

Chapter 911: You Still Have the Cheek to Come Here

The woman was dressed fashionably. As soon as she sat down, the guests at the same table started to chat with her. They asked her which family she was from and what was her relationship with the Jiang family.

"I'm Jiang Lei's girlfriend." Yang Gaoshu touched the edge of the hat on her head gently and smiled shyly. "What about you? Are you a family elder?"

"Oh, so you're Jiang Lei's girlfriend? I heard from the villagers that Jiang Lei had a partner who looked like Yaoyao." The woman was delighted when she heard that. "I'm related to the Jiang family. Jiang Lei addresses me as his aunt. Our families used to live in the same big house. We're from the same ancestors. Later, when the ancestral house couldn't accommodate all of us, we moved out."

Just like that, the two of them started to chat as they asked each other questions.

Jiang Yao and Lu Xiaoxiao were utterly unaware of Yang Gaoshu's arrival, and neither did her parents, who were chatting with the Lu family. The first person to notice Yang Gaoshu was Lu Yuqing.

Lu Yuqing knew many people in the county town. She had met both of Jiang Yao's brothers' partners a few times, and she remembered her impression of them. Lu Xiaoxiao had whispered to her about how Jiang Yao's second brother had fallen in love with a fickle woman. She heard that they had broken up. So, as she stood there and listened as Yang Gaoshu said that she was Jiang Lei's girlfriend, Lu Yuqing's expression froze.

Did Lu Xiaoxiao not say that they had broken up? Why was she there to attend Jiang Jie and Wang Xian's wedding?

"What are you two chatting so happily? Jiang Yao, didn't you notice that you have an additional guest in your house?" Lu Yuqing walked toward Jiang Yao and Lu Xiaoxiao. "Yang Gaoshu is here. Xiaoxiao told me last night that your second brother had split from her."

After a pause, Lu Yuqing continued to say, "The Yang family does not have a good reputation. If your second brother and Yang Gaoshu split up, let him have a clean break from this family."

Lu Yuqing's connections in the county were better than Jiang Yao's. She had heard a little about the Yang family. She knew that it was not good for Jiang Lei to date the Yang family's daughter.

She did not have a good relationship with Jiang Yao in the past to say more about that. However, that had changed. She knew that Jiang Yao was like Lu Xingzhi—they were family. If something had to be said, she would say it.

"What?! Yang Gaoshu is here?" Lu Xiaoxiao had an even bigger reaction than Jiang Yao. She turned around and looked at where Yang Gaoshu had sat.

Jiang Yao was dumbfounded as if she had been struck by lightning. What did Yang Gaoshu mean by that?

Jiang Yao walked toward Yang Gaoshu with a cold face. She was taller than Yang Gaoshu, so when Yang Gaoshu was seated, she could look down at her.

“Come with me,” Jiang Yao said coldly as she turned around and walked out of the door.

Yang Gaoshu did not think that the gentle Jiang Yao would be so scary. Even though she knew that Jiang Yao had married into the wealthy Lu family and became a rich daughter-in-law, she did not believe they were any different.

However, since the incident at the mall the previous day, all those assumptions had been overturned.

Yang Gaoshu felt a trace of fear when she saw Jiang Yao’s aura and expression when she spoke to her male companion at the mall.

If it were not because of that, Yang Gaoshu would not have obeyed Jiang Yao’s cold request for her to follow her. She could only trail behind Jiang Yao stiffly.

Lu Xiaoxiao was about to follow them when Lu Yuqing stopped her.

Chapter 912: Will You Forgive Me?

“Sister, don’t stop me. What if that woman bullies Sister-in-law?” Lu Xiaoxiao was anxious.

“That Yang Gaoshu wants to bully your sister-in-law? She’s not qualified to do that.” Lu Yuqing sneered. After all, Jiang Yaowas Changkang Group’s boss. With her aura, how could Yang Gaoshu bully her?

Furthermore, that was the Jiang family’s home. The entire courtyard was filled with their relatives, and Jiang Yao’s parents were still there as well. Would Yang Gaoshu dare to do that?

Jiang Yao walked to a place where no one was around. When Yang Gaoshu came out with an uneasy look on her face, she immediately asked, “Yang Gaoshu, what are you doing here? Are you here to flaunt that you cheated on my brother? Or are you here to flaunt that you’ve found a wealthy boyfriend? Do you have no shame? Otherwise, how could you have the dignity to appear in our home? Yang Gaoshu, do you really think that I can’t protect my family? You were so arrogant after what happened yesterday; you still dare to come to our home like nothing had happened?”

“I—” Yang Gaoshu looked at Jiang Yao with a pale face. At that moment, the sound of firecrackers came from behind them. When they turned around, they saw that the wedding procession had returned.

Jiang Lei saw two familiar figures under the tree not far away from him as he stood in the tractor. The smile on his face froze.

Jiang Lei was the last one to get out of the vehicle. After Jiang Jie carried the bride into the house, he strode toward Yang Gaoshu and Jiang Yao.

“Jiang Lei!” Yang Gaoshu called out softly when she realized that Jiang Lei’s eyes were red.

The man frowned. “What are you doing here? I didn’t invite any of my colleagues to my brother’s wedding.”

Yang Gaoshu and Jiang Lei had been together for quite some time. Jiang Lei was not a good-tempered person. When the two of them were together, there were times when they would quarrel. However, he had never spoken to her so coldly.

“Jiang Lei, I’m so sorry!” Yang Gaoshu’s heart ached, and her tears began to fall.

“You owe my brother ten thousand of apologies. If you are here today specifically to say sorry to him, then you’re done! You can leave now. Today is my big brother’s wedding. Don’t make trouble here, Yang Gaoshu!” Jiang Yao stood beside Jiang Lei. Then she continued to say, “Your relationship with my second brother should have ended long ago when you cheated on him, but you continued to drag him along. I won’t argue about this with you, but you shouldn’t appear in front of my brother again.”

Jiang Yao was no longer willing to mention the time and money that Jiang Lei had spent on Yang Gaoshu. Their relationship had ended the previous morning. She thought that Yang Gaoshu would be too ashamed to show her face again. She did not expect that Yang Gaoshu would dare to appear at their home.

“Second Brother, let’s go in.” Jiang Yao tugged at Jiang Lei’s sleeve.

Jiang Lei acknowledged her. He fixed his gaze on Yang Gaoshu’s face for a few seconds before he finally moved away. Then, he took the lead to turn around and leave.

Yang Gaoshu reached out to pull Jiang Lei’s hand. She asked in a low voice, “Jiang Lei, I’ve only ever held his hand. Will you forgive me?”

“Yang Gaoshu, are you so shameless?” Jiang Yao was furious. She walked forward and pushed Yang Gaoshu away. She warned her coldly. “If you dare to come any closer to my family, I’ll tell other people about you!”

Chapter 913: Jiang Yao’s Threat

Jiang Yao was furious. Yang Gaoshu still dared to ask Jiang Lei for forgiveness?

Was it because the other man did not want her anymore, so she wanted Jiang Lei to forgive her?

However, why did her brother have to be the second choice?

Jiang Yao did not care whether Yang Gaoshu had slept with that man or if they had only kissed and held hands. She had betrayed her brother, and that was all she needed to know. Just because she had not slept with the other man did not mean that he should forgive her.

Jiang Yao’s threat was enough to intimidate Yang Gaoshu. After Jiang Yao and Jiang Lei left, Yang Gaoshu stood there for a long time; she did not dare to move. She hesitated for a long time. When she thought about Jiang Yao’s temper, she could not figure it out, and she did not dare to step into the house again.

However, she was already there, and she was not willing to leave just like that. So, she continued to stand at the door and in the cold wind. She hoped that Jiang Lei would come out and talk to her properly. However, Jiang Lei did not show up again even when she stood there.

The banquet had already started. It was awkward and embarrassing for her to continue to stand there, so Yang Gaoshu chose to be tactful and left.

Jiang Jie was the Jiang family’s eldest son, and his parents loved his wife. Therefore, the banquet had so many delicious dishes. His parents were so happy that they smiled the entire day. They toasted table after table with only praises for their daughter-in-law, Wang Xian, in front of everyone.

The elders who sent the bride and groom sat at the main table with the groom's elders. Jiang Yao sat with the Lu family, Jiang Lei, and two other relatives. There were eight people at that table, and it was packed.

Jiang Lei was in a bad mood, so he continued to drink. He drank with Mr Lu, and his glib tongue made Mr Lu very happy. When he realized that Mr Lu had enough, he turned and drank with other people instead. Eventually, he sought Jiang Yao, his younger sister.

"Yaoyao, come. You are an adult now. Come and have a drink with your second brother!" Jiang Lei poured a glass of beer for Jiang Yao. His face was so red from the alcohol that it looked like it had been dyed red.

"If you want to drink, take the bottle to the corner. My sister-in-law can't hold her liquor, so she can't drink with you." Lu Xiaoxiao put her palm on Jiang Yao's glass to prevent Jiang Lei from pouring into it. She had not woken up early that morning when she received a call from her brother. He told her to keep an eye on her sister-in-law and not allow her to drink. Since she had agreed to his request, she had to do it.

Jiang Lei started to pick a fight with Lu Xiaoxiao when she stopped him. He deliberately made things difficult for her. Lu Xiaoxiao thought of Jiang Lei's breakup and felt sorry for him, so she could not be bothered to argue with him. She lowered her head quietly and ate the dishes. Jiang Lei felt bored when she did not argue with him, so he took the bottle to another table and went to find someone else to drink with him.

"Is your second brother in a bad mood?" Mrs Lu asked worriedly as she looked at him. "Will he cause trouble if we let him continue drinking?"

There had been instances where someone had drunk too much and ruined the host's banquet. Furthermore, that was Jiang Lei's eldest brother and sister-in-law's wedding banquet.

"It's fine. My second brother can hold his liquor very well. If he were to have too much, he would return to his room to sleep. He has been in a bad mood because of his partner's matter for the past few days. I can't stop him even if I wanted to do that. It's better to let him drink and sleep."

Chapter 914: Please Help Me

"You kids only know how to make the adults worry." Mrs Lu sighed. When she saw that Jiang Yao was not worried, she did not ask any more questions.

Jiang Yao smiled and was about to eat when the cell phone in her pocket rang. She looked at the number and recognized that it was the same number that Zhou Xiaoxia had called her previously.

The courtyard was noisy, so Jiang Yao went a little further outside to answer the call.

"Xiaoxia, what's the matter?" Jiang Yao asked.

She did not expect she would hear Zhou Xiaoxia's broken cries from the other side of the call. "Jiang Yao, I'm sorry. I know I shouldn't have called you on your brother's wedding day, but I have no choice. I don't know who else to ask for help other than you. Jiang Yao, I beg you; can you help me?"

Jiang Yao had always thought of Zhou Xiaoxia as a carefree girl from the north. She also had a humorous side to her personality; she would laugh at the weakest joke for a very long time. That was the first time Jiang Yao had heard her cry.

“What happened? Calm down and tell me about it.” Jiang Yao comforted her gently. “If I can help you, then I will do it. Don’t be upset. Tell me slowly.”

“My sister—” Zhou Xiaoxia cried even louder when she said that; she did not know what to say. “When I came back, I found out that an animal had abused my sister. However, the other party was too powerful; they didn’t allow our family to call the police. My parents were in the hospital because of this matter. My brother has also been taken to the police station because he hit someone.”

Jiang Yao was stunned to hear that. It seemed like that was the matter Zhou Xiaoxia needed help with when she called to wish her a happy new year. She must have been too embarrassed to say anything, so she found a lame excuse and hung up the call.

“Jiang Yao, do you know how my sister is now? She doesn’t allow anyone to get close to her. When she sees a strange man, she will scream like a crazy person. She held onto my hand the whole day, and she won’t let go. If I have to go to the bathroom, she’ll wait for me at the door. I can’t take it anymore; I have to sue that b*stard! Since you are the Divine Doctor’s student, perhaps you can examine her for signs of assault. You’re a girl, and you’re my classmate. I’ll tell my sister properly; she might let you get close to her.”

“Very well! Tell me your home address. I’ll book a flight and go to you tomorrow,” Jiang Yao agreed without hesitation.

However, she did not tell Zhou Xiaoxia that she was not an official doctor in the hospital yet. Furthermore, if her sister had to go through the judicial process, she could not simply find a doctor to verify it.

However, Zhou Xiaoxia seemed to be out of her mind then. She must have made up her mind to ask for her help. Therefore, she had to go to her. Even if she had to go there to accompany Zhou Xiaoxia, at least there were some things that she could help with. It was not as if Zhou Xiaoxia did not even have a backbone and ran around like a headless chicken.

“Jiang Yao, thank you. Thank you so much.” After Zhou Xiaoxia gave her the address, she thanked Jiang Yao repeatedly. She was afraid that she would delay the wedding banquet, so she did not keep Jiang Yao long before she hung up the call.

Chapter 915: You’re Alone

Jiang Yao stood outside the door and called Ah Lu. “Help me book three tickets. You and Big Ke will go to Yuan City with me tomorrow.”

Lu Yuqing had returned, and Big Ke had followed her to town. At that time, she could only contact Ah Lu.

“Okay, Director Jiang.” Ah Lu did not ask much; he immediately agreed after he received the order.

Jiang Yao stood outside the door for a while. After she had calmed down, she returned to the banquet. Lu Yuqing teased her when she returned to the table and asked, “Was it Lu Xingzhi on the phone?”

Jiang Yao smiled and shook her head. "No, it was a classmate of mine."

After she thought about it for a while, she turned to her in-laws and said, "Dad, Mom, I have an urgent matter in Yuan City tomorrow. My roommate has some problems at home and needs my help."

"Tomorrow? By yourself?" Mr Lu was surprised.

"Which roommate?" Lu Yuqing asked casually. She knew all of Jiang Yao's roommates; she knew that they were all good ladies.

"Xiaoxia, the happy girl from the north." Jiang Yao sighed. "Her sister—"

There were other people at the table, so Jiang Yao did not say much about it. However, Mrs Lu and Lu Yuqing understood more than half of her expression; they sighed too.

"You're going alone?" Mrs Lu was afraid that Jiang Yao would be at a disadvantage if she went to an unfamiliar place by herself. "How can a lady like you help?"

"Her sister's condition isn't very good right now, and she won't allow anyone to get close to her. My roommate wants me to take a look at her sister's condition. Since we are friends, perhaps her sister might let me get close to her because she trusts her sister," Jiang Yao explained. "So I decided to go there to have a look. It doesn't really matter if I can help them or not; her family's elders are all hospitalized. It's only right for me to go and accompany them. As for safety, don't worry about me. Xingzhi has many comrades in that city, and I'll contact them when I'm there."

Jiang Yao could only use Lu Xingzhi as an excuse; she could not tell them that she had bodyguards with her.

Mrs Lu was relieved to hear that Lu Xingzhi's comrades were there as well. She thought that Jiang Yao had already told her son about the matter.

"Then, your sister can drive you to the airport tomorrow morning." Mrs Lu nodded. "After the matter is settled, you'll go directly to Jin City from there? You probably won't have the time to come back here, right?"

Mrs Lu felt sorry for Jiang Yao. She had been back for a few days, but Mrs Lu had not had a chance to cook her a meal.

However, Mrs Lu kept that to herself. She knew that the children had grown up, and they had their own things to do. They would have no choice but to leave the boundary of their family.

When Jiang Yao's classmates were in trouble, they would call Jiang Yao for help. One could see that Jiang Yao and her classmates got along very well. Furthermore, her classmates trusted her. When Mrs Lu thought about that, she felt a little happy; it was not bad for a girl to be independent.

The wedding banquet lasted until two o'clock in the afternoon. They would have another meal in the evening. After dinner, they would go to the bridal room. The adults and children would gather in the new room and fuss about the bride and groom. The atmosphere would be pushed to an energetic high.

Jiang Yao did not rest at home in the evening. After the fuss in the bridal room was completed, she packed her clothes and returned to town with Lu Yuqing and the others. She planned to go to the airport from the Lu family's home the following day.

It was already eleven o'clock when she returned to the Lu family. After she took a shower, Jiang Yao finally had the time to call Lu Xingzhi. Since she knew that the Jiang family was very busy that day, they had agreed to a call after everything was completed that day.

Chapter 916: Marry Again

Even though it was already late, Lu Xingzhi did not rest until his wife called him. He was still reading in the study by himself. As soon as his phone rang, he immediately put the book down and picked up the phone.

"I just knew that you're not asleep yet." Jiang Yao knew Lu Xingzhi would wait for her call; she could tell by how quickly he picked up his phone. She felt inexplicably happy when she thought about that.

Lu Xingzhi ignored her. He only responded with a low grunt and asked if Jiang Jie's wedding was lively.

"Of course, it was lively. We had 13 tables in the courtyard, and they were filled to the brim. Sister-in-law looked very beautiful today. She came in a tractor for the wedding reception. She looked a little cold from the wind, and it got very interesting during the reception. Second Brother was so bad—he hung a piece of apple and told Eldest Brother and Sister-in-law to eat it together. He made Sister-in-law blush. Her friends also asked Eldest Brother to read a love letter, and he did it happily. It was entertaining."

Jiang Yao's tone was very light when she spoke of the wedding. One could hear the fun she must have had during her brother's day to get married.

However, after that, Jiang Yao sighed again. "When I saw the lively atmosphere during Eldest Brother and Sister-in-law's wedding, I suddenly thought about our marriage. I basically ruined that day, and I feel a little sorry for you. Xingzhi, why don't you marry me again?"

Lu Xingzhi huffed. "Well, it's always the same. We're an old married couple now. Why do I need to marry you again? If you think those games are fun, then when you come, we can play it in private."

When he married Jiang Yao back then, they had canceled their wedding night. He carried two young boys and rolled a few times on the new bed and then gave them red packets and said some auspicious words. Jiang Yao was in a bad mood at that time, so he did not let his brothers make a scene. He was afraid that it would be awkward if Jiang Yao did not cooperate or that she would get angry and cry.

If Jiang Yao wanted to play wedding games, Lu Xingzhi would be happy to play them with her. It would be interesting to play them in private. When he thought of that, Lu Xingzhi's heart itched.

Lu Xingzhi wanted to say that it would not be difficult to have another wedding. However, would it not be a waste of effort if she changed her mind about the wedding?

He thought it would be safer to wait until she graduated and perhaps had a child before they had another wedding.

Lu Xingzhi did not feel much regret about his wedding with Jiang Yao. It was the happiest occasion in his life. He did not even mind the other issues.

“Play in private?” Jiang Yao curled her lips. “Who wants to play with you in private?”

“If you’d like to play in front of others, then we can call Fourth Brother and Fifth Brother to come and watch.” Lu Xingzhi chuckled softly.

Jiang Yao chose to change the topic sensibly and brought up the matter about Zhou Xiaoxia.

When Lu Xingzhi heard that Jiang Yao had planned to go to Yuan city the next day, his laughter died. He frowned slightly. Then, after he thought about it for a few seconds, he said, “I’ll ask our lawyer, Mr Jiang, to go to Yuan City tomorrow to meet up with you. When you get there, tell Ah Lu and Big Ke to investigate the problem with Zhou Xiaoxia’s sister first. After that, give me a call so that I can help you with the decision.”

Lu Xingzhi did not have any jurisdiction in Yuan City, and therefore he was not familiar with its situation. Fortunately, Jiang Yao still had Ah Lu and Big Ke with her, so he did not have to worry about her safety.

Chapter 917: Leaving for Yuan City

“Alright, it’s good to have a lawyer there as well. Zhou Xiaoxia’s younger brother seems to have been locked up by the police for beating someone up. Xiaoxia was afraid to say too much on the phone; she did not want to intrude on the wedding.” After Lu Xingzhi’s reminder, Jiang Yao realized that it would be prudent to have a lawyer with them.

Mr Jiang was the best lawyer in the legal profession. Whether it was Zhou Xiaoxia’s younger brother or Zhou Xiaoxia’s younger sister, both of them would have to go through judicial procedures, so they would not do anything without lawyers.

It was better to have a familiar lawyer with them so that they did not have to look for someone new in Yuan City. That way, they would know the lawyer’s ability and loyalty as well.

Lu Xingzhi did not keep Jiang Yao on the phone for long since he knew she had to catch a plane the next day. He told her to rest early and recover her energy.

Jiang Yao had not seen Lu Xingzhi in almost two months; she missed him.

She missed his warmth when he hugged her and the sound of his voice when she leaned into his arms.

Since Jiang Yao had to get up early to catch a flight, Mrs Lu also woke up early to cook breakfast for her. While her daughter-in-law ate, she reminded Jiang Yao about some things. When Jiang Yao was about to leave, she handed Jiang Yao two red packets.

“This is the New Year cash gift for you and Xingzhi. You probably don’t have time to come home, so I’ll give them to you first. Don’t feel embarrassed. No matter how old you and Xingzhi get, you’ll always be our children.” Mrs Lu handed the red packets to Jiang Yao; then, she patted the back of her hand. “Don’t worry about us. Buy whatever you want to eat. Don’t be reluctant to spend the money. If you don’t have enough, just give us a call.”

Jiang Yao held the red packets in her hand. There was no need to calculate it; its thickness meant that there was a lot of money in it. Mrs Lu was worried that her son and daughter-in-law would not have enough to eat and buy clothes during the new year.

Lu Xingzhi had never asked his family for money ever since he was in university. Even if his parents wanted to give some to him, they did not have the opportunity to do so. After Lu Xingzhi joined the army, he had not spent his family's money anymore. His parents felt that it was a good thing because it meant that Lu Xingzhi did not have a bad habit of spending money recklessly. It also meant that Lu Xingzhi did not suffer any bad influence at school.

However, after Lu Xingzhi got married, his parents felt that his salary might not be enough for the newlyweds. They waited for Lu Xingzhi to ask his family for some extra money. However, their son never mentioned anything about that. They were worried that he was too ashamed to ask that of his family.

Jiang Yao was to go to the army to celebrate the New Year with their son. Mrs Lu was in a hurry to give the red packets to Jiang Yao; she wanted them to have a better life in the army that year.

Lu Yuqing watched from the side as she waved the car keys in her hand and chuckled. How could her brother be short of money? How could he be short of cash with his wife around?

Jiang Yao did not decline the gift; she agreed with her mother-in-law's request so that the older woman would feel more at ease.

After they got into the car, Lu Yuqing drove to Ah Lu's residence. After they picked up Ah Lu and Big Ke, she headed to the airport.

"Don't be impulsive when you're in Yuan City. This kind of matter is a little tricky. If you can solve it with money, then do that first." Lu Yuqing did not forget to remind Jiang Yao about that when they arrived at the airport.

Chapter 918: Psychiatrist

"I know. Xingzhi said that he would ask Mr Jiang, the lawyer, to meet us in Yuan City today." Jiang Yao nodded. Then, she said goodbye to Lu Yuqing and followed Ah Lu and Big Ke to board the plane.

There was no direct flight from Yuan City. The three of them had to transit to another city before they took a train to Yuan City. Then, they took a taxi to Zhou Xiaoxia's home.

Zhou Xiaoxia's home was in Yuan City's downtown area. She lived in a small apartment building on the third floor.

Jiang Yao knocked on the door. When Zhou Xiaoxia opened the door, she was shocked to see her thin and sunken cheeks. How many days had it been since their winter vacation started? Zhou Xiaoxia had lost a lot of weight. Her entire face was pale and without any color. Her eyes looked black and blue. One could tell that she had not had a good rest for a few days with just one look.

When Zhou Xiaoxia saw Jiang Yao, she threw herself into her friend's arms and started to wail. "Jiang Yao, you're finally here! I don't know what to do. I don't know what else to do!"

Jiang Yao was heartbroken. She comforted Zhou Xiaoxia softly, and then her gaze fell on a girl who was two steps away. That girl looked like she was about 16 or 17 years old. It was winter, but she walked barefoot as if she did not feel the cold. Her eyes were filled with fear and wariness toward a stranger like Jiang Yao. She stared at Zhou Xiaoxia in her arms. Her mouth moved slightly as if she wanted to call her sister.

Jiang Yao recalled what Zhou Xiaoxia said about her sister's reaction to strange men, so she signaled for Ah Lu and Big Ke to wait outside. Then she entered the house with Zhou Xiaoxia.

As soon as they entered the house, Zhou Xiaoxia's sister quickly moved closer to Zhou Xiaoxia. She held Zhou Xiaoxia's arm tightly and avoided Jiang Yao.

"You're Xiao Cheng, right? I'm your sister's classmate. Your sister mentioned you often when we were in school. My name is Jiang Yao." Jiang Yao smiled at Zhou Xiaoxia. However, when Zhou Xiaocheng saw her, she quickly hid behind her sister. She did not look Jiang Yao in the eye.

"Is she like this whenever she sees anyone?" Jiang Yao asked.

Zhou Xiaoxia wiped her tears as she nodded. "Other than Brother Jiaxian, she's like this with everyone. She's terrified of strangers, but she's even more afraid of men. It's okay if she sees another girl, but she'll hide behind me. When she sees strange men, she'll scream and make a scene."

Zhou Xiaoxia looked at the empty mouse with bitterness in her heart. "There's no one else in the house except for us. The police arrested my brother for beating up Chai Xianglong the other day. The Chai family has the money and power to put my brother in jail, but my brother is only 16 years old. He's not even an adult yet."

As Zhou Xiaoxia spoke, Moe pushed his head against Jiang Yao's backpack and then poked his head out. When Lu Yuqing went home, Moe had hidden in Lu Yuqing's suitcase and followed her home. When Jiang Yao went to Yuan City, she stuffed Moe into her backpack and brought him with her.

Moe looked like a small, white ball. Perhaps that was why Zhou Xiaocheng was not wary of him. She crouched down to greet him curiously when he walked toward her. She touched him gently. Since Moe did not dodge her touches, she hugged him and then shouted at Zhou Xiaoxia. "Sister, look! What a cute cat!"

Chapter 919: No Lawyer Dared to Accept

Zhou Xiaocheng even smiled at Jiang Yao, the cat's owner. Jiang Yao frowned; she could sense that something was wrong with Zhou Xiaocheng's mental state.

"Have you found a psychiatrist for Xiao Cheng?" Jiang Yao asked. A young girl in her prime had suffered such a huge blow; she would suffer psychological problems if they do not provide her with a professional psychiatrist's counseling. Jiang Yao had a feeling that Zhou Xiaocheng's problem had already been exposed.

"Xiao Cheng doesn't want to leave this house at all. She doesn't even want to take half a step, so I can't take her to the hospital." Zhou Xiaoxia shook her head. "Do you think that she has a problem with her mental state?"

Zhou Xiaoxia's eyes reddened. "I felt the same the moment I got home. It was how I found out about the assault. That's why I got into a fight. I don't want her to be humiliated and then let Chai Xianglong get away with it."

Jiang Yao nodded. Zhou Xiaocheng was already 16 or 17 years old, but it seemed like she behaved like a child who was only a few years old.

Jiang Yao studied medicine, but she had never been involved in psychology, so she did not understand what kind of mental illness that had afflicted Zhou Xiaocheng. She did not even know where to start.

“Brother Jiaxian said that he could ask his captain for help. His captain’s younger brother asked his senior sister, who was studying abroad, to come to Yuan City today to help me check on Xiao Cheng’s condition,” Zhou Xiaoxia explained. “It has been half a month since the incident. I don’t know what else to do now. The Chai family has been keeping a close tab on us. My parents wanted to call the police, which led to my brother’s arrest for beating someone up. They used my brother to threaten my parents and forbid them from calling the police. My neighbors told me that our door was splashed with red paint; that was before I got home. My parents got someone to repaint the door and the wall.”

Jiang Yao held Zhou Xiaoxia’s hand and comforted her. “It’s okay. I’ve arranged for a lawyer to meet with us. He’ll be here today as well. When he arrives, we’ll listen to his opinion.”

Zhou Xiaoxia did not expect that she would cry again when Jiang Yao mentioned a lawyer.

“My parents said that they would sue even if they had to sell the house. But no one in Yuan City would dare to take on our case because of the Chai family’s influence. My parents went to the police station when my sister was assaulted, and then they went to beg the lawyers. But no one would listen. Eventually, they fell ill and had to be hospitalized.”

Jiang Yao sat next to Zhou Xiaoxia. Once again, she was glad that she had told Lu Xingzhi about Zhou Xiaoxia on the phone the previous night. She also thanked Lu Xingzhi for his foresight in getting a lawyer to Yuan City to help with the matter.

Lu Xingzhi had a way to make sure that no lawyer in the entire Nanjiang City dared to take on the Zhang family’s case. Then, the Chai family had used the same method to bully Zhou Xiaoxia’s family in Yuan City. They were too pitiful.

Zhou Xiaocheng hugged Moe and sat quietly at the side. Jiang Yao and Zhou Xiaoxia did not lower their voices deliberately. Zhou Xiaocheng could hear them, but it seemed like she was as deaf as a deaf person. She did not react at all to Jiang Yao and Zhou Xiaoxia’s conversation.

The lawyer, Mr Jiang, arrived at three o’clock in the afternoon. Since Zhou Xiaocheng could not meet with unfamiliar men, Jiang Yao told him to head to the hotel first. At the same time, she needed to get some information about Zhou Xiaocheng and the Chai family.

Chapter 920: Sister Chu

After Jiang Yao and the lawyer, Mr Jiang, finished their phone call, Zhou Xiaoxia asked, “Is the lawyer here? Brother Jiaxian will get off work in a moment. He will come over after that. He can help me keep an eye on Xiao Cheng while I will go with you to see the lawyer.”

“Is this Brother Jiaxian a relative of your family?” Jiang Yao had heard Zhou Xiaoxia mention him several times since she arrived at noon.

“Brother Jiaxian is our neighbor, and he works at the police station. His parents helped care for my parents when they were in the hospital.” Zhou Xiaoxia said, “We’re lucky to have their help since all these problems started. People say that it is better to have good neighbors than some distant relatives. Now, I finally understand the meaning of this sentence. When this incident happened, none of our

relatives dared to show their faces. They were all scared to death. Many people also advised my parents to calm down and not offend those rich people. These relatives are not as good as our neighbors.”

After that, Jiang Yao and Zhou Xiaoxia sat at the side and watched as Zhou Xiaocheng played with Moe in her arms. Moe did not pay any attention to Zhou Xiaocheng; he continued to sleep. However, Zhou Xiaocheng could hold him in her arms and talk to him for the whole afternoon; she did not even move until five o’clock when Chen Jiaxian arrived.

Chen Jiaxian arrived earlier than Zhou Xiaoxia had expected. He was supposed to get off work at six o’clock, but he was already there at five. He even brought someone with him.

When Zhou Xiaocheng saw Chen Jiaxian, she immediately hugged him and moved closer to him. She handed Moe to Chen Jiaxian and said happily, “Brother Jiaxian, look at him. Isn’t he cute?”

Chen Jiaxian nodded. “Yes, but he’s not as cute as Xiao Cheng.” As he said that, Chen Jiaxian reached out and patted Zhou Xiaocheng’s head. Then, he turned around to face the person behind the door. He said, “Sister Chu, she’s Xiao Cheng.”

Zhou Xiaoxia guessed that person was the psychiatrist; Chen Jiaxian had left work early to bring her to the house. She quickly looked outside and greeted the person.

“Xiao Cheng, let me introduce you to a new friend. This is Chu Sheng. You can call her Sister Chu,” Chen Jiaxian said gently to Zhou Xiaocheng.

It was like when she first saw Jiang Yao, Zhou Xiaocheng immediately hid behind Chen Jiaxian when she saw the stranger. She lowered her head and did not dare to look at her.

When Jiang Yao saw the person who came in after Chen Jiaxian, she was shocked—life was full of surprises. The girl who came with Chen Jiaxian was Chu Sheng.

“Chu Sheng! What a coincidence!” Jiang Yao walked forward and took the initiative to greet Chu Sheng. She did not expect Chu Sheng to be a psychiatrist.

Chu Sheng looked even more shocked than Jiang Yao. She probably did not expect to meet an acquaintance there.

Then, she smiled at Jiang Yao after she heard what the other woman had said.

Chen Jiaxian and Zhou Xiaoxia were both surprised as well. “This is your roommate, right? I didn’t expect her to know our captain’s younger brother’s senior sister!”

“We met a few times when we were in Jindo City.” Jiang Yao did not know the situation between Chu Sheng and Chen Xuyao then. Chen Xuyao said that he would bring Chu Sheng to meet her, but it had been so long, so Jiang Yao did not mention Chen Xuyao.

However, since she had met Chu Sheng, Jiang Yao had the system scan her body and asked discreetly, “Is Chu Sheng a psychiatrist?”