out of earshot, Mrs. Zhu muttered unhappily, “People used to say that a poor child matures faster. I say this Ge Wenwen is even worse than my son.”

In her eyes, her son was a complete douche. But now, with Ge Wenwen as a comparison, she felt that her son was the best child she could ever ask for.

“Cut it out. We are still here at the building compound, there are so many people around us.” Mrs. Lin interrupted Mrs. Zhu, turning toward Jiang Yao, she said, “Sergeant Ge lives right opposite you. Please keep an eye on him when he is alone at home.”

Even though there was another person—Ge Wenwen, to Mrs. Lin, she did not exist.

“Xingzhi already told me this morning. The chicken I bought this morning is for Sergeant Ge. We are neighbors and he is also Xingzhi’s comrade, it is only the right thing for me to help, isn’t it?” Jiang Yao smiled.

Hearing that Jiang Yao bought a whole chicken just for Sergeant Ge, Mrs. Zhu stole another glance at Jiang Yao. If they could afford a chicken every month, they were considered well-off. Who would have thought that Mr. and Mrs. Lu were so generous with their money?

Mrs. Lin smiled back. She never had to worry about Lu Xingzhi’s character. Sergeant Ge was his subordinate, naturally Lu Xingzhi would have asked his wife to help.

The trio spent the rest of the time discussing their shopping itinerary while searching for Ge Wenwen. They finally located her at the entrance to the cafeteria.

She was eating a chicken drumstick when they found her. At first glance, she looked like a little beggar, if not for the fact that they were in a platoon. Grimy face and dirty clothes, nobody knew where she had been the entire morning.

Ge Wenwen was not afraid of Jiang Yao, but she was apprehensive of Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu. Seeing the trio from afar, she finished the chicken drumstick in a couple of big bites and threw the bone away.

The ladies did not care to ask where Ge Wenwen got that drumstick from, they called out for her to go back home.

Chapter 327: Complaining Non-stop

Ge Wenwen glared at Jiang Yao. She then looked at Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu before taking to her heels. The three of them almost failed to catch up with the six-year-old kid. They finally heaved a sigh of relief when they saw Ge Wenwen running upstairs.

“Ungrateful brat!” Mrs. Zhu was gasping for air. She leaned on the wall beside the staircase while panting heavily and scolding her softly.

Mrs. Lin was nowhere better. She was also sweating profusely due to the weather.

On the other hand, although Jiang Yao’s shoulders were quivering with her back facing them, she was just pretending.

She just did not want to perform too outstandingly, therefore, although she could catch up with Ge Wenwen once she took to her heels, she noticed that Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu were slow, that was why she silently slowed down and pretended to be struggling.

If it were not for Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu, Ge Wenwen’s speed was nothing for Jiang Yao. How fast could a six-year-old kid be? However, since Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu were womenfolk, they lacked in training and seldom jogged so they felt strenuous during the chase.

Jiang Yao could never catch up with her if it were in the past. However, Jiang Yao’s whole body was full of energy and strength now. When her Force Value had not been triggered, even Qi Xiang could not catch up with her, not to mention chasing Ge Wenwen.

However, she could pretend to be panting, but her complexion and sweat could not be faked.

When Jiang Yao turned around, Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu still noticed that Jiang Yao was keeping her cool. However, the both of them just sighed and thought that it was great to be young without thinking about anything else.

Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Zhu initially planned to go shopping at the market in the afternoon with Jiang Yao. They coincidentally met Sergeant Ge looking for Ge Wenwen so they lent a helping hand. After Ge Wenwen had been found, both of them went downstairs and waited for Jiang Yao, who was taking her bag from upstairs, before exiting the platoon together.

With Mrs. Zhu as a companion, there were many places to shop in the afternoon. Mrs. Zhu's personality was more straightforward than Mrs. Lin's and she could not keep anything to herself. Along the way, she was complaining about how hard it was to deal with, and how annoying the new military spouse, Ge Wenwen's mother, was to Jiang Yao.

"Jiang Yao, you don't know much about Ge Wenwen's mother, if you go shopping with her, you would be embarrassed to death! Last time, a few of us went shopping for some vegetables. When we have our eyes set on any vegetable, if we feel that it is expensive after asking for the price, we will bargain for it. If it is reasonable, we will buy it, if it is not, we will forget about it, right? Ge Wenwen's mother is not even sure whether she wants to buy something or not. Once, when she saw something, she asked about the price. After asking, she also bargained for it. After bargaining for a long time, the seller agreed but she suddenly said that she did not want it anymore. She just turned around and walked away. The seller blew his top and yelled at her from behind. However, she acted like it was nothing and continued to ask other sellers, our faces were flushed red out of embarrassment!"

Mrs. Zhu was complaining non-stop. "Once, she wanted to buy some cabbage. She peeled quite a few layers off a head of cabbage and weighed all the peeled layers in the basket. After weighing, she wanted the seller to charge her two cents less so she ended up arguing with the seller for twenty minutes!"

Mrs. Zhu was fuming at this point. "After that, we were not willing to go out with her anymore. She then spreaded the word that we despised her as she was from the countryside and formed cliques to push her out! She really pisses us off!"

Jiang Yao heard Mrs. Lin mentioning these before, but Mrs. Lin's intention was to remind her to keep away from Mrs. Ge and not to go out with her. Putting her attempts at taking advantage of other people aside, what was even more unbearable was the embarrassment she brought.

Not only that, Mrs. Lin had a calm personality and her tone was gentler when she spoke. On the other hand, Mrs. Zhu was going all out, complaining to Jiang Yao, so her tone was more serious. However, Mrs. Zhu made Jiang Yao understand more about her hatred toward Mrs. Ge.

Chapter 328: The Liang Family's Matter

"Alright, let's mind our own businesses. We can't control the way she does things. Let her do what she likes, let's just turn a blind eye." Mrs. Lin comforted Mrs. Zhu. She knew Mrs. Zhu was infuriated after having to chase Ge Wenwen at noon.

After comforting Mrs. Zhu, Mrs. Lin turned around and said to Jiang Yao, "By the way, didn't you say you wanted to buy a few pots of Devil's Ivy in the morning? Let's go to the Flowers and Birds Market. I want

to buy a few goldfishes for the little one at home. That little one is addicted to goldfishes recently. There is only one left alive in the whole fish tank, and he cried so pitifully last night.”

“Mrs. Lin, your son, Ah Wei, adores keeping these since he was young.” Mrs. Zhu laughed and said to Jiang Yao, “Don’t underestimate Mrs. Lin’s son, Ah Wei, for being only eight years old, that kid has been rearing quite a lot of animals since he was young. He rears cats and dogs in his grandmother’s house, he has even reared lizards and crickets before.”

“It’s good for young children to have their own hobbies. No matter what it is, as long as he has the patience for it.” Jiang Yao smiled.

Upon hearing Jiang Yao’s response, Mrs. Zhu opened her mouth but gulped the words back down immediately. Obviously, she did not know how to continue, as she thought that like her, Jiang Yao would think that the child was weird.

They were in Jin City till late in the afternoon. When Lu Xingzhi returned home and did not see Jiang Yao there, he made a call to Jiang Yao and found out that they were still outside waiting for a bus to return to the platoon. He drove there right away to pick them up.

“They say that Sergeant Lu loves his wife dearly, he’s obviously different from the high maintenance menfolk at our homes.” As they were sitting in Lu Xingzhi’s car on their way home, Mrs. Zhu was especially excited along the way. Lu Xingzhi’s car was spacious, clean and way more comfortable than the bus.

Although Mrs. Zhu was praising him, she was actually envious of Jiang Yao deep down. Even though she and her husband had a car and handphones, and he knew that she was waiting for the bus to return to the platoon, her husband would never drive just to pick her up after a busy day.

Downstairs, the three of them took their stuff and said a few words before going home respectively. Once Jiang Yao stepped into the house, she instantly smelled a pleasant aroma. After asking, she found out that Lu Xingzhi had stewed the slaughtered chicken before going out.

“Xingzhi, are you in a bad mood?” Jiang Yao noticed that Lu Xingzhi was moody along the way home.

Although his expression was usually indifferent, normal people could not see his emotions just by looking at his face. However, Jiang Yao still noticed that he was in a bad mood.

Lu Xingzhi did not expect Jiang Yao to be so keen in sensing his emotions. Therefore, after some thought, he no longer continued to hide it from her.

“Something happened to Yueze’s family.” He said, “I received a call from Weiqi just now, he said that Old General Liang was on the hijacked airliner which was out of touch. Moreover, there are a lot of high-ranked military officers from other countries on the airliner too. Everyone who attended the meeting with Old General Liang was on that airliner, except for someone who had food poisoning and missed the flight.”

That was not the most serious matter. “They initially wanted to hide this from Grandmother Liang but coincidentally she went out in the afternoon and heard this news from other people. She fainted right away and was sent to the hospital. Luckily, she was rescued in time, but she is still unconscious.”

Jiang Yao was stunned. No wonder Lu Xingzhi had the jitters. Lu Xingzhi must be worried about them since the Liang family was going through such a terrible mishap.

“What’s the situation now? Do we need to rush to Jindo City?” Jiang Yao asked.

“Not for the time being. Even if we do, we can’t do anything either. The Liang family is a mess right now, we will just add more trouble for them if we go. Let’s just wait and see.” Lu Xingzhi shook his head. “The leaders of each country have arranged certain departments to settle this emergency.”

Chapter 329: The Trivial Matters of the Ge Family

Jiang Yao could only nod, although she was concerned about them, she really could not do anything about it.

However, she remembered how worried Liang Yueze was about Old General Liang’s flu after mentioning it that day. Now, the Liang family was a mess, Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran must be feeling blue to say the least.

Lu Xingzhi tapped Jiang Yao’s shoulder. “Go and take a bath first. I’ll go to the kitchen and stir-fry some vegetables.”

“I’ll take a bath before I sleep!” Jiang Yao shook her head right away. She stuck her tongue out and pulled a face at Lu Xingzhi. “Let me admire the dignified Lu Xingzhi’s beautiful cooking posture.”

Jiang Yao was considered to have set herself free in front of Lu Xingzhi. She dared to say or do anything, and she was also considered confident in teasing her own husband.

If it were not her but other people, they would have been kicked ten thousand miles away by Lu Xingzhi. However, since she was his own wife, Lu Xingzhi chuckled and nodded in agreement.

He had already picked out the vegetables and soaked them in water before he went out. After entering the kitchen, he only needed to scoop them up before putting them in the pan.

“We should send some dishes over to Sergeant Ge at night, right?” Previously, Lu Xingzhi would conveniently bring back two more packs of food from the cafeteria. However, they were cooking dinner tonight so they certainly should send some to them.

The reason Jiang Yao mentioned this proactively was because she had her own intentions. She was afraid that Lu Xingzhi would want to invite Sergeant Ge and Ge Wenwen over for dinner together.

Jiang Yao was annoyed every time she saw Ge Wenwen. She was afraid that she would turn the house upside-down, and she would need to watch Ge Wenwen eat like a bear.

“Mhm.” Lu Xingzhi nodded. “I’ll let Sergeant Ge call home to ask Mrs. Ge to come back to the platoon in two days’ time.”

“How about Sergeant Ge’s mother? Mrs. Ge has gone back to her hometown, Sergeant Ge’s mother knows that her son was injured but nobody is here to take care of him. Why didn’t she come and lend a hand?” Jiang Yao was confused about this. Logically, Sergeant Ge’s mother should come to the platoon and have a look at her son and granddaughter as nobody was looking after them since Mrs. Ge went back to her hometown.

In other words, under normal circumstances, Sergeant Ge was injured and Mrs. Ge had to take care of Sergeant Ge. Sergeant Ge's mother should come to the platoon and take care of her granddaughter, Ge Wenwen. It was not like she did not have a place to stay, an old woman could certainly fit in a house with two bedrooms.

"It doesn't make any difference with or without Sergeant Ge's mother." Lu Xingzhi shook his head and turned around to pinch Jiang Yao's nose. "Not everyone has parents who know how to give their children love and care like ours. Sergeant Ge is rather deadpan and he is not good with words. He has many younger brothers and sisters who are sweet talkers so his parents adore them more. Initially, he had no choice but to come to the platoon for a job. Ge Wenwen's grandmother has never paid attention to this granddaughter as she is very conservative and values boys more than girls."

Lu Xingzhi was feeling very helpless. "When Sergeant Ge was injured, the platoon made a call to the Ge family and allowed Sergeant Ge's mother to come and visit him. However, Sergeant Ge's mother only asked whether he was dead or alive. She would not come if it were not a big matter as she said that she needed to farm the land back at home besides taking care of her other grandsons and granddaughters."

Jiang Yao did not continue asking. No wonder Sergeant Ge seemed rather deadpan. His original personality was already rather stuffy, but he had parents, a wife and a daughter like that, his personality would certainly become more and more deadpan.

Lu Xingzhi was not the kind of person who liked to gossip about others' family matters, but Sergeant Ge's case was special. The reason why he said so much to Jiang Yao was because he wanted to let Jiang Yao understand the reason behind him taking special care of him.

Chapter 330: Are You Coming?

Jiang Yao did not ask more about the Ge family. She lowered her head and focused on Lu Xingzhi who was stir-frying some vegetables.

It was obvious that Lu Xingzhi did not cook very often as he poured oil three times even when he was just stir-frying some vegetables. However, his cooking skills were still better than Jiang Yao's.

Together with the food for their neighbor, Sergeant Ge and his daughter, Lu Xingzhi had prepared another braised fish with brown sauce along with two vegetarian dishes. The recipe of the braised fish was one he spontaneously got from Colonel Lin at noon. With chicken soup added to the menu, the dinner they had that night was a great feast.

"You can eat first without me, I will get some over for them." Lu Xingzhi took out the big bowl that he bought in the morning and packed half of the dishes into it. As for the chicken soup, he kept just enough for himself and Jiang Yao and packed the rest as well.

Jiang Yao told him that she would wait for him to come back and eat together. She helped Lu Xingzhi to open the front door and sat back to the side of the dining table. After a while of waiting, she picked up a pair of chopsticks and secretly tasted the food.

Lu Xingzhi was not the best cook, but his cooking was still very much edible. After all, for people like Jiang Yao who could not even cook, she did not have the right to be picky.

The one who opened the door for Lu Xingzhi was Ge Wenwen. When she saw what Lu Xingzhi was holding in his hands, she rejoiced immediately. As soon as she turned around, she shouted at Sergeant Ge who was in the room, "Dad! Uncle Lu sent us something to eat! There are fish and chicken soup! I told you that I smelled meat just now, we have meat to eat tonight!"

Ge Wenwen's words seemed impolite but Lu Xingzhi was too lazy to argue with her. He talked to Sergeant Ge after placing the things he was holding onto the table. He knew that Jiang Yao was still waiting for him to return so that they could eat together. Therefore, he did not want to waste too much time and went back straight away.

Jiang Yao could clearly hear what Ge Wenwen said even when she was just sitting there. It became a lot quieter when the door was locked after Lu Xingzhi came back.

"Remind me to buy an apron when we're out tomorrow!" Jiang Yao just realized that there were no aprons in the house when she noticed the oil stains on Lu Xingzhi's clothes.

Although it seemed as if Lu Xingzhi had been living here for quite some time and the house seemed to have everything, she felt that a lot of things were still missing once she had started living with him. She could remember the big items but for the small items, it was easy to forget if she did not see it when they were out shopping.

"Are we going to town again tomorrow?" Lu Xingzhi scooped a bowl of chicken soup for Jiang Yao. "Aren't you tired? If you're tired, why don't we wait until you're back during the winter holidays and we can buy them together?"

After he was done asking, Lu Xingzhi placed the bowl of chicken soup in front of Jiang Yao. He did not say anything afterwards and started to gobble down all the food.

Jiang Yao grabbed a spoon and gently sipped the chicken soup.

Surprisingly, even though Lu Xingzhi's cooking was not that great but the chicken soup that he made tasted fantastic.

She held the spoon gently and was blowing on the hot soup. With a faint smile, she observed Lu Xingzhi who had lowered his head and seemed to be very focused while eating. She then asked casually, "Lu Xingzhi, are you worried that I would not want to come during the winter holidays?"

She would not have noticed that he was testing her with that question if she was not paying attention.

However, the look on his face that showed that he was waiting for an answer from her exposed his true intention.

Jiang Yao's overly-straightforward words caused Lu Xingzhi to choke.

He was very worried that Jiang Yao might feel hesitant to visit his troop again because of Mrs. Ge and Ge Wenwen. After all, what Ge Wenwen had done in the morning was too much. A child as young as her dared to throw stones at other people. It was worse when they could not say much about it or reprimand her. He was afraid that his wife might feel frustrated.

"So, are you coming?" Lu Xingzhi was thinking that if Jiang Yao really hated meeting the people who lived opposite them and refused to come, he would certainly not force her.

