

## Chapter 341: At Jindo City Waiting for You

Lu Xingzhi moved his mouth closer to her ears and spoke softly, "When I was born, a fortune teller said that I would live to ninety years old. He said that I would have an amazing mentor in my life, leading me to my success. Also, he said I would succeed in my career along with many beautiful kids and grandkids with my wife."

"Liar!" Jiang Yao cried.

Lu Xingzhi's heart melted. "Why don't you believe me? I thought you always wanted to give birth to our children? Once you graduate, we can have as many as you want!"

He continued, "Our children will have more children! Imagine this, a whole soccer team!"

Jiang Yao inhaled loudly. She did not want to tell Lu Xingzhi that the country would be passing a birth control act soon to limit the number of newborns.

"Dear, if you don't want to go back to school, how about going to Jindo City. Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao are there, they can help you," Lu Xingzhi said. "There is no one in the platoon that you know very well, I am scared you may get bored."

"Okay!" Jiang Yao agreed after a brief thought. Being at Jindo City meant that she would receive news faster. Plus, she could go and see Grandmother Liang in the hospital.

"Well, go and pack your bags." Lu Xingzhi was relieved. With Jiang Yao in Jindo City, there were plenty of people that could look after her, taking care of her and accompanying her in case she started overthinking out of boredom.

Lu Xingzhi did not have much time to dawdle. After packing their bags, they scurried down the stairs.

At the entrance gate to the platoon, Mrs. Lin was holding on to Colonel Lin. Her eyes were puffy and swollen, betraying the fact that she had cried for a long time.

"What's this?" Colonel Lin looked at Jiang Yao with her suitcase, confused as to what her plans were.

"Since we are going to Jindo City to meet with the rest of the cohort, I am sending my wife there as well. There are people that I trust who can take care of, and look after her when I am away." Lu Xingzhi briefly explained.

"Understood, let us go." Colonel Lin looked at Jiang Yao and her swollen eyes, knowing full well that she was not taking it any better than his own wife.

Colonel Lin sat on the passenger seat, while Lu Xingzhi sat behind with Jiang Yao. Mrs. Lin held on to the car door, her tears once again started flowing.

When the car finally started, Mrs. Lin did not want to let go of the car. She kept saying, "Darling, our kid and I will be waiting for you to come back. I will take care of him well; you have to come back!"

The tragic event that unfolded yesterday was still very much on everyone's mind.

"I will. Go back home now." Even a stoic man like Colonel Lin could not help but choke, seeing his wife in this state.

This was the most difficult mission to date, ever since he joined the military.

### **Chapter 342: Stay Alive**

The car was silent throughout the journey to Jindo City. The air was still, almost suffocating.

Lu Xingzhi held on tightly to Jiang Yao's hand, not letting go even for one second. It was not long before they arrived at the helipad. Jiang Yao could see Zhou Weiqi leaning on his car smoking a cigarette from afar.

"Colonel Lin, Captain Lu, we have arrived." The driver announced, breaking the silence. A few helicopters were parked on the helipad. Plenty of people were already waiting. He knew, all chosen to be in this rescue mission were the best among the best.

It was an extreme honor for soldiers from the Jin City platoon to be chosen. Yet, the lives of the soldiers would be the biggest concern for everyone from the platoon until they return.

"Jiang Yao." Colonel Lin straightened his beret and called out to Jiang Yao suddenly. "For the past few days, my wife has been talking to me about you. She told me that both of you are very compatible and have good chemistry. If anything happens to me this time, and I cannot make it back, please talk to her and be with her more."

Jiang Yao started crying after hearing that.

Lu Xingzhi raised his hand and wiped off her tears.

"Zhou Weiqi is waiting for you there, off you go." Lu Xingzhi said that, but his actions betrayed his words. He pulled Jiang Yao closer and hugged her tightly.

He never wanted to let her go.

"Xingzhi, listen! You must come back alive! I swear to you that I will do whatever I can to save you!"

"Yes." Lu Xingzhi nodded. "I promise that if I am dying, I will die in your arms."

"I will not let you die. Trust me, you will live! You told me yourself that the fortune teller said you would live to ninety years old. We will grow old together, surrounded by our children and grandchildren. I want to have four kids with you!"

Finishing her sentence, she pushed Lu Xingzhi away. Biting her lips, she wiped her tears off.

"Go! I will be waiting for you in Jindo City!" Jiang Yao said. She turned and looked at Colonel Lin and continued, "Colonel Lin, same to you! Come back here alive and I will do whatever I can to save you!"

She wanted Lu Xingzhi's companion to be safe. He still had a son waiting for him to return, the boy needs his father growing up.

"Although, I am quite a lazy person. It is best if both of you can return holding hands and in one piece. If you do not come back safely, me and Xingzhi are going to have four kids and I will have them bully your son every day!"

“Hold hands? Come on! I am not doing that with another man!” Colonel Lin felt a little lighthearted listening to Jiang Yao. He even managed to laugh a little. “My kid is already eight years old, where’s yours?”

Chapter 343: No Way

“Yes, your son is older, but he can’t go up against our little platoon!” Jiang Yao snorted, her tear-filled eyes were as red as a rabbit’s eyes, but she managed to pull a cocky face that made herself look intrigued and adorable.

“Yes, our little platoon can bully Colonel Lin’s little menace!” Lu Xingzhi added while caressing Jiang Yao’s head.

“Hey! My boy is not a menace!” Colonel Lin chided in an amused tone.

“He’s not?” Lu Xingzhi frowned suspiciously, his pretentiously confused expression was so surreal people would believe his suspicion. “Didn’t you complain to me about your little brat a few days ago?”

They teased each other for another two minutes until the sharp sound of a whistle echoed across the helipad as a signal for assembly. It also meant that it was time for them to be apart.

Jiang Yao and Zhou Weiqi watched from a distance as Lu Xingzhi and Colonel Lin boarded the helicopter, it took off, flew over their heads, flew further and further away until it disappeared from their sight.

“Jiang Yao, let’s go. They’ve been gone for more than half an hour, I bet they must have crossed the border by now.”

Zhou Weiqi threw the cigarette that he had only puffed twice on the floor and grinded it.

Jiang Yao sucked in a breath in surprise. She thought that she had only looked at the sky for a few minutes, but the fact was, half an hour had passed.

“So fast?” Jiang Yao did not know for sure whether she was referring to the time or the speed of the helicopter.

“Jiang Yao, let’s be housemates, stay with me at the house that Xingzhi gave me, okay? The house at Golden Harbor has many vacant rooms. If you feel bored, I’ll ask Yannie to keep you company, what say you?” Zhou Weiqi asked as he opened the car door for Jiang Yao.

“What do you want to eat for lunch? Do you want to eat at a restaurant on the way home or do you want to go home first and we’ll call for delivery?”

Jiang Yao regained her composure upon hearing Zhou Weiqi’s voice. She got into the car slowly as she replied, “We’ll just find a restaurant on the way to settle our lunch. I want to go to the hospital to visit Grandmother Liang after lunch.”

She lifted her gaze to the sky once again and looked at the direction the helicopter flew away in.

“That’s enough, you’re going to sprain your neck if you keep on looking up like that. He’ll probably be back in two days’ time, trust me,” Zhou Weiqi teased Jiang Yao to ease the mood and diverted the topic back to lunch. “What do you want to have for lunch? Xingzhi said that you like something mild-flavored,

how about Longteng? Did you like their food during your last visit? Was it good? They're going to expand Longteng into a resort, their revenue will be increased by multiple folds! I'll ask Xingzhi to discuss with our big brother to give me a VIP card so that I can go there to enjoy for free every day."

When he mentioned Lu Xingzhi's mission, his tone was casual and relaxed, as if he was talking about Lu Xingzhi going to the market to do some shopping.

"No way~" Jiang Yao shook her head. "Your big brother has to raise three kids, your brother Xingzhi has to raise four, they're going to have a very heavy financial burden."

Zhou Weiqi looked askance at Jiang Yao. Should he send her back to the base and leave her there alone?

In the end, they did not go to Longteng. The restaurant was too far away from the hospital. They stopped at a small beef noodle shop nearby for a simple lunch, bought some fruits and supplements at a nearby convenience store, and went straight to the hospital.

At this moment, only Liang Yueze and Luo Ruoran were at the hospital, the others had gone home to rest. They did not want anything to happen to the rest of the family at a critical moment like this, so Mrs. Liang and her eldest daughter-in-law went home to get some rest and would swap with Liang Yueze and his wife at night.

"Hey, you're here," Liang Yueze greeted Zhou Weiqi and Jiang Yao with slight surprise when he saw them. He knew that Lu Xingzhi sent Jiang Yao to Jindo City, but he did not expect them to come to the hospital right away.

#### **Chapter 344: Visit Grandmother Liang**

Lu Xingzhi should have just left, which meant that Jiang Yao came straight to the hospital after sending him off, they had not even gone to their residence yet.

"She wants to come to the hospital first so she asked me to take her here," Zhou Weiqi replied as he glanced at Luo Ruoran, the newlywed. He was quite distressed to see her so exhausted. They grew up together, after all, he was closer to her than he was with his own sisters.

"I thank you on behalf of Grandma," Luo Ruoran hugged Jiang Yao and uttered. "We know about Xingzhi too."

Hence, they did not know what else to say except thank you.

If Lu Xingzhi had no intention of joining the mission, the Liang family had the power and influence in their hands to remove him from it, Liang Yueze and Mr. Liang tried to persuade him to reconsider it, but he insisted that he wanted to rescue General Liang by all means.

The buddies did not even dare to imagine if something were to happen to Lu Xingzhi in this mission.

The Lu family had a son and a daughter. In the South, it was accustomed that the son was always the one to carry on the family line. Jiang Yao was still so young, they were starting to warm up to each other, and they had no children yet.

The Liang family did hope that they could send someone who was capable and trustworthy to join the rescue mission, but, contradictorily, they did not want Lu Xingzhi to go.

Everyone was selfish in some ways. Similar to the Liang family, Lu Xingzhi bore the same objective—his top and only priority was General Liang and no one else. If he could only rescue one person among so many hostages, he would choose to rescue his and his buddies' family.

Of course, the best option would be to rescue every single one of them. They would do their best in this mission with any chance they could grasp.

"Same goes to you guys for looking after Grandma Liang. She is a nice woman, I'm sure she will wake up anytime soon," Jiang Yao offered a word of comfort to Luo Ruoran.

She could see that Luo Ruoran was different from the daughters-in-law of other families. Frankly speaking, the adults of the Liang family watched Luo Ruoran grow from a girl to an elegant young lady. Her concern for her in-laws had exceeded the passion a usual daughter-in-law would give to her husband's family.

No one knew General Liang's current status, and now, Grandmother Liang was at the hospital. Although she was resuscitated, Zhou Weiqi told her that even the doctors were not sure when she would regain consciousness, they could not even be certain if she could wake up at all.

Luo Ruoran must be in so much stress right now.

Zhou Weiqi and Liang Yueze left the ward to talk outside while Jiang Yao and Luo Ruoran stayed behind in the ward. Lying on the bed, Grandmother Liang looked nothing like the high-spirited and cheerful lady she was at the wedding banquet the other day. Her face was as pale as a sheet of lifeless paper, her breathing was shallow and slow.

Jiang Yao picked up the medical record and scrutinized it gingerly. Luo Ruoran found her actions odd but she did not say anything or even stop her.

Many people had come to the hospital the past few days, but Jiang Yao was the only one who looked at the medical record so seriously. Luo Ruoran recalled that Jiang Yao was a medical student. In an instant, she could feel as if a doctor's spirit was superimposed over Jiang Yao, especially when the tiny frown appeared as she was studying the file.

She was sure that those who did not know her would treat her as a doctor in plainclothes when they witnessed such a scene.

Grandmother Liang had a history of high blood pressure, the sudden shock triggered an increase in blood pressure that resulted in a sudden cerebral hemorrhage. Although she was sent to the hospital in time for treatment, her old age and the current medical technology that was not as advanced as a decade later made her case very tricky and complex.

### **Chapter 345: Two of a Kind**

"Admin, scan and copy the patient's model into the laboratory," Jiang Yao commanded the system admin. It was one of the many useful functions in the laboratory where she could scan an actual patient's body and copy it into the laboratory as a model so that she could utilize the replicated model for treatment experiments whenever she was available.

Jiang Yao recalled that there was a set of acupuncture methods in the traditional Chinese medicine system that was very useful for Grandmother Liang's condition. She could test it on the patient model first to see if it would work before she tried it on the real patient. If she were to succeed, she would quietly treat Grandmother Liang to help her regain consciousness sooner.

"Scan and copy completed." The voice of the system admin sounded after a few seconds, indicating the rapid processing time of the system.

Jiang Yao put the medical record back in place after the comment. She was disguising her contact with the system by looking at the record, otherwise, the others would have thought that she was in a daze just now.

Outside the ward, Liang Yueze was asking Zhou Weiqi how Jiang Yao had been doing ever since Lu Xingzhi left. He nodded when he learned that Jiang Yao was in a stable state and asked Zhou Weiqi to keep a close eye on Jiang Yao before they entered the ward.

"Jiang Yao, go home with Weiqi first. You came to Jindo in such a hurry, just tell him if you need anything, he'll get them ready for you. There's nothing much to do here anyway, so go home and get some rest," Liang Yueze said. He glanced at Luo Ruoran after a slight pause and said, "Xiao Ran, let Weiqi send you home to rest too."

"Nah, I can't sleep even if I go home." Luo Ruoran shook her head and then urged Zhou Weiqi and Jiang Yao to go home.

"Just let Ruoran keep you company here," Zhou Weiqi added before calling for Jiang Yao and leaving the hospital together.

The house Lu Xingzhi gave to Zhou Weiqi was a bit far away from the hospital. The Golden Harbor was nestled within the most expensive district in Jindo City, every vehicle that went in and out of the district was monitored strictly. Zhou Weiqi introduced Jiang Yao to nearby shops and restaurants while taking the luggage upstairs.

The house came with three bedrooms and two halls with exquisite interior decorations. However, as soon as they entered the house, Zhou Weiqi hastily tidied up the things he had thrown on the floor in a panic.

"Jiang Yao, here, walk this way~ When Xingzhi told me that you're going to live here, I was busy with my work outside and haven't had time to tidy up the place. Go to the bedroom and get some rest, I'll put my things away very quickly."

The corner of Jiang Yao's lips twitched in amusement as she glanced at the beer bottles, snacks, and clothes he left hanging all over the sofa. He was not busy with anything, but this was the scene of someone who was messy.

Fortunately, her second elder brother was a messy person too so she was used to it.

Whenever she was at home, she could hear her parents whine and nag at him about not making his bed and cleaning his room, it was like their daily routine. Mischievously, Jiang Yao imagined what it would be like if Zhou Weiqi and her brother lived together for a month. The outcome would be very spectacular!

They were two of a kind!

Luckily, Zhou Weiqi only messed up the area where he lived, the other two unoccupied rooms were very clean and tidy. Jiang Yao made the bed in her room while Zhou Weiqi was cleaning his mess in the living room. He was done mopping the floor when she had finished sorting out her luggage.

From the looks of it, despite his messy habit, he was very quick and efficient in cleaning up.

“Weiqi, I want to take a nap, how about you?” Jiang Yao asked as she leaned against the door, watching Zhou Weiqi mop the floor in the living room, his shirt sleeves rolled up to his elbow.

### **Chapter 346: You’ll Cook**

“Go ahead and sleep! Later, I’ll drop by my office to show my face for a while. On the way back, I’ll go to the supermarket to buy some groceries. Then, I’ll call Xuyao and Haoyu to join us for dinner,” Zhou Weiqi uttered without turning back while wiping the sweat on his forehead.

To buy some groceries at the supermarket?

Jiang Yao blinked in a daze. “But, I don’t know how to cook.”

After a pause, she quickly added again, “You’ll cook?”

“Yes! Of course!” Zhou Weiqi nodded and chuckled. “Xingzhi doesn’t even let you cook, how can I ask you to do it? If I ever let you into the kitchen, he will skin me alive when he finds out about it!”

Jiang Yao nodded, agreeing to what he said. Indeed, Lu Xingzhi did not want her to step into the kitchen at all. He would cook and wash the dishes himself. He would do his own laundry if he had the time and never left it to her to do it.

In fact, he would even do her laundry when he sees her clothes lying around.

Looking at Zhou Weiqi’s swift effort in mopping the floor, Jiang Yao felt that he was very efficient at house chores when he was serious, he must be very good at cooking too, so she went back to her room at ease.

When Jiang Yao lay on the bed, she curled her lips into a gentle smile when she heard his obvious attempt at lowering the noise he was making when mopping in the living room. He was probably going slower so that she could take the nap she needed. She could feel the genuine kindness and care Lu Xingzhi’s buddies were giving her, that they took her as their own to take care of.

Thus, she suddenly understood Lu Xingzhi’s authentic intention toward his buddies, he was genuinely sincere and devoted, like they were related by blood.

Jiang Yao spent the whole afternoon working in the laboratory of the system.

Jiang Yao had a very good memory since she was young. When she went through the theoretical library of the traditional Chinese medicine briefly, she remembered seeing an acupuncture treatment method for induced coma from sudden cerebral hemorrhage due to high blood pressure. Hence, she quickly browsed through the library and retrieved the method.

The acupuncture treatment method required a modest pairing with Chinese medicine. Thankfully, Jiang Yao was very quick in making the medicine now, so after the medicine had been boiled, she poured it in a small glass bottle. She spent the rest of the time on acupuncture.

Perhaps, for people who lacked patience, spending four hours doing the same thing over and over again would be a torment, but it was not the case for Jiang Yao.

She took a very serious attitude in finding the right neurohormonal pathways and needles she put on the body because she knew that although she was working on a virtual patient model now, she would have to face the real patient when she exited the system.

The virtual patient model was not alive, but once she exited the laboratory, she had to face a living human. Thus, she took four hours of training very seriously. She did not allow herself to slack, be careless, or cause any mistakes to happen.

The time she spent in the laboratory seemed to be running at a different pace. She would not even know that it was getting late if it were not for the knock on the door.

It was Zhou Weiqi calling her for dinner. She put on her jacket and pulled open the curtains only to realize that it was dark outside. It was almost seven o'clock now.

Once she got out of the bedroom, she realized that not only Xuyao had come, but Lu Xingzhi was the only one absent among his buddies who came for dinner tonight.

"Jiang Yao, come, sit! I've prepared quite a lot of dishes tonight, so I took a longer time than expected."

Zhou Weiqi was still wearing a black-and-white checkered apron that shredded the flippant off him but added an expression of a lovely live-in guy's temperament.

### **Chapter 347: Is It Classified**

Luo Ruoran handed Jiang Yao a bowl and a pair of chopsticks after she was seated and said, "Among us, Weiqi's culinary skill is the best, but he doesn't cook often, the lazy dog."

"I take it as a compliment," Zhou Weiqi said with a coy smile and sat in the vacant seat beside Jiang Yao. He crossed his legs and shook it mischievously while looking at Liang Yueze on the opposite, "Hey, Ruoran, aren't you afraid that so-and-so will be jealous of you praising me?"

The so-and-so was naturally the guy sitting next to Luo Ruoran who twitched his lips in slight disdain when Luo Ruoran praised Zhou Weiqi.

During dinner, someone brought up Lu Xingzhi's mission so Gu Haoyu said, "I heard that someone from the Chen family also participated in the mission."

Jiang Yao slammed her bowl and chopsticks down, exasperated. "The Chen family? Is it Chen Feitang?"

"Who else can it be other than her? I heard that she eagerly volunteered to join," Luo Ruoran snorted. She wanted to blurt out that Chen Feitang volunteered for her death mission, but Lu Xingzhi was in the same mission as well, she could not say it out loud.



Honestly, she felt that Chen Feitang had signed up for a death mission, but she was praying that Lu Xingzhi could return safely.

Jiang Yao was taken aback. "I thought that it was a direct order from the superiors, I didn't know that they could volunteer to join."

If she knew it, she would definitely volunteer as well!

Although she could not participate in the operation, the rescue team always needed a physician to stand by, did they not? If she had known that she could have volunteered, she would have applied as a doctor and stayed one step closer to Lu Xingzhi.

However, she could not help but sigh again as her thoughts wandered on.

Her hands were tied despite her eagerness.

She was just a freshman now, not the excellent doctor with zero error records in her ten-year career before rebirth.

She was like a superhero with secret superpowers now that no one would and could believe. She even had to find a way to get rid of the Liang family for the treatment she planned for Grandmother Liang the next day.

She needed to be strong and powerful! She was hoping that one day, if this kind of thing were to happen again, she would be able to stand with Lu Xingzhi and face it together. He would be at the front line, surging and charging with all his might, while she stayed at the rescue and support team to assist and take care of him, and get rid of his worries.

"General Chen was on the list of hostages, that's why they approved her application. I bet that they approved for the sake of the Chen family. It is very unlikely for her to join the front line mission, she will most probably stay at the command team."

Ever since they were in college, Chen Feitang's admiration for Lu Xingzhi was very obvious and apparent. However, her personality was slightly more likable than her cousin, Chen Feibai, she never really expressed her feelings for Lu Xingzhi either, so everyone pretended that they did not know anything about it.

"What is the reason behind the kidnapping anyway?" Jiang Yao felt that this group of buddies could easily find out the motives based on their limitless network and connections.

Sure enough, Zhou Weiqi cursed out loud upon the question.

"It's all because of the greed from the higher-ups!" Zhou Weiqi cursed, "The other side was forced to go to this extent to get their things back!"

Jiang Yao was getting more and more confused. She still could not understand anything from what he said.

"You have to keep it as a secret to the outsiders, right?" Jiang Yao asked tentatively, "If you can't say anything about it, just forget it."

“Are there any outsiders sitting here?” Gu Haoyu asked with a smile.

### **Chapter 348: You Like Her**

Jiang Yao’s heart was immediately warmed by the rhetorical question. Indeed, this piece of information must be withheld from outsiders, but for them, she was not an outsider, she was one of them.

Gu Haoyu smiled at Jiang Yao and explained, “The hostage-taker is an organization called G, they’ve been known for committing arms trafficking, they also have a research lab for weapons. Not long ago, a mole infiltrated their research lab and stole the classified documents and all the materials from their lab. After investigation, G found out that the mole was an undercover agent sent by the allied countries, in fact, they were not alone, and all these moles came from those countries.”

Gu Haoyu’s voice was soft and monotonous, but even his mild tone could not suppress the seriousness of this matter and it still sent a shock wave that rumbled Jiang Yao’s heart.

“The undercover agents were pursued and killed by G, but two of them managed to escape and brought with them the documents from the research lab that G had no backup for in their organization. They have been tracking down these moles for a long time and the meeting attracted their attention. Then, as you know, the hijacking and the hostage situation occurred.”

“The countries have no talent in creating weapons so they hatched an evil plan when they found out about the new weapons from G’s research lab—God knows how they knew about it—and stole it from them. G just wants to take back what’s theirs and also get some revenge, that’s all,” Chen Xuyao said sarcastically while spreading his hands indifferently.

“G requested that the research results be returned as well as the undercover professor who took the documents, and they will release all the hostages unharmed.”

“Their requests are very simple and straightforward but those allied countries refuse to cooperate! They want to use forceful means to fight back! For them, human lives are not as valuable as some pieces of paper!” Zhou Weiqi gritted his teeth in dismay. “If I were the leader of G, I would take it out on the hostages and kill them all! If I can’t take back my own things, I’ll throw some bombs and destroy those allied countries! Why do I still have to show them mercy when they treat me so badly? We’ll all go down together! Compared with the loss of several countries, G is on the winning side!”

Zhou Weiqi was criticizing and insulting his own country through his crude remarks, but truth be told, the allied countries were the ones at fault.

Since they could not invent powerful and high-end weapons, why did they not just make a deal with G like in the old days and purchase it from them? Why did they have to make such a crooked move?

Suddenly, Zhou Weiqi shook his head and sighed. “I have a colleague in my office, adorable young lady, she has an older brother and a younger brother, both are soldiers. Her elder brother died while pursuing drug dealers at the border a few years ago. Her younger brother died because of this mission, a twenty-year-old kid, so young. I saw it with my own eyes, when she received the call at the office, she fainted right there and then. I heard that her brother was blown to pieces in this mission.”

The more he said, the deeper his tone was. “When I went to the hospital to visit her, she and her old parents were hugging each other and wailing woefully, it was such a heartbreaking scene. The girl is very

adorable, her eyes sparkle like bright stars when she smiles, and the dimples, the sharp and tiny canine teeth, so cute.”

“You like her,” Luo Ruoran’s abrupt voice echoed across the dining table, bursting the imaginary bubble in Zhou Weiqi’s heart.

Zhou Weiqi sucked in a breath, he was genuinely surprised, and suddenly fell silent. Obviously, Luo Ruoran had spoken the deep secret he hid in his heart.

### **Chapter 349: Zhou Weiqi’s Family**

“If you like her, make your move~” Chen Xuyao kicked Zhou Weiqi’s leg under the table. “When did you become so indecisive? It’s the 21st century, one-sided crush is so outdated~”

“Nah, forget it, it’s better to leave the girl out of the disastrous Zhou family,” Zhou Weiqi managed a bitter smirk. “Even I don’t like the Zhou family, so why bother dragging the girl into the depths of living hell? She is more suitable for a carefree and comfortable life.”

For a moment, everyone at the dining table fell silent. However, they interpreted from Zhou Weiqi’s tone that his feelings for the girl were genuine.

Among the buddies, Zhou Weiqi’s family background was the most complicated and unusual. Although the parents of some of them were not affectionate, they were at least respectful of each other.

Unfortunately, Zhou Weiqi’s background was too unique and peculiar. It was the treacherous ambiance of the Zhou family that forced him to live well on his own. It was because of his family that he was great at cooking as well as his bohemian lifestyle.

It was true that Zhou Weiqi liked the girl, but it was also normal for him to be unwilling to let the girl suffer in the Zhou family because of him.

“Weiqi, are you planning to spend the rest of your life rotting in that office of yours?” Liang Yueze scooped half a bowl of soup to Luo Ruoran before he stopped what he was doing and said to Zhou Weiqi in a serious tone, “In my opinion, you’ve tolerated and endured them for more than a decade, it’s enough already. You never fight for anything, why would they even stop you from going out and making your own name? That woman in your family is truly something, making you stay in the office for the rest of your life. Weiqi, cut ties with the Zhou family and start anew on your own. Think about it.”

“Yes, I agree with him.” Gu Haoyu put down his chopsticks and pushed up the glasses on the bridge of his nose. “We’ll have your back, just get away from your family and start anew, you won’t end up so miserably. You have Brother Liang if you want to go into politics, you have me if you want to do business.”

“In my opinion, you should have entered the army right after graduating from the military academy like Xingzhi. Look at him, he spent his time at the lowest rank for so many years, he will be honored a promotion after his impressive mission before National Day. I’m sure when he comes back from this mission, his promotion will sail smoothly!” Luo Ruoran added.

“You like her so much and you don’t want her to live a miserable life in the Zhou family with you, right? Then, cut your ties from the family already. Then, she won’t have a chance to be tormented by the Zhou

family if you guys are together in the future. Don't tell me that you're afraid that you can't support yourself and your wife without the Zhou family!"

"Brother," Chen Xuyao called out. This was the first time he addressed Zhou Weiqi as a brother in such a serious tone. Zhou Weiqi was a week older than him, so in terms of seniority in their brotherhood, the immature and childish Zhou Weiqi was literally one rank higher than he was. He was not happy with it, so he always called him either 'hey' or his full name, but, at this moment, he was sincere.

He patted Zhou Weiqi on the shoulder and said, "With the brothers around, even if you fail in the end, they are willing to support you, as long as you have the courage to make up your mind to go against the Zhou family!"

"Damn you! Don't you dare look down on me, I'm still older than you! If I want to go out and try my luck, I'll be a godlike figure in no time!" Zhou Weiqi punched Chen Xuyao's hand on his shoulder lightly.

From his reaction, the rest of the people understood that he still could not make up his mind. After all, he had sworn an oath, in front of his mother no less.

The dining hall fell silent again. Zhou Weiqi sensed that the atmosphere was a little stiff and stale and wanted to start a new topic, but a sudden thought struck his mind when he saw his phone on the table.

"Jiang Yao!" Zhou Weiqi slapped his forehead. "You were taking a nap in the afternoon, I nearly forgot to tell you about this!"

### **Chapter 350: The Investigation**

Zhou Weiqi wanted to talk about the thing that Lu Xingzhi asked him to investigate.

"I received a call at noon, it's about Sun Cuimei!" Zhou Weiqi grinned sheepishly.

Jiang Yao knew that Sun Cuimei was Mrs. Ge's full name. She quickly asked, "What is it?"

She was getting even more curious as Zhou Weiqi did not answer her question, instead he gave a sheepish grin so she urged again, "Hey, don't leave me hanging, just spill the beans already!"

Mrs. Ge was considered a newcomer in the base, so only Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao who always frequented the base knew about her existence, but Chen Xuyao did not know Mrs. Ge's real name, so he asked curiously for more details.

"Sun Cuimei is Sergeant Ge's wife. A few days ago, they had a big fight and she left the base. Everyone thought that she ran back to her hometown but someone saw her coming out of a motel with another man in Jin City. They also saw them kissing passionately when they got into their car. The next thing we know, she came back to the base to ask for a divorce," Jiang Yao explained in a rapid tone before shifting her gaze back at Zhou Weiqi again.

There was a hint of pride on Zhou Weiqi's face as he glanced at the curious looks on everyone's faces. He cleared his throat and slowly started, "The man who came in and out of the motel with Sun Cuimei is not a rich guy, but a pimp!"

A pimp?

The noun was like a loud slap that was hurled across Jiang Yao's head. With her eyes opened wide, she blinked and stared in a daze.

The truth was too shocking for her!

"The man's nickname is Lao Tie, he borrowed the car from his rich friend in order to deceive foolish and naive women. He is easily bored by his flings, then he will introduce the women to other men and make a small profit from pimping these women out." Zhou Weiqi clicked his tongue in amusement. "I bet Mrs. Ge will be pimped in no time. Sooner or later, she will be like the girls in the Red Light District, whoever pays her gets to sleep with her."

"What if Mrs. Ge doesn't want to? Lao Tie can't force her to do so, right?" Jiang Yao frowned.

"Jiang Yao, you're still very green to the real world." Zhou Weiqi shook his head. "Sergeant Ge and Mrs. Ge are divorced now, she has no place to go to except being with her family. However, her family won't take her in since she divorced her husband because of adultery. Furthermore, Lao Tie is a sweet talker, he is very good at coaxing women and bringing these foolish women to experience and enjoy an extravagant lifestyle. There's a saying that goes, 'It is easy for you to adapt to it if your living condition ascends from economical to luxurious; conversely, that becomes hard.' After experiencing such a lavish lifestyle, do you think she will go back to her poor family and suffer a life of torment? She can't go home, she can't go to the Ge family, what else can she do besides earning money from selling her body?"

Zhou Weiqi chuckled knowingly after saying that. "I don't think you and Xingzhi should stir your fingers in this matter. Mrs. Ge will get a dose of her own medicine sooner or later. There's nothing we can do about Lao Tie either, it's a doing of two consenting adults. From what I heard, he has never forced anyone to do anything against their will before. Those women are willing or even happy to be pimped."

Jiang Yao finally realized that the sinister part of the world was still an unfamiliar portion that she was rather clueless about.

She imagined a lot of possibilities and situations. She thought that Mrs. Ge might have been deceived by a casanova who was somehow rich, but what Zhou Weiqi said tonight never ever crossed her mind.

As Zhou Weiqi stated, she and Lu Xingzhi should keep themselves away from this matter from now on. Mrs. Ge made her own decision, and she had to bear the consequences, whatever might come.