

## BOOT CAMP 2211

### Chapter 2211: How Can I Bear To?

Why refuse the promotion ceremony?

How could such a solemn ceremony be omitted?

No matter how low he lowered his voice, she could hear him. Before he could finish packing, Ye Jian smiled and said, "Captain Xia, I want to see you get promoted. Is that okay?" She looked at him with sparkling eyes. "Major gets promoted to lieutenant colonel, right? It only happens once every few years. How can the ceremony be delayed? I haven't seen you getting promoted."

There were three times when enlisted soldiers could best display their military charm.

Firstly, on their first day in the army when they put on my uniform.

Secondly, the ceremony where they're awarded their gun.

Thirdly, ceremonies where they're promoted.

It was impossible for her to have witnessed the first day of Captain Xia's enlistment, and it was also impossible for her to see him being awarded his gun. Now that she had the chance to witness him being promoted, she could not miss it.

"Are you not participating in the promotion because you don't have time?" Ye Jian was very interested in this and couldn't help but ask. Actually, she wanted to ask if it was because of the rules of the Xueyu unit.

She knew the rules of the Xueyu unit. Their ranks would never change until they left the Xueyu unit. When Pigeon, J5, and the others wore their formal clothes, they had the rank of major on their epaulets.

If she was lucky enough to get into the Xueyu unit after graduating and if she could be promoted to major in about three years, then she would always be a major in formal wear. In the files, she might be secretly promoted to lieutenant colonel while still being a major, like Captain Xia.

However, she didn't quite understand why things were like this.

Xia Jinyuan glanced at Ye Jian. He wanted to suppress his rank, but he relented because of Ye Jian's words. "Okay, I agree."

"Alright, come over for a meeting tomorrow. Your comrades will come with you." Commander Xia nodded. He had rushed over early in the morning mainly for this matter. Since his son had agreed, there was no need to stay. He said to Ye Jian, "Little Ye will come along tomorrow."

The nurse in charge of treating Xia Jinyuan's inflammation came over. Commander Xia stood up and left. Ye Jian hurriedly stood up to send him off.

Normally, the commander-in-chief wouldn't let Ye Jian send him off. However, this time, he didn't reject her. Instead, he said, "Little Ye, send me to my car. I'll talk to you on the way."

"Alright, sure." Ye Jian didn't notice that the man behind her was winking at Commander Xia. She just respectfully sent him out of the ward.

Xia Jinyuan wanted to chase after her, he was 'shoved' back to the bed by Commander Xia. He could only watch as Ye Jian left the ward.

What would they say when they went out? He could probably guess.

Ye Jian's heart skipped a beat when she heard the whole story. She had no idea that Captain Xia could have been promoted to lieutenant colonel last year, but he had been delaying things because he wanted to be promoted with her.

"Little Six is very stubborn. Before I came, I was very worried. Who knew that you could change his decision with just a word? Little Ye, I'll leave the heavy responsibility of disciplining Little Six to you in the future. If he does anything wrong, you can teach him a lesson. If anything happens, I'll take responsibility."

Ye Jian, whose mind was occupied by her lover, calmed down and nodded solemnly. "Don't worry, I'll definitely watch him get the rank of lieutenant colonel. I won't allow him to delay it for me."

She was very touched. Her man had secretly done many things for her that she did not know about. Every one of these things was enough to shock her for a long time. He had given too much for her. How could he accept delaying his military career because of her?

Chapter 2212: I Will Always Trust You

There was a lot to talk about, so Commander Xia didn't take the elevator. Instead, he led Ye Jian and the guard from the eighth floor to the first floor.

The guard in front was walking ahead, so he could trigger the light sensors for the rest of them. Like the guard in the back, he kept an eight-step distance from Commander Xia. He could keep an eye on the situation around him without disturbing the commander-in-chief's conversation with Ye Jian.

When it came to serious matters, the commander-in-chief's voice was very serious. "I'm very relieved to have you accompany me. The matter of conferring a title is not that big of a deal, but it concerns future promotions, experience, and qualifications. After all, the two of you can't work in the special forces for the rest of your lives. When you reach a certain age, you'll have to take a back seat. At that time, your qualifications and experience will affect your promotion.

"If it's not something that belongs to you, don't force it or snatch it by force. However, you have to grab hold of what clearly belongs to you. When it comes to your future, you can't be careless.

“Little Ye doesn’t have much ambition. According to him, he can be a special forces soldier for the rest of his life. He really likes his current career and is happy to devote his life to it. However, Little Ye, even if I support your decisions, you two can’t really be special forces soldiers for the rest of your lives.

“I also have selfish motives. I hope the two of you can go further and wider on this path. And the promotion of military rank will affect your future military career. Little Ye, I hope you can understand my arrangements.”

Not only did Ye Jian understand, but she also fully supported him.

She was very touched by Xia Jinyuan’s sacrifice, but the price was too high for her to bear.

How could he give up his promotion because of her? How could she allow herself to become a roadblock to his future?

When she returned to the ward, Ye Jian saw that the man who had not slept the entire night seemed to have fallen asleep. She did not go in immediately. She stood quietly at the door and looked at him gently.

‘Captain Xia, you’ve done so much for me. I can only spend the rest of my life with you.

‘You must have held back your promotion because I once said, ‘You just have to wait for me. I’ll definitely catch up to you.’ Therefore, you were unwilling to advance.

‘Back then, I said that before we made our relationship clear. It turns out that you remembered it all along and even took action.

‘Captain Xia... How can I not love you deeply? How can I not spoil you and dote on you?’

“Why aren’t you coming in? Did my father tell you about my promotion?” Xia Jinyuan, who was just pretending to sleep, opened his eyes and looked at her gently. “Come here and lie on the bed with me.”

Ye Jian closed the door and lay quietly with her arms around him. After a while, she said softly, “Captain Xia, don’t stop for me. I’ll try my best to chase after you. I’ll try my best to get to you.”

“Yes, it won’t happen again.” Lowering his head to kiss the top of her head, the soldier’s heart softened like water. “I’ll always be ahead. I’ll let you see me so that I won’t get lost walking.”

“Okay. Remember what you said today. Never stop because of me. I’m touched, but I don’t like it. I don’t want to be a hindrance. I just want to be your motivation.

“I’ll make sure to catch up to you too. You said we’d walk side by side. You must believe I have the ability to walk side by side with you. Okay?”

“Yes, I always believe in my little fox,” Xia Jinyuan closed his eyes and said softly. He was a little tired. As he spoke, his eyes became heavy and his voice became softer.

Chapter 2213: Deeper Fate

Ye Jian knew that the ingredients in the tonic meant to aid sleep had worked. Before the commander-in-chief got into the car, he told her that he had gone to see a doctor to get a tonic that contained ingredients that aided in sleep.

This was good. It would give him a good night's sleep.

Ye Jian, who was not sleepy, picked up a military book and flipped through it slowly. From time to time, she would look up to see if there was still liquid in the IV drip bag. She listened to the time ticking by and enjoyed their time together.

Li Jinnian came over and saw a scene that even he couldn't bear to disturb. He stayed for a while and took out an old photo from his pocket to take a look. A strange glint flashed across his cold eyes as he raised his hand and knocked on the closed ward door.

Ye Jian was a little surprised to see him. They had just met yesterday. Besides, with Li Jinnian's busy schedule, he didn't have much time to run to the hospital.

Ye Jian moved Xia Jinyuan's long arm away from her waist and got off the bed quietly.

Li Jinnian pointed outside and gestured for her to come out and talk.

Ye Jian closed the door and smiled naturally. "Are you on annual leave? You're so free."

"No, I'm not. I came here for a meeting. I'm going to be promoted like him." Li Jinnian's cold eyes had an unusual smile. His gaze looked very gentle and seemed to contain a deeper meaning. "You'll be there tomorrow, right?"

He had specially come to look for her. Even if he was not free, he had to make time.

Hearing this, Ye Jian's smile deepened. "Captain Xia told me that you two were from the same batch. You even participated in training together. Later, you went to the navy and he went to the army. I didn't expect you to be promoted together. You two are very fated."

"I have a deeper affinity with you." Following her words, a deep smile appeared on Li Jinnian's cold and handsome face. His gaze locked onto the face that he found familiar at first glance. He slowly said, "Apart from fighting side by side, Ye Jian, we have a deeper affinity."

A deeper affinity?

Ye Jian didn't understand. "What do you mean by that?"

"Look at this photo." His cold, handsome face softened a little as he took the faded photograph from his pocket. "You must know her, and you know her well, don't you?"

It wasn't a question, it was a statement.

Ye Jian, who took the photo, was stunned. Of course, she knew the woman in the photo who was wearing a military uniform. This was her mother who had sacrificed herself for the military when she was very young.

Why was her mother's photo in Li Jinnian's hands? Why was there such a photo?

Li Jinnian handed the photo over and stared at Ye Jian, afraid that he would miss any expression on her face. When he saw the shock on her face when she saw the photo, Li Jinnian became agitated.

He was usually a steady, calm man. No matter how big an incident was, it wouldn't stir up his heart.

However, this matter was causing waves in his heart. Even his voice was not as cold and calm as usual. There was a slight fluctuation in it. "You look very similar to the woman in the photo. From the first time I saw you, I always had an indescribable sense of familiarity with you as if I had seen you somewhere before, but I didn't have a deep impression of you. After finding this photo, I knew where I had seen you before. It turns out that the woman in the photo is your mother."

Li Jinnian was already controlling his emotions very well and only revealed a little.

He didn't tell the truth all at once. Instead, as he spoke, he observed Ye Jian's expression and slowly told her the truth.

Chapter 2214: Ye Jian, This Is Your Father

Ye Jian's expression changed a little.

The young man and woman in the photo were cuddled up to each other. They were wearing old-fashioned military uniforms. Their heads were leaning against each other. They looked like they were taking wedding photos.

A thought had already flashed through her mind. She chose to avoid it and not think too deeply about it.

Impossible, impossible! It was definitely not what she had in mind!

Ye Jian suppressed her doubts and looked up. Her eyes were cold as she asked calmly, "Why do you think the woman in the photo is my mother?"

Her reaction was a little unusual. Li Jinnian frowned and looked at Ye Jian sharply. When she took the photo just now, her reaction was not the same as when she was speaking to him now.

She was clearly shocked, but now, she was very calm.

Was she testing him? Or did she not want to know who her father was at all?

Li Jinnian's eyes darkened when he thought of her father's name in her file. However, he couldn't blame Ye Jian. If his aunt hadn't told Ye Jian about her background, she really wouldn't have known that her biological father was someone else.

“Ye Jian, she’s your mother. Don’t you even know your own mother?” She even refused to acknowledge her own mother now. Li Jinnian immediately realized how troublesome the matter was. If he told the truth, she would definitely deny it.

This was not the outcome he wanted!

The young woman in the photo was his aunt whom her maternal grandfather’s family had never seen before. The young man was his uncle who had only returned to his maternal grandfather’s family when he was 10 years old.

As Li Jinnian didn’t understand what Ye Jian was thinking, he didn’t dare to tell her the truth. He was afraid that if he said it, Ye Jian wouldn’t be able to accept it for a while. Instead, he would push her farther and farther away.

“No, that’s impossible.” Ye Jian didn’t even want to take the photo anymore. She quickly stuffed the photo into Li Jinnian’s hand and smiled faintly. “Captain Li, there are all kinds of strange things in the world. It’s normal for the two people to look alike. I admit that the woman in the photo does look like my mother, but she’s really not my mother. You’re mistaken.

“I’m sure you’ve read my file. I have my own mom and dad, but they’re both deceased. So, Captain Li, you’ve got the wrong person.”

He did not expect her reaction to be so calm. Li Jinnian, who felt like he had been splashed with cold water, became even calmer.

He slowly put the photo back in his pocket. Just from this small gesture, one could tell that he especially cherished this photo.

Her reaction was too great. It was not a reaction that showed she was unable to accept it for now but a reaction of disgust.

How could she be disgusted?

Even if they did not know each other, it should not be to the extent of disgust.

He had been rash to suddenly tell her without investigating the matter properly.

Initially, he wanted to talk to Xia Jinyuan first. However, when he saw Ye Jian, he thought of his maternal grandfather who could not go anywhere and could only walk around the house. He thought of his maternal grandmother, who had passed away regretfully. Then, he thought of what his mother had told him before she passed away. No matter how calm he was, he could not help but feel emotional.

Last night, when he went to his maternal grandfather’s house and played a game of chess with him, the old man, who had calmly faced all kinds of mental and physical blows in the past, sighed at him and said, “The light of a mulberry tree can’t be seen from afar. I hope the light of the rising sun can be seen clearly.” That moment made him sad.

Blocking Ye Jian, who was about to return to the ward, Li Jinnian said calmly, “Ye Jian, can you listen to a story? It’s a long story. Can you only leave after hearing it?”

## Chapter 2215: This Is Her Background

The story was too complicated, full of parental grief and just how hard those days had been.

Li Jinnian wanted to tell Ye Jian that he wanted her to change her mind and stop resisting.

“The story’s a bit long, and it concerns a number of old people. It’ll take half an hour or so. Just give me half an hour to finish, will you?”

Ye Jian didn’t just resist. She resisted so much that she didn’t want to hear a word from Li Jinnian. Her eyes were cold as she said in a low voice, “I don’t want to hear it, nor am I interested. Let go, Captain Li!”

“Why not? Is it because you already have the answer in your heart but you don’t want to listen to it?” Li Jinnian didn’t let go. He could see not only disgust in her eyes but also deep sorrow and hatred.

In fact, it was normal for her to bear hatred for this because no one knew that his aunt had actually had his uncle’s child before she left!

Ye Jian looked at him calmly. “Captain Li, why should I listen? The story you want to tell has nothing to do with me. Why should I listen?” Why should she listen to a story that had nothing to do with her?

Her father was Ye Xinfan. There was no one else!

“If you’re here to visit Captain Xia, you’ll have to come back later. He needs all the rest he can get. I won’t continue entertaining you here. I’m sorry.” She refused to go into the subject, and neither did she want to.

Seeing that she was determined, a trace of grief flashed across Li Jinnian’s cold face. Then, he moved aside and said calmly, “I’m sorry to have disturbed you.

“You’re just so much like my aunt and uncle. None of my maternal grandparents have ever seen my aunt, and this photo is the only thing my aunt ever left for my uncle. My grandmother grabbed my mother’s hand before she died, hoping my mother would bring my aunt home. Unfortunately, my mother never found my aunt until she died.

“I’m sorry. I was too anxious and I ended up disturbing you.”

Ye Jian, who was holding the doorknob, paused. She turned around and nodded at Li Jinnian. “It’s okay.”

“My aunt’s name is far different from your mother’s, so I might be wrong.” Li Jinnian took out the photo again and turned it over to look at the bottom. The words ‘Red Plum’ were written on it with a fountain pen. He looked at it for a while. The moment Ye Jian pushed the door open and returned to the ward, he said softly, “Our entire family only knows that my mom goes by the name of Red Plum, but we don’t even know her real name.”

'No, that's not right. You guys don't even know my mother's real name. 'Red Plum' is just her code name. It's like how your code name is Demon King and mine is Azure Bird.

'You don't even know my mother's real name. That man... That man clearly never thought of marrying my mother!'

After closing the door, Ye Jian was expressionless. That man didn't even mention her mother's name to his family. When he left, he didn't even reach out to her mother. He just left silently. It was obvious that that man had only wanted to play with her mother's feelings!

She knew that she was not her father's biological daughter and that her mother was already pregnant when she married her father, but so what?!

Her father's name was Ye Xinfan. He was an honest farmer who doted on her when she was young.

Li Jinnian left. His tall and straight back was filled with faint sorrow. He was sad over the tragic past of his maternal grandfather's family.

None of them knew that their aunt had given birth to a child for their uncle. No one knew, not even their uncle.

Chapter 2216: Prominent Family

Ye Jian's reaction gave Li Jinnian a heavy blow, waking him up from his excitement. He immediately stopped talking.

He was too anxious just now, so anxious that he didn't get the evidence to prove that Ye Jian was his uncle's daughter. However, he didn't regret it.

His maternal grandfather's days were numbered.

'The light of the mulberry tree cannot be seen from afar. I hope that the light of the rising sun will be seen.'

This expressed the old man's helplessness, and it was also a knot in his heart that he would never be able to let go of in his life. The old man often said that it was probably because the Fu family's ancestors had enjoyed too much and all the blessings of the younger generation that as a result, he only had one son and two daughters with his wife."

His first son was Li Jinnian's uncle. He only returned to his maternal grandfather at the age of 10.

The daughter was Li Jinnian's mother. She was weak and sickly and had married into the Li family less than 10 years ago. She left him, who was eight-year-old at the time, behind. Fortunately, he was left under the care of his maternal grandmother. It allowed the old lady who had lived a miserable life to have someone to rely on before she died.

Thinking of his old grandfather and his cousin, Li Jinnian walked out of the hospital and drove straight to his grandfather's house.



Li Jinnian's maternal grandfather was one of the leaders in the development of aerospace, satellites, and missiles. He laid the foundation for the establishment of 'strategic missiles' in the country and set the defense technology industry on the right track. Now, he was addressed respectfully as 'Old Master Fu'.

The philosopher Mencius had a book called 'The Senior Scholar, So He's A Teacher'. After a thousand years, the meaning of the word 'teacher' remained unchanged. It represented the strength of character, spirit, inheritance, and thought.

Old Master Fu's spirit was not as good as before. He had suffered too much when he was young. Later on, he racked his brains for the country's aerospace, satellites, and missiles. He had white hair before he was 50 years old.

Although he had retired, there were still many guests who would come to his residence. They were all scientists engaged in the country's aerospace, satellites, and missiles.

Li Jinnian drove over. The butler in charge of taking care of Old Master Fu's daily life said softly, "There are two guests from the Space Academy discussing problems with Old Master Fu in the study. I'm afraid you'll have to wait."

"Okay, there's no need to disturb the old man." Li Jinnian closed the door and changed into house shoes.

The country took good care of its retired old scientists. They were provided with top-notch food, clothes, house, and transport.

Old Master Fu liked ancient architecture, so the place where he lived was surrounded by mountains and rivers. His house and floor were all made of solid wood, and the interior decoration was Han style. When one walked in, it was as if one had traveled to another time and space. When one sat by the window, one could hear the sound of the wind and leaves falling.

After entering the house, Li Jinnian pushed open the wooden sliding door and found a few old photo albums from a row of bookshelves. He sat cross-legged on the floor and slowly flipped through them.

The photo album recorded the life of Old Master Fu and Old Madam Fu, as well as the changes in the Fu family's wealth.

Old Master Fu and Old Madam Fu came from wealthy families. Both of them were agile and studious. They graduated from MIT and became lovers.

Before the age of 28, the two of them lived a prosperous life. However, many disasters befell them when they were between the ages of 28 and 35. However, no matter how difficult life was, Old Madam Fu insisted on taking a photo with the entire family every year.

The family portrait started with one child and slowly increased to two children, then three, four. Li Jinnian's thin lips gradually tightened. He knew that when he turned to the next page, the four children would decrease one by one until only his grandfather and his pregnant grandmother were left.

His three uncles and one aunt, who were not fated to meet him, died of illness. They had no money to treat themselves because they were homeless.

## Chapter 2217: Legend

After Old Master Fu was done talking to the two scientists from the Space Academy, he went to his usual room with a walking cane. He had suffered a lot when he was young and worked day and night after entering the Space Academy. Now that he was old, he could not walk well. Even at home, he had to rely on a walking cane.

Li Jinnian was resting with his eyes closed when he heard the sound of the sliding door. He suddenly opened his eyes and quickly stood up.

“Slow down,” he said softly as he helped the old man into the house. He steadily helped his white-haired grandfather sit down. “You’re old. It’s better to worry less about the Space Academy. Don’t waste your energy, lest your body can’t take it.”

Facing his only grandson, Old Master Fu patted the back of his hand and said kindly, “I’m not worried about it. I just have the occasional chat with the people from there. Once a person’s mind is idle, it’ll rust if it doesn’t work well. It’s better to keep the gears moving while your mind can keep up with it.”

The old man, who had sat down, immediately saw the photo album that was placed on the short table. It was so old that the corners of the photo album were yellow. Although his eyes were turbid, they were still filled with wisdom. His thin hand trembled as he touched the cover of the photo album. There was a faint but lingering sadness on his old face.

“Ever since your grandmother passed away, I rarely look through the albums.” The old man sighed softly. The album contained the memories of his life and the sadness that he could not erase.

He was born into a wealthy family. Even though he had a butler and two servants serving him, he almost died several times under the bullets shot by the American military in order to serve his country and wife.

When he finally returned to the country and before he could show off his skills, he was forced to leave the Space Academy and live an inhuman life. From the age of 28 to 35, the three sons and one daughter he had with his wife died one after another. They tasted the sorrow of the world.

Old Master Fu had enjoyed too much and thought all his retribution had fallen upon the shoulders of his children. There were a few times when he and his wife wanted to tie a hemp rope around their necks.

However, when they thought about how the country was in dire straits and there was nothing in space—missiles or satellites—they could not bear to leave. They just hugged their heads and cried several times. After crying, they would wipe their tears away. The couple continued to silently draw all kinds of blueprints and lived underground to complete the simplest experiments with the simplest materials.

The old man opened the photo album and looked at the photo of his wife who was seen smiling. He smiled at Li Jinnian and said, “Your grandmother was a beauty when she was young. There were too

many people who wanted to marry her. She had a cold temperament and had countless suitors overseas.”

Recalling his wife, the old man’s smile was soft, and his wise eyes sparkled with tears. “Your mother took after your grandmother, and so did you.”

“Ignorant? Grandpa, are you teasing me?” Li Jinnian was afraid that he would make the old man too sad, so he teased himself, saying, “If I’m ignorant, you’ll have to worry about me becoming a monk.”

The old gentleman laughed. “You’re not much different from a monk now, are you? You’re so young but you always have a cold face. Who wouldn’t be frightened when they see you?”

“When your mother was alive, she often told me that being young and mature was not a good thing. She was afraid that you would be too cold and easily disadvantaged. Your grandmother and I were also worried, but when we saw your intelligence later, we knew that our worries were all unnecessary.”

Chapter 2218: Wish They Would Be Safe

At the mention of his deceased daughter, the old man’s smile faded a lot. “Your mother was poor since she was young. It was your grandmother and me who mistreated her and let her die early.”

“If you say that, Mom would be sad if she were still alive.” Li Jinnian pursed his lips and looked at the old man calmly. “Mom never thought that you and Grandma treated her badly. If not for the two of you protecting her, I might not exist in this world.”

“Your mother was a sweetheart since she was a child.” The old man’s withered fingers gently caressed the photo of his daughter, who had been dead for almost 20 years. Tears already flickered in his eyes. “Your mother and uncle... suffered too much with us.”

Li Jinnian raised his hand and gently wiped the tears from the old man’s eyes. His grandfather and grandmother had gone through many sufferings, but they still contributed to the country without complaint. He admired them for that.

The old man and the old madam’s three sons and one daughter died one after another. When the old madam was 37 years old, she gave birth to another daughter, Fu Yu’an.

Life had just stabilized for less than two years before conflict arose again. Because the Fu family was suddenly reported to be harboring evil intentions, the Fu family, who finally had a place to live, found themselves in trouble again.

Old Master Fu’s youngest sister, who was also the only daughter of the Fu family, got married in a hurry. Half a year later, Old Master Fu handed his son, Fu Yusheng, who had just turned one month old, to his sister’s family. He originally thought that he would go back and pick him up after the period of unrest. Unexpectedly, his youngest son, Fu Yusheng, was handed over to his sister’s family where he was raised until he was four years old.

Later on, he lost contact with his sister's family, which meant he also lost contact with his son, Fu Yusheng. It was only when Fu Yusheng was 10 years old that they found him and brought him back.

"I named them Yu'an and Yusheng as a wish for them to be safe for the rest of their lives, but in the end, I failed at protecting them." The old man flipped through the photo album page by page. He saw his three sons and one daughter who had died early. His heart had always been heavy.

When he saw a handsome young man with sharp eyebrows and bright eyes, the old man's sigh seemed to be squeezed out from the depths of his chest. It was so heavy that the air froze.

"Jinnian, your uncle hasn't been home in four years. I don't know what's been happening lately, but I keep thinking about him." This was the only son who managed to grow up into an adult, and he was the only child who managed to survive. The old master's sleepy voice trembled a little. "... I wonder if I can hang on until he comes back."

With that, the old man coughed deeply. At that moment, his already hunched back bent even more and he looked even older.

Li Jinnian, who quickly stood up to calm the old man down, said in a low voice, "There's a problem with Uncle's work. He won't be able to come back even if he wants to. Don't worry, when Uncle's matter is over, he'll definitely rush back to see you."

Li Jinnian's uncle, Fu Yusheng, had followed in his father's footsteps. Now, he was working in missile research and development in a remote area of the country. It was normal for him not to return for three to five years.

The old man, whose health was deteriorating day by day, had been thinking about his only living son recently. Sometimes, he could look at Fu Yusheng's photo for the entire day.

Hearing this, Li Jinnian pursed his lips into a sharp line. His uncle couldn't be filial to his grandfather. As a junior, he had to help his elders resolve their problems. Ye Jian... he had to look for her again!

"Jinnian, if your maternal grandfather can't hold on long enough to wait for your uncle's return, you have to remember to continue looking for your aunt on behalf of your uncle and the Fu family. You have to find her. Even if... she's not alive, you have to find her family, do you understand?"

Chapter 2219: Too Big, Too Scary

"This is your grandmother's last wish. It'll also be your grandfather's last wish in the future. It's also your uncle's greatest wish in his life."

At this moment, the old man was feeling a little tired. He closed the yellowed photo album and sealed the memories again. He said to Li Jinnian, "I'll take this photo album. Don't look at it too much."

They were all bad memories, so why make things difficult for his only descendant?

“Rest for a while. Leave the search for Aunt to me.” Li Jinnian took a cushion from the cabinet and placed it on the tatami mat. He placed the pillow on it and carefully helped the old man lie down to rest. “Sleep. I’ll visit you later.”

He was going to look for Ye Jian now and expose this matter in front of Xia Jinyuan.

For the sake of the three generations of the Fu family, he had to go back to the hospital to look for Ye Jian. Even if she resisted, he still had to look for her!

In the hospital, Ye Jian lowered her eyes slightly and said, “...I didn’t admit it, nor do I want to admit it. It doesn’t matter to me if I know my biological father or not. I only know that my father passed away early. I don’t have a second father in this world.”

“Captain Xia, when Captain Li looks for you in the future, just reject him on my behalf. Tell him that he got the wrong person. The woman in the photo is not my mother.”

Her tone was very calm. This meant that things weren’t looking good. It meant that Ye Jian was suppressing her true feelings.

Xia Jinyuan found out that Ye Jian might be Li Jinnian’s cousin... The sudden news really frightened him.

There was no need to say anything else. Just Old Master Fu alone was not an ordinary person. Even if his old man were to see Old Master Fu, he would have to salute him!

This was because Old Master Fu was one of the founders of the country’s missiles, atomic bombs, and space satellites. That was why he had a ‘strategic missile’ that was one of the main symbols of a country’s comprehensive development ability in terms of strategic nuclear power and military science and technology!

Ye Jian probably didn’t know about this.

If Ye Jian was really the old man’s granddaughter... Thinking about this, Xia Jinyuan couldn’t help but sit up straight. His handsome face was unprecedentedly serious. “Ye Jian, do you know who Li Jinnian’s grandfather is?”

Ye Jian resisted Xia Jinyuan’s question from the bottom of her heart. However, his expression was exceptionally solemn. When he mentioned Li Jinnian’s grandfather, his tone was even more respectful. Ye Jian shook her head. “He didn’t mention it, so I’m not sure.”

“Mr. Fu Yiwei is Li Jinnian’s grandfather. There are many legends about this old man.” Staring into her eyes, Xia Jinyuan said slowly, “You’re not unfamiliar with the name, right?”

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How could it be unfamiliar?!

Ye Jian was shocked. Then, she immediately said, "Li Jinnian must have recognized the wrong person. I should have taken a good look at the young woman in the photo just now. I suspect that I saw it wrong. That's right, I must have seen it wrong! The woman in the photo just looks like my mother."

Needless to say, Li Jinnian must have mistaken her for someone else!

Seeing how anxious she was, Xia Jinyuan couldn't help but laugh. "I'm a little suspicious too. We have to figure this out. I'll call him and ask him to come over again."

"I'll call him." Ye Jian regretted being too impulsive.

Li Jinnian, who was rushing to the hospital, received a call from Ye Jian. After she finished speaking, he said calmly, "I'll be there in half an hour. Wait for me."

Mistaken? How was that possible?!

Chapter 2220: A Story, A Memory

After answering the call, Li Jinnian felt more confident about persuading Ye Jian to visit his grandfather.

If he had known that bringing up his grandfather's identity would be so useful and could shock Ye Jian, he would have brought it up when he first spoke. He would not have offended her.

Ye Jian put down her phone and said to Xia Jinyuan with lingering fear, "Fortunately, I didn't say anything overboard back then. I only said that he got the wrong person. It's lucky I don't have the habit of scolding people casually. If I had acted tough just now and said something insulting, I wouldn't have dared to ask for forgiveness."

It was too scary. She really did not expect Li Jinnian to be Old Master Fu's grandson, nor did she expect him to tell her a story from a long time ago that involved Old Master Fu.

Fortunately, she had suppressed the fire within her and did not say anything overboard. It was really fortunate...

Ye Jian patted her chest lightly. She was so nervous that she had to drink a large glass of cold water to suppress the lingering fear in her heart.

Old Master Fu, a hero who devoted himself to defense construction and led the country's missile and satellite research so that the country would no longer be threatened by other countries, was definitely not her grandfather.

It was too scary, way too scary. Her heart almost jumped out of her throat!

Seeing that she was so nervous, Xia Jinyuan smiled and didn't say anything.

Got the wrong person? Mistaken?

It was unlikely.

Little Fox was not an ordinary person. She was a special forces soldier who had undergone special training. She was a special forces soldier who could find her target accurately among thousands of photos. How could she be mistaken?

When he said that he was suspicious just now, it was mainly because he was too shocked. He had investigated in detail previously, so he subconsciously thought that Li Jinnian might have really mistaken her for someone else.

After calming down and thinking about it... It seemed unlikely that there was a mistake here.

Old Master Fu was a genius. His IQ crushed everyone else's, making the students around him feel that they were actually idiots.

It was the same for Ye Jian. She might have inherited his intelligence.

Xia Jinyuan just silently thought about it in his heart. He didn't tell Ye Jian.

She was already so nervous. If he said these words aloud, she would probably be so nervous that she wouldn't even want to meet Li Jinnian.

30 minutes later, Li Jinnian pushed open the ward door and walked to Ye Jian's side calmly.

Before she could speak, Ye Jian said, "Demon King, show me the photo again. I must have mistaken the person in the photo for someone else."

"You can look at the photo later. Let me tell you a story first." Li Jinnian moved a small round chair to the bed and sat down. His cold and steady eyes stared at Ye Jian as he told her an old story.

This was a story about Old Master Fu when he was young. He talked about what happened during those years as well as Old Master Fu's children who died young—Fu Yu'an and Fu Yusheng. These things made Ye Jian's heart ache.

It turned out that the old gentleman's life was so bumpy!

"...My uncle went to the army on a mission once and met a female soldier named Red Plum. My uncle quickly fell in love with her. Just as it was time to get married, my uncle was suddenly recalled and spent a year in solitary confinement."

Ye Jian's pupils constricted.

A sudden recall and a year of confinement... Her mother's diary did mention that the man she loved had suddenly disappeared without a word...

'Did... Did I make a mistake?

'Mom is really... really...' For a moment, Ye Jian's mind was a mess. She couldn't think properly.