

Chapter 331: The Content of The Meeting

It was an undeniable truth that he did not have any holidays left for him to return to his hometown during the New Year holidays.

"I'm coming back." Jiang Yao answered swiftly without any hesitation. "I have made that decision a long time ago. I will be staying at my home for a few days before the holidays. Then, I will rush back to your platoon and celebrate the New Year with you. That was the reason why I was rushing to get the house ready so that I would not be worried about not having enough time to tidy up the house."

Jiang Yao was even considering whether or not she should buy a refrigerator. However, she gave up on the idea eventually.

Based on what Lu Xingzhi told her, the coldest temperature in Jin City was as low as negative ten to twenty degree celsius, especially during the first few days of the new year, and it was a norm for it to snow. Unlike the states in the south, the weather during the new year was unpredictable. It could get to one or two degree celsius when it was cold or shoot right up to twenty degree celsius when it was hot.

Therefore, goods which were bought during the new year could be stored for a long period of time due to the cold weather. People could even place the goods at the corner of their balconies. The goods would freeze and there would be no need for a refrigerator.

When she was not home, Lu Xingzhi would definitely not cook for himself regularly so the refrigerator would not be put to good use even if she did buy one. She could just wait and buy the big electrical appliances after she had graduated and joined Lu Xingzhi in his platoon.

After dinner, Lu Xingzhi went to wash the dishes automatically. At the same time, he even heated up the water for them to bathe. No matter how big or small the things were, he would not want Jiang Yao to move at all if it were something he could handle.

His wife could only come to accompany him at his platoon for a few days in a year. How could he bear to let her do the chores?

She was a little princess when she was in the Jiang family. Now that she was married to the Lu family, it was only necessary for him to pamper her with love.

When the clock struck eight, Ge Wenwen came knocking on the door. She was there to send over the plates that she had washed. Lu Xingzhi was bathing at that time so it was Jiang Yao who answered the door. When Jiang Yao saw Ge Wenwen's pair of sneaky eyes, she did not even let her step through the door. She asked Ge Wenwen to go back and shut the door once she took over the plates.

Lu Xingzhi went straight into his study room once he was done bathing. Jiang Yao knew that he was busy during that period of time so she did not go and bother him. She grabbed a book from his study room and read it in the bedroom.

In his study room, Lu Xingzhi was drafting an in-depth intensive training plan but something else was in his mind. His pen would move and stop, again and again. In the end, he put down the pen and walked toward the window. He picked up his phone and gave Liang Yueze a call.

The Liang family was in a mess at the moment. Mrs. Liang was accompanying Grandmother Liang at the hospital alongside two of her daughters-in-law. Mr. Liang and the two brothers left the hospital after their grandmother's surgery and went around searching for intel.

"The location of the landing site of the plane was discovered. The plane landed on the outskirts of E Nation. Everyone on the plane was taken away by the people who were waiting there for them all along. They planned everything out in advance. From hijacking the plane until their retreat, it only took them less than twenty minutes to get that all done. Emergency response teams from other nations did not even have the time to react. Our leader has gone to negotiate with the local government and sent out a rescue team there. The local government is also very cooperative in helping the investigation as well as the rescue."

"In other words, the hijackers had every detail about the meeting, something that was highly confidential. They were even well aware of the meeting schedule." Lu Xingzhi said, "There must be a reason why the hijackers executed such a well-planned operation. Therefore, the hostages should be safe in the meantime. There must be a purpose for them going through all that trouble to hijack a plane full of people. As long as they have a purpose, it should be fine. Those who were taken hostage were high-level personnels who have retired from the military. Some of them are still serving. Therefore, the country will use all its resources to rescue them."

Chapter 332: You Seem Bothered

Liang Yueze would have figured out all these by himself. However, Old General Liang was already of a certain age. Everyone was worried that his body would not be able to sustain after all the hardship he had to suffer because of this.

"By the way, do you have any idea why Old General Liang and the others went for the meeting and what the content of the meeting was?" Lu Xingzhi believed that there was a direct connection between the reason for the plane getting hijacked and the content of the meeting.

"The investigation is still being carried out secretly but everything is highly confidential. I could only get my hands on the brief outline. It seems that the meeting was held by the union in secret and it had something to do with the newly-invented weapon. I'm still trying my best to get more detailed information." Liang Yueze then said out of anger, "Those outlaws! They are like mad men whenever they find weapons!"

Lu Xingzhi did not know what to say. Out of all the nations, which one of them would not care about weapons? Weapons were the capital of a nation. Whoever had the stronger and more advanced weapon had the stronger backing!

After he ended the call, Lu Xingzhi stared at the half-done proposal which was on the table. It was clear that he was not in the mood to continue writing anymore.

He took a look at the time. The clock was about to strike ten. He then turned off the lights in the study room and walked out.

When Lu Xingzhi heard that the meeting had something to do with weapons, he had a bad feeling. The hijackers might have come for the newly-invented weapon.

The hijackers would probably use the hostages to exchange with the weapons.

Old General Liang was the pillar of the Liang family most of the time. If something were to happen to Old General Liang, it would have a great impact on the Liang family.

“Done with your work?” Jiang Yao lifted up her head and looked toward the man who had walked in when she heard sounds coming from the door. She noticed that his mind had drifted elsewhere. He even walked straight into the big closet that they had just bought and banged his head. Jiang Yao’s heart ached for him as she burst into laughter.

She came down from the bed immediately and walked toward Lu Xingzhi. “Did you forget that we bought a big closet today?” Also, what were you trying to get from the closet?”

“Oh... I wanted to grab my pyjamas and change into them.” Lu Xingzhi came back to his senses and rubbed the part that banged into the closet. He was deep in his thoughts and forgot that there were changes in the furnishings of the house. Therefore, he was used to turning in one specific direction and bending down so that he could grab his pyjamas from the small closet. Then, he would get onto his bed and sleep.

Jiang Yao heard what he said and helplessly pulled at the clothes that he was wearing. “Aren’t you already wearing your pyjamas? You have been wearing them ever since you’re done bathing!”

She noticed that Lu Xingzhi paused for a second. He lowered his head and looked at the clothes which were on him foolishly. Jiang Yao dragged him back onto the bed and asked him to sit down.

“You look like you are in a daze and you seem bothered...” Jiang Yao said, “Are you still worried about the things that happened to Yuezhe’s family? Even so, you can’t be too occupied with that all the time. Didn’t you just say it yourself to wait for the news? If you keep stressing yourself out like this, you will not be in good condition for tomorrow’s training. What if you hurt yourself?”

“No... I was thinking about work just now.” Lu Xingzhi denied. He was worried that Jiang Yao might be concerned about him if he continued to be in that state.

He forced himself to quit thinking about the Liang family temporarily. He should just wait and check whether there would be any new progress or other news the next morning.

As for now, a beautiful day like this should be spent doing something else with his wife to kill time. An enjoyable round of exercise before sleep would contribute to a good night’s sleep.

The next morning, Jiang Yao woke up as well when Lu Xingzhi got up.

“Can family members join the training session?” Jiang Yao asked Lu Xingzhi who was brushing his teeth. He did not manage to fall asleep after completing the exercise last night. She knew that he was texting someone on the phone. Therefore, she was worried about Lu Xingzhi’s condition on that day.

Chapter 333: True or False

“No, you can’t.” Lu Xingzhi smiled helplessly. He knew that Jiang Yao was worried about him and that was why he felt helpless. Despite being a grown up, he made his wife so worried about him to the extent that she even wanted to accompany him for the training session.

“Just relax, I ain’t a daredevil. I can adjust myself to the training condition once I step out of the house.” Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and kissed Jiang Yao on the corner of her lips. He stood straight back up when he realized that she was avoiding him. “If you want to train as well, you can go for a jog around the family compound. Wait for me to return, I will bring you breakfast at the cafeteria.”

Jiang Yao agreed after giving it some thought. “Alright, I will go downstairs for a jog since I can’t go back to sleep either.”

Jiang Yao smacked her palm on Lu Xingzhi’s face when she noticed that he wanted to kiss her again with a big smile on his face. “Go and wash off the mouthful of toothpaste of yours right now! If you are to kiss me like that again, I will be angry with you!”

Lu Xingzhi had not met anyone who would give others a heads up before they got mad. As he looked at her pouting and getting angry, he felt that she was much more interesting than the time she was drunk while being coquettish.

However, he understood that he did not look very attractive with a mouthful of toothpaste foam so he went to wash them off anyway. He then lowered his head and continued to kiss her but this time it was not a light peck on the lips. He grabbed her and gave her a fiery deep kiss. After the kiss ended, Jiang Yao got herself a mouthful of mint-scented breath. She realized that Lu Xingzhi liked to kiss her from time to time whenever he had the chance to.

Both of them went downstairs after getting changed. Lu Xingzhi went for his training session while Jiang Yao went for a jog around the family compound for an hour. After Lu Xingzhi returned from his training, both of them went to the cafeteria together.

They met a lot of people when they were walking from the family compound to the cafeteria. However, Jiang Yao noticed that they were all mumbling about something but stopped talking as soon as they saw her and Lu Xingzhi walking past them.

Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi and noticed that he remained unperturbed. Therefore, she did not ask much about it as well. However, Jiang Yao finally knew what those people were talking about behind Lu Xingzhi’s back when they arrived at the cafeteria.

Zhou Junmin was waiting for Lu Xingzhi at the entrance of the cafeteria. He was surprised that Jiang Yao would accompany him there that morning. He gave a second thought as to what he was going to say and believed that Jiang Yao would have heard the news as well from others even if he kept it from her. Therefore, he did not try to hide it from Jiang Yao and confronted Lu Xingzhi.

“Captain, the men who were sent to buy groceries said that they saw Mrs. Ge coming out from a motel with a man who seemed to be around forty years old. Mrs. Ge was even hugging the man closely, and they kissed each other after they entered a car.” Zhou Junmin frowned even harder as he spoke, “They said that Mrs. Ge was dressed up very flamboyantly. She looked nowhere the same when she was in the platoon a few days ago.”

“Did they mistake her for somebody else?” Jiang Yao thought that the idea sounded unbelievable. Mrs. Ge could not have betrayed her family and done something that outrageous, right?

“It could be a mistake if only one man saw it but how could a group of men have mistaken her for someone else at the same time? They even heard the man calling out Mrs. Ge’s name!” Zhou Junmin got even angrier as he spoke. He curled both of his hands into fists. “Such a shameless woman! Sergeant Ge is taking care of their child while being injured. Look at what she did in return! She went to enjoy her life with another wealthy man and cheated on Sergeant Ge!”

“Don’t spread the news yet, and don’t let Sergeant Ge find out.” Lu Xingzhi reminded him.

He knew that the soldiers would avoid letting him find out about all the gossips in the platoon because he had a bad temper. If he were to find out that they had been spreading gossip, he would punish all of them in order to restore discipline in the platoon. He would not allow that kind of bad tendency to grow in the platoon.

After some consideration, Lu Xingzhi said again, “How about this? Later, when you have your breakfast, you give Sergeant Ge’s hometown a call. Double check whether Mrs. Ge is at their hometown or not.”

Chapter 334: A Few Days Later

Lu Xingzhi was hoping that it was a mistake. It might be a different woman with a similar appearance and the same name, who could have known?

“Alright.” Zhou Junmin sighed. “Captain, what do you think is going on here?! What is wrong with Sergeant Ge? He is an extremely self-motivated man that would always put his family first. He doesn’t drink nor smoke!”

“Cut it. We are going for our breakfast now.” Lu Xingzhi was not in the mood to listen to Zhou Junmin’s lament on an empty stomach.

Zhou Junmin wanted to say more, but noticing Lu Xingzhi’s annoyed expression, he changed his mind and left.

“I do not think Mrs. Ge is capable of doing such a thing. She is a little conservative in her thinking, having lived in the countryside for most of her life. It has been a few days; she might have left and went back to her hometown. I suppose it was just a lady that looked just like Mrs. Ge.” Jiang Yao said a few comforting words after noticing that Lu Xingzhi was in a crummy mood.

This was indeed an extremely messy situation, affecting everyone’s mood and morale.

Lu Xingzhi was still concerned about the Liang family’s affairs while the news surrounding Mrs. Ge was spreading like wildfire in the platoon.

He kept his silence and did not comment on the matter, seemingly frustrated by the ordeal.

Holding onto Jiang Yao’s hand, Lu Xingzhi walked into the cafeteria. After getting their breakfast, he sat down and said, “I do not have my cell phone with me during the day. If there are any messages or calls, can you please help me answer them? If Brother Liang calls urgently, just get someone to let me know.”

“Will do.” Jiang Yao did not ask who Lu Xingzhi was texting late last night. He must have had his reasons for keeping it a secret from her.

They only got two bites in before Zhou Junmin came running.

“Captain! Come quick! Mrs. Ge is here, and she is asking for a divorce from Sergeant Ge!” He announced hastily while trying to catch his breath.

Wham!

Lu Xingzhi slammed his chopsticks on the table. “Can that woman just stop already?”

“I don’t know how explain it, Captain. You must go and see it for yourself! Colonel Lin just went too!” Zhou Junmin scratched the back of his head, futilely trying to explain Mrs. Ge’s sudden change.

“Let’s go.” Jiang Yao stood up. She realized things must have gotten worse. Colonel Lin’s presence showed the seriousness of the issue at hand.

The trio walked as fast as they could and hurried back to the family building.

Even from afar, they could hear Mrs. Ge’s angry shouts and Ge Wenwen’s sobs, interjected by Sergeant Ge’s voice.

The Ge family’s doors were opened wide, exposing the quarrelling Sergeant Ge and Mrs. Ge inside.

Jiang Yao looked at Mrs. Ge.

Previously, her clothes were always old and worn, with patches sewn across them.

In a weather like this, she would wear an old cardigan, with a bulky jacket on the outside, along with a pair of baggy pants. Every time Jiang Yao saw her, she looked dismal with a greasy face, not washed in ages.

Away only for a few days, Mrs. Ge looked a changed woman.

Her hair was now curled and colored yellow. She wore a purple-pink suit, and a pair of bell-bottom jeans. Standing on a pair of seven-inch black heels, she held a black leather bag in her arms. Everything on her was brand new.

Chapter 335: Divorce?

Jiang Yao had the shock of her life when Mrs. Ge turned to face everyone.

She had heavy make-up on today, a little too much it seemed. Her face looked extremely white, contrasted with bright-red blushes on her cheeks.

Jiang Yao swore she would not have known it was Mrs. Ge at first glance.

During National Day, after Mrs. Ge left the platoon following a quarrel with Sergeant Ge, instead of going back to her hometown like everyone else guessed, she stayed at Jin City and met a man who spent quite a lot of money on her. Mrs. Ge’s motive to divorce her husband must have something to do with the man.

“Mrs. Ge, you still have a daughter here. What is going to happen to Wenwen after you leave?” A couple of soldiers at the side were trying to defuse the situation.

“She is a member of the Ge family, and has nothing to do with me. Remember, it was him that wanted the divorce first, I am just doing what he wanted! I, Sun Cuimei, have never had a good life after my

marriage to this man! Look at Captain Lu, everyone says he is a man of few words, but at least he is well-off and loves and cares for his wife. What about you? You don't have any of those!"

The more Mrs. Ge said, the angrier she became. "And your mother! She always has something to pick on with me, never giving me a good day. You tell me, has she ever picked up and looked at Wenwen after she was born? I cannot stay with the Ge family for a single day longer! You wanted a divorce, right? Let us do it here and now! Captain Lu and Colonel Lin are here too, let us settle everything in front of the leaders!"

"Mom! Mom, please don't leave me!" Ge Wenwen tugged on Mrs. Ge's clothes, crying, and wailing loudly.

No matter how despicable Ge Wenwen was before, Jiang Yao had nothing but sympathy for her now. With a mother like Mrs. Ge, it was no wonder that Ge Wenwen turned out to be how she was.

With Mrs. Ge creating a commotion here, and rumors around the platoon talking about her infidelity, it was only going to do more harm to Ge Wenwen. Unfortunately, people were always going to judge the child after what her parents did.

"Wenwen, don't hate mom, okay? I cannot have you with me, you are a member of the Ge family." Mrs. Ge knew she could not bring her daughter with her. Ge Wenwen was a burden, an obstacle for Mrs. Ge to remarry.

Moreover, the rich guy she was with now, he would not want to take care of someone else's daughter too.

Even though she loved her daughter, she could not risk falling out of favor with her current beau over Wenwen.

"Ge Wenwen! Go into the house! Remember, she doesn't want you anymore, after today she is not your mother anymore!" Sergeant Ge pulled Ge Wenwen over, accidentally dropping his crutch. He lost his balance and almost fell, if not for the people around him.

Chapter 336: Get It Over With

Mrs. Ge could not bear looking at her daughter crying.

However, she comforted herself, saying to herself that she would have a child after marrying her current lover. She might even give birth to a son. The daughter she had now, was not her daughter anymore. She would just pretend that she never had Ge Wenwen as her daughter.

Usually, when a husband and a wife asked for a divorce, the people around them would try to persuade them not to do it.

Although, with Mrs. Ge obviously cheating on Sergeant Ge, no one knew what to do. Urging them to reconcile did not seem like the best idea.

Very few men in the world could stand their wife's infidelity. Plus, everyone in the platoon knew of Mrs. Ge's affair, some even saw it with their own eyes.

Colonel Lin glanced at Lu Xingzhi. He gave him a pat on the shoulders, motioning for him to step back.

“What do you think?” Colonel Lin asked.

“Divorce.” Lu Xingzhi’s opinion was crude and simple. “Sergeant Ge is a pretty good man. His wife, however, brings nothing but trouble to everyone. Seeing how things are now, a divorce is the best solution.”

Without Mrs. Ge’s presence, Sergeant Ge did not have to deal with the constant fights and dramas, his future might even be better. Plus, Sergeant Ge had a good income and was not too old to remarry, even with a daughter.

Colonel Lin looked at Mrs. Ge and instantly felt disgusted. ‘A woman with proper etiquette would never dress up like that!’ he thought.

There was nothing wrong for a woman to put makeup on, however, it looked horrible on Mrs. Ge.

“Alright, stop it!” Colonel Lin cried out. The room turned silent instantly, all heads turned toward him.

Only then did Sergeant Ge noticed the presence of Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin.

“Colonel, I am sorry...” Sergeant Ge looked at the crowd gathered in front of his house and said, “You heard it too, Colonel. I am going through with the divorce.”

“Fill up the divorce petition and I will approve it!” Colonel Lin answered immediately and prompted the crowd to disperse.

Mrs. Ge was not too happy with Colonel Lin’s decision. Yes, she wanted the divorce badly, but she did not expect him to approve of the divorce immediately. He did not even try to persuade them to do otherwise.

Could it be that Colonel Lin disliked her as well, and wanted her out of his sight as soon as possible?

Previously, someone else in the platoon wanted a divorce too. Colonel Lin and the rest of the leaders went and managed to persuade them not to go through with the divorce.

“Hmph, snobbish prick,” Mrs. Ge cursed under her breath. “You did not even pretend to try to dissuade us.”

“You know exactly what you did. If we are to still advise Sergeant Ge to reconcile, that would be like pushing him down a deep cliff. Like you said, Sergeant Ge does not need a wife like you.” Lu Xingzhi did not mince his words.

Chapter 337: Revenge?

Castigated and admonished by both Colonel Lin and Lu Xingzhi, Mrs. Ge felt embarrassed.

“You wanted a divorce, and I agreed to it. Why are you still standing here?” Sergeant Ge yelled at the woman standing by the door, “Get out and never appear in front of me again!”

Sergeant Ge, known for his good temper, was extremely furious right now. With the rumors going around, even he knew that her new look was bought and paid for by another man. A married woman with a daughter, what man would spend his time and effort trying to win her over? All the new clothing and accessories must have come after she had slept with the man.

“You think I like it here? Look at the place, it’s worse than a pig sty!” Reprimanded, Mrs. Ge had nowhere to release her exasperation. The people in the platoon already knew of her cheating on Sergeant Ge, some even saw her leaving a motel together with another man. With the cat out of the bag, she had no choice but to listen to that man and to ask for a divorce from Sergeant Ge.

“Wenwen, mom is leaving. Be a good girl, alright?” Mrs. Ge was still somewhat reluctant to leave her daughter behind, knowing for sure that she could never come back to the platoon and visit her again. She gave Wenwen some pocket money before walking out of the house in her frizzy hair and high heels.

“Everyone, go back home.” One sentence uttered by Colonel Lin was sufficient for the crowd to disperse. Empathizing with Sergeant Ge, Colonel Lin could only pat his back, silently comforting him. After all, having an unfaithful wife was still a hard pill to swallow for most men.

After Colonel Lin left, only then did Lu Xingzhi enter.

Jiang Yao saw that the house was quite untidy—maybe Sergeant Ge and Mrs. Ge had some physical altercations before they arrived. She picked up a broom and started sweeping.

“Should we find out who that man is and send him to court?” Lu Xingzhi was very direct with his opinions. If anyone were to mess with him, he would return the favor tenfold, making sure that the vengeance was his.

“What is the point?” Sergeant Ge snickered. “After the divorce, we are two different people living our own lives.”

With Sergeant Ge in a lousy mood, Lu Xingzhi stopped talking. He called out to Jiang Yao, wanting to return to the cafeteria to finish his breakfast.

Lu Xingzhi could not stand being in the wrong, especially when it concerned his subordinate. How could he allow Sergeant Ge to be cheated on and yet not do anything?

On the way to the cafeteria, he gave Zhou Weiqi a call, asking him to do a little bit of research on Mrs. Ge’s lover to find out who he was.

“Brother Lu, once I find him, should we tie him up in a sack and break his legs?” Zhou Weiqi suggested. All five of the brothers were ruthless and did not care for the consequences.

Chapter 338: Look Him Up

Not waiting for Lu Xingzhi’s reply, Zhou Weiqi continued, “Say, how about we break off his member instead? He is a rich man, right? I don’t think he is going to stay that way for long.”

“Just find out who he is first,” Lu Xingzhi said. “He is probably just someone who is a little rich and cocky.”

With one look, Lu Xingzhi knew that whatever Mrs. Ge had on her were cheap, imitation goods.

The only people who could fall for a woman like Mrs. Ge, with her age, marriage status and fashion sense, would only be an old man with some extra money.

“Understood! I have some people around in Jin City that I know. It should not take long for me to find him,” Zhou Weiqi answered.

Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao finished their breakfast and brought some back—for Sergeant Ge and Ge Wenwen.

On their way home, they saw a puffy-eyed Ge Wenwen fighting with some other kids. The rest ran as fast as they could after seeing Lu Xingzhi approaching.

“Ge Wenwen, why are you here?” Lu Xingzhi asked irritably. “Your father needs someone to look after him, not another incident for him to be worried about. If you are still like this, I will have your father send you back to your hometown and live alone with your grandmother.”

“Uncle Lu, Grandmother doesn’t like me, I don’t want to go back.” Ge Wenwen could not stop crying. “Mom doesn’t want me anymore. I will be a good kid and listen to my dad, I’m going back home now. Please don’t ask dad to send me to Grandmother!”

Ge Wenwen turned her back against Lu Xingzhi and ran off, toward the direction of her house.

Jiang Yao was heartbroken seeing Ge Wenwen in such a state, she did not deserve to be treated like this.

After what happened in the morning, Lu Xingzhi felt a little dispirited, even with his wife by his side.

The entire morning was used by Jiang Yao to clean and tidy the house. She spent a lot of time trying to figure out where to put the accessories and the furniture. After hours of hard work, she finally had time to do some laundry and wash Lu Xingzhi’s uniform.

Jiang Yao was standing at the balcony drying the laundry when she looked down and saw Lu Xingzhi trotting home with Colonel Lin next to him. The two men had no interactions and went their separate ways without talking to each other.

Jiang Yao hurriedly finished her chore and went to open the door for Lu Xingzhi.

Hearing footsteps, she went and stood by the stairwell asking, “You are quite early today! What happened?”

Jiang Yao managed to look at the clock before coming out, lunch time was still at least an hour away.

“Let’s go in first.” Lu Xingzhi saw Jiang Yao waiting for him by the stairs. He quickened his footsteps and pulled her along.

The first thing he did after entering the house was to hug Jiang Yao tightly, so tight he almost crushed her.

“Wait, what is going on here?” Jiang Yao sensed Lu Xingzhi’s troubled state of mind. The unusual silence between him and Colonel Lin on their way back home meant that something happened.

“The rescue team that went yesterday was completely wiped out.”

Wiped out.

These two words meant a tragic outcome, with many lives lost last night.

Chapter 339: Mediocre Man

The silence that ensued was deafening.

Jiang Yao dared not imagine how devastating a total wipe out was, nor did she ask why Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin were back at home earlier than usual.

Nobody knew how long they stayed in each other's arms, leaning on the door for support. In the quiet house, only their breathing was heard.

Jiang Yao started sobbing. She bit her lips, and spoke softly, "Lu Xingzhi, how I wished you were a mediocre person. Why do you have to be so good at what you do?"

He would not have been involved in any of these incidents.

"My dear... Jiang Yao." Lu Xingzhi sighed. "But your husband is one of the best soldiers out there. I am leaving for Jindo City in an hour to join the rescue effort."

She knew it, she knew everything! Even if she did not ask, she knew it would come to this!

"Why are they sending people over when the rescue team was wiped out last night?! Why can't the country just give the hijackers what they want? Why are they still sending their own countrymen to die? Isn't that enough?!" Jiang Yao wailed; she was close to falling apart.

If only Lu Xingzhi had not told her about the tragic loss of last night's effort, she would not have reacted so drastically. Now that she knew the danger of the mission, she would never allow Lu Xingzhi to go.

She was afraid.

Afraid of seeing him injured, or worse, seeing him return in a body bag.

She did not want to go through the feeling of despair and misery ever again.

"Can you not go? How about you retire from the military, huh? We can always do something else!" Jiang Yao held on to Lu Xingzhi tightly. Nobody could really understand how she was feeling right then and there.

"I will be fine, dear. The arrangements are better this time. Plus, we obtained plenty of information from the people that were sacrificed yesterday. Old General Liang is still there, waiting for us. I don't care about anything else, but I need to go in and rescue him!"

Tighter, and tighter as they hugged each other.

Frustrated, Lu Xingzhi would not have asked Jiang Yao to visit if he knew a mission like this would come up.

She came, but she did not have a good time here.

First, there was Mrs. Ge, then there was this dangerous mission. How could Jiang Yao enjoy her time here at the platoon?

Jiang Yao could not stop crying. She had always been a strong and sometimes, stubborn girl. Today was the day she lost control of her tears, she kept sobbing.

Could it be that during her last life, since she was at Nanjiang City, Lu Xingzhi was transferred out of the platoon here at Jin City and did not join the rescue mission?

Chapter 340: A Secret

Or was it that he went and came back safely?

Jiang Yao was furious with herself, why did she not spend more time with Lu Xingzhi before?

"I don't know how long I will be gone for this mission. Why don't you go back to school after I leave? At least you have your friends there with you." Lu Xingzhi had to go on this mission, not just because of the trust and hope his superiors had on him, but also, Old General Liang was one of the hostages.

His military career was smooth sailing mainly because of the Liang family. Old General Liang and Mr. Liang treated him just like one of their own. Ever since he was in school, Old General Liang taught him many things.

They were not only his elders; they were also his mentors.

Lu Xingzhi did not know when he would be back. He was not comfortable leaving Jiang Yao alone in the platoon, concerned that Chen Feibai would take his absence as an opportunity to harass Jiang Yao. He was also worried that she would get lonely and start to overthink matters.

"I am not going back!" Jiang Yao shook her head. "I will be here waiting for you to return!"

Jiang Yao was steadfast in her decision. She could not stop Lu Xingzhi from joining the rescue mission, at least she could stay here and wait for him to come back.

"Listen, Lu Xingzhi! I want you to come back the way you leave, in good shape!" She only wanted him to be safe, even if it meant not being able to be a hero on the battlefield.

"I will try." Lu Xingzhi let go of his hands. The person in his arms buried her face into his chest, hugging him tighter around his waist, as if to protest.

He did not know what else to say. Lu Xingzhi could not promise to return safely, but he did not want to lie to Jiang Yao.

"I am telling you, if you are handicapped, I am leaving you!" Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi, teary-eyed.

He laughed. His laughter filled with helplessness for the situation and his love for her.

"Stop dreaming! If I, Lu Xingzhi, am still alive, you will always be my wife."

He could be a paraplegic for all it was worth. As long as he was alive, Jiang Yao could only belong to him and him only. He did not hide his fervent possessiveness, there was no point in doing that now.

"Let me tell you a secret." Lu Xingzhi carried her onto the couch in the living room.

Sewn in fabric with a floral pattern, the couch was soft and comfortable. Jiang Yao bought it from the Furniture Plaza in town. She liked to sit on the couch after meals, laying on Lu Xingzhi's lap, chatting with him, talking about her life in school, her friends or just listening to the radio.

She liked how he listened to her talk with full concentration, only having her in his eyes.

"What secret?" Jiang Yao sat on his lap sobbing, but seemingly distracted by his words.