

Chapter 611: Master Lu The Monster

“That’s right, Captain Lu, being in a highly-stimulated mental state without sufficient rest is a recipe for disaster,” added the doctor.

Lu Xingzhi looked at Jiang Yao, who was frowning and glaring at him, and nodded in acknowledgment, before leaving the tent together with her.

The doctor smiled after seeing the couple walked away hand-in-hand. “They are a loving couple, holding hands wherever they go! It’s great to see the younger generation like this.”

The General was stationed in the southern military base and knew very little about Lu Xingzhi, mostly having read them from his files. Although, he thought it was a wonderful thing that Lu Xingzhi married a doctor at such a young age and still had a committed relationship.

For a soldier, having a good relationship with their spouse was actually a good thing.

The General smiled and nodded in agreement. “It really is. She will have a bright future ahead, for sure!”

After making sure that Chen Feibai was indeed safe, the General left the site in relief. He was also in a hurry to notify the Chen family of the good news.

It was just a short walk before Lu Xingzhi lifted Jiang Yao up and carried her right to the same secluded spot.

Ah, he wanted to continue their conversation!

“The General ordered you to rest, why are we here instead? Are you disobeying his orders?” Jiang Yao looked at Lu Xingzhi, whose expression was getting worse. “What did I do this time?”

“Come on, Lu Xingzhi, can it! I came here to give you warm hugs not to see your sour face!”

Lu Xingzhi’s frown deepened.

“Jiang Yao.” He did not even call her by her nickname as he spoke in a serious tone as if he was criticizing her. “Alright, let us do this logically!”

He pulled her down and pressed her against the wall, placing his hands next to her ears. She was stuck.

“You came here alone, did you think about your own safety?” Lu Xingzhi’s face was mere inches away from hers. He wanted her to see his anger and concern.

“What if something bad happened to you? There is no cell reception here and the traffic is scarce, what would you do?” His expression darkened as he continued, “What is going to happen to me if you die? Where the heck can I find someone like you again, damn it!”

Jiang Yao was stunned by Lu Xingzhi’s outburst and instantly stopped struggling as she stood there rigidly like a pole.

This was the first time Lu Xingzhi had ever yelled at her, ever since the day they knew each other.

It was extremely frightening to see him in this manner.

His expression was as fierce as a monster as his aura seemed to instantly chilled the temperature of their surroundings.

Amidst all these, Jiang Yao managed to squeeze out a little of her voice.

“You swore!”

Chapter 612: The Now

“Shut up!” Lu Xingzhi growled. “Let me make it clear, Jiang Yao! You stop yourself from doing risky things! If you die, I am going to make you into a mummy and keep you with me for all eternity!”

Jiang Yao shook her shoulders instinctively. She was not startled by the contents of his outburst but more so at his unchecked anger.

“Speak! Didn’t you hear me?” Lu Xingzhi’s anger rose when he did not receive any reply from Jiang Yao.

Was she protesting in silence?

“Lu Xingzhi, what is wrong with you? You asked me to keep my mouth shut first!” Jiang Yao retorted.

“That was before, it’s different now!” Lu Xingzhi was choked by Jiang Yao’s response, he seemed to have made a blunder.

Anyway, he cooled down a little after the exchange.

He sighed resignedly.

“Darling, let’s talk.” As he tried to speak in a relaxed tone, “I am sorry for getting mad at you. Let’s have a civil discussion on the matter of you coming to Rong County.”

“Your apologies mean nothing to me!” Jiang Yao did not believe that Lu Xingzhi was genuine in his apology. She knew that he chose a different approach trying to get her to talk.

“If you are still mad, you can hit me all you want after our discussion,” said Lu Xingzhi earnestly.

Jiang Yao really misunderstood him this time around.

He truly regretted raising his voice at Jiang Yao because he realized that her headstrong spirit had surfaced because of him.

He got it totally wrong this time.

In fact, if he pretended to be tired and act all soft and mellow in front of her, things would have been settled a long time ago.

“Darling, I am concerned about you, I might have done it in an inappropriate way.” Lu Xingzhi gave out a long sigh. “Since the beginning of the selection process, right until the search and rescue mission, I slept less than ten hours in total. It may be my weakened mental state, that’s why I got so mad at you. Please forgive me, you can hit me however you want once we talk this over.”

He then looked at Jiang Yao and observed her expression. Seeing her softening look, he breathed a sigh of relief.

After all, Jiang Yao cared deeply about him.

“Think about this, what if something bad happened to you while you were driving alone in the pouring rain? What would I do without you?” Lu Xingzhi caressed her face and wiped the raindrops off her cheeks. “There will only be one Jiang Yao in the world and you are the only woman I will ever love. Do you know just how helpless I will be if I ever lose you?”

Jiang Yao understood what Lu Xingzhi was trying to get at, however, she was no match for his approach. She kept thinking to herself not to give up her hard stance. Otherwise, Lu Xingzhi would take advantage of her in the future!

However, her defenses crumbled when he told her how helpless he would be after losing her.

Chapter 613: Perspective Shift

“I am sorry, I won’t do it again.” Jiang Yao nodded. “I was so worried about you! Did you know how frightened I was after hearing the news on the radio? I called Brother Liang immediately after that but I didn’t think he’d be a liar! He lied to me and said that the soldier wasn’t from the Jin City platoon! Hmph!”

“It was for your own good, he didn’t want you to worry!” explained Lu Xingzhi. “He took the first flight here just to find out who the soldier was. He was also worried, but as a man, he had to put on a strong front for all.”

“I know and I am not angry,” Jiang Yao replied in a gentle voice. “After arranging for the hospital and Changkang Group’s relief efforts, I couldn’t stay put in Nanjiang City. I went off, driving along one of the West River distributaries to see if I could stumble upon the soldier. Thank the lucky stars that I actually found him! I didn’t know it was Chen Feibai until then.”

She made sure to explain that she went looking after the soldier not because he was Chen Feibai, lest Lu Xingzhi felt jealous.

“Whoever the victim maybe, I wanted to help. I really didn’t expect the soldier to be Chen Feibai.” Now, Jiang Yao saw Chen Feibai differently. “I used to think he was a good-for-nothing brat, an entitled rascal in the platoon. However, I’m thinking he’s not that bad now.”

Lu Xingzhi agreed. “I have known him for a long time and this was my first time seeing the character of a true soldier in him, self-sacrifice and courage!”

When the incident happened, Lu Xingzhi was actually nearby. Chen Feibai, holding a child in his arms, stood right next to a tree in danger of falling over. Lu Xingzhi saw the collapse of the tree and called out to Chen Feibai, who managed only to hurl the child at his comrade before getting struck by the falling tree into the rapids of the flood.

Lu Xingzhi caught the crying child. When he returned to the place of incident, Chen Feibai had disappeared, swept away by the currents.

“Catch the kid.” The last words uttered by Chen Feibai before falling into the water. He was afraid as his voice trembled when he said it, but he chose to save the child in the end.

An entire night of searching by the helicopter found nothing. Lu Xingzhi thought those were Chen Feibai's last words.

At that exact moment, Lu Xingzhi had a drastic perspective shift on Chen Feibai. His true character was deviant from the bratty attitude he appeared in public.

However obnoxious he was, he was a soldier through and through.

"I found him lying on a rock. The current was swift and his lower body was immersed in the water. Whatever happened, he held on to the rock tightly. That was when I saw his will to survive and feeling of despair." Jiang Yao pulled herself into Lu Xingzhi's embrace and placed her face on his chest.

"You may think I am a bad person for saying this but I was so relieved after finding out that it was Chen Feibai on the rock instead of you."

Chapter 614: Your Man

"Even though I came prepared and brought along equipment, I couldn't help but feel afraid when I entered the water. If things were to get worse, I was prepared to give up the rescue to ensure my safety." Jiang Yao still remembered the fear of getting swept away by the swift current. "I promise, I will never do it again."

"That's your promise." Lu Xingzhi patted her head. "You better keep it."

After Jiang Yao nodded her head, he retrieved his hand on the wall and wrapped it around her waist.

Just like that, the couple stood in a silent embrace, with only their breathing audible.

Raindrops plummeted around them. His back, a strong and steady presence, shielded her from the elements and protected her from danger.

Lu Xingzhi finally spoke after a few minutes of silence. "How did you save Chen Feibai?"

"I brought an inflatable kayak and some ropes. Using the techniques you taught me, I tied one end of the rope on the tires," Jiang Yao smiled. "I'm so glad you taught me how to do it. I would not have entered the water with the method I used to tie knots with."

After listening to Jiang Yao's story, Lu Xingzhi's heart skipped a beat.

"I should have torn your driver's license into pieces if I knew you were going to do this! I shouldn't have taught you everything!" Lu Xingzhi struggled to hold his anger in. "Are you going to arrest criminals with the police after learning how to shoot?"

"Are you unhappy that I saved Chen Feibai?" Jiang Yao chuckled. "Look at you getting mad, I thought you said that you are not gonna get angry?"

"So that's how you see me, huh?" Lu Xingzhi asked coldly.

Jiang Yao shook her head. "I was just kidding! You are a hero to me! I know you were worried about Chen Feibai, but more so about me!"

Lu Xingzhi broke into a smile.

Although...

“You had it wrong. I am not your hero, I am just your man.” Lu Xingzhi hurriedly corrected Jiang Yao. “I can be the world’s hero, but I am only your man, your husband, your one and only Lu Xingzhi.”

She rested her face on his chest, laughing happily at what he just said. His mood lightened at the sight of her cheerful face.

“Look at me, Darling,” he said.

Jiang Yao raised her head only to be assaulted by Lu Xingzhi’s lips, as he drove his warm kiss onto her lips. Pushing her against the wall, he gently lifted her chin up to devour more of her.

What a guy!

Yet, she could not bear to push him away.

They were only separated for a week, but it felt like years. Her heart, her lips, her body missed his presence very much.

Chapter 615: Those Eyes

“Whew~”

Lu Xingzhi suddenly released Jiang Yao from his embrace. Her lips were slightly swollen, her cheeks a rosy pink as she gently slapped them.

It was all his fault, leaving her wanting more even as he ended the kiss.

Jiang Yao tidied up her clothes and was just about to speak when Lu Xingzhi suddenly placed his hand on her eyes, blocking her view, and spoke in a magnetic voice, “Don’t speak! Don’t look at me with those eyes!”

“What eyes?” Jiang Yao wanted to pull Lu Xingzhi’s hand away but to no avail.

She pouted and gave up.

Losing the ability to see temporarily, she was not too bothered by it with Lu Xingzhi around.

He was able to cover her watery eyes, but could not cover her attractive rosy lips. He looked at them and could not help but smack his lips, recalling the taste of passion just a while ago.

Whispering in her ears with a small chuckle, he said, “Those seductive eyes, I can’t hold it in anymore!”

He curled his lips into a smile when he saw her startled expression.

When he was with Jiang Yao, his self-control seemed to be in the dumpster as a kiss was enough to gain a reaction from him. He was so close to ripping her clothes off and giving her a loving right there and then.

Fortunately, rationality prevailed.

He forced himself to end the kiss, but her eyes and her little pout almost made him succumb to his passions once again.

“You brat! You meanie! Nobody was trying to seduce you!” Jiang Yao kicked his calves in anger.

When he finally moved his hand away from her face, she glared at him as her gaze instinctively floated over to his groin, where a pitched tent could be seen.

“You had enough? Once we are done with everything here, I’ll let you have some fun with him.” Lu Xingzhi pressed his hand down on her head and said in a constrained manner.

“Ain’t nobody looked at anything!” Jiang Yao tried to defend herself even though she was guilty of doing it.

After he had calmed down, they went back, hand-in-hand, to Changkang Group’s relief site. At the moment, the search and rescue team were there moving relief supplies along.

The supplies delivered by Changkang Group were very practical—drinking water, non-perishable food items, weatherproof tents, and some daily necessities. The soldiers were all overjoyed.

“Captain Lu!” Seeing Lu Xingzhi walking toward them hand in hand with a young lady, a few of his comrades went forward and greeted him.

Having spent a week with Lu Xingzhi, however attractive he was, these bachelors thought that the young lady here was way more good-looking.

“Is this your sister, Captain Lu? I heard a while ago that you had an elder and a younger sister at home. I didn’t know that your elder sister works for the Changkang Group. Your younger sister here came to visit, right?” One of the soldiers, carrying a big barrel of drinking water, approached Lu Xingzhi. “How old is your sister here? Do you think I’d make a good brother-in-law?”

Chapter 616: The Method

Lu Xingzhi’s expression darkened as he kicked his comrade on the butt. “This is my wife! My legally married wife! Let me see you one more time with your antics and I’m going to give you a lesson!”

“I don’t know who’s giving who a lesson yet!” The man was not mad at all. He came from a different platoon and did not know Lu Xingzhi well enough to be afraid of him. They were all the same when they came to the selection process and were the cream of the crop in their respective platoons. He smiled at Jiang Yao and apologized, “I am sorry, I was just kidding around with your husband.”

Jiang Yao shook her head. She was not angry at all. Perhaps Lu Xingzhi’s comrades thought that she was Lu Xiaoxiao instead.

“It’s raining out here, go into the tent and wait for me. I am going to help move the supplies around.” Lu Xingzhi pushed Jiang Yao into the tent and went on his way.

Jiang Yao saw Lu Yuqing sitting on a hastily-built table upon entering the tent and asked, “I didn’t know you came, Sis!”

After all, she only saw Manager Sun when she came over just now.

“Manager Sun told me of your arrangements and I came to contribute a little help since I have nothing to do in Nanjiang City.” Lu Yuqing tapped the empty spot next to her. “We don’t have chairs here, come on up.”

Jiang Yao sat on the table and received a water bottle given by Lu Yuqing.

“I thought you were going to fight with Lu Xingzhi for at least a couple of days. That was all it took for you to get back on speaking terms?” Lu Yuqing stole a glimpse at Jiang Yao. “Oh, girl! He hit you! You should’ve made a big scene out of it!”

“Sis, are you trying to make matters worse here?” Jiang Yao pouted. “You are not a good sister. I need to tell Xingzhi that you were trying to incite a fight between the two of us!”

Lu Yuqing almost choked on drinking water. “Ahem! Look at you! I am afraid you have been taken advantage of by that little rascal! Let me tell you, Xingzhi has really low EQ but he is an extremely intelligent guy. Look, he wanted to teach you a lesson but was afraid that you’d get mad, so what did he do? He used his warfare tactics on you! If he succeeds just once, you are going to have one hell of a time in the future.”

Lu Yuqing snickered and looked at the entrance. After making sure that Lu Xingzhi was not around, she moved closer to Jiang Yao and said, “If ever he wants to hit or scold you, let me teach you a way to outsmart him. I guarantee you that it has a hundred percent success rate!

“What?” Jiang Yao was in doubt. “I don’t believe you. He has his ways of doing things and is very persistent. If one doesn’t work on me, he has more lining up!”

“Are you an idiot? Why’d you let him do however he likes? He’s too used to training new recruits in the platoon. If you let him be, you are never going to see the light of day anymore!” Lu Yuqing set down the water bottle in her hands. “You know how I am. I do this not because I don’t want you in a loving relationship.”

Jiang Yao nodded.

“Whenever he gives you a hard time, you just need to react like this. Look at him and cry! Once you start crying, he will panic. Whatever you ask him to do then will be fulfilled. Your tears are his Achilles’ Heels!” Lu Yuqing thought her idea was brilliant and sat there chuckling.

Chapter 617: Protect Yourself

“It works?” Jiang Yao was doubtful.

“Trust me, he would never want to see you cry.” Lu Xingzhi was Lu Yuqing’s own brother. As his sister, she understood how he was like.

“You are Xingzhi’s most cherished person. He loves you, that is why he will panic seeing you cry,” Lu Yuqing remarked. “When a man truly loves you, even your sneeze is a thing to be concerned about. So, please don’t do anything to make him worry.”

Jiang Yao nodded.

She then looked at Lu Yuqing again.

And finally understood all Lu Yuqing said before was a lead-in for her last sentence, a reminder to Jiang Yao. Perhaps she was afraid that as a young lady, Jiang Yao would pretend to listen to Lu Xingzhi, only to act stubbornly once again without his presence.

After all, that was how she used to be.

“If you really wanted to come, we can’t stop you. But you could have come with us in a group. It’s safer that way. You are a woman, and driving alone all the way here is bound to worry a lot of people. I’m not sure if you’re aware of how much Xingzhi loves you. If anything happens to you, it is the end of the world for him. Since young, he has always been a stubborn person. You are perhaps his greatest attachment.

Lu Yuqing smiled before adding. “Jiang Yao, you are so lucky to have a man like Xingzhi. That’s why protecting yourself is safeguarding Lu Xingzhi’s world.”

“I understand, Sis. I will be more careful next time.” Jiang Yao apologized. She understood her loved ones’ concern, even though she possessed plenty of hidden powers.

Seeing Lu Yuqing’s changing expression, Jiang Yao knew that she was reminded of her marriage, a sad and pathetic love story.

“Sis. You are a good woman and a pretty one too! I know that you will meet a guy once more, someone who truly deserves you.” Jiang Yao comforted her.

Suddenly, Lu Yuqing laughed and looked at Jiang Yao before patting her head and said, “Silly girl, not everyone is as lucky as you.”

She jumped down from the table. “It’s not too shabby being alone. After you have kids with Xingzhi, I can help look after them. It is enough for me to see them grow into adults.”

“If you really want to live a single life, I will have my children treat you like their own mother. Whoever disrespects you will get a beating from Xingzhi!” Jiang Yao promised.

Lu Yuqing glanced at Jiang Yao. “Why Xingzhi? Why not the mother herself?”

“I play the role of a loving mother, giving out advice in a gentle tone after the kids come to me from their father’s beating.” Jiang Yao winked mischievously.

Changkang Group’s relief supplies were still on their way to being delivered. Plenty of resources were completely sold out in Nanjiang City so Manager Sun had to use his connections and purchase them from some companies around the city. Later in the afternoon, both the interim employee and Manager Sun left for Nanjiang City while Lu Yuqing remained at the relief site.

Chapter 618: Where Are You Going?

It was a miserable night for the people of Rong County. Wherever one went in the temporary settlement for affected residents, cries were heard, from children wanting to go home to adults who had lost their loved ones.

Of course, there was laughter from children gathered around playing games with each other, slightly lightening the mood in the area.

Just as people were worried about how long the rain was going to last, it stopped.

Someone shouted that the rain stopped, as people ran out of their tents and hugged each other in tears of laughter and relief.

Lu Xingzhi returned to Changkang Group's tent around nine at night. It was obvious that he was busy the entire afternoon and evening, ignoring the general's orders to rest.

"Darling." Upon entering, Lu Xingzhi saw Jiang Yao and called out to her. Before turning to Lu Yuqing, who was busy making the bed, and asked, "Aren't you going to return, Sis?"

"There are more relief supplies coming in for the Changkang Group tomorrow and they need help. Why should I return?" Lu Yuqing rolled her eyes at Lu Xingzhi and muttered under her breath. "And you call yourself my brother!"

Jiang Yao chuckled. She felt Lu Yuqing's dissatisfaction at Lu Xingzhi, after all, he looked worn out and dirty, a far cry from his title as Master Lu.

She went to him and said, "Let me get you a bucket of water, you need to wash up!"

Lu Xingzhi nodded. He reminded her, "Not too much though, there still is a water shortage here in the county."

Jiang Yao acknowledged and prepared a small bowl of water before putting a towel into it.

"Since you have prepared it, he should wipe his body down too. I'll wait outside." Lu Yuqing put on her jacket and went out.

Jiang Yao nodded and hurriedly said, "Hold on, Sis, I'll go with you!"

"Where are you going?" Lu Xingzhi pulled Jiang Yao back. "Is there anything on my body you've not seen?"

"Lu Xingzhi!" Jiang Yao blushed and stomped her feet. She saw Lu Yuqing's teasing smile and a thought of murdering Lu Xingzhi appeared in her mind. "Can you stop saying nonsense when Sis is around?"

"It was the truth, we are husband and wife after all." Lu Xingzhi explained seriously.

That was not what she meant. She did not want him to say such intimate things out in public.

Why was he not embarrassed?

"You said it as if Sis has never seen you naked before! She used to look after you when you were just a little kid!"

"I don't know, can't remember it," replied Lu Xingzhi casually. He removed his shirt and wiped his face with a damp towel before moving on to his body.

Lu Yuqing had gone far and Jiang Yao had no idea where she went. Instead, she sat on the bed and talked to Lu Xingzhi.

“What are the things we need the most here? When Manager Sun arrives tomorrow, we are going to purchase the relief supplies urgently needed,” Jiang Yao asked. “Also, you didn’t rest in the afternoon right? It’s not good for your body!”

Chapter 619: What Else?

“There is nothing that is not in want,” replied Lu Xingzhi. “I wanted to rest after moving the relief supplies around but the distribution team needed help, so I went. With our current mental state, we are not suited for high-risk tasks, so other tasks like distributing supplies, building tents and etc. are still manageable. Now that we’ve done most of it, I returned to rest. I will stay here for the night with you before leaving for the frontline tomorrow.”

“Can I refuse?” Jiang Yao asked seriously.

Lu Xingzhi looked at the lady sitting on the bed. “What do you think?”

He knew better than to let his wife and Lu Yuqing stay the night together. Who knew what the two women would talk about all night. Lu Yuqing might even talk bad things about him behind his back to Jiang Yao!

“Darling.” The more he thought of it, the more anxious he got. He threw the towel into the washbasin and called out to Jiang Yao, in a serious tone, “Let me tell you this, you are not allowed to cry! I will never let you cry! There is only one instance where you can cry in my presence!”

“What?” Jiang Yao was dumbfounded by Lu Xingzhi’s sudden outburst.

“You are allowed to cry only when begging for mercy when I give you my love. No exceptions!” Lu Xingzhi roared. “Do not listen to Sis’s nonsense!”

Jiang Yao’s mind jerked violently as if struck by lightning!

He overheard everything Lu Yuqing told her this afternoon!

What did he mean by begging for mercy?

She wanted nothing to do with such a bratty person!

Did it mean that he enjoyed her snivels and snobs when she was bullied by him on the bed?

“Don’t tell me that the reason you insisted on staying the night with me was to prevent Sis from pulling your leg further?” Jiang Yao was very suspicious that this was Lu Xingzhi’s actual objective.

She thought that he would deny it at first, however, he immediately admitted to it!

“What else? You thought I came to settle this morning’s unfinished business?” Lu Xingzhi started unbuckling his belt.

Jiang Yao shrieked!

“Lu Xingzhi! Lu Xingzhi!” She stood on the bed and pointed her shivering finger at the man stripping his pants in front of her. “Why are you removing your pants?”

Lu Xingzhi stopped his actions and looked at her in resignation. He explained, "I wanted to wipe my body."

Seeing Jiang Yao's doubtful expression, he added, "Darling, it has been a long time since I bathed. I don't want to suffocate you with my stink!"

However much he wanted, he was not that desperate as to immediately jump on his wife and get started with their bed activities, at least not in this place.

Jiang Yao's expression froze. She made a sound as an acknowledgment and looked at Lu Xingzhi removing every fabric off his lower body before picking the towel up and starting to wipe himself.

She wanted to speak but chose not to and returned to the bed with only one thing on her mind. She would not use that towel to wash her face!

Never!

After a prolonged silence, a puzzled Lu Xingzhi turned his head back only to see Jiang Yao lying on the bed and wrapped up in a blanket.

Chapter 620: Deep Concern

"Are you tired?" He walked over and tugged her blanket off. "Don't bury yourself in this, you'll suffocate."

Startled by the sudden brightness, Jiang Yao opened her eyes only to see the naked Lu Xingzhi standing right in front of her. She said resignedly, "Put on your clothes after you're done wiping, you pervert!"

Her reaction pleased Lu Xingzhi very much as he let out a low chuckle. Before putting on clean clothing, he went ahead and gave her flushed cheeks a little pinch.

Jiang Yao lay on the bed listening to the ruffling sounds of Lu Xingzhi dressing up and him suppressing his laughter and thought just how unfortunate she was.

It was quite frightening to see the usually serious Lu Xingzhi behaving like a brat in private.

Lu Yuqing returned after an hour. By the time she came, Lu Xingzhi was done cleaning up and was chatting with Jiang Yao.

"Have you had your dinner?" Lu Yuqing came in with a bag, containing freshly baked bread and milk, in her hands. Those were delivered from Nanjiang City today. Thinking that Lu Xingzhi probably did not eat well, she managed to grab a few food items.

After all, these were delivered by the Changkang Group, it made no sense for the owner's husband, Lu Xingzhi, to go to bed hungry.

Moreover, he was needed at the frontline tomorrow. Without having enough food, he would not have sufficient energy to do his job well.

Jiang Yao tapped her forehead and said apologetically, "Right, how could I forget to ask if you've eaten! I suppose once you get busy, feeding yourself becomes the least of your worries."

“I did.” Lu Xingzhi then proceeded to lift the blankets and said, “Don’t move. Rong County’s weather is very different from Nanjiang City’s, it gets quite chilly at night. With you getting in and out of bed like that, you will catch a cold!”

“I know you’ve eaten but you should eat a little more!” Jiang Yao gave Lu Xingzhi a little push.

After handing Lu Xingzhi the bag of food, Lu Yuqing went over to her bed. It was a crude and simple metal frame but fortunately the sheets were new. For Lu Yuqing, who was used to sleeping on soft mattresses, it was still manageable.

In just a while, Lu Xingzhi finished the food brought back by Lu Yuqing. Noticing Jiang Yao’s continuous glare, he burped in her direction, to which she smiled.

Lu Xingzhi was thrilled. She was concerned that he would starve himself!

Without electricity supply, there was nothing to illuminate the darkness at night other than candles. After tidying up, Lu Xingzhi blew out the candle and went to bed. He pulled Jiang Yao into her arms, gave her a little kiss on her lips and closed his eyes shut.

To say that the rules of the selection process was insane was an understatement. The elimination process was brutal. For the past week, to prevent sneak attacks by the other contenders, Lu Xingzhi did not sleep well.

Before the end of the selection, they received orders to conduct search and rescue efforts in Rong County. Finally, after multiple days of fighting fatigue, he got to sleep soundly for the very first time.

It was an added bonus with Jiang Yao in his arms.

Even though he wanted to talk to her, exhaustion soon got the better of him as he went into deep sleep the moment his head landed on the pillow.

Unlike other men, who snored loudly when they slept, Lu Xingzhi was very quiet, with only his steady breathing heard.