

Chapter 891: As Long As She Wasn't Ugly

"If you have no relationship with her, why did you agree to the engagement? You saw Chen Lanying's photo, so you must have thought that she was pretty too, right?" After Jiang Yao said that, she snorted sourly. "I saw Chen Lanying. She's beautiful."

"What's so pretty about her? I can't even remember what she looks like now!" Lu Xingzhi growled; he was so anxious that he was a little angry. "I agreed because my mother was in a hurry to get a daughter-in-law. She called me every single day. I only agreed because I was tired of being tormented. When my mother sent me the photo, I didn't even look at it at all. Fourth Brother took those photos to look at them, and coincidentally, I had something to do at that time. When I got back, he had already lost the photos, and I didn't even know how he lost them. Fourth Brother told me that Chen Lanying looked average, so when my mother asked me, I told her the same thing."

Lu Xingzhi had agreed to the engagement because he felt tormented by his mother's enthusiasm. He had to get her a daughter-in-law, and so he told his mother to get someone she thought was suitable. He would agree to marry her as long as there was no conflict between the woman and his mother. He did not even care if he did not get along with her. After all, he was in the army, and he had no intention of bringing anyone there with him.

At that time, he only had one thought. He just wanted to marry someone who got along well with his family. If they needed him to have a child, then he would give him one. He would do that willingly. It would be fine as long as the woman was not ugly. He did not want an ugly child; he was afraid that he would not be able to love an ugly child.

"To put it bluntly, at that time, I wanted to marry a wife and leave her at home to take care of my parents. So, it did not matter if my mother liked Chen Lanying, Chen Hongying, or Chen Luying, as long as she wasn't ugly, I would agree to the marriage." Lu Xingzhi was very frank about that. "You were still young at that time, so I didn't dare to think about marrying you. That was why all those things happened. However, after I thought it through, I managed to resolve that quickly, too, right?"

Jiang Yao's tone was indifferent. "You resolved it? Didn't the Chen family reject you because they looked down on you and didn't want you as their son-in-law? If you're in the countryside, you're second-hand goods now!"

A marriage annulment was never a good thing in the countryside. People would always see a problem, no matter if it was because of the man or the woman. Therefore, Jiang Yao did not exaggerate.

Lu Xingzhi's heart was stifled, and all sorts of feelings surged in his heart. "I pretended to be disabled so that the Chen family would break off the engagement on their own accord. Are you looking down on me too?"

There was an indescribable pity in his last question. It sounded the same as the tone he had used in Rong County. Other than pity, there was also a bit of grievance.

Lu Xingzhi had been unusually tardy when it came to the Chen family's matters. It was rare that he did not resolve it immediately and decisively.

"I asked the Chen family to take the initiative to withdraw the engagement for the sake of their family and Chen Lanying. I don't like Chen Lanying. To be honest, if I were to break off the engagement, it would be very damaging to her and her family's reputation. I guess I had to give them a chance to bring it up themselves."

However, Lu Xingzhi did not expect the Chen family to drag things out for almost half a year. Plus, Chen Lanying continued to send him letters too. Lu Xingzhi had lost his patience, so he found a few people to help him with that trick.

Chapter 892: A Young Girl

When Lu Xingzhi thought of a way to deal with that, he got someone to Chen Lanying. He knew that she was in contact with Lu Weihua, so when she heard that he had no future, she would definitely turn to him.

It had happened exactly as Lu Xingzhi predicted. After Chen Lanying and her family heard that he had become crippled, they had wanted to cancel their engagement. On the day they had broken off their engagement, Lu Xingzhi had gone to see Jiang Yao. He had hidden somewhere near her school to peek at her.

"That's true. You were quite bad to want to get married with such thoughts. Very unkind." Jiang Yao hummed.

Lu Xingzhi snorted. "Well, I have never been a good person." That was the truth. If he were a good person, Ra Ha would not be in Carl's hands.

"I'm very curious about what you said to Chen Lanying during the half an hour you spent with her." Jiang Yao was tired from standing, so she turned around and moved to sit in a chair before she continued to talk to Lu Xingzhi.

"What did I say?" Lu Xingzhi scratched his buzz cut in annoyance. "What do I have to say to her?"

"Nothing to say? You were alone with her for half an hour." Jiang Yao clearly did not believe him.

"Before my mom and the matchmaker left, I did not say a word. After they left, I still did not say anything." At that time, he wanted Chen Lanying to think that he was a bore so that she would want to cancel the engagement. So, whatever Chen Lanying said to him, he just sat there with a blank expression or any reaction. He did that for half an hour before he had enough and left.

Jiang Yao did not say anything; she might not have believed him. So, Lu Xingzhi sighed. "Yaoyao, you have to be reasonable."

Jiang Yao facepalmed. It was the same sentence again. If he were in front of her, he would pick her up the next second and carry her to a place where no one would be around to reason with her in his way.

"How old were you when my mom urged me to get married? You were in your first year in high school. You even had braids. When you walked with your brothers, you jumped up and down. And when you saw your Eldest Brother, you acted like a spoiled child and asked him for candy. When you saw your Second Brother, you would tell him to shut up and bicker with him."

That was why Lu Xingzhi felt helpless back then. When he had noticed Jiang Yao, she was only a little girl who used to walk in between her big and tall brothers. They were like two fathers who had brought their daughter out to shop. Lu Xingzhi thought that she was beautiful at that time. He spared a few more glances at her, but he did not have any other thoughts about her.

When he saw Jiang Yao again, she had grown up and looked even more graceful. He realized that she was already 17 years old and could get married in another year.

He wanted to marry that young lady and make her his wife. However, Jiang Yao was not 18 years old yet. He thought to go to the Jiang family to propose marriage as soon as the Chen family broke off the engagement. He would wait for her until she was 18 years old so that they could get married, even though his plan was disrupted after that.

With that idea in mind, Lu Xingzhi went to take a peek at his future wife every day. When he saw Jiang Yao smiled so sweetly at other people, his heart would be filled with jealousy. He was even jealous when her brothers delivered food to her school, and she took her brother's hand and acted sweetly with them.

Chapter 893: Vying for Favor

At that time, Lu Xingzhi thought that when he married her, his lady would only act coquettishly with him. He would be the only person in the world who could place her in his palm and pamper her.

She would smile at him and hold onto his arms as she spoke coquettishly with him.

She was like a small sun. The heat from her body could burn a person's dim life to a boiling point, and with a burning passion too.

After she listened to Lu Xingzhi's explanation, Jiang Yao was rendered speechless for a long time. "I was still so young, and you were already thinking about me? Lu Xingzhi, don't you think you're a pervert?"

First year! She was still in her first year! How old was she then? She was still young, probably around 16 or 17 years old. At the age of sixteen or seventeen, she was still so young. She did not expect that a man would stare at her from the shadows as if he wanted to drag her into a tiger's den.

"You went to school a year later than others. You were already 16 or 17 years old when you first went to high school. How was that young?" Lu Xingzhi refused to admit it. "In ancient times, girls could get married when they were 13 or 14 years old. Some were even mothers when they were 16 or 17 years old."

"So you think it's okay if it's legal to get married at 13 or 14 years old now?" Jiang Yao chuckled. "And you say you're not a pervert!"

"Why would I think that? I didn't know you when you were 13 or 14 years old. How would I remember you?" Lu Xingzhi said, "Yaoyao, if you're angry with me because of Chen Lanying, then you're being unreasonable."

After he said that, Lu Xingzhi felt a little happy. Fortunately, his mother-in-law gave birth to his wife quite early. If he were already in his 20s and Jiang Yao was still only 13 or 14 years old, then it would be quite torturous.

He was only seven years older than Jiang Yao, and he had already gone through a lot of trouble to marry her. The first time he went to the Jiang family, Mr Jiang had already kicked him out of the house. He said that Lu Xingzhi was too old and that his daughter wanted to think if she would marry him.

Lu Xingzhi still felt aggrieved when he thought of those words. His wife was young; how was that his fault?

Lu Xingzhi was so anxious when Jiang Yao still did not speak that his mouth was about to burst into flames. "After Eldest Brother's wedding, I'll buy you a plane ticket so you can come to Jindo earlier than we planned. If there are any other problems, we can discuss them and settle them properly."

Jiang Yao felt smug as she scolded Lu Xingzhi. "Don't be silly! I'm not flying that early! I'll leave a few days before the New Year. The winter vacation is too short, so I have to find some time to spend with our parents too."

It seemed that Young Master Lu still had to compete with their parents. He could only hold onto his phone silently. He could not think of any other reason to ask Jiang Yao to fly to him earlier.

Jiang Yao was happy she could throw Lu Xingzhi's words back to him. Back then, he had said that she was silly, but then, Lu Xingzhi had acted just as foolish.

She knew that Lu Xingzhi had daily training in the army and that he might have to go on an urgent mission at any time. Whether it was training or missions, she could not allow him to be distracted. Therefore, Jiang Yao was satisfied when she could tease Lu Xingzhi; she did not want him to be worried about her all the time.

She did not mind teasing him, but she would never want to torture him.

Lu Xingzhi and Chen Feibai were right. She was soft-hearted, especially when it was about the people in her heart; she had no bottom line about that.

Therefore, she deserved to be 'eaten' by Lu Xingzhi.

"I have already sent New Year's gifts to your friend. When you are free, please remind him to accept it." Jiang Yao suddenly remembered that she had not told Lu Xingzhi about that.

Chapter 894: Shameless

"Okay." Lu Xingzhi heaved a sigh of relief. He guessed that since Jiang Yao had changed the topic, it meant that she was not angry at him any longer.

Well, she should not be mad anymore. If she was still angry, why would she talk to him?

"When are you going to book your plane ticket? I'll free up my schedule to pick you up at the airport." That was his last test to see if Jiang Yao was still angry.

"I'll tell you after I've booked it. If you are not free, you don't have to fetch me. I don't mind taking a bus from Jindo," Jiang Yao said. "It's almost the New Year. There shouldn't be a last-minute mission, right? I'll cry if you leave me alone during the New Year."

The army had played that trick on her during the National Day. If the same thing were to happen again during the New Year, Jiang Yao swore that she would scratch Lu Xingzhi to death.

"I don't think so." Lu Xingzhi smiled; he felt guilty. The army knew that his wife would be with him during the New Year, so they would repeat what had happened during National Day. Even if there were an urgent mission, the army would not send him on it. Furthermore, he would probably be transferred to another unit after the New Year.

"That's good." Jiang Yao saw Yang Gaoshu and Jiang Lei pushed and shoved each other, so she decided to hang up the phone as she was anxious about that. "I still have something to do here. I'll call you later. I'll hang up first."

She was about to walk over to Yang Gaoshu and Jiang Lei when she heard Yang Gaoshu yelling at her brother.

"What does your sister mean? I only went into Wang Xian's room; do you have to stare at me like that? Are you afraid that I'll take something from Wang Xian?" Yang Gaoshu got more aggrieved as she spoke. Then, she immediately burst into tears. "I think the pair of gold earrings on Wang Xian's ears are beautiful! Jiang Lei, didn't you say that you'll buy me earrings? Fine, then buy me a pair that's the same as Wang Xian's!"

"Yang Gaoshu! You've been bugging me all day! My sister has only been back for less than two days, and you've only met her this morning. How many times have you mentioned that? Yaoyao bought those earrings; where would I get you the same pair? I only earn 100 bucks per month! How much money would I have to buy you clothes and food? If you want gold earrings, then don't buy clothes for two months!"

Jiang Lei was furious. Yang Gaoshu had been sulking at him for so long and then dragged him there just to complain.

How did he not realize that Yang Gaoshu was a troublemaker?

"Second Brother!" Jiang Yao walked toward them when she heard that. Yang Gaoshu wanted to complain, right? Well, Yang Gaoshu was not the only one with a sharp mouth.

"Yang Gaoshu, what do you want to ask me? Then I'll tell you clearly today that I don't like you!" Jiang Yao raised her chin arrogantly. "Do you know what I don't like about you? I don't like how you look at me like you want money and benefits from me. I don't like how you went into Sister-in-law's room and asked her to show you the gifts I gave her. I hate it when you demand things from her when you are alone with her. You even want the gift that I had given her. Yang Gaoshu, you are shameless and greedy! Do you understand now?"

Chapter 895: Believe It or Not

Jiang Lei's face immediately darkened when he heard about that. "Did you go in and ask for something from my sister-in-law?"

At that moment, not only did Jiang Lei look embarrassed, but he sounded serious too. When Yang Gaoshu pursed her lips and remained silent, he shouted, "Yang Gaoshu! Open your mouth and speak!"

"I didn't do that! Just because you listen to your precious sister, you don't believe me at all? Are you yelling at me because of this trivial matter? Did you hear what your precious sister said? She doesn't like me! Yet you believe her words enough to drive me away?" Yang Gaoshu did not expect Jiang Yao would hear her words.

Yang Gaoshu had wanted a pair of earrings similar to Wang Xian's. She knew Jiang Lei could not afford them, so she tried to force him to ask Jiang Yao for them!

Jiang Lei could not afford those earrings, but he had a rich brother-in-law!

However, Jiang Yao seemed to be haunting her. She went to look for Wang Xian, and Jiang Yao had appeared in the room. She spoke to Jiang Lei and Jiang Yao there as well.

"Yaoyao, what's going on?" Jiang Lei turned to ask Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao's heart turned cold for a few seconds. Did he believe Yang Gaoshu and not her?

"Jiang Lei, I think your brain is muddled by dog poop! You would believe the words of a woman like Yang Gaoshu?" Jiang Yao was thoroughly enraged by Jiang Lei's distrust. "I'm your sister, someone who grew up under your eyes. Aren't you familiar with my temper? Would you suspect me of lying to you? That's just great! Jiang Lei, it seems like you would cast your sister aside when you have a girlfriend! I've finally seen through you! Why don't you ask your girlfriend where she got that famous brand item!"

"How is this a famous brand? This is a cheap item that I bought from the market. They're all fakes!" Yang Gaoshu retorted.

When Jiang Yao heard that, she was so angry that she wanted to laugh. Even after Jiang Lei heard Lu Xiaoxiao's words while they were in the country, it seemed like Yang Gaoshu's sweet nothings still tricked him.

"Jiang Lei, I used to think that you have a pretty good brain. I didn't expect that you'd be an idiot in front of Yang Gaoshu and would let her play you like that! You believed her when she said that it was fake? Who do you think Lu Xiaoxiao is? She is the pearl of the Lu family. When would she ever misjudge these things? She had been immersed in these brand items since she was young. How could she not know whether they were real or fake? Also, do you really think that Lu Xiaoxiao would defame your girlfriend? I believe that Lu Xiaoxiao is not lying because I know her personality. By the way, your girlfriend, who you love to death, is not as innocent as you think!"

Then, Jiang Yao said, "It's up to you whether to believe it or not! If you think that your girlfriend is more important, then you can believe her truth. That's fine too. Just don't acknowledge me as your sister. I don't believe that you will marry a greedy woman like Yang Gaoshu. By the way, if you really want to marry her, don't even inform me about the wedding. I'll just pretend that you're not my brother. You're a stupid idiot. Why would I still need you?"

After she scolded Jiang Lei, Jiang Yao left in a huff.

Her voice was not soft at all. Their parents and Jiang Jie had heard the commotion. As soon as they looked for the sound, they saw Jiang Yao's reddened eyes and nose.

Chapter 896: Don't Call Me Second Brother

Mrs Jiang's heart ached when she saw that. She hugged Jiang Yao in her arms and coaxed her gently. "Yaoyao, don't cry. Your second brother is only bullying you. Let your father take care of it!"

Mr Jiang was also furious. He picked up the feather duster in the corner and waved it at Jiang Lei as he scolded him. "You dare yell at your sister because of an outsider? Do you think you're all grown up now? I can beat you to death, and I'd still have a son and a daughter. I don't lack sons, but I only have a daughter. How would you compensate me if you upset her?"

"Jiang Yao! Wow, you can't win in a quarrel, so you complained about it? How old are you now? Don't you have any shame!" Mr Jiang beat Jiang Lei until he had to hide in the yard. Mr Jiang was an old man, and he did not dare to retaliate. What else could he do except to hide?

All that was left to do was to curse at Jiang Yao.

"You still dare to talk about your sister. It seems that I've beaten you too lightly!" When Mr Jiang heard that, he became even angrier. Initially, he was only willing to use 50% of his strength, but then he decided to use his full force.

How could Yang Gaoshu not understand that? Jiang Lei's father had deliberately said that to show her. At that moment, she felt extremely wronged. She did not care about Jiang Lei; she turned and left.

Mr Jiang continued to chase Jiang Lei, so the latter did not notice it when Yang Gaoshu had left. When his father stopped hitting him, he had only realized that Yang Gaoshu had disappeared. He wanted to chase after her, but it was apparent that he would not be able to catch up to her.

"Jiang Yao! You're good! Don't call me Second Brother in the future. You can think of me as an ungrateful wretch from your past!" Jiang Lei pointed his finger at his sister from afar. The anger on his face made Jiang Yao wonder if Jiang Lei would hit her if their big brother were not there to protect her.

Jiang Yao felt wronged when she saw the fury on Jiang Lei's face. She felt angry and aggrieved.

"Jiang Lei, just be stupid! I'll see when you wake up from your foolishness!" Jiang Yao was so angry that she stomped her feet and ran back to her room.

Wang Xian immediately chased after her. Jiang Lei walked toward Jiang Lei with a cold face and raised his hand to slap him. "Jiang Lei, you've crossed the line!"

"Eldest Brother! It was Yaoyao's fault!" Jiang Lei had felt guilty when he saw the tears on his sister's face. He regretted his harsh words. However, when their big brother scolded him, he had refused to accept it. "I don't bring Gaoshu home with me often, but you guys have driven her away! You guys just want me to be single for the rest of my life!"

"How can you say that? Why would we want you to be single?" Jiang Jie felt that his brother had crossed the line with his words. He slapped Jiang Lei's head. "Yaoyao grew up with us, and she's even like a twin to you. Has she ever lied to you?"

"You said that she's like a twin to me. Who knows if she's jealous of me being nice to other people?" Jiang Lei scratched his head at the place where his brother had slapped.

"Do you really think Yaoyao is someone like that? Your sister-in-law and I are getting married. Have you seen her go and mess with your sister-in-law? Doesn't she treat her like family? Besides, she has Lu

Xingzhi to pamper her; why would she need you to dote on her?” Jiang Jie understood better than Jiang Lei; he knew that Jiang Yao did not like Yang Gaoshu because that woman had toyed with Jiang Lei.

“Jiang Lei, Mom and Dad don’t like your girlfriend, and Yaoyao doesn’t like her either. And to tell you the truth, I don’t like her too. Think about why we don’t like her; what do we dislike about her?”

Chapter 897: Investigate

After Jiang Jie finished speaking, he walked toward Jiang Yao’s room. He was still thinking about how Jiang Yao seemed to be crying when she ran off.

When Jiang Yao and Jiang Lei quarreled, she had cried without any shame. She continued to cry in her room for a while before she finally stopped.

“Ah, you are still so hot-tempered. I thought your temperament had calmed after you got married. I didn’t expect your second brother would provoke you like this.” Jiang Jie noticed that his sister’s eyes were still red. He sighed helplessly. “Your second brother is angry, but don’t lower yourself to his level.”

“He is not my second brother! He doesn’t even let me call him Second Brother now. You will be my only brother from now onward!” Jiang Yao was furious.

“Well, you don’t usually call him Second Brother anyway. Don’t you always call him Jiang Lei? Yaoyao, think about it from another perspective. Do you think that Yang Gaoshu is not good enough for your second brother? But he has fallen in love with a woman like her. How pitiful is that? Why are you still angry with him?”

Wang Xian did not know how to interrupt Jiang Jie’s comforting words. She did not even know what to say. Fortunately, Jiang Lei could not hear him. Otherwise, he would probably explode again.

“If Jiang Lei doesn’t apologize to me, I’ll ignore him!” Jiang Yao snorted and sniffed. She was really angry with Jiang Lei.

“Well, ignore him for him.” Jiang Jie smiled; he felt a little helpless. It was as if his siblings were born enemies. The two of them had been quarreling since they were young; that had always caused him headaches as their big brother.

However, even though they would quarrel, Jiang Lei still doted on his sister ever since they were young. They had never fought to such an extent.

After Jiang Yao had calmed, she coaxed Jiang Jie and Wang Xian out of her room. As soon as they left, she immediately took out her phone and called Ah Lu. She wanted him to help her find a private detective. She wanted to investigate the matters between Yang Gaoshu and the man in the city. Perhaps she could bring Jiang Lei there so that he could see it with his own eyes. It was better than leaving Yang Gaoshu to make things difficult for them.

She would not give a shameless woman like Yang Gaoshu any dignity at all!

She was even more shameless than Chen Lanying!

They had looked at the bowl, but they were thinking about the pot. It was unbearable!

However, Jiang Yao did not expect that she would need to guard against Ah Lu. When she called him, she was still sniffing, so it was apparent that she had just cried. After Ah Lu received her call, he was not in a hurry to find a private detective. Instead, he called Lu Xingzhi, who was still in the army.

“Is there something wrong?” If there were nothing wrong, Ah Lu would not have called him. Therefore, Lu Xingzhi’s first reaction was that something had happened to Jiang Yao.

“Young Master Lu, Director Jiang called me just now and asked me to check on her second brother’s girlfriend, Yang Gaoshu. She seemed to have been crying when she called me.” Lu Xingzhi had told him to pay attention to Jiang Yao’s emotions at all times, so he decided to call the man.

“She’s been crying?” Lu Xingzhi frowned, and his heart twitched. “Check on it!”

Who had dared to make his wife cry? Were they suicidal?

“Very well!” Ah Lu agreed and quickly put away the phone; he would look into the matter.

He did not follow Jiang Yao because it was a small village. Instead, he continued to stay in town and waited for Jiang Yao’s orders. He did not expect that someone would make her cry.

Chapter 898: How They Teach Their Daughter

Jiang Yao and Jiang Lei had ignored each other during dinner. That was the first time the two of them had quarreled to that extent since they were young. Their parents knew that the fight was quite serious when they saw the signs.

Both siblings did not have a good appetite because of the fight. Jiang Lei only ate two mouthfuls of rice before he left the table. Jiang Yao also did the same when she saw her brother’s behavior.

Mrs Jiang had a headache when she saw that. “I don’t know what Yang Gaoshu did to bewitch my son. She’s a troublemaker. She’s not even married into the family, and she has caused a rift between my children.”

“Mom, Jiang Lei usually dotes on Yaoyao. He’s just angry and doesn’t want to care about her for now. Perhaps his anger would subside tomorrow. Yaoyao will be going to Jin City for the New Year soon; just wait and see. Jiang Lei will definitely let things go by then.” Jiang Jie was not worried; he knew his younger siblings well enough.

It was not like the two siblings had never quarreled when they were young; it had not been as severe as that time. However, Jiang Lei would always extend an olive branch first. He had a bad temper, but it would dissipate quickly. He could not hold a grudge for more than three minutes. After that, he would always bring Jiang Yao to the river to fish, climb trees, and dig for bird eggs.

Of course, Mrs Jiang knew that her son would not be angry with her daughter for too long, but she was not in a good mood because of the incident that afternoon. She turned to look at Wang Xian, and her anger subsided a little. She praised her son. “If your brother could be a little more like you, then we’d be at ease. I don’t expect him to marry someone as good as your wife, but we’ll be relieved if she is half as good as Wang Xian.”

“Mom, don’t worry too much.” Jiang Jie smiled when he heard that. He turned to look at Wang Xian, who still ate quietly. His eyes were filled with tenderness, and they were as bright as the moonlight in the sky.

Wang Xian’s face felt hot from Jiang Jie’s gaze. She kicked Jiang Jie lightly under the table—an indication that he should stop staring at her. Jiang Jie tore his gaze away and picked up a piece of food for Wang Xian.

Most of the unhappiness in his parents’ heart dissipated when they saw the interaction between the two of them. They did not expect their children to be rich and powerful; they only wanted a peaceful life for them.

“By the way, did Yang Gaoshu really ask you for something?” Mr Jiang asked Wang Xian.

Wang Xian nodded. “Yes, she asked me for a bottle of perfume, a tube of lipstick, and a coat.”

“Tsk! Such a big face!” Mother Jiang sneered. “I wonder how the Yang family taught their daughter.”

At the mention of Yang Gaoshu’s greedy and shallow-minded behavior, Mrs Jiang thought about her own daughter and felt even more proud. “Our Yaoyao never took other people’s things even when she was young, and she would never ask for other people’s things. Our family was poor in the past, and we couldn’t buy delicious food for the three of you. Someone in the village teased Yaoyao with candy. She clearly loved to eat them and even swallowed her saliva, but she turned around and left. She would rather not eat than ask for things that her family couldn’t afford.”

Mrs Jiang became more enthusiastic as she talked about Jiang Jie and Jiang Lei. “The same goes for the two of you. You were only a few years old at that time. I brought you to the town for a stroll. Other people’s children were crying and shouting in front of the snack stall, begging for food. The three of you would follow me obediently and didn’t disturb me at all.”

Mrs Jiang felt proud when she talked about those things, but she also felt a little sad. They could not afford to buy snacks for their children, but the youngsters were very sensible.

Chapter 899: Complaints

“It was Auntie who had taught them well.” Wang Xian praised Mrs Jiang.

“Is that so? Don’t you think that your uncle and I are uncultured? But our children are quite promising. Which family in the village doesn’t talk about our family with envy these days?” Mrs Jiang said as she beamed with joy.

When Jiang Yao left the dining table, she deliberately walked in a circle in the direction of Jiang Lei’s room. Her brother was crouched at the door; he had lowered his head as he smoked a cigarette. When he heard the footsteps, he glanced at her. Then, he turned around and closed the door as he went back into his room.

Jiang Yao’s heart felt stifled again. Her nose felt tight as she also returned to her room.

When she looked at the time, she knew that Lu Xingzhi would have already finished his work and returned home by then. She took out her phone and called her husband to complain.

Ah Lu had told Lu Xingzhi that Jiang Yao had cried in the afternoon. He guessed that his wife must have cried at her mother's house. It was probably one of her family members who had caused her tears. However, he knew that her family pampered her, so they might have said something that moved her to tears.

However, after he heard Jiang Yao's feeble complaint, Lu Xingzhi realized that his wife had quarreled with Jiang Lei. That little girl had been pampered all her life, and no one had yelled at her before that. Therefore, she felt very sad.

'She cried because she quarreled with Jiang Lei?' Lu Xingzhi did not think that Jiang Yao's complaint about her quarrel with her brother was childish at all. On the contrary, he liked to hear Jiang Yao complain to him in a coquettish tone; it was as if he was her biggest support and could protect her from all that.

"I was crying because I was angry." Jiang Yao exhaled twice. "Do you think that fool should be angry? I'm doing this for his own good!"

"If you want to vent your anger, then ask Ah Lu to beat him up. With his skills, that silly boy Jiang Lei would not have the ability to fight back." When Lu Xingzhi said that, he smiled lightly. "This is quite a good idea, right?"

Jiang Yao was speechless. She paused before she rejected his idea. "Bad Idea!"

Lu Xingzhi had only said that to tease Jiang Yao. Even though he really loved his wife, he would not hit Jiang Lei. After all, he was his brother-in-law and Jiang Yao's biological brother. If he were to interfere in a fight between those two siblings, then he would be a fool.

"If you don't like staying at home, then wait for your big brother to get married and then come to the army." Lu Xingzhi coaxed her. "Your second brother may not care about you, but I do. My dear wife, the market in Jin City is very lively these few days. There are a lot of activities before the Laba Festival. Do you want to come and see it?"

Jiang Yao pursed her lips, but she did not agree to that. Although she felt disgusted when she was angry, she was still worried about Jiang Lei.

"I'm going to settle my second brother's matter quickly; I don't want to drag it out. What if he likes that woman more and more? Now he's even yelling at me for her. I can no longer stand his low IQ. In the future, he might even beat me up for that woman."

"Do you think he would dare to do that?" Lu Xingzhi raised his voice. If Jiang Lei dared to touch his wife, Lu Xingzhi would still scold him even though he was his brother-in-law.

After the incident with her second brother, Jiang Yao felt a lot better after she had spoken with her husband. So, when she heard Lu Xingzhi's cold question, she immediately burst into laughter.

She always thought that her man was the best! He would always stand by her side and protect her!

Chapter 900: You Are the Luckiest

The feeling where she was held in someone's palm had returned. Therefore, when Jiang Yao went to sleep, she kept her phone with her and smiled the entire night.

When she woke up the following day and saw that her phone had been switched off because it had no battery, Jiang Yao stuck her tongue out and thought she had unknowingly fallen asleep while she was on the phone with Lu Xingzhi. It seemed like Lu Xingzhi did not hang up after she had fallen asleep. Instead, he must have waited until her phone ran out of battery and turned off automatically before he hung up.

She wondered about the phone bill after that long call. What a genius man, indeed!

After she charged her phone, Jiang Yao went out for breakfast. Her brother's wedding was the next day, so many of their Jiang relatives were there to help slaughter some chickens and ducks for the feast. Jiang Jie had sent Wang Xian back to her home the previous night, and then he busied himself in the yard.

Jiang Yao was already married, so it was not her place to do those things at home. Even if she wanted to help, she would not do anything, so she decided to wake up naturally.

After she greeted their relatives in the yard, Jiang Yao looked for Jiang Lei's figure there. When she saw him at home, she was relieved.

Since he did not look for Yang Gaoshu, it proved that Jiang Lei was angry with that woman. Jiang Yao no longer felt that mad.

She brushed her teeth at the side of the yard. Her relatives, who were washing vegetables there, laughed and chatted with Jiang Yao. They asked about her school and her husband's family.

Jiang Yao rinsed her mouth and answered a few questions perfunctorily.

"Yaoyao is blessed, indeed. Among all the girls in the county, you are the luckiest." The relative flattered Jiang Yao a little; he thought that her parents had raised a worthy daughter.

In the countryside, daughters were less valuable than sons. It was common for the villagers to favor sons over daughters. Sons of the same age could play around after school, but daughters had to go home to cook and farm, and there were countless chores to do.

Most villagers only sent their daughters to the fourth or fifth grade of primary school. After that, most daughters would stay at home to help with the housework. Not many families were as poor as the Jiang family, but they had managed to send their three children to school.

If they provided for their only sons, everyone would understand it. However, many people also secretly laughed at the Jiang family because they sent their daughter to school for more than ten years; they thought the parents were silly. No matter how many books their daughters read, they would still be married off to someone else's family.

Before Jiang Yao got married and entered university, many people laughed at the Jiang family for being silly. They did not only provide an education for Jiang Yao, but they also doted on their daughter like an ancient princess. In the entire village, Jiang Yao was the only girl who could not cook.

Before Jiang Yao's marriage, she focused her attention on her studies. When she returned home, she did not have to do anything. At that time, many women secretly said that Jiang Yao did not know how to do anything. If she were to continue to study, she would not be able to get married in the future. Who would want to have an educated daughter-in-law in that village?

“Auntie, don’t laugh at me. All blessings are the same, and such is life.” Jiang Yao replied hypocritically, but in her heart, she felt that she was not only the luckiest woman in the entire county, but she was simply the luckiest woman in the entire world.

“I hear that you’re going to the army to celebrate the New Year with your husband? Did your in-laws give you any red packets in advance? How much money did your in-laws give you last year? The Lu family doesn’t lack money. They would have given you a lot of money for the New Year, right?”