

Chapter 351: Preparation

After dinner, everyone left. Jiang Yao, after tidying herself up in the bathroom, went to bed early.

She could not sleep, twisting and turning around in bed, for she was extremely worried about Lu Xingzhi.

Surely, he had reached his destination, was he already deployed?

How dangerous would it be?

Did he miss her? How about the medicine she gave him before he left, did he use it?

That night, Jiang Yao could not sleep at all, her mind filled with what-ifs and worst-case scenarios.

Wide awake at eleven o'clock, she chose to log in to the System Laboratory and work on the patient model repeatedly to practice her techniques. By the next morning, she could insert the needles into each acupuncture point with absolute accuracy. After all, she had memorized the order of sequence and where the acupuncture points were located.

The following day at ten in the morning, Jiang Yao asked that Zhou Weiqi go to the hospital together with her.

It was a little over eleven when they arrived, only Luo Ruoran was there, alone.

"Where's Brother Liang?" Zhou Weiqi went in and, not seeing Liang Yueze anywhere, asked Luo Ruoran.

"He came with me early this morning, but half an hour ago, his company called and needed him back to handle some urgent matters," Luo Ruoran explained while handing the others some apples. She continued, "Since you two arrived at this hour, I believe you have not had lunch?"

"No, Jiang Yao wanted to come and see Grandmother Liang as soon as possible, that is why we came immediately." Zhou Weiqi answered, a little too honest.

Luo Ruoran looked at Jiang Yao and sighed, "It is still the same, her condition is not getting any better nor worse. I don't know when she will wake up."

She looked at her watch and said, "How about both of you stay here while I go and buy lunch for you? Or do you want to eat out later?"

"No worries! I will get takeaway for us." Zhou Weiqi had no intentions of letting Luo Ruoran run these kinds of errands. Plus, she looked very exhausted, it was better for her to stay put.

Saying that, he grabbed his car keys and left. Jiang Yao glanced at Luo Ruoran, and seeing her heavy eyebags, she knew for sure that Luo Ruoran did not sleep well the night before.

At least Jiang Yao had the Medical System. Even though she did not sleep, she was able to recharge in the system. Things were not as good for Luo Ruoran.

"You have not been sleeping well for the past few days, have you?" Jiang Yao really liked Luo Ruoran. Even though they were not friends in her previous life, Jiang Yao could feel Luo Ruoran's genuine kindness toward her.

“Yeah, how could we? Nobody in the house has been sleeping well since the incident.” Luo Ruoran smiled bitterly.

“Let me prepare some herbal supplements to help your sleep. I know everyone is worried about Old General Liang and Grandmother Liang, but not getting rest is not the right way to go.” Jiang Yao was trying to figure out a way for Luo Ruoran to leave the hospital room now that Zhou Weiqi had left as well. She wanted to administer the acupuncture treatment for Grandmother Liang but could not find a good reason for Luo Ruoran to leave.

While Jiang Yao was deep in thought, Luo Ruoran’s cell phone rang. She could hear from Luo Ruoran’s voice and tone that it was something urgent. It seemed to Jiang Yao that Luo Ruoran’s company had some matters that needed to be tended to, and that she had to go there immediately. However, she did not want to leave, and they were on the verge of a big argument.

Chapter 352: The Secret Treatment

“I will be here; you should go and see to your things. It has been a few days since you went to work, it is not good to push your work back for too long. Once you are done, you can always come back here.” Jiang Yao saw the opportunity and grabbed hold of it.

Luo Ruoran looked at the old lady on the bed with a serious expression and turned her gaze toward Jiang Yao. She finally nodded and thanked Jiang Yao, “Sorry to trouble you, I will be back once I am done over there!”

Just as swiftly, she grabbed her belongings and left in a hurry.

After making sure that Luo Ruoran had left, Jiang Yao hurriedly shut the door. She walked toward Grandmother Liang and retrieved the set of silver needles and the medicine she had boiled the day before in the Medical System.

Having spent the entire day before practicing in the System Laboratory, Jiang Yao was very accurate when inserting the needles into the various pressure points on Grandmother Liang’s body. Even then, she could not help but feel a little tense every time the needles were stuck into the body that was lying motionless in front of her. In just a short while, her palms were sweaty. She had to keep wiping her hands dry with napkins.

The whole process took a little over half an hour. After the acupuncture treatment, Jiang Yao fed Grandmother Liang the medicine that she had prepared.

Having wiped off the black liquid stains around Grandmother Liang’s lips, Jiang Yao tidied up and put away her silver needles. She looked at Grandmother Liang’s steady breathing and exhaled deeply, pleased to have finished the acupuncture treatment with no hiccups.

It was then that she saw that throughout the whole process, she had used more than half a bucket of napkins to wipe off her sweat, realizing how tense and anxious she was.

According to the results from the System Laboratory, Grandmother Liang should wake up within one to two hours after the treatment. The medicine was meant to stabilize her blood pressure, while the acupuncture treatment was used to unblock her blood vessels. These were very powerful treatments and should see effect rapidly.

While Jiang Yao was entirely focused on the acupuncture treatment, a person stood right outside the hospital room for a full five minutes just watching.

Zhou Weiqi looked at Jiang Yao's actions through the transparent glass on the door, not making a sound at all. He saw Jiang Yao's serious expression when inserting the needles, her actions were swift and accurate, it seemed like she had done it over a few hundred times. He saw that she would wipe her palms with a piece of napkin after every two needles had been inserted, before returning her focus back onto the acupuncture process.

Zhou Weiqi did not stop her, even though he knew that she had only started medical school just a month ago. He refrained from pushing open the door.

He was sure that Jiang Yao knew exactly what she was doing. She would not have done it if she were not confident in the results.

How could a medical school freshman proceed to treat an old lady with such finesse and rigor was up to anyone's guess, but Zhou Weiqi knew in his heart that Jiang Yao would never want to harm Grandmother Liang.

He looked at the porridge in his hands. Smiling, he turned and threw all of them into the garbage can right by the stairwell. He walked downstairs, drove out to the restaurant, and bought the exact same food again.

After cleaning herself up in the bathroom, Jiang Yao came out to see Zhou Weiqi in the room with takeout boxes.

Chapter 353: Grandmother Liang Wakes Up

"Where did Ruoran go?" Zhou Weiqi gently set the porridge in his hands onto the table, motioning for Jiang Yao to go ahead and eat.

"Something urgent came up at her office and she was asked to go back immediately. I offered to be here till she comes back." While talking, Jiang Yao's gaze did not leave the patient lying on the bed. She looked at the disposable cutlery and muttered, "These are not hygienic, you should use it less in the future."

"Can't shake off your occupational habit, eh?" Zhou Weiqi teased Jiang Yao before changing the topic, "Right, Jiang Yao, why did you choose to be a doctor? A lot of girls like to do arts or want to become a teacher."

Jiang Yao rolled her eyes at Zhou Weiqi, "Who says that a girl has to be a teacher? Although being a doctor is more tiring than a teacher, it has its own perks and advantages. With me being a doctor, if you are sick at any time, I promise to treat you and charge you the lowest price possible."

"Well, you and your big mouth. Don't you want to see me healthy and happy?" Zhou Weiqi lightly touched his nose.

Jiang Yao laughed, "If only what I say will always come true."

It was just a while after they had started eating when Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran came back to the hospital.

“We are back, you can leave now if you want to.” Liang Yueze thanked Jiang Yao, and continued, “If you need anything, let Weiqi know and he can bring you around to do some shopping. If not, I can have my assistant send some clothes over.”

“I think that sounds like a good idea, just have your assistant send it over to me.” She was not sure how long she was going to be at Jindo City, having some extra change of clothes would be nice. Plus, she was not in the mood to shop.

“Jiang Yao, you take afternoon naps, right? Do you want to go back now?” Zhou Weiqi asked.

Jiang Yao was not in a hurry, she looked at Grandmother Liang lying on the bed and shook her head. “It’s alright, let’s stay with Brother Liang and Ruoran for a while longer.”

An hour had passed, it was almost time for Grandmother Liang to wake up as per Jiang Yao’s estimation. She wanted to check on Grandmother Liang’s vitals before leaving.

The four of them sat around the bed chatting. It was mostly Zhou Weiqi doing all the talking though, with the rest sporadically throwing in a comment or two.

Even though Jiang Yao was listening in on the conversation, her eyes never left Grandmother Liang. She would check her watch from time to time. When her gaze fell upon Grandmother Liang once more, she saw the light tremble of Grandmother Liang’s eyelids. She then slowly opened her eyes; to which Jiang Yao stood up excitedly.

“Grandmother Liang is awake!” Jiang Yao cried out, her voice filled with happiness and excitement.

Hearing that, the rest looked over. Luo Ruoran could not contain her tears, she walked toward Grandmother Liang, crying at the sight.

Chapter 354: Good News

“Grandma, you’re awake!” She called out, her tears rolling down her cheeks.

Liang Yueze was stunned for a moment before swiftly walking out of the room to call for the doctor.

Zhou Weiqi got closer and called out to Grandmother Liang. He grabbed his phone and called both Gu Haoyu and Chen Xuyao. Believing that nobody had had the chance to inform the Liang family about this turn of events, he then dialed their number and told them the news.

The doctor and Liang Yueze ran into the room, with confusion and shock showing on the doctor’s face.

According to the doctors, at her age, the probability of the old lady waking up was slim.

Moreover, most people at her age would not make it back alive. Most of the patients would lie unconscious for a few days before passing away.

She had been unconscious for a few days, the doctors were actually planning to break the news of the worst-case scenario to the family. Who would have thought this would happen?

“Madam, I am your doctor. Try to take it easy and don’t try to speak just yet. Can you hear me?” The doctor wiggled his finger in front of Grandmother Liang before continuing, “Listen to what I say, alright? Follow my finger’s movement. Can you do it?”

The doctor did a series of cognitive tests on the patient before remarking, "Her health is improving excellently."

The nurse came in with several medical devices and did some more in-depth examinations on Grandmother Liang. The results had the doctor nodding in awe.

"Madam's blood pressure is stabilizing; this is good news!" The doctor swiftly scribbled some notes on his notepad while instructing the nurse to have the patient do a brain scan.

Compared to the hospital, Jiang Yao's Medical System was even faster. While the doctor was still testing Grandmother Liang on her cognitive abilities, the Medical System had already scanned and released the results in just a few seconds.

According to the scanned results, Grandmother Liang's life was not in any grave danger. She just had to control her blood pressure and maintain a stable temperament, making sure that it did not fluctuate wildly. In this way, she could be nursed back to health steadily.

Although, with her age, everything had to be done carefully. She would need someone by her side constantly taking care of and making sure that everything was well.

Everyone that got the call came in less than half an hour.

They entered the room together, surprised at seeing an empty bed.

"I thought you said that Mum woke up?" Mr. Liang asked Zhou Weiqi. "Where is she?"

"Dad, Grandma did wake up, but she is undergoing some examinations now. Yueze went with her too." Luo Ruoran wiped off the tears on her face and continued, "The doctor said that Grandma is doing really well, she was even holding my hand when the doctor came in!"

Chapter 355: Something is Going On

Luo Ruoran knew that Grandmother Liang was worried about Old General Liang, but since there was no news yet, Liang Yueze could only tell her that both Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin had gone to the frontline and joined the rescue mission.

Grandmother Liang felt better hearing the news, as she had great faith and confidence in Lu Xingzhi's ability. She trusted that Lu Xingzhi would do whatever he could to save Old General Liang.

"That is great!" Chen Xuyao breathed a sigh of relief, "When Brother Lu brings Old General Liang back, the family will be together again!"

Just a while later, Grandmother Liang was pushed into the room by a nurse, accompanied by Liang Yueze. Once the bed was steadied, everyone got around.

Grandmother Liang just woke up and was not in her best shape. Yet, she soldiered on just because she wanted to see her family. She knew that everyone was worried about her after she had fainted and was admitted into the hospital.

She took turns patting everyone's hand, shaking her head lightly and smiling gently, asking them not to worry.

“Mum, you gave me the biggest fright of my life!” Mrs. Liang cried like a three-year-old child, leaning onto her husband for support.

She had been holding back her emotions for the past few days.

Since Old General Liang’s incident, she stayed strong and did not, at any point, cry. It was not that she did not want to, as a mother figure in the family, if she started crying, the morale of the family would take another hit.

Jiang Yao and the rest left the hospital, leaving the Liang family for some alone time.

Zhou Weiqi sent Jiang Yao back home first. After seeing that he had some time to spare, he decided to go to work. On his way to work was Chen Xuyao’s company. He changed his mind immediately and parked his car below Chen Xuyao’s office building.

Chen Xuyao started a company of his own, doing everything related to arts and designs. He always called himself an artist. Everything from the architecture to the interior of his office was designed by himself. It was a unique sight in Jindo City, making him quite well-known.

The receptionist knew Zhou Weiqi well. She greeted him and said, “Good afternoon Mr. Zhou. Mr. Gu is in too.”

Hearing that, Zhou Weiqi nodded.

He walked straight toward Chen Xuyao’s office room, pretending to knock before pushing the door wide open and entering without waiting for a reply.

“Why did you come?” Gu Haoyu and Chen Xuyao were drinking tea together. Seeing Zhou Weiqi’s smiling face, they were a little weirded out.

“Brother Gu, Xuyao.” Zhou Weiqi sat beside the duo and poured himself some tea.

“I see something is going on with you.” Chen Xuyao laughed.

Zhou Weiqi shrugged, not denying anything.

“You bet there is! Only I know it, but now I feel like sharing this secret with someone else.”

Chapter 356: Unbelievable

“Are you talking about the girl you have a crush on? Did you hold her hand or kiss her already?” Chen Xuyao teased.

“Go to hell!” Zhou Weiqi gave him a vicious stare before turning toward Gu Haoyu. After some thought, he could not hold it in anymore and decided to say it.

“Brother Gu, if I say that Grandmother Liang woke up because of Jiang Yao, would you believe it?” Seeing Gu Haoyu’s confused expression, Zhou Weiqi felt better. It was the exact response he expected.

This was normal, just like how he felt when he saw what was going on back at the hospital room. It was not an exaggeration to say that he was as surprised as seeing an alien right in front of him.

“Why do you say that?” Gu Haoyu believed that Zhou Weiqi would not make a statement like that without a good reason.

That was all it took for Zhou Weiqi to start talking.

“I went to a nearby restaurant to get some porridge for take-away. When I came back, I saw that Luo Ruoran had left because of her work. Jiang Yao was alone in the room with Grandmother Liang. The door was shut but I could see clearly from the glass on the door that she was doing acupuncture on Grandmother Liang.”

Zhou Weiqi moved his hands around trying to portray what happened. “It was a long and thin silver needle, like the ones you always see in traditional Chinese medicine. I stood there for a while, just looking at Jiang Yao inserting those needles into Grandmother Liang’s body. Weirdly enough, I did not go in and stop her. Instead, I threw away the food I had and went to buy it again.”

To say that Gu Haoyu and Chen Xuyao were shocked was an understatement. Nobody expected something like this.

“She is a medical student, right? I thought that she just started school a month ago as a freshman?” Gu Haoyu asked.

“I think she was sure that Grandmother Liang would wake up.” Zhou Weiqi tried to remember what happened a few hours ago. He continued, “When Brother Liang and Ruoran came back, Jiang Yao insisted on staying. When we sat around the bed chatting, I noticed that her gaze was always on Grandmother Liang, even when she was talking to us. She would check her watch from time to time, trying to guesstimate what time Grandmother Liang would wake up. That’s why she was the first to know when Grandmother Liang woke up.”

“Unbelievable!” Gu Haoyu exclaimed.

Chen Xuyao shook his head, “It’s just outright unimaginable. She is only nineteen years old, right? I heard from Brother Lu that Jiang Yao liked reading books since she was young. Do you think she learned how to do acupuncture from books?”

“If I were to give you a book to read, would you dare to actually do it?” Gu Haoyu looked at Chen Xuyao, trying to understand his dumb statement.

“If she has only read about it, I don’t think she would have dared to use Grandmother Liang as practice. The point is, she was swift and confident in her actions, it seemed like she knew the pressure points well by heart.” Zhou Weiqi thought about it, trying to find a fitting explanation to this strange incident.

“I believe Jiang Yao has a secret that even Brother Lu does not know.”

Chapter 357: The Invitation

The office was extremely quiet following Zhou Weiqi’s statement.

Finally, Gu Haoyu took a sip of his tea and said, “Whatever secrets she has, Weiqi, do not say anything to anyone else. Do not ask her and especially, do not tell Xingzhi. Just know that Jiang Yao will never do things to harm us.”

“Should we tell Brother Liang and Ruoran?” Zhou Weiqi asked.

“If Jiang Yao does not mention it, neither should we. Just pretend that you don’t know anything.” Chen Xuyao answered, and urged Zhou Weiqi to hurry back to the platoon.

“Skipping work like you did for the past few days is not going to bode well with the platoon. If your leader gets angry and tells your family, what do you think will happen?”

Zhou Weiqi agreed nonchalantly and left Chen Xuyao’s office.

It was nighttime when Zhou Weiqi and Jiang Yao received news from Luo Ruoran that Grandmother Liang had been transferred to a normal ward. The examination report was out and showed that she was doing alright. After an afternoon’s rest, she was feeling much better now.

Frankly speaking, Zhou Weiqi was elated to hear the news but not surprised at all. He guessed from observing Jiang Yao’s expression in the afternoon that Grandmother Liang did not have any big issues going on.

Zhou Weiqi was in a good mood for the rest of the day ever since Grandmother Liang woke up. After leaving work in the evening, instead of hanging out with his usual group of friends, he actually stayed home. Not doing anything productive, he took out the game console brought back by Gu Haoyu and started playing.

Tetris, Super Mario, Contra and Battle City, he cycled through the games and played each one of them.

Jiang Yao received a call from Manager Sun at night. She arranged for Manager Sun to work on some internal operations at the hospital before leaving for her holiday. She also reminded him to sell off the chamber pot if he were to find a suitable collector.

“Someone came to see me today and saw the pot but did not offer to purchase it. After checking it out, he gave me an invitation. It was for an event called the Nanjiang City Exchange Seminar, happening in October. Apparently, we can take the invitation and our antique to attend the seminar.” Manager Sun continued, “I think they mistook us for someone in the same business.”

“Well then, you should go to the seminar. Whatever it takes to sell that thing off, but make sure the price is reasonable. If it is too low, I would rather bury it than sell it. Maybe my grandchildren can sell it for a better price.”

Jiang Yao was serious about it. Lu Xingzhi’s money was now under her oversight, and she had no concerns about her financial status. However, it would be a loss not to sell the chamber pot at a price that would allow her to buy Moe’s diamond ring.

Chapter 358: The Good News and the Bad News

Manager Sun was petrified hearing that. That was his boss, relentless and headstrong. She had no problem burying an item that looked like a legitimate antique piece.

He had his own suspicions that if the antique they had on hand was not a chamber pot but a flower vase, the buyer would have bought it right off their hands.

After all, a chamber pot was still a little...

The invitation given by the man was, Manager Sun imagined, to find out the reaction of other people after knowing that it was a chamber pot.

Some reminders to Manager Sun later, Jiang Yao hung up the phone. A seminar at the end of October, she would most probably have returned to Nanjiang City by then. However, she had no intentions whatsoever to attend the event as she did not know anything about antiques. If it were a medical seminar instead, she would gladly attend.

Zhou Weiqi was busy playing games in the living room till late that night, while Jiang Yao was occupied in the Medical System, trying to absorb as much knowledge as she could.

Her focus was one hundred percent on her studies, so much so that she did not realize Zhou Weiqi's cell phone ringing in the dead of the night, and his subsequent sudden departure.

Horried at what he heard through the cell phone; Zhou Weiqi looked at Jiang Yao's room door that was shut tight for what seemed like a long time before getting his car keys.

Jindo City's streets were quiet and deserted at night, with not a single person to be found. He slammed the accelerator of his car and arrived at the hospital in no time.

"Brother Liang! Brother Gu! Xuyao!" He saw the rest at the hospital entrance. "What on earth is going on?"

"We have good news and bad news." Gu Haoyu's somber expression betrayed nothing. "Jiang Yao does not know you came out, right?"

"I was shocked to hear from you. You asked me to not disturb her and to come see you immediately. I don't even know what is going on, how could I have let her know?" Zhou Weiqi continued, "Did something happen to Brother Lu?"

If it were something else, they would not have asked him to come over immediately.

"The good news is, Old General Liang and the hostages were rescued! Now onto the bad news. Half of the rescue team died in battle, both Brother Lu and Colonel Lin were heavily injured. They are now on their way here on helicopters. Brother Lu and Colonel Lin insisted on returning to Jindo City, refusing treatment at the medical facilities overseas." Chen Xuyao rubbed his eyes. "Mrs. Lin received the news and is on her way here. We are still deciding whether or not to inform Jiang Yao."

"Brother Lu's condition is worse than Colonel Lin's?" Zhou Weiqi's heart dropped. "We have to let Jiang Yao know immediately!"

"You do not know why Brother Lu wanted to return. He made a promise to Jiang Yao that whatever happens, he will do whatever he can to come back. If he were to die, he wanted to die in the arms of Jiang Yao!" Zhou Weiqi understood the grave situation. He was there when the couple said their goodbyes, and he heard everything they said to each other.

Chapter 359: The Worst Scenario

"The worst scenario is death. Brother Lu would want to die in Jiang Yao's arms. If it does not happen, and his life can be saved, his wife has every right to be here. Jiang Yao is very composed and mature; she will not do anything to hamper the rescue efforts!" Zhou Weiqi exclaimed angrily and picked up his

phone. "If nobody wants to call her, I will! You do not know how it was when they said their goodbyes a few days ago, it was their promise!"

Zhou Weiqi casually mentioned the worst scenario that could happen to Lu Xingzhi, yet it was as if his heart was tied onto a heavy rock and dropped down the deepest of abyss.

While he was dialing Jiang Yao's cell phone number, Liang Yueze said softly, "From what I heard, Xingzhi had two gunshot wounds on his chest, near where the heart is located. The bleeding has not stopped since, we are not sure if he can even make it back here alive."

Zhou Weiqi's hand trembled. That did not stop what he was doing, he dialed Jiang Yao's number and waited for her to pick up the call.

The phone rang a few times before it was picked up, every passing second a torment for the waiting Zhou Weiqi.

"Jiang Yao, Brother Lu is seriously injured and is on his way back to the hospital as we speak. Come here immediately, the keys to the car are on the coffee table and the car is parked at parking space one. We are here waiting for you, do not rush, drive slowly and be careful."

As far as he knew, everyone around him had their driving license once they were eligible to drive. He did not even ask if Jiang Yao knew how to drive and assumed that she did.

When the call came through, Jiang Yao almost blacked out. She felt as if the world around her had collapsed.

Her worst fears had come true.

The accelerator was slammed all the way down, accelerating the car to a speed that was almost breaking the speedometer.

All she wanted was to arrive at the hospital as quickly as she could.

Her mind was in a frenzy, Lu Xingzhi was all she could think of.

After ending the call, Zhou Weiqi and the rest went to the rooftop of the hospital. The doctors on shift were already on standby as the helicopters would land there.

A short while later, they heard the sounds of helicopter rotors. It got louder as they watched anxiously, waiting for it to land.

Two doctors, one blonde-haired and fair-skinned, the other black-haired and dark-skinned, were the first to disembark from the stationary aircraft. Their white coats stained with the bright red of blood.

They lifted a stretcher off the helicopter. There laid Lu Xingzhi, bloodied face and body.

"Sir, we are at Jindo City! Do not fall asleep!" The blonde doctor called out anxiously.

"What is the condition of the patient?" asked the assistant director of the military hospital.

"The patient has two gunshot wounds near his heart, we are not sure if any vital organs are injured for now. On our way here, he went into shock twice. We need to save him now!" The blonde doctor spoke

quickly, not paying attention as to whether his foreign friends would understand his language. “The other patient has several broken bones in his left leg. Prepare for an amputation procedure, we might have to do it.”

Chapter 360: What is the Success Rate?

“Xingzhi!” Liang Yueze trembled looking at the person on the stretcher. He did not know what happened to Lu Xingzhi, who was reduced to a bloody, red mess. What happened to the best soldier in the platoon, a strong and rugged man?

“Where is my wife?” Lu Xingzhi opened his eyes slowly. A simple action like this was now difficult and excruciating for him to perform. His chest hurt so bad that his body would tremble every time he breathed.

He vaguely understood that he was losing a race against time and fate.

Hence, even if he did die, he wanted to die in his own country, wrapped in the arms of the person he loved the most. He promised her before he left.

“Brother Lu, Jiang Yao is on her way here! You will see her once your operation is over! You must keep holding on!” Zhou Weiqi almost started crying while reassuring Lu Xingzhi.

Too often he witnessed Lu Xingzhi returning from a mission with injuries. Ever since their university days, he had always been an exceptional student, going on solo missions ever since he joined the platoon.

In Zhou Weiqi’s mind, Lu Xingzhi was as invincible as Superman. Anytime he was injured, aside from his buddies, he would not let anyone else know.

Especially his family in the South, he would never allow anyone in the platoon to inform them. He was always alone in the hospital, going through the treatments and recoveries on his own, not showing any signs of fear or sadness.

Zhou Weiqi knew, however, that this time around things were different.

The staunch and proud Lu Xingzhi was being carried back home and was speaking in such a weak voice it was barely audible.

He was pushed into a prepared operating theater. Looking at the bright, white surgical lights shining on him and a doctor preparing the anesthesia, he suddenly called out.

“What is the success rate of the surgery?” Lu Xingzhi pointed at his wounds. “I only want to hear the truth.”

“Captain Lu, we are not sure because we are still not able to assess whether the bullets had penetrated any of your vital organs.” The doctor already had his own presumptions. According to the blonde doctor, Lu Xingzhi went into shock twice on his way here. The doctors managed to keep him alive after massive effort, but with the amount of blood loss he had experienced, only the word ‘miracle’ could be used to describe how Lu Xingzhi was still alive.

Looking at things, the doctor presumed that the bullets had probably penetrated some of Lu Xingzhi's vital organs, even though it did not kill him right away.

The lack of time was what propelled these doctors to take the risk and start the operation immediately. If they were to send him to do a checkup first and wait for the results to be released before deciding on a surgery, they would have lost him. At this point, time was everything and they were on a futile race against time, trying to snatch a life back from the Grim Reaper himself.