

## Chapter 991: Three Children Are Gone

Later, someone in the family building heard the battalion commander's mother say that Lu Xingzhi had left that day. She also said that he did not know how the world worked. When Mrs Lin heard about that, she laughed about it with her husband.

The battalion commander's mother thought that her son should not do the dirty work of clearing a clogged toilet because he was a military officer. She was an old lady, and her daughter-in-law also did not know how to do it, so it was only fitting for her to look for Lu Xingzhi as he was her son's subordinate.

Mrs Lin smiled as she exchanged a few words with Jiang Yao. Then, she began to talk about what had happened when she returned the vegetables. "The battalion commander's mother held my hand and kept asking me to go in and have a seat. When I returned the vegetables, I told her that the two of you are at my place and that I have to rush home. She was very unhappy about that. She thought that I had to return the vegetables because I was concerned about your opinion. She might think that the two of you had spoiled her good deed."

"She must have thought that we are eager to please you and Colonel Lin, and perhaps she was about 80% worried that Xingzhi would usurp her son's throne." Jiang Yao threw a sympathetic look at Lu Xingzhi. She did not expect someone had treated her husband like a servant while she was away.

When Colonel Lin came back with Xiao Wei, it was already six in the evening. Mrs Lin had washed the ingredients and steamed the rice. As soon as Colonel Lin came home, he went into the kitchen to cook the dishes. He was quick; he managed to serve a few dishes in less than half an hour.

"Do you and Sergeant Lu want some wine?" Mrs Lin asked casually as she set the dishes.

"No, I have a meeting in the city tomorrow morning. I'm afraid that I won't be able to stop once I start to drink." Colonel Lin shook his head. Then he turned his head and said to Lu Xingzhi, "Old Zhu has a task. Tomorrow, it will be transferred to you. He has an urgent matter, so he asked for leave; he has to rush back to his hometown overnight."

The Old Zhu that Colonel Lin mentioned was Major Zhu. Lu Xingzhi nodded in agreement. He did not ask about the mission, but he wondered about Old Zhu instead. "It's almost the New Year. Is he going back to his hometown? Where are Mrs Zhu and his son? Are they going back together or staying in the army?"

"The mother and son will stay in the army," Colonel Lin said. "Old Zhu's younger brother called him and said that the two children are gone. It's been a few days. He asked him to go back and help."

"Gone?" Jiang Yao was shocked. "What does that mean?"

"It means that they're gone. The two children followed their aunt to buy New Year goods. There were too many people in the market, and the aunt couldn't keep an eye on them. The two children and one of the aunt's children disappeared together. They couldn't find them for several days, and their family was frantic. Now, they suspect that someone has taken them."

Colonel Lin drank the soup; his body immediately warmed. He turned his head and praised Mrs Lin; he said that the soup was delicious. Then, he said, "That area is not very secure. When I was drinking with

Old Zhu, he said that his family told him that two or three people had disappeared from that town recently. The oldest victim was around 20 to 30 years old, and the youngest was only 15 or 16 years old. There hasn't been any news, and they haven't been able to find them either. No one knows if they're still alive."

"Most likely they were kidnapped," Colonel Lin said. "Weren't there many poor villagers who couldn't get a wife? The victims were 20 to 30 years old, the right age to have a child. Fifteen to sixteen years old sounds about right as well. They can get married and have a child in two to three years."

"Maybe." Colonel Lin nodded.

### **Chapter 992: He Is My Man**

Jiang Yao listened to the news attentively. She had heard of similar reports—it would appear once or twice a year in almost every place. She had never known anyone who was involved in the incident; it was always only a story. However, when she heard about what had happened to Major Zhu's family and that they had lost three children, she felt terrified.

"Yes, someone must have followed the children closely," Jiang Yao said. "When I was young, my mother was always afraid that my siblings and I would get kidnapped by human traffickers. When we were young, she would keep her eyes on us and constantly tell us not to talk to strangers. Even if we were to starve to our death, we should not eat the food they gave to us."

"There are those who wanted children, and there are those who wanted a wife. If no one takes down these human traffickers, then this matter will never end." Lu Xingzhi smiled. "My wife must be brilliant; she didn't get kidnapped when she was young."

"Yes, Jiang Yao is smart. But didn't you target when she had only just grown up?" Mrs Lin teased him.

Xiao Wei, who was listening to the conversation, was confused. "Then, when I grow up, can I still get a wife?"

It was only one sentence, but everyone at the table burst into laughter. Colonel Lin laughed loudly.

"Well, that would depend on your ability. Your father and Uncle Lu were very capable; we managed to get our wives. If you can't get girls to like you, then you won't be able to get a wife."

"Dad, Mom, I'm sorry. Then you might not be able to get a daughter-in-law for the rest of your life." Xiao Wei's little face fell. "Not many girls in my class like me. They think that my pet is strange."

"Maybe you'll marry someone who has the same hobby as you!" Jiang Yao laughed. She held her stomach, and her whole body was almost on top of Lu Xingzhi.

After dinner, Jiang Yao helped Mrs Lin to wash the dishes. Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin continued to speak in the living room. When they came out of the kitchen, they heard Lu Xingzhi mention Nanjiang City's Director Ye.

"Do you mean to transfer Director Ye to Yuan City?" Colonel Lin asked.

"Director Ye is my man." Lu Xingzhi nodded. "The original team in Yuan City was removed; everyone has been replaced. Uncle Liang and I have discussed that we want to seize this opportunity and keep Yuan

City in our hands. We can establish it as an additional military region. We are still discussing that. Once we have confirmation, I will recommend you to Yuan City.”

“That’s good. Even though we have to get used to it, the newly established military region will be easy to control.” Colonel Lin was elated. “I’ll wait for your good news.”

“Oh, right! Is there any news about your promotion? I heard that you are going to the Special Forces after the New Year. The higher your military rank and position, the more beneficial it will be to be transferred to the Special Forces,” Mrs Lin asked.

“Yes, I will go in a few days,” Lu Xingzhi replied. He was not worried about his military position when he reported to the Special Forces after the New Year. He would only rise from his original position; it was not possible for him to fall lower than that.

Jiang Yao did not ask Lu Xingzhi about his work. The three of them continued to talk, so she only listened. She would ask Lu Xingzhi when they were home.

When the two of them returned from Colonel Lin’s home, it was already past nine in the evening. When Lu Xingzhi opened the door to his unit, the door opposite them creaked open too. Then, the battalion commander’s mother walked out with a dark expression on her face.

### **Chapter 993: What Are Your Intentions?**

“What are your intentions, Sergeant Lu?” The battalion commander, Major He’s mother asked; her hands were on her hips. “Did it bother you when I sent some food to Colonel Lin’s home?”

Jiang Yao could tell that Old Madam He had waited for them to return home. Since Lu Xingzhi did not look like he would reply to the older woman, Jiang Yao went through the door. Her husband treated Old Madam He like air; he did not say a word before he also went through the door and closed it shut.

Old Madam He did not expect Lu Xingzhi to ignore her. After he closed the door, the old woman started to curse from the other side. She scolded Lu Xingzhi for not respecting the elders and also his superior’s family members.

Perhaps everyone knew how Old Madam He would usually act, so no one came out to watch the show. Lu Xingzhi was also indifferent; it did not affect him in any way.

“Why didn’t Major He come out and take care of his mother?” Jiang Yao asked curiously.

“He is still in Yuan City,” Lu Xingzhi said.

“You are the leader of the mission in Yuan City. Major He’s military rank is higher than yours, but he still has to listen to you. Does his mother know?” Jiang Yao smiled wickedly. “She probably doesn’t know, right? If she knew, would she still stand outside the door and scold you so arrogantly?”

“Major He won’t tell his family about his work. All missions have to be kept secret. You know that because you were involved in it,” Lu Xingzhi said. “This is also the first time I’ve encountered such a situation since I joined the army.”

“Maybe Old Madam He has trashed and flattered too many people. They all hate her, so no one wanted to remind her about that. Major He’s wife also only joined him quite recently, right? She probably

doesn't know much about you then." If Jiang Yao had met such a person, she would not say anything either.

Major He's mother had a bad attitude toward the people around her; who knew how many other people she had offended. Otherwise, Major He would not have told other people that he would send his mother back to the country after the New Year. Instead, he had invited his mother-in-law to care for his wife.

However, that was Major He's family issues. So Jiang Yao could only listen to the commotion. Old Madam He continued to curse outside the door, but no one talked to her. She must have been bored as she decided to keep quiet and leave after some time.

After they showered, the two of them went to bed early. Jiang Yao had wanted to chat with Lu Xingzhi, but it was clear that her husband wanted to do other things with her.

As soon as she was in bed, he pressed onto her like a hungry wolf that pounced on its prey. He did not even give her a chance to speak. With his eagerness, it could only be described as sweet dew after a long drought.

"Yaoyao, have you missed me?" He buried himself in her body and doted on her to his heart's content. He liked to see how her eyes blurred as he doted on her. She clung to him; she was incredibly charming and sexy.

He also liked to see her sink into the lust he had created for her. He desired to see her descend into it as he did.

Jiang Yao felt like she was floating in the clouds. She did not have the energy to listen to his words. She could only hear him calling her. "Yaoyao... Yaoyao..."

His voice was deep and hoarse; it was so good that she wanted to stick her ears to his lips.

No one else in the world could call her name so beautifully.

#### **Chapter 994: Watch Sneakily**

Lu Xingzhi was satisfied as the spring breeze blew that night. When he woke up the next morning, he saw Jiang Yao glaring at him. He was even happy to help her find a scarf and clothes.

"You just need to wear a turtleneck to cover the marks on your neck." When they had dinner at Colonel Lin's home the previous night, Mrs Lin invited Jiang Yao to go to the city to buy some New Year's goods that day, so she had to go out. Lu Xingzhi opened the wardrobe and said, "This brand has some new products. I prepared a few sets of clothes for you. I was worried that you wouldn't have time to buy New Year's clothes, and I didn't expect you to get here so early."

As he spoke, Lu Xingzhi picked out a turtleneck sweater for Jiang Yao. Then, he rummaged through the wardrobe. After he hesitated for a while, he took a coat and compared it with Jiang Yao's, as if he was considering how to match it.

Jiang Yao glanced at it, and her scalp felt numb. "Put the clothes back! I'll choose for myself!"

Lu Xingzhi held a pink high-collared sweater, and the coat was bright red. What was the hesitation? Jiang Yao immediately told him to put it back.

“You look good in pink, and you look festive in bright red; it makes your skin look pale.” Lu Xingzhi felt Jiang Yao’s dislike, so he defended his choices. “The models in the album look good in it. Chen Xuyao also said that it suits you.”

“I bet that the pink sweater in the album doesn’t go with this bright red coat,” Jiang Yao retorted. Then, she put on her slippers and went to the bathroom to refresh herself.

Lu Xingzhi nodded. “They seem to match the white ones.”

Since Jiang Yao ignored him, he put the clothes down and followed her into the bathroom. Then, he stood next to her, and they showered together.

When Lu Xingzhi went to the cafeteria to get breakfast for Jiang Yao, Mrs Lin arrived at his unit. When Jiang Yao opened the door for her, the door opposite their unit was ajar too. As they stood at the door, they could hear Old Madam He as she scolded her daughter-in-law. Then the older woman went to the door to take a look; he must have heard Mrs Lin’s voice.

She immediately smiled. “Mrs Lin! Perhaps you’d like to come and take a seat? It’s still so early; are you heading somewhere?”

When Jiang Yao heard that, her entire body trembled—that was probably the most original way of addressing the colonel’s wife in the whole military region.

“Jiang Yao and I had an appointment to go shopping for New Year’s good today,” Mrs Lin explained. “Jiang Yao knows how to drive, so she’ll drive me in her husband’s car. The weather is freezing now, so I’ll go with Jiang Yao to save time waiting for transport.”

After she answered her politely, Mrs Lin quickly pushed Jiang Yao through the door.

After they ate the breakfast that Lu Xingzhi had brought back, Jiang Yao glanced at the quiet man; he refused to go with her. Finally, she had no choice but to take her bag and go with Mrs Lin.

She met two other women downstairs. When they asked if Jiang Yao and Mrs Lin were going to the city, they got into the car together.

Mrs Lin sat in the front passenger seat. After the car drove out of the army compound, she turned to Jiang Yao and said, “When we got into the car, Old Madam He was standing on the balcony watching us.”

“She must have wanted to see what Sergeant Lu’s car looked like,” Mrs Yang replied with a snort. “Before you arrived, I went downstairs to throw some garbage, and I saw Old Madam He, who was also there to throw her rubbish. As soon as she saw me, she pulled me aside to ask about the brand of Sergeant Lu’s bike. I told her that Sergeant Lu has a vehicle with four wheels, and his son could never afford that car even if he doesn’t eat or drink for several years. She thought that I had lied to her; she said Sergeant Lu could never afford such an expensive car. Perhaps she hid on the balcony to see if I told her the truth.”

## **Chapter 996: He Might Be Out On A Mission**

“He’s nothing like my husband. Last year, someone asked my husband to write a couplet, and he was elated. He said that someone finally appreciated his handwriting. During the New Year, he was the first one to visit that friend, but the couplet on the door was written by Sergeant Lu. My husband had to thicken his skin and asked what had happened to the one he wrote. And the friend said that it was so ugly that he dared not put it up onto the wall.”

After Mrs Lin finished speaking, everyone covered their mouths and laughed. Jiang Yao’s heart was filled with joy when she heard it. She knew that Lu Xingzhi’s handwriting was beautiful. He had practiced calligraphy since he was young; if he had the time, he still liked to write in the study.

Jiang Yao remembered something from before she was reborn; she had a deep impression of Lu Xingzhi’s handwriting. It was the only characteristic that Lu Xingzhi had that did not match with his rough man personality. He would hide his usual fierce aura; with his head lowered and the brush in his hand, he looked somewhat scholarly.

When the stall owner heard their words, he knew that they would not buy couplets from him. However, he was also a smart person. He took a lantern and handed it to Jiang Yao. He said, “You won’t need any couplets since your husband can write them. Perhaps you’d like a lantern? These are all hand-made; I got them from a Tianjin family that has made lanterns for a hundred years. Have you heard of them?”

“Yes, I’ve heard of them!” Mrs Yang nodded. “Everyone says that the lantern comes with a blessing. If a new wife bought their lantern and hung them before the New Year, they would be able to conceive a fat baby.”

“Perhaps it’s a gift from the lantern?” Jiang Yao laughed out loud. She did not expect to hear such a magical tale when she was buying a lantern.

“Many people said that; it makes the lantern sound so magical. Those who buy the lanterns and get pregnant with a fat baby are truly blessed. But the craftsmanship of this lantern is definitely one of the best in the country. Look at their skills and the materials used. If you walk down the entire street, you won’t find another one that’s as good as this one. The only reason I can get them is that my daughter is their youngest daughter-in-law.” The stall owner held the lantern in his hand and continued to praise it proudly.

“I bought this lantern last year. It still works even after I’ve kept it hanging for a year. Even though it’s a little more expensive than lanterns from the other sellers, it has its advantages.” Mrs Lin turned to Jiang Yao and said, “You should buy their lanterns.”

Mrs Lin took the lead and ordered two pairs of lanterns. One pair was to be sent to her mother’s house while the other was for her house in the army compound.

Jiang Yao saw that the women also bought the lanterns. Since the quality and style of the lanterns were excellent, she also ordered a pair of them. Then, the few of them continued to shop.

The women strolled through the street the entire morning. Since they still had many things to buy and she would not be able to return to the army for lunch, Jiang Yao gave Lu Xingzhi a call.

However, Lu Xingzhi’s phone had been switched off. Jiang Yao let the women put their items in the car while she tried again.

“Can’t get through?” Mrs Lin said, “Well, Old Lin did say that Major Zhu had a mission for him today. Perhaps he had gone on a mission?”

“Yes.” Jiang Yao patted her head. “Then he might really have gone on a mission.”

### **Chapter 997: Retribution**

“Don’t worry, Old Zhu’s mission isn’t that difficult this time. If it weren’t for the urgency of the issue in his hometown, Old Lin said that Old Zhu had planned to return home after the mission had ended.” Mrs Lin comforted Jiang Yao. Then she turned to Mrs Yang and the others and said, “Let’s find a place to have lunch?”

“I know a shop that has very delicious noodles. It has just opened, and the soup is exceptional. It’s duck soup.” Mrs Yang nodded before she led them away.

Needless to say, as soon as they reached the intersection, they smelled the fragrance that came from the noodle shop. When they arrived at the entrance, they saw that the place was packed. They would have to wait for their meal.

The boss was also very good at his business. He had set up a wind-proof shed outside the door. There were already a few customers in there as they waited for their turn. Jiang Yao followed behind Mrs Lin and the others. When they entered, they were surprised to see two people there.

It was Chen Lanying and her husband, Lu Weihua. Chen Lanying held her child in her arms. When she saw Lu Weihua, Jiang Yao’s eyes subconsciously looked for the other woman. Just as she expected, she saw her by the window of a western restaurant just opposite them. Then, she saw the obvious bulge on her abdomen.

The shelter was not small. After Jiang Yao found a seat with Mrs Lin and the others, she did not look at Chen Lanying. However, her attention was still on them.

She was surprised to hear Lu Weihua spoke to Chen Lanying about their divorce.

Perhaps that was the reason Chen Lanying was emotional. She shouted at Lu Weihua, and her voice was so loud that everyone in the shed heard her.

“You said that you didn’t believe that our child was yours, but the hospital’s results have already proved that. Why do you still want to divorce me? After our marriage, I’ve never let you down, and I’ve never let your family down. Why are you so ruthless toward me? My parents asked us to bring our child to a hospital in Jindo City for a checkup. The doctor said that he needs to be hospitalized immediately for treatment. Why didn’t you agree to that? Look at him! He’s getting more passive recently. If this continues, he will lose his life. Lu Weihua, are you still a human?”

Chen Lanying’s roar attracted everyone’s attention. Mrs Yang lowered her voice and asked Jiang Yao and the others to look at them. “Let’s see what’s going on over there.”

“What hospital DNA test? Who knows if you paid the doctor to do it on purpose to fool me?” Lu Weihua did not expect Chen Lanying to roar so loudly; everyone focused their attention on both of them.

Lu Weihua felt a little embarrassed. He slapped the back of Chen Lanying's chair and scolded, "You think I wouldn't know if that's my child? Chen Lanying, we're going back to our hometown tomorrow for a divorce!"

"Excuses! Excuses! These are all your excuses! You can't wait to kick us out of the house so that you will have room for your vixen and your b\*astard child! Do you think that I don't know she's also here? When we were at Jindo City for our son's medical checkup, that woman was hiding at her friend's place in Jin City! That was why you brought us to Jin City! Lu Weihua, you're an animal. You don't care about your son's life; you will be punished for this!"

### **Chapter 998: Why Can't I Do It?**

After she scolded him, Chen Lanying hugged her child and cried, "My poor son, you shouldn't have been born. You're still so young, but you're already sick. Your father doesn't acknowledge you, doesn't treat you well, and doesn't even care whether you live or die. Son, why is your life so miserable?"

Quite many people at the side pointed at Lu Weihua; someone even scolded him. "The woman married you and gave birth to your son, but now you're kicking them out because of a vixen and a b\*astard son? A man like you will be struck by lightning soon!"

"You don't even believe that the son of your legitimate wife is yours, yet you believe that your mistress' child is yours?" A mistress is never a decent woman. Who knows how many men she has hooked up with before you?"

Someone pointed at Lu Weihua and scolded him. Finally, he was so humiliated that he left Chen Lanying and their son in the shelter.

Jiang Yao watched as he left the wind-proof shelter and went into the Western restaurant opposite them. Then, he led the woman to a different seat and sat down with the waiter to order a luxurious set meal. Lu Weihua looked happy as the woman whispered in his ear.

Jiang Yao raised her eyebrows. Do all men like vixens? Her voice must have sounded pretentious; Lu Weihua must have liked it very much. He brought his first wife to an ordinary noodle restaurant for a simple meal, yet he could bring another woman to a high-class restaurant to spend money happily.

Lu Weihua had left, and the onlookers pitied Chen Lanying and her son as they looked at her.

No one knew what to say. Then, suddenly, Chen Lanying raised her son high up above her head as if she wanted to smash him to his death.

"Hey, hey, hey! Are you crazy? You're a mother!" Mrs Lin was also a mother, and she immediately jumped when she saw that. "This is your child. How can you do that?"

"Why can't I do it? His father doesn't want him anymore. He's sick. It's so painful for him to live that it's better to die now. I only hope that he can reincarnate well and not meet a ruthless person like his father again." Chen Lanying cried and shouted at Mrs Lin.

"This is also a life. Letting him fall to his death is the same as killing him. You'll go to jail." Even though Jiang Yao did not like Chen Lanying, she still comforted her. "It's not like you don't have a job and can't raise him by yourself. Even though you'll get a divorce, you can still care for your child. His illness can still

be treated. Since your in-laws let your husband bring you and your child to Jindo City, it must mean that they care about the child. Your husband may not care about the child's illness, but your in-laws still care about him. Even if you divorced Lu Weihua and he doesn't want to keep your child, your in-laws will always want him. This will hurt."

"That's easy for you to say, Jiang Yao. If Lu Xingzhi wanted to divorce you when you already have a child with him, would you spend the rest of your life alone with the child?" Chen Lanying laughed mockingly. "Lu Weihua didn't even want his son, so why should I help him raise his son? He has let me down. So why should I help him raise his son?"

The other women were stunned when Chen Lanying addressed Jiang Yao by name. Then, they pulled Jiang Yao's sleeve and asked in a low voice, "You know her?"

### **Chapter 999: He Owes Me**

"We're from the same county," Jiang Yao replied.

Then, she turned her head to look at Chen Lanying. When she heard what Chen Lanying said, Jiang Yao felt really angry. Why would she hope that Jiang Yao was as miserable as her? Chen Lanying's heart was really wicked!

"That's not a good example. When I got married, I learned to see my husband for who he was, so I would never be in this situation. My husband will treat our future children as treasures." Chen Lanying could infuriate other people, but Jiang Yao was not willing to admit defeat.

'Fine, since you hope that I will be as miserable as you, then I will let you know how happy I am.'

"Yes, you may be the luckiest woman in the county; all of us are envious of your life." Chen Lanying carried her child and walked toward Jiang Yao. "Lu Xingzhi loves you and dotes on you. Auntie Lu protects you as if you were her own daughter. The Lu family is rich and powerful. Since you care so much for this child, then you can have him."

"You—" Jiang Yao was extremely shocked. She did not expect Chen Lanying to say such words.

"Anyway, the Lu family is rich. You don't lack the money to raise a child, nor do you lack money to treat the child's illness. Didn't you say that Lu Xingzhi treats you very well? Since he will treat a child like a treasure, then I will give this treasure to you." Chen Lanying sneered. "If it weren't for my engagement with Lu Xingzhi, Lu Weihua wouldn't suspect that the child wasn't his. Coincidentally, he thinks that this is Lu Xingzhi's child. He owes me this, and you are his wife. So it is only right that you help him."

"You're a lunatic!" Jiang Yao took a step backward to avoid the child that Chen Lanying tried to force on her. "You and Lu Xingzhi were engaged, but you were the one who broke the engagement. The Lu family didn't ask your family for anything. You should know very well who owes whom!"

Jiang Yao called out to Mrs Lin and the others, "Let's go eat somewhere else. This place makes me so anxious that I can't eat!"

"Yes! It's too boring to wait like this. My stomach can't take it anymore," Mrs Yang replied quickly before they left the shelter.

The four of them left the noodle shop and went to find a fast food restaurant for their lunch. After they finished eating, Mrs Lin asked Jiang Yao, "That woman was engaged to Sergeant Lu? How did he get engaged to such a woman?"

"Sergeant Lu was engaged to someone in the past?" Mrs Yang was shocked. It turned out that the woman had told the truth.

Very few people in the army knew that Lu Xingzhi was engaged before he married Jiang Yao. Colonel Lin knew because he was on good terms with Lu Xingzhi and had dealings with Lu Xingzhi's brothers.

"I'm not very clear about the specifics. I only know that it was the woman who had initiated the annulment. I heard that when Xingzhi was in the army, that woman was engaged to him, but she was also still with her current husband. The man who wanted to divorce her had been in contact with her during her engagement to Xingzhi. Then, she broke off their engagement and got married not long after that."

Jiang Yao did not reveal Lu Xingzhi's little trick to get Chen Lanying to withdraw from the engagement. Lu Xingzhi might have used a gimmick, but Chen Lanying was also in the wrong. On the one hand, she had occupied Lu Xingzhi's reputation, and on the other hand, she was still in a relationship with Lu Weihua. As she looked at the bowl and pot, Jiang Yao really wanted to scold Chen Lanying.

#### **Chapter 1000: Can't Be Bothered To Get Angry With Him**

"Why is that woman so shameless?" Mrs Yang's eyes widened. "It's her fault. She even took the initiative to break the engagement. How can she blame Sergeant Lu? And she even dares to say that he owes it to her? How shameless!"

"Look at what she wanted to do. She's even willing to throw her own son to his death. That woman is ruthless!" Mrs Lin shook her head. "Maybe she doesn't want to bring up a child after her divorce. That was why she wanted to throw him to his death."

"We're mothers, but I've never seen anyone so ruthless." Mrs Yang shook her head and sighed. "Anyway, if it were me, I would raise my child even if I had to beg on the streets or to pick up trash."

Mrs Lin and the other women tried to comfort Jiang Yao when they noticed that she did not look very good. They told her that the matter had nothing to do with her, and it had nothing to do with Sergeant Lu. She did a good thing when she scolded that crazy woman.

Then, Mrs Lin tried to change the topic. "Did you notice the two people in the corner in that wind shelter? It's Chen Feitang and her partner. I heard from Old Lin that Chen Feitang is going to get engaged after the New Year. The man is a local from Jin city. He's a young military officer from the Jingdo City Military Region."

"Cousin Chen Feitang!" Mrs Yang scoffed. "That woman is terrifying. She—"

The entire army knew about Chen Feitang's incident. Those who were well-informed knew that Chen Feibai was Chen Feitang's scapegoat. Therefore, when Chen Feitang's name was mentioned, the women at the table looked disgusted.

“Is that really her?” Jiang Yao had noticed a woman with her back against her. At that time, she thought it looked like Chen Feitang. However, they were in a small shop, and her companion seemed so ordinary. Jiang Yao thought it was impossible for Chen Feitang, the Chen family’s eldest daughter, to appear at such a place with such a man.

She had thought the person looked familiar, but she did not expect it was Chen Feitang. So she was even more surprised when she heard that Chen Feitang would be engaged after the New Year.

When Jiang Yao saw him, she thought that it was a person who looked like a god from the back. She didn’t expect that it was really Chen Feitang himself. When she heard from sister-in-law Lin that Chen Feitang would be engaged after the new year, Jiang Yao was even more speechless—Old Master Lin must have taken swift actions.

After dinner, Jiang Yao continued to shop with the other women for the whole afternoon. When they went back, the car was full of New Year’s goods. When they got into the car, all the passengers had one or two pairs of lanterns in their arms.

“Even though our backs are sore after so much shopping for the whole day, it’s much easier for us to follow Jiang Yao.” Mrs Yang smiled. “Next time you go to the city, please remember to bring us with you.”

“That’s for sure. I can’t go to the city without any company.” Jiang Yao nodded in agreement.

“If you’re going with your husband, then there’s no need to bring us. We don’t want to be the third wheel,” Mrs Lin teased.

“Hmph, I’m not going to go shopping with him!” Jiang Yao pouted and snorted.

“Don’t be angry with him because of what happened just now. It has nothing to do with him.” Mrs Lin was worried that Jiang Yao would be angry with Lu Xingzhi because of that woman’s situation. So, she tried to comfort her.

“I can’t be bothered to get angry with him.” If she had wanted to get angry, she would have done so a long time ago. It was not like she had just found out about it. Even though Jiang Yao held back her anger because of what had happened with Chen Lanying, she knew that she could not blame it on Lu Xingzhi. He was innocent.