

Chapter 401: A Little Bit

That was because his monotonous voice was filled with love for her.

“You don’t like me calling you that?” Lu Xingzhi asked after receiving no reply. “If you don’t like it, I won’t do it again.”

A brief pause later, he explained, “I heard your parents call you that, it sounded really lovely.”

“It is.”

Engulfed in darkness, Lu Xingzhi could not see Jiang Yao’s smiling eyes. Her voice was calm, but she answered instantaneously. That was enough information for Lu Xingzhi. She liked that he called her by her nickname.

Knowing that she could not see it, he broke into a wide grin.

“I know I put you through a lot this time, I am sorry.” Lu Xingzhi had been wanting to apologize for some time. Taking advantage of the darkness, he finally said it.

Not waiting for Jiang Yao’s reply, he added, “Thank you by the way, for saving Colonel Lin.”

Jiang Yao wanted to respond, but hearing Lu Xingzhi mentioned Colonel Lin, she kept her mouth shut, because she knew what he wanted to say.

“Yaoyao, you have a lot of secrets you carry with you. Your family probably doesn’t know them. If you don’t want to say it, I will not force you.” Lu Xingzhi thought and felt that it was best to open the can of worms now. “Whenever you feel like saying it, I will be here waiting. Until then, I will not ask you, nor mention anything.”

If she were willing to say it, he would listen. If she were not, he would help guard her secret.

He respected and trusted her, believing that she would never use her secret to harm him.

“I can feel that you are way ahead with your medical skills and knowledge, even more so compared to the doctors here at the hospital. It seems like you had something planned when you wanted to purchase the hospital from the Qi family.”

Lu Xingzhi realized after Jiang Yao had saved both Colonel Lim and him from death that she must have had her own reasons to purchase Shenqi Hospital and its shares.

Even the medicine that she gave him must have belonged to her secrets. He was aware of the amazing effects of the medicine as it greatly helped in slowing down his loss of blood. If not for the medicine, he would have died of excessive blood loss on his way to Jindo City.

“Yaoyao, I will not investigate any of your arrangements regarding Shengqi Hospital. As long as it is not something illegal, I will not intervene in any of your decisions. I have only one condition.” Lu Xingzhi paused for a moment and called out to the girl who had not been talking, “Yaoyao, you have to promise me one thing.”

Jiang Yao asked, “What is it?”

“After you graduate, stay by my side. Don’t go somewhere far away.”

He was afraid that he could not protect her if she were somewhere far away.

He had a feeling that she would one day soar to great heights, far away from his reach.

“I will.” Jiang Yao agreed unhesitatingly, she would not forget that he was the most important person to her now.

She was given a chance at rebirth to stay by his side.

After getting her reply, Lu Xingzhi felt much more at ease.

“Rest early,” he said.

Chapter 402: See for Yourself

Jiang Yao nodded instinctively but felt like an idiot after doing it. How could Lu Xingzhi see what she just did? She then murmured as a reply.

It was a long silence afterward. She knew, however, that he was not asleep.

“Xingzhi, I will tell you everything once I have figured out how to say it to you. It’s just, how should I say it, absurd.” Jiang Yao smiled wryly. She did not know if Lu Xingzhi would believe the things about her rebirth, and the Medical System. Moreover, everyone, except Jiang Yao, had been forbidden knowledge about the Medical System.

“I am not in a hurry.” He could wait decades for her to reciprocate his love, not to mention a little secret of hers.

Jiang Yao thought that Lu Xingzhi would stay quiet again, before hearing his voice suddenly, beckoning her to come over.

“Let me wear my shoes,” she answered. Lu Xingzhi stopped her from turning on the lights. She thought that something was going on, but followed his instruction, nonetheless.

Even in the darkness, her vision was pretty good, for she managed to walk over to Lu Xingzhi’s bed without any accidents. She bent over and asked, “What do you want?”

Lu Xingzhi chuckled suddenly. “Nothing, I just want to look at you.”

Jiang Yao broke into the widest smile, butterflies fluttered in her stomach.

“See for yourself then.” She sat down at the side of his bed and smiled. “Do you want me to turn on the lights?”

She did not do it though. Instead, she scooted closer to him and kissed him on the lips.

The darkness was the perfect wingman. She actually kissed him—who was awake—without feeling embarrassed.

After all, Lu Xingzhi looked extremely attractive in her eyes. It was normal for her to fall again and again for him.

Lu Xingzhi was pleased with what happened. He liked how assertive his wife was at showing her love.

“One more time?” Jiang Yao pointed her finger at Lu Xingzhi and wiggled it. Hearing his reply, she laughed softly and kissed him again, before standing up with a satisfied grin.

“I don’t think you will find anyone more attractive than me in this world.” Lu Xingzhi sighed suddenly. “Look at you, so shallow, falling for the hot guys only! What if you fall for someone else?”

Jiang Yao did not know what to say. Was he praising himself while teasing her?

“Don’t worry, I only have my eyes for you.” Jiang Yao laughed, lightly touching his hands with her fingers.

“Come sleep with me.” Lu Xingzhi tried scooting over to create more space for Jiang Yao but was stopped by her.

“Don’t move, you know the way I sleep.”

She did not have the best sleeping posture, but other than that, she was used to sleeping in his arms. What use was it if she could not do it now?

Chapter 403: The Demon

Lu Xingzhi felt a pang of remorse, annoyed at his ineptitude to provide for Jiang Yao. She came all the way to visit him and yet, he barely spent time with her.

“When are you going back to school?” Lu Xingzhi suddenly asked.

“It’s supposed to be tomorrow, but I am calling Xuehui and asking for her help in requesting a two-month break for me. I will return to school when you go back to the platoon.”

“That’s almost time for your winter break. Why don’t you just stay until the end of the winter break?” Lu Xingzhi’s little plan was marvelous. Now, Jiang Yao had to spend more time with him. Perhaps the university might expel her on the grounds of prolonged absence, the perfect excuse for Jiang Yao to study in Jindo Medical University instead.

“I still have to sit for the exam before the break starts.” Jiang Yao shook her head.

Lu Xingzhi was not too bothered. “With your current skills, does it matter if you take the exam? I don’t think your teachers are better than you.”

Jiang Yao stole a glance at Lu Xingzhi. Her advantage was the Medical System, and maybe her ten-year experience as a doctor before she was reborn. Without the Medical System, she did not dare to claim her superiority over her teachers at school.

“That’s not how it works. I lose my credibility if I do that, what if people think that I am a demon, who traded her soul with Satan for better medical skills?” Jiang Yao muttered, before continuing, “I have requested the people at the hospital not to disclose whatever happened during both Colonel Lin’s and your surgeries. We have to keep this a secret, at the very least till I graduate.”

“You should be back to your best in two months. Let’s see, I can go back to school and attend lessons for two weeks before sitting for the exams. I want to go home and visit my family during the break. After that, I will come over and spend New Year’s with you.”

At this point, there was no need to hide anything from Lu Xingzhi.

She was not at all concerned looking at his tense expression, instead she asked, “So, you are not at all afraid that I may secretly be an evil demon?”

“Aren’t you actually one?” Lu Xingzhi spent a few seconds looking at the face in front of him. “You look as alluring as one. One look is all it took for me to fall for you, if that’s not the work of a demon, I don’t know what else is.”

Jiang Yao was stunned for a good two seconds, before sitting down and laughing her heart out.

“Who said that you are stingy with your words?” Jiang Yao tried stifling her laughter, not wanting to lose her femininity. “Look at that sweet-talking mouth of yours!”

Oh, men! Never underestimate their ability to sweet talk!

Seeing Jiang Yao’s unstoppable laughter, Lu Xingzhi chuckled, “As long as you are happy.”

Jiang Yao lay back down on her bed while urging Lu Xingzhi to do the same. Yet, she was too thrilled to sleep. Was it actually love at first sight for Lu Xingzhi?

As for Lu Xingzhi, with nothing weighing on his mind, he quickly fell into a deep sleep. He was so sound asleep that he did not realize that Jiang Yao fed him medicine in the middle of the night. Although he did feel much better when he woke up the next day.

The first thing Jiang Yao did after she woke up was to remove all instruments and devices tethered to Lu Xingzhi’s body. She was positive that Lu Xingzhi’s condition had stabilized. Everything else tethered to his body was a burden, and she could not bear seeing him in such a state.

Lu Xingzhi woke up feeling refreshed and energized. He spent a little over an hour privately talking to Liang Yueze and his brother in his room. After they left, he went back to sleep.

Jiang Yao did not ask what they were talking about, she kept at her job, taking care of Lu Xingzhi. Her medicines from the Medical System were very effective and had Lu Xingzhi almost back to his usual self in a week. He was now much more energized and did not fall asleep as much as before.

Chapter 404: Spoiled

All was well with Lu Xingzhi getting better each day. Things were a little different for Jiang Yao, however.

It was easy to assume that taking care of a man was simple and straightforward. Jiang Yao, however, knew better. Lu Xingzhi took every opportunity available to make it difficult for Jiang Yao, to her extreme annoyance.

It was just the other day when she accompanied him for a walk in the grounds of the hospital. He came back after the walk and requested to be discharged, believing that everything was now back to normal. He looked very unhappy when Jiang Yao continued to put him on drips.

Lu Xingzhi visited Colonel Lin, who was still staying next door, every now and then. Each time, he would talk about his intense training plans. It was obvious to any listener that he meant to begin the training plan a week later, under his personal guidance.

He was politely asked to leave by both Colonel Lin and Mrs. Lin, and he received a good scolding from Jiang Yao.

Knowing that he could not leave the hospital any time soon, he turned his attention toward his wife.

Fooling around with her, making her do unnecessary little things like hand feeding him his meals because his hands hurt too much to hold the spoon, or holding the drinking straw for him because his mouth hurt too much to do so.

A few days of shenanigans like these were enough for the nurses at the hospital to know just how much Mrs. Lu loved her husband, spoiling him like a baby.

Nobody knew how badly Jiang Yao wanted to refute the rumors. It was all Lu Xingzhi's doing, spending all his energy flirting, and teasing her all day long.

A little hug here and there, with some kisses plastered in. Lu Xingzhi would embrace her and justify his actions with the reason to see if Jiang Yao had been losing weight from all the caretaking work she had been doing.

If not for her explicit refusal and the fact that they were still in the hospital, Lu Xingzhi could spend an entire night on the bed "checking" her.

It was a warm afternoon when Lu Xingzhi woke up from his half-hour nap. He saw Jiang Yao changing all the medicines sent in by the nurse when he opened his eyes.

He knew from the beginning that the medicines and drips used were sourced from some unknown place by Jiang Yao. It was not the hospital's medication. Sometimes they looked colorless, just like filtered water and sometimes they had a little color in them, a light green, or a very pale yellow. These would go into his body, while the medication prepared by the hospital was disposed of by Jiang Yao.

He knew better than to ask.

Lu Xingzhi waited a little longer before calling out to Jiang Yao, "I thought I saw Zhou Junmin and Wu Pengxin looking for you just now."

Jiang Yao turned her gaze toward the door, and faintly saw two silhouettes. "I am going out for a while, be careful here. If you need anything, wait for me, I will be back in a short while."

She was a little reluctant to leave Lu Xingzhi alone and kept reminding him to stay put. Only after seeing his smile of assurance did she leave the room.

What she did not observe was the moment she turned her back toward him, his smile vanished and he furrowed his brows deeply as if in thought.

"Jiang Yao!" Wu Pengxin was the first to react. The trio walked a few hundred meters away from the room before stopping. "Sergeant Ge just woke up! The doctor said he is recovering great. Oh, and his mum and sister-in-law came too, along with a ten-year old boy."

Chapter 405: Do Evil

"I thought they were informed immediately by the platoon. Why did they only arrive now?" For the past few days, Jiang Yao was busy taking care of Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin, and basically handed the responsibility for Sergeant Ge over to the medical staff of the hospital.

Wu Pengxin was just about to speak when Major Zhu arrived. He probably heard their conversation as he continued, "Sergeant Ge's mother is yet another difficult character to deal with."

Major Zhu had nothing but pity in his eyes when Sergeant Ge was mentioned. He was a reliable man, competent, socially adept and had overall good character. The only mistakes he made was being born into the Ge family and had Sun Cuimei as his wife.

That was probably the end of Sergeant Ge's career. This incident had a very bad impact on the platoon. Even though Major Zhu tried his best negotiating with the platoon to pay for Sergeant Ge's hospital charges, the superiors decided to discharge Sergeant Ge once he was nursed back to health.

With Sergeant Ge's current rank, it was evident that he would not land any good-paying job even with the platoon pulling strings behind the scene.

"We called his family the day the accident happened. However, his mother told us that they did not have enough money to buy the train tickets needed to come here. They wanted us to lend them a hundred yuan as ticket money. We pooled the money and sent it their way, wanting them to come over as soon as possible. If only we knew they would arrive so late!"

Major Zhu was getting angrier the more he continued, "Whatever it was, as long as they are here. I arranged for some of my men to fetch them at the train station, seeing it is Sergeant Ge's mother. Damn it! We got two more unannounced visitors, with one being a ten-year-old boy! They immediately asked to go see the city, wanting to do some sightseeing using my men as their private driver!"

Listening to Major Zhu, Jiang Yao was at a loss for words. It was outrageous, prompting the usually genteel Major Zhu to swear and curse!

Even with her son in trouble, Madam Ge was unwilling to spend a single dime of hers. And yet, she was shameless enough to ask for a sum of money from his son's comrades, probably to pay for the extras.

Sergeant Ge did not have his own place, where would they stay?

It was a big mess. Anyone with a little common sense would know that Madam Ge took the opportunity and brought them here for a little sightseeing. They probably did not think of their accommodation and food options after arriving, assuming that the people in Sergeant Ge's platoon would help arrange it for them.

"Major Zhu, are you looking for Xingzhi or Colonel Lin?" Jiang Yao had nothing nice to say about Madam Ge but did not show her displeasure.

"Both," Major Zhu said. "Sergeant Ge wanted to see them both after learning about their improved conditions. I believe Sergeant Ge wants to transfer to a village hospital once his condition allows."

Chapter 406: Sergeant Ge Transfers

Sergeant Ge understood the situation and was outraged at his mother's shenanigans. He could not help but cuss them out, before requesting to see both Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin.

"You should go talk to Colonel Lin. I will speak to Xingzhi." Sergeant Ge's incident was withheld from Lu Xingzhi because of his weak condition after the surgery, nobody knew how Lu Xingzhi would react to the news. Now that his body's condition had stabilized, Jiang Yao thought that it was time to let him know.

Lu Xingzhi seemed to be daydreaming when Jiang Yao entered the room. He casually glanced in her direction, his stoic expression betraying none of his thoughts.

"There is something I need to tell you; I have been hiding it from you for a while." Jiang Yao sat down by his side on the bed and started speaking.

Lu Xingzhi was not surprised hearing it. Seeing Zhou Junmin and Wu Pengxin loitering around in the hospital had him suspecting that something was going on without his knowledge. He was just trying to figure out what it was.

Since Jiang Yao wanted to explain, there was no need for him to guess.

"Sergeant Ge got into an accident." Jiang Yao told him of the events surrounding Sergeant Ge's fall, from his quarrel with Sun Cuimei to the platoon's decision heard from Major Zhu and Colonel Lin, and finally the visit from Madam Ge and her gang.

Lu Xingzhi stayed in silence for the longest time after Jiang Yao finished talking.

Her eyes did not leave him, observing the excessive heaving of his chest had her worried.

It was at this time that Lu Xingzhi's frigid demeanor was displayed full force in front of Jiang Yao. Everything around him seemed to have dropped to freezing point, icy and hostile.

"Do you want to go to Sergeant Ge's room?" Jiang Yao knew that Lu Xingzhi thought highly of Sergeant Ge. Once, he mentioned to her how much he respected Sergeant Ge's courage and assertiveness.

Sergeant Ge's background was not the best, he was not highly educated but he knew how important it was to go all out in whatever he did. He understood that he had to put in more effort than the rest to get to where he wanted to be.

Yet, nothing else mattered anymore. Just like that, his efforts went to waste, in the blink of an eye.

What could be said for the future of a discharged sergeant?

It was a while before Lu Xingzhi nodded and put on a pair of comfortable slippers, helped by Jiang Yao on his way to Sergeant Ge's room.

Colonel Lin was in a wheelchair pushed by Mrs. Lin when Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi exited their room. They looked at each other in silence before leaving for Sergeant Ge's room together.

Right now, his room was a loud mess. Madam Ge was holding onto a ten-year-old boy, wailing loudly. Her noise reverberated through the hospital corridors like squeaky chalk against a blackboard, extremely disconcerting to everyone in the vicinity.

Sergeant Ge lay on his bed, his expression was blank and emotionless. He did not look at his mother once, instead rested his sights in the direction of the door.

“Colonel Lin, Captain Lu!” Sergeant Ge greeted.

Madam Ge’s eyes lit up seeing the visitors. She let go of her grandson on her lap, walked toward them and started whining, “You are my son’s superiors? Take a look at him, this unfilial child! I came all the way here to take care of him and yet, he wants me to leave, chasing me out! What did I do to deserve this? I even asked his brother to give his son to him, seeing that the lineage has stopped since he does not have a son! Did you know what he said? He said I am biased!”

Chapter 407: Loss

Colonel Lin rubbed his temple in irritation hearing the woman’s complaints.

Was she really Sergeant Ge’s mother? Denouncing her own son in front of his superiors and branding him an unfilial child, Colonel Lin could not believe his ears.

Jiang Yao was not pleased, “Sergeant Ge has a daughter, what do you mean the lineage of the Ge family stops here? Even though Ge Wenwen is currently with her mother, it does not change the fact that she is still Sergeant Ge’s daughter!”

Sergeant Ge’s expression softened hearing her daughter’s name being mentioned. Obviously, he missed her very much.

“Colonel Lin, Captain Lu, may I ask both of you for a favor? You have extensive connections in Jin City, can you help look for Wenwen? I need her to come back to me, her mother is going to destroy her future otherwise!”

“What’s wrong with you? What is good looking for your daughter? After all, she will leave you when she marries out of the family! Whatever happens, you are still a military officer. Why don’t you adopt your nephew here? Pull some strings for him when he grows up and he will have a good future. Are you worried that he is not going to take care of you when you retire? That kid, Wenwen, is just an ungrateful brat! See how easy it was to take her away from you?!”

That was it, Lu Xingzhi had had enough. He looked at Madam Ge with the most menacing eyes and roared, “Shut up!”

The old lady stood in horror, unable to speak, intimidated by the sudden outburst of Lu Xingzhi.

“I will look for Wenwen myself. And to be clear, I am not adopting my brother’s son! I do not know what you are scheming but whatever I have will be Wenwen’s. If she cannot get it, neither will any of you!” Hatred emerged in Sergeant Ge’s eyes, but just as swiftly, he returned to his icy cold disposition.

Exhausted at dealing with his family members, Sergeant Ge turned toward Lu Xingzhi and said, “Captain, I know you have always wanted to promote me. I am sorry for letting you down this time, I truly apologize and am ashamed of my incapability. I do not know if we will ever see each other again, but I just wanted you to know that you will always be my captain wherever I go! I will never forget the time I spent with everyone here in the platoon!”

“Hey!” Lu Xingzhi grabbed Sergeant Ge’s hands tightly. “We will always be buddies wherever you go!”

Jiang Yao could sense the drastic change in Lu Xingzhi's mood when she accompanied him back to his room. The room felt suffocating and depressing when he did not talk.

"I gave Weiqi a call as soon as I could, but it was a little too late! Sun Cuimei can be anywhere now! Weiqi had his men on alert in case they ever come back." Jiang Yao gently rubbed his eyebrows and said, "We tried our best for Sergeant Ge."

So many regrets, but it was the cold, hard reality.

"Sergeant Ge is an excellent soldier, gallant and courageous. Unfortunately, his life is ruined by the people closest to him—his family," Lu Xingzhi lamented. He held Jiang Yao's hand and gave her a light squeeze, before lightly kissing the back of her hand.

Chapter 408: Can't See

From the conversation with Sergeant Ge back at his room, it was evident that he wanted to be discharged and leave Jindo City today. Seeing how things were, he would be transferred to Jin City Hospital before transferring again to the village hospital in his hometown for further recovery once his condition had stabilized.

Sergeant Ge would never allow his mother, sister-in-law and nephew freeload off his comrades at the platoon here in Jindo City, who were taking advantage of the circumstance to do some sightseeing.

The incident was finally resolved after Sergeant Ge's swift transfer to Jin City hospital. The damage was done though, as Colonel Lin and Lu Xingzhi were in a crummy mood for the following few days.

For the past few days, Lu Xingzhi was busy making phone calls, trying to arrange for Sergeant Ge's transfer.

There was nothing the platoon could do to support Sergeant Ge, so Lu Xingzhi had to utilize his personal connections. It took him two days, since he was unfamiliar with Sergeant Ge's hometown, but he managed to secure a job for Sergeant Ge.

He arranged for Sergeant Ge to work in the local police station. It was decided that Sergeant Ge would start as a police constable, once he was fit enough to work, and would gradually be promoted.

Lu Xingzhi was quite satisfied with the arrangement. He was extra courteous over the phone as he now owed someone else a favor because of Sergeant Ge.

He called Major Zhu and told him of the arrangements, and he passed the news along to Sergeant Ge. It felt like a weight off his chest, as Lu Xingzhi finally broke into a smile after.

"Come here, Dear, let me read to you tonight instead." Lu Xingzhi felt bad for having neglected Jiang Yao these past few days. He was busy dealing with Sergeant Ge's affairs and was in a bad mood throughout.

He waved to Jiang Yao the moment she stepped out of the bathroom.

"Is there a blue moon tonight?" Jiang Yao chuckled and got the book from the desk. She asked, "Oh right, what were you and Colonel Lin discussing this morning? Acting all mysterious and such."

“Classified information, can’t tell you.” Lu Xingzhi’s eyes trembled ever so slightly, as he patted the empty spot next to him and said, “I am feeling better now, we should sleep together tonight.”

Lu Xingzhi could not take it any longer, seeing his wife everyday but not being able to get intimate with her. He felt no better than a monk meditating deep in the mountains.

“No funny business.” Jiang Yao laughed, and passed him the book. She removed her shoes and lay down next to him. While he was flipping through the book, she quickly snatched the envelope stuck in it and handed it over, “How about this?”

Lu Xingzhi stole a glance and muttered, “What’s this? They are giving out free gifts now for buying books?”

His expression changed when he saw what it actually was, and just as quickly hid the envelope under his pillow. “Where did you find this?”

Jiang Yao shrugged, but snatched it back and laughed, “Where else could it be? The locked drawer of course! I found the keys!”

“You can’t read this!” Lu Xingzhi panicked, wanting to retrieve the letter from Jiang Yao, who was hiding it behind her back. He got up, and in one quick motion, pushed Jiang Yao down and wrapped his arms around her. “Good girl Yaoyao, you cannot read this. It’s classified military stuff!”

Chapter 409: Intentions

“You are not going to fool me this time!” Jiang Yao rolled her eyes at Lu Xingzhi.

Failing to convince Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi continued with his attempt to wrestle the envelope back.

She hid it under her body, dodging Lu Xingzhi’s attacks from both flanks. It was exhausting but looking at his terrorized expression, she found it to be amusing.

It was the first time she saw Lu Xingzhi like that. He looked embarrassed, his face blushed, all because of an envelope.

“What’s inside this envelope?” Jiang Yao asked. “Is it a love letter for your other woman? Or did she write you this? Was it someone you liked before? I heard that you were extremely popular in military school, with girls flocking to you every time!”

“Nonsense!” Lu Xingzhi rebutted immediately, he had nothing to hide.

No woman other than Jiang Yao had ever caught his eye. Why would he write a love letter to someone else, not least receiving it and hiding it?

He was not shallow, there was nothing great about receiving a love letter from another lady.

“Then why don’t you let me read it?” Jiang Yao held on to the letter tightly. “By the way, when did you bring the big jar of plastic stars over from my house? And how did my mum give you my old notebooks?”

"I secretly took the jar of stars the day you received your admission letter, as for the notebooks... Well, it is with me now, what good is it to find out how? Can't I take my wife's things?" He knew that there was no point in explaining, might as well be a little shameless.

"I am absolutely sure that my mum did not give them to you voluntarily!" Jiang Yao spoke judgementally, "Tell me, how did you steal it?"

"Come on, why do you have to use the word 'steal'?" Lu Xingzhi was a little displeased. "She handed me two of them when I made up a story and told your mother that you needed it."

Jiang Yao lay there in silence, before bursting out in laughter.

"What's the difference between lying and stealing?" Jiang Yao almost teared up from laughing too much. "Tell me now, what are your intentions?"

Lu Xingzhi grabbed the opportunity, swooped in, and snatched the letter away from Jiang Yao. Looking at her surprised expression, he smiled triumphantly.

Jiang Yao was too naïve and was still no match for him.

Deliberately exposing himself to Jiang Yao's teasing, it was extremely easy to get what he wanted as soon as she let down her guard, too busy laughing.

"Good girl, what is yours is mine too. We are married, right? There's no need to get into trivial matters like this." Lu Xingzhi lay down in satisfaction. All of a sudden, he felt a throbbing pain in his chest, probably due to the sudden physical exertion. It finally calmed down after some deep breaths.

"Are you happy now? Do you still want to leave the hospital as soon as possible?" Jiang Yao was very concerned seeing Lu Xingzhi's pale face.

"This worthless body of mine! When can I completely recover?" Lu Xingzhi was starting to get annoyed. He usually took a walk in the morning, nothing rigorous, and felt as if he was ready to go back to his usual routine. It seemed premature to do so now, as his recovery still had a long way to go.

Chapter 410: Love Letter

To say Lu Xingzhi was exasperated was an understatement. No wonder Jiang Yao refused all of his advances.

However, Lu Xingzhi was recovering faster than Jiang Yao expected. The medicine formulated in the lab was way more effective than the ones prepared by the hospital itself.

She initially thought it would take two months for him to recover completely, but looking at his condition, he needed no more than half a month to be discharged from the hospital and recoup in the platoon. Perhaps he could gradually get back into his daily training in a month's time.

"Colonel Lin is going back to the platoon in half a month's time to recoup and rest. I will go crazy if I stay here alone for another two months." Lu Xingzhi was honest in his claims.

"Seems like you should be able to do the same as well," Jiang Yao said. "Once you return to the platoon, I will go back to school too. Do you still want an early discharge?"

Lu Xingzhi was slightly pleased to hear that he could return to Jin City earlier, only to have his hopes squashed by what followed.

“So, you are not going to stay here with me?” Lu Xingzhi asked.

“Except for intense activities and exercises, there is nothing much to be concerned about.” Jiang Yao lowered her voice, “I have to go back for my classes.”

Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao with an intense gaze, how he wished she would always be at his side.

“Let’s not talk about the future. I wonder what is written in the letter?” Just like a magician, Jiang Yao took out a piece of crumpled paper from her pocket and opened it. She took a glance at the contents and made the weirdest of expressions.

The letter started off with a poem, childish at best and the words used seemed out of place. Connecting the first word of each line read ‘Jiang Yao I Love You’.

At the end of the poem was a confession of love. Jiang Yao was truly shocked after reading it.

She never would have thought that it was a love letter written by Lu Xingzhi to her!

A man like Lu Xingzhi, writing a love letter?!

It was his writing, even though the content was as cheesy as it could be, a true masterpiece on how not to write a love letter.

Jiang Yao reread the confession. It felt a little familiar though, like she read it somewhere before.

When she finally looked at Lu Xingzhi, his expression was as awkward as it could be, with surprise written all over his face. Did he not snatch the envelope back? It was empty all along!

Jiang Yao cleared her throat and started reading out the confession, “Girl, every night I think of the moment we first met, it was beautiful, the best thing that ever happened to me. I will always remember how beautiful you were that day, even the morning twilight, with its vibrant colors was no match for your beauty, even the fully-bloomed flowers in the garden pale in comparison...”

“Stop it!” Lu Xingzhi yelled. “I should have strangled Weiqi and Xuyao when I had the chance! Giving me horrible ideas and all!”

His face turned bright red; his gaze floated around until it landed on the letter.

Dark times indeed! And it was all thanks to Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao!