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Chapter 2271: Intentional

Durian was number one on his blacklist, and that ointment was number two. Lu Xingzhi would rather have a faint scar on his face than reapply that ointment.

"I've thought about it; having an obvious scar on my face is not good." Lu Xingzhi almost believed himself because of that.

Lu Xingzhi suddenly found the scar on his face unpleasant because Jiang Yao had just said that she also liked that singer. Lu Xingzhi had seen the singer's photo, and he was fair and clean. His face was so clean that there was not even an extra mole.

She assumed Lu Xingzhi meant that if he had a scar on his face, it would affect his future missions. After all, a scar on his face would quickly draw the attention of others. People would most likely remember that feature of his face at a glance.

The ointment did have an unpleasant odor. Even Jiang Yao, who created it, could not stand the smell. She immediately washed her hands with soap after applying the ointment to Lu Xingzhi's face.

Lu Xingzhi was up to no good. He hugged her and kissed her in the bathroom for a long time before he let go of her and led her back to the living room.

Jiang Yao's face flushed. It was not because she was shy; instead, it was because she was angry.

Lu Xingzhi must have done it on purpose. That was probably how he felt after she forced a kiss on him after she had not brushed her teeth after eating the durian.

Jiang Yao had recently enjoyed doing that. When Lu Xingzhi gave her a durian, she divided it into several portions. She did not brush her teeth after eating it but instead drew Lu Xingzhi into the room and forced a kiss on him. She laughed so hard that she could not even straighten her back when she saw Lu Xingzhi about to vomit after the kiss.

Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao's hand, and just as they sat on the sofa, Jiang Lei quickly covered his nose and mumbled, "Which one of you smells so bad?"

Lu Xingzhi glanced at Jiang Lei indifferently and did not say anything. On the other hand, Jiang Yao said mischievously, "Did someone fart?"

After saying that, she deliberately looked at Lu Xingzhi for a few seconds. Jiang Yao felt bored because he did not change his expression and had no intention of defending

himself. After a while, she sat beside Lu Xingzhi obediently. Then she leaned on Lu Xingzhi like a spineless worm.

The three of them sat in the living room and watched TV. Jiang Yao's phone rang several times in the room, but no one heard it. It was not until Mrs. Jiang passed by the bedroom that she called out to Jiang Yao.

"Oh," Jiang Yao replied and immediately went to push Lu Xingzhi's hand, which was holding her waist. "I'll go to the room to get my phone."

Lu Xingzhi pushed her back to her seat. "I'll go get it. Don't move around."

Lu Xingzhi would definitely hold Jiang Yao tightly by his side as long as she sat on the sofa, just in case she made the dangerous move of crossing her legs and leaning over to get something.

"Who is it?" Jiang Yao reached for the phone without looking away from the exciting scene on TV.

"Du Chen." Lu Xingzhi pressed the answer button, put the phone next to Jiang Yao's ear, and sat down next to her..

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Chapter 2272: No Need

"Are you busy?" That was the third time Du Chen had called before she picked up. Therefore, Du Chen was worried that his call would affect Jiang Yao's day.

However, he remembered that Lu Xingzhi had been resting at home, and Jiang Yao did not attend university either.

"No, you can just tell me directly." Jiang Yao knew Du Chen's character. He would not call her unless it were absolutely necessary.

"There is something," Du Chen said. "Someone came to me and said he wanted to see the person who helped me treat my leg. He asked me to pass on the message that as long as the doctor can help him treat the patient, the doctor can dictate any conditions."

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Everyone in Jindo City knew that the young master of the Du family would forever be a cripple who could only sit in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. However, Du Chen abruptly stood up one day. He took his rightful place in front of everyone, raised his head proudly, and was crowned the Du family's new head of the family.

Some people suspected that Du Chen had pretended to be disabled in the past, but Du Chen had seen many doctors. Those doctors could prove that Du Chen's condition was not an act. So, later on, everyone said that a miracle had appeared.

Many people in Jindo City knew that the Du family had asked the Divine Doctor to treat Du Chen's leg because of their relationship with the Liang and Zhou families.

However, when someone later asked about the Divine Doctor, Du Chen did not answer them. He did not admit or deny it.

"Do you know who that person is?" Jiang Yao did not feel that she lacked anything then. In addition, she was pregnant and easily tired, so whether she helped or not depended on her personal preferences. She wanted to find out who that person was to see if she could actually help them.

"It's the organization's current leader," Du Chen said. "The person who came to me was not him but one of his confidants. So, it means that you can make a request to that organization. Maybe you can use this opportunity to make the other party hand over Qian Yunen.

"It's unlikely that they will hand over Qian Yunen whole and hale. However, even if they hand over a Qian Yunen who can't speak or write, or even a dead Qian Yunen, it can be considered a closure to some people." It was because of the other party's unique background that Du Chen repeatedly called Jiang Yao to inform her of that news as soon as possible. "This is a rare opportunity." Jiang Yao despised Qian Yunen for what he did to Zhou Xiaoxia's family.

Lu Xingzhi gave that answer. He was close to Jiang Yao and deliberately stuck close to her, so Lu Xingzhi could hear everything that Du Chen said on the phone clearly.

"Reject it. I won't let her take any risks." After Lu Xingzhi said that, he hung up the call and held the phone in his hand. Seeing that Jiang Yao did not say anything, Lu Xingzhi said, "I won't let you agree to it. Capturing Qian Yunen has nothing to do with you. That is our concern, as well as the concern of our country.. "

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Chapter 2273: Starting To Feel Annoyed

Jiang Yao nodded. It was indeed impossible for her to agree. After all, she did not understand the temperament of the person in charge of that organization and how much trust they had in her.

Most importantly, she had successfully removed the Divine Doctor's identity. She did not want to draw too much attention to herself.

The news that the Divine Doctor's student had taken over her position would only draw more attention to her. It would be dangerous for her and her family, just like those who used unethical means to entice the Divine Doctor back then.

"It appears that Master Cheng's previous investigation was correct," Jiang Yao said. "Master Cheng had previously said that the former boss of that organization was not dead but rather severely injured. He reasoned that with his health, he was incapable of taking care of things, so he let his adopted son sit in his place. And that adopted son of his admired his adopted father and has been plotting ways to cure him."

A godfather who was as grateful as a mountain was more important to the person in power than a successor who was not unique.

Therefore, if Jiang Yao were willing to accept that deal, it would not be difficult for her to take Qian Yunen's life.

Du Chen was not a low-key figure in Jindo City. Furthermore, he was a disabled person who had miraculously transformed into a normal person capable of jumping. It was difficult for Du Chen not to draw attention to himself.

Fortunately, Du Chen was not the type of person who would abandon his loyalty for the sake of profit. He did not say anything about her.

For Lu Xingzhi, the goal for their country was not just Qian Yunen but an organization that was constantly growing and could endanger the people at any time.

Jiang Lei, who was standing by the side, was dazed. Only then did he realize that Lu Xingzhi's profession was too scary.

Jiang Lei did not interrupt the couple's conversation. He was texting Lu Xiaoxiao. Even after texting for more than 30 minutes, Lu Xiaoxiao did not bother to reply to him. Then he called Lu Xiaoxiao's assistant, asking what Lu Xiaoxiao was up to then. Jiang Lei was furious when he heard Lu Xiaoxiao's assistant say that Lu Xiaoxiao was learning to sing from the new singer. He threw his phone into a corner and gritted his teeth, waiting for Lu Xiaoxiao to respond to his message. He also wanted to drag it out for half an hour before responding to her so she could feel like a lowly person!

After Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi finished their business, they changed the topic. Lu Xingzhi was discussing with Jiang Yao about her return to university.

Lu Xingzhi had Mrs. Jiang to care for him at home, so he did not need Jiang Yao to accompany him all day long.

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Lu Xingzhi's first thought was that he would not be able to see his wife for an entire day. It was difficult for him to accept the opportunity to spend the whole day at home with Jiang Yao. If Jiang Yao were not at home during the day, it would be even more difficult for him to endure the time at home.

"Aren't you going to continue watching me at home? Aren't you worried I'll use your absence as an opportunity to train again?" Lu Xingzhi thought for a moment, and his expression suddenly changed.. Then, he asked solemnly, "Tell me, honestly, are you starting to feel annoyed because you've been spending every day with me recently?"

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Chapter 2274: I Didn't Forget

"You'd go back on your words?" Jiang Yao slowly raised her head and looked at Lu Xingzhi, who had a disapproving look on his face. "What did you say to me before you were discharged? Hmm? What did you promise me?"

"I didn't forget it." Lu Xingzhi changed his sitting posture and raised his eyebrows. He thought about how Zhou Junmin secretly ridiculed him for not being good at coaxing people. In fact, Jiang Yao did not seem to be doing much better.

"It's good that you remember." Jiang Yao pinched Lu Xingzhi's arm. "Mom will be watching you at home. If you don't listen to her, I'll give you an injection every day and let you sleep until I come home."

Jiang Yao stood up with a smile and returned to her bedroom to gather the items she needed to return to university the next day. Lu Xingzhi sat there, savoring the words Jiang Yao said. He pondered whether Jiang Yao's words reflected a dislike for his age.

Even though Lu Xingzhi did not explicitly agree to Jiang Yao's return to university, he did not show much emotion to Jiang Yao when she mentioned that she would do that.

Four people were sitting at the dining table, including Jiang Lei, who had just arrived. The dining table was especially lively because of Jiang Lei's witty tongue. It was the sound of Jiang Lei arguing with Jiang Yao when Jiang Yao had had enough.

Jiang Lei and Jiang Yao were siblings who had grown up like that since they were young. It was rare to see such a scene after Jiang Yao got married. Therefore, Mrs. Jiang only felt nostalgic when she saw the lively scene and did not scold them.

Lu Xingzhi had never seen Jiang Yao look like a child who had not grown up. Although Jiang Yao would occasionally act coquettishly with him, there was still a difference in their interactions. As a result, Jiang Yao was arguing with

Jiang Lei while Lu Xingzhi was filling Jiang Yao's bowl. She did not forget to eat while arguing with her brother. She would eat whatever was in the bowl as long as it was edible. Jiang Yao only realized she had eaten too much when Jiang Lei fled with his tail between his legs, admitting defeat.

Jiang Yao scowled at Lu Xingzhi as she remembered how he had been picking up food for her all morning. "Are you feeding the pigs?"

Lu Xingzhi was baffled by the accusation. He did not realize someone had eaten too much until he saw Jiang Yao rubbing her stomach. He leaned over and rubbed Jiang Yao's stomach in amusement, but he did not withdraw his hand until Jiang Yao's phone rang. Big Ke and Ah Lu had arrived at the entrance.

Jiang Lei was Jiang Yao's brother and Colonel Lu's brother-in-law. He was dressed elegantly. In addition, he was wearing a brand new watch. Therefore, when the siblings walked out of the house, many people surrounded them and greeted them.

Many of them came to see Jiang Lei. Most had female relatives, and they wanted to know if Jiang Lei was married.

When Jiang Lei finally got someone to leave with Jiang Yao, Jiang Yao laughed so hard that she could not even straighten her back..

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Chapter 2275: Go And Ask

"I did not expect people to be interested in you. Maybe Mom can find a wife for you among those people's older and younger sisters."

"Go, go, go. Why would you laugh at your brother like that?" Jiang Lei said, "If I change into a set of clothes that I wear when I work at home, I think there will be a few people who will pay attention to me along the way."

That was the first time Jiang Lei had encountered such a situation, so he was also shocked. After walking for a long distance, he would secretly turn around to see if there were still people following him.

After confirming that there was no one behind him, Jiang Lei continued to say to Jiang Yao, "When you have time, call Lu Xiaoxiao to confirm the relationship between her and that man. Have they started dating? Men in big cities are fickle. Second Uncle Lu is very busy. I have to help him keep an eye on Lu Xiaoxiao."Continue read full chapters on our website:Bon n o v e l.com

"If you want to know, you can ask her yourself. Xiaoxiao is straightforward. If she is dating someone, she wouldn't have kept it a secret." Jiang Yao did not quite understand why Jiang Lei insisted on her calling Lu Xiaoxiao to ask.

"If I ask you to ask, then go ahead and ask. It's as if I've doted on you so much for nothing. I asked you to do one little thing, but you're not willing?" Jiang Lei patted Jiang Yao's head. His movements were not heavy, but the expression was solemn.

Jiang Yao curled her lips and got into the car. She wondered if Jiang Lei and Lu Xiaoxiao would continue arguing endlessly. He was afraid to ask Lu Xiaoxiao. Would Lu Xiaoxiao think his concerns were to get back at her for breaking his relationship with his ex-girlfriend?

Jiang Yao arrived at the university a few minutes late because of a minor incident on the road. However, Professor Ouyang had not arrived yet, but Wu Boyan and the others were already in the classroom.

Jiang Yao stood at the door and coincidentally heard the person inside mention her name. Jiang Yao's footsteps subconsciously stopped.

The person who mentioned Jiang Yao's name was Jing Mengjie. As she wiped the table, she said to Wang Meiyu, "Do you all know about Li Hong? I heard that Changkang Group's lawyers are very powerful. Li Hong was sentenced to many years in jail. Before Li Hong was sentenced, she couldn't find a decent job in Luo City. The last time I met her in a mall, she was with a man who could have been her father."

"Is he a boyfriend or a sugar daddy?" Wang Meiyu's question was quite direct.

"He should be a boyfriend, right? Maybe he's divorced or widowed? She can't be so depraved to destroy other people's families, right? Could he be someone else's lover?" Jing Mengjie felt that Li Hong would not have gone that far.

The other three men remained silent on that topic. They had not seen Li Hong since she was forced to drop out of university. However, they were all shocked that Li Hong would do such a thing.

"I think that Changkang Group is really capable. Such a big company, but they destroyed a university student like Li Hong so cruelly. Also, Miss Jiang is quite something too," Jing Mengjie remarked flatly. "Isn't Miss Jiang on good terms with the Changkang Group? Why doesn't she help Li Hong deal with that matter? Wasn't it only a document?"

"What do you mean only a document?" Liu Chao disagreed with Jing Mengjie's words.. "For example, will you be angry if someone else used your thesis as theirs?"

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Chapter 2276: Unreasonable Pestering

Jing Mengjie's face turned sullen as she glared at Liu Chao. Could that be used as an analogy?

"However, didn't you find that document later?"

Jing Mengjie bit her lip. "It's just that Miss Jiang isn't an easy person to get along with. Her face is cold, and her heart is even colder. She refused to help, even if she could have said a few words."

"For example, your graduation thesis was stolen and used by someone else, but they later returned it. Won't you get upset? What is the point of returning it now that it has been used? Furthermore, Changkang Group's documents are incomparable to a truckload of your graduation thesis. They are not even on the same playing field." Chao Liu refuted once more, ignoring Jing Mengjie.

After saying that, Chao Liu thought that since he had already offended Jing Mengjie, he might as well just say whatever he wanted.

"Have you realized how large the Changkang Group is? They own a pharmaceutical factory, a research institute, and contracted herbal medicine farmers. Don't you girls care about jewelry? Do you know that the recently trending jewelry company is also part of the Changkang Group? I heard that the Changkang Group has two mines of their own that supply high-quality raw materials to their own jewelry company."

Wang Meiyu had always avoided foreign affairs, so her jaw opened wide when she heard Liu Chao's gossip about the Changkang Group.

"So what can Miss Jiang change with just a few words for such a big enterprise like Changkang Group? YVho do you think she is? Do you think she is the wife of the Changkang Group's director? Would the Changkang Group not pursue the matter just because she said a few words?"

Liu Chao said, "Furthermore, Miss Jiang misplaced that document. She recently applied for leave and is not here. Can you be certain that Changkang Group did not make her life difficult? In that regard, Miss Jiang is the most helpless victim. Li Hong made a mistake. Why do you want Miss Jiang to assist Li Hong? How can you conceive of such things? You think that Li Hong is pitiful? Is it pitiful to sentence a murderer to a death sentence? Will you feel sorry for them?"

Jing Mengjie was rendered speechless by Liu Chao's rebuttal. She slammed the table in anger. "Liu Chao, what do you mean? Do you have to go against me? How long have you known Miss Jiang? Li Hong is our classmate!"

"You can't expect me to have unconditional and unreasonable sympathy for Li Hong just because she spent more time with me, right?" Liu Chao chuckled and shook his head. "Although Miss Jiang is young, I do admire her. Her medical skills are good, and her personality is also not bad. Back then, I didn't see her complain when we were training with the army in the mountains. She's also experienced and knowledgeable. Come to think of it she's also our teacher. Don't you know how to respect her?"

After Jing Mengjie heard that, she scoffed. "She's not here. It's useless to flatter her. Miss Jiang can't hear you, so it's a waste of your saliva."

Jiang Yao finally walked into the room. Her voice was as gentle as music. "Who says I can't hear you? I heard every word."

Jiang Yao walked toward Liu Chao and patted him on the shoulder. She smiled.

"Trying to reason with a troublemaker is like casting pearls before a swine.."

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Chapter 2277: They Can't Leave

Jing Mengjie's mouth was crooked from her rage. She was not a moron. How could she have been unaware that Miss Jiang was making fun of her?

She was also enraged. How would she know the person who had been on leave would appear behind them and, by chance, hear everything she said?

She was being ridiculous. Was everyone not talking about her?

When the other people in the room turned around and saw Jiang Yao walk in, their first thought was that they were fortunate not to have joined in the conversation.

"Miss Jiang, you're back?" Liu Chao was the first to open his mouth and greet Jiang Yao with a surprised tone.

Jiang Yao nodded faintly and sat in her own seat, waiting for Professor Ouyang to arrive. Jiang Yao's reaction was apathetic. They did not say anything after greeting her. Wu Boyan secretly examined Jiang Yao's expression, thinking that what Liu Chao had just said had some credibility.

Could the Changkang Group be bothering Miss Jiang in private because Li Hong stole the information?

Given the size of the Changkang Group, would it not be easy for a company with vast resources to make life difficult for a professor's young assistant?

Wu Boyan looked at her sympathetically for a brief moment. As a medical student, he was familiar with the companies in that circle.

Jiang Yao sat in the classroom for a few minutes, flipping through the books, before Professor Ouyang arrived. He was probably panting from the effort of running.

"I'm sorry. I went to the university's specimen room early in the morning to organize things, so I didn't notice that I was late," Professor Ouyang said as he wiped the sweat off his forehead. The L University's medical department had only recently been established, so resources were limited. Even the specimen room was simple and crude.

It was fine if it was simple and crude, but the room had not been opened since it was built, so it was filthy.

"Professor, why didn't you call us for that kind of work?" Wu Boyan quickly followed up and asked, "Then, are we going to the specimen room in the morning?"

"Yes, I'll take you there in the morning to learn lessons that will leave a deep impression on you." After Professor Ouyang finished speaking, he noticed a familiar face. He laughed and said, "Oh, Miss Jiang is here too? That's unfortunate. My arrangement for today is to spend the whole day in the specimen room. You are pregnant, so you shouldn't go down with me."

After all, the specimen room was filled with a collection of dead objects and some things that appeared quite frightening. There were even a few remains in the formalin pool. They were bodies voluntarily donated to medical research and obtained from a hospital or a police station.

The appearance of the dead bodies was depressing, and they were all different. "Why don't you go home for now and come back to class in two days?" Professor Ouyang said, "This group of people are all cowards, so they have to stay here at night to practice their courage."

"It's okay; I have seen similar things." Jiang Yao shook her head. She had seen many scenes on the battlefield.

It was a bloody scene with broken limbs, and her ears were full of grief.

The few scenes she had witnessed were enough for her to remember for the rest of her life.

"It's up to you. You can go out anytime if you feel uncomfortable, but they can't." Professor Ouyang smiled and said, "So now I'll give you time to buy some food and drink. I'll wait for you in the underground specimen room in 20 minutes. I'll also eat lunch in the specimen room. Oh, right! The room is quite cold. Remember to bring your coats, because you'll have to sleep there for the night. Don't catch a cold.."

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Chapter 2278: I Don't Know

Professor Ouyang left after finishing his speech, leaving behind Liu Chao and the others who cried out in agony.

Jiang Yao was a former student of Professor Ouyang, so she was well aware of how he instilled courage in his students. Even though she did not like every single student there, Jiang Yao, as a former student, carefully told them what they needed to pay attention to.

"First of all, Professor Ouyang told you to buy food. It's not a lie. It's impossible to cook in the specimen room, so you'd better buy some bread and milk. Of course, instant noodles are also good. There's an office where you can get hot water.

"Secondly, in addition to thick coats, I advise you to bring blankets and prepare to sleep on the floor at night.

"Thirdly, based on my understanding of Professor Ouyang, he will give a test."

Jiang Yao walked away after she finished speaking, leaving behind a few mournful voices that had nothing to do with her.

Jiang Yao could not stay in the specimen room at night because she had to return to the army, so she did not need to bring a blanket. Even though the temperature in the specimen room was lower than outside, Jiang Yao wore a thin coat. She went out and bought some bread and milk to satisfy her hunger.

Only Professor Ouyang was present when Jiang Yao entered the specimen room. The specimen room had a mock operating table with a corpse on it. No, it was not a body but a teacher.

Yes, they would call those corpses teachers to thank them for donating their bodies to train countless doctors, benefiting the living people in that world.

"There's no need for you to come here." Professor Ouyang glanced at Jiang Yao when he heard the movement at the door. "You don't need to pass the test."

Professor Ouyang did not feel the need to put Jiang Yao to the test because a woman who could accompany Lu Xingzhi through life and death would pass it easily.

Pregnant women had an insatiable appetite. Jiang Yao took out some bread and took a few bites while talking to Professor Ouyang. Then, she lowered her head and looked at the condition of the teacher on the operating table.

Professor Ouyang had opened the corpse's chest cavity so the students could better look.

When Jing Mengjie and the others entered, they smelled a rotten odor. They nearly puked when they took two steps forward.

Jiang Yao found it fascinating. Lu Xingzhi received a text message from her. The text message's content was somewhat boastful.

[Professor Ouyang brought them to the specimen room. As soon as they came in, they vomited so much that they almost fainted. Guess what I'm doing now?]

Lu Xingzhi had more free time at home than anyone else, so he replied very quickly.

[I don't know.]

Jiang Yao burst into laughter when she saw that reply. Then, she looked at the bread in her hand. Even though the phone's pixel was not very good, she still snapped a photo of the bread in her hand that she had taken a few bites. Then, she sent it to Lu Xingzhi as a text message.

Lu Xingzhi attempted to zoom in on the photo after receiving the text message.

Only then did he notice that the dark ball resembled bread. It also bore Jiang Yao's imprint. The fingers holding the bread were also beautiful; Lu Xingzhi recognized them as Jiang Yao's fingers at a glance.

Everyone was so frightened by the specimen room that they could not stop vomiting. Meanwhile, his wife was sitting there, playing with her phone, texting, and video calling him. Most importantly, she was still holding food in her hands..

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Chapter 2279: I'm Good

Jiang Yao's ability to remain calm astounded even Lu Xingzhi, so when Professor Ouyang saw it, he could not help but click his tongue.

He expected Jiang Yao to be bold after witnessing such a dramatic scene, but he was still surprised.

Professor Ouyang did not pay much attention to Jiang Yao because everyone who studied medicine had to have made that trip. After they entered, Liu Chao and the others began to frown and pinch their noses.

As his name was called, Wu Boyan did not look good, but he braced himself and stepped forward.

That practice was far more difficult than conducting laboratory experiments.

Professor Ouyang had a bad temper. He scolded almost all of them as they took turns trying it. It was not until Jiang Yao went to the table that Professor Ouyang's style changed slightly. Professor Ouyang only had praises for her. It was like he was trying his best to compliment her.

Even though they were treated differently, Jiang Yao's skillful technique still left them speechless.

At that time, they understood why the professor hired Jiang Yao as his assistant. Even though Jiang Yao was younger than them, she was light years ahead of them in terms of academics.

Jiang Yao remained in the specimen room until three in the afternoon. She finished early and left the specimen room on time.

Jiang Yao was not afraid of the things in the specimen room because she had been there before. Jiang Yao felt much more at ease when she stood in the sun and breathed fresh air.

After leaving the specimen room, Jiang Yao called Big Ke and Ah Lu and asked them to meet her at the university gate. Jiang Yao carried her bag and walked to the university gate after that. She remembered Jiang Lei's words about halfway through and pulled out her phone to call Lu Xiaoxiao.

Lu Xiaoxiao picked up the call very quickly, probably because she was not busy. A crisp voice came through the phone. Her cheerful disposition was apparent.

"Why are you calling me? Have you been feeling better recently? I heard Jiang Lei went to the army base to see you."

"I am good." Jiang Yao mentioned the recent situation between her and Lu

Xingzhi. Then, she asked, "I heard you have been seeing someone recently?"

“Did Jiang Lei tell you that?” Lu Xiaoxiao snorted. “Is there anything that that guy doesn’t know? I’m so angry. My dad doesn’t even care if I’m seeing someone, but he’s always staring at me.”

So that was an admission?

Jiang Yao was also a little surprised. “It looks like you’re really seeing someone? Is it the singer that your company just signed?”

“Not yet.” Lu Xiaoxiao curled her lips and smiled a little embarrassedly. “But I kind of like him. If I’m dating someone, I’ll definitely tell you about it.”

Lu Xiaoxiao was not the type of person who would hide things, so when she said she was not dating anyone, she meant it. However, she also sounded like a young girl in love. It was a fact that she liked the new singer in the company..

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Chapter 2280: Birthday

Jiang Yao also thought Jiang Lei was overbearing. He was most likely used to controlling her at home, so he traveled to Jindo City to manage Lu Xiaoxiao.

Lu Xiaoxiao was several months older than Jiang Yao. People often ignored Lu Xiaoxiao’s age because she was temperamental and good at acting coquettishly.

Jiang Yao was about to become a mother. Was Lu Xiaoxiao not allowed to fall in love?

Jiang Yao got into the car, and Lu Xiaoxiao spoke briefly before hanging up. Pregnant women were more tired than usual, so she leaned against the car window and fell asleep shortly after getting into the car.

The car was parked at the army base entrance when she woke up. Someone tapped on the car window. Jiang Yao turned her head and saw Lu Xingzhi’s face.

“Young Master Lu came out to pick you up, Director Jiang,” Big Ke teased her. “I don’t know if he’s afraid that Ah Lu and I will send you somewhere else.”

Her husband was at the army base entrance when she returned from work. When he saw the car that she was in, he rushed over and knocked on the car window to check on her condition.

Jiang Yao pressed her lips together. Her heart was tinged with warmth.

Jiang Yao fell into Lu Xingzhi's arms as she opened the car door. He immediately asked, concerned, "Why did you doze off in the car? Are you exhausted? Didn't you take a break?"

"I spent the entire day in the specimen room and slept for a while. I didn't sleep because I felt unwell. I couldn't sleep on the way, and I don't remember falling asleep." Jiang Yao rested her head on his chest.

Lu Xingzhi patted Jiang Yao's head and held her hand as they walked home together.

When the two of them arrived home, Mrs. Jiang was on the phone with someone. When she heard the noise at the door, she turned to see Jiang Yao standing there. She said, "Yaoyao is home. We'll discuss more tomorrow."

Mrs. Jiang hung up the phone and walked toward the door after saying that. She said, "I just heard what Xingzhi said. Did you doze off on the way? Is it because you've had a difficult day? Why don't you take some time off for the birth? Nothing is more important right now than your health."

"No need." Jiang Yao shook her head and asked casually, "Mom, who were you talking to just now?"

"I was talking to Madam Cheng."

Jiang Yao's mother said, "Yaoyao, Madam Cheng said that your birthday is coming soon, and she wants to celebrate it with you."

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Jiang Yao's father and mother decided on an autumn birth date for her. Autumn was a time for harvesting. According to the superstitious people in the countryside, children born during that season were blessed and would never go hungry as adults.

By chance, Jiang Yao's actual birthday fell in early winter or late autumn. It was only a few days ago. Madam Cheng had never forgotten Jiang Yao's birthday..

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Chapter 2281: That Doesn't Count

Madam Cheng took that year's birthday very seriously because it was the first birthday she could spend with Jiang Yao after finding her. With only a few days left, she called Jiang Yao's mother to discuss Jiang Yao's birthday.

“Madam Cheng expressed an interest in attending your birthday celebration at the army base. Is that okay? Yaoyao, why don’t we sit down and have a meal together for your birthday?” Jiang Yao’s mother suggested.

Jiang Yao came to a complete halt. Her toes were circling the ground. She appeared unconcerned as if she was seriously considering the question.

Lu Xingzhi stepped forward, one hand on Jiang Yao’s waist. He was afraid she would trip herself later because of her absent-mindedness.

“Silly child, what are you saying? I am happy, no matter what. Most importantly, you have to be happy.” Mrs. Jiang smiled. “If my daughter is happy, I’m happy.”

“Okay, then.” Jiang Yao coquettishly hugged her mother. “Then I will agree to that. Don’t be jealous in the future and tell me someone is stealing your grandson.”

Mrs. Jiang smiled with relief as Jiang Yao agreed. Being envious was a different story. It made her happy to have another person to lavish attention on her child.

Mrs. Jiang cheerfully returned Madam Cheng’s call. Then she talked on the phone for more than 30 minutes with Madam Cheng about how to celebrate Jiang Yao’s birthday.

Jiang Yao arrived home early. She reached home at a little after four o’clock. She yawned and returned to her bedroom, even though it was still early. Before leaving the kitchen, Lu Xingzhi washed and cut some fruits. Then, he went to their room. When he opened the door, he saw Jiang Yao sleeping on the bed.

Lu Xingzhi wanted to give Jiang Yao some time to rest. The person on the bed suddenly opened his eyes and sat up as he was about to carry the fruit tray out. She sniffed the air like a dogs nose and said, “I smell oranges!”

Lu Xingzhi could not help but laugh. “Are you hungry?”

Jiang Yao grunted as her gaze was drawn to the fruit plate in his grasp. Jiang Yao’s appetite had returned to normal after the vomiting spell. Everything tasted good, and she could eat whatever she wanted.

Lu Xingzhi placed the fruit plate on the bedside table and motioned for Jiang Yao to take a proper seat. He popped the fruit into Jiang Yao’s mouth with a toothpick. He kissed her as he looked at her lips. “It is so sweet.”

Jiang Yao narrowed her eyes and smiled. She asked, “Is it the fruit sweet or my mouth?”

Lu Xingzhi fixed his gaze on the person in his arms. Rather than responding, he asked, “What do you think?”

He realized he could not afford to flirt with Jiang Yao so casually and changed the subject. Lu Xingzhi had been abstaining from sex since discovering she was pregnant. Before that, Lu Xingzhi was a hungry wolf who wanted to eat her every day.

Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and kissed her palm. He smiled and said, "I'll give you a man named Lu Xingzhi."

Jiang Yao was tickled by his kiss and quickly retracted her palm with a grin. "It doesn't count. From the day we got our marriage certificate, Lu Xingzhi was already mine.."

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Chapter 2282: More Than 1,000 People

Lu Xingzhi was worried about Jiang Yao's birthday present. Jiang Yao went to university as usual during those two days. When he had time, Lu Xingzhi would call a few of his brothers and inquire about giving his wife a birthday gift.

Unfortunately, none of Lu Xingzhi's four brothers had any useful suggestions for him.

Only his fourth brother stood a chance among Lu Xingzhi's brothers. The rest had rough relationships, so Lu Xingzhi approached Zhou Weiqi. Unfortunately, Zhou Weiqi had many ideas, but Jiang Yao would not like them.

When Jiang Yao woke up every morning, she could not stop pulling out her phone to check her calendar. On her birthday, she scribbled a note.

That was Jiang Yao's first actual birthday in two lifetimes. It was impossible to say she was not excited about it.

Jiang Yao's birthday happened to fall on a Saturday. When she returned home on Friday night, Jiang Yao's mood was inexplicably high. She was so happy sitting on the sofa watching TV that she would hum songs.

Jiang Lei stayed here for two more days after learning that Jiang Yao would celebrate her birthday. He went out on Friday, and when he returned, he had something extra in his hand. Jiang Yao had been staring at the thing in his hand with excitement since he returned. She knew it was a birthday gift for her, but he refused to show it to her ahead of time.

"Yaoyao, you should get some rest tonight." Madam Cheng and the others will arrive around 10 a.m. tomorrow." Mrs. Jiang's face was beaming with delight. "Madam Cheng said she would like to make a 20-layer cake for you."

For example, Madam Cheng had missed Jiang Yao's daughter's birthday for the past 20 years.

Jiang Yao moved her lips, but she did not say anything and simply nodded. She blinked as she turned to face Lu Xingzhi. "I still have the option of staying in bed tomorrow morning."

Lu Xingzhi raised his brows and curled his lips. He pretended several times that he did not know what Jiang Yao had been looking for in the bedroom since she returned from the university.

Mrs. Jiang scolded Jiang Yao with a smile, "You are not allowed to stay in bed tomorrow. When you wake up in the morning, I will make noodles and eggs for you. You are about to become a mother, yet you are shameless."

Noodles and eggs were special gifts every child in the Jiang family would receive on their birthday.

Mrs. Jiang's noodles were particularly lively. They were dyed red, and a bowl of noodles looked festive with the addition of two eggs.

The phone in Lu Xingzhi's pocket rang just as he was about to speak up for his wife. He took it out and saw that it was Master Cheng. Lu Xingzhi assumed Master Cheng wanted to talk about Jiang Yao's birthday with him, so he picked it up without hesitation. Please read this chapter on our website: Bonnoval.com. Thanks

"I recently learned that the organization has hijacked a passenger ship. The ship is home to over a thousand people. Many believe they kidnapped those people to use them in human experiments." Master Cheng's tone was solemn. "Back then, we discovered some used syringes in the mountains, and the reagents exist."

After a pause, Master Cheng said, "Out of the 1000 people, more than 300 were from our country. They were members of a tour group."

The number of people kidnapped was shocking, so that matter had not made the news yet. The relevant departments suppressed it and did not dare to let it spread for the time being..

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Chapter 2283: No One Knew

"They've been keeping it a secret?" Lu Xingzhi's face became solemn. Even he was unaware of it, which meant that neither the Liang nor the Chen families were aware of it.

The gravity of the situation was obvious. The higher-ups had either not heard the news or had kept it a secret. Even Old Master Liang was unaware of it.

A passenger ship with over a thousand passengers and over 300 fellow citizens.

What would happen to those people if that organization captured them?

When he thought about those soldiers who died in the mountains, he realized they died for no reason and became lab rats for that organization's experiments.

"Not many people know about it yet. My people just happened to see it at the port. The entire passenger ship was hijacked, including the crew members and captain. The passenger ship was blown up and sank to the bottom of the sea after those people were taken ashore in batches," Master Cheng explained. "My people are still keeping an eye on things. I will let you know if there are any changes. "

After a brief pause, Master Cheng said, "Go and ask Old Master Liang. This issue can't be suppressed in this manner. The lives of over 300 fellow citizens are extremely valuable. "

Lu Xingzhi took a few seconds to calm down after hanging up the phone. Jiang Yao's birthday was only a few hours away. He did not want to use that incident to influence Jiang Yao's mood.

"I am going out to talk to Zhou Junmin about something. I will be back soon. If you are tired, stay home and wait for me."

Lu Xingzhi lowered his head and kissed Jiang Yao's forehead. "Be good." "Why are you going out"? Stay at home. It's a special time for me. If there's anything, ask Zhou Junmin to look for you. It's cold outside. If you catch a cold now, I'll get more syringes to give you injections." Jiang Yao pouted and stopped Lu Xingzhi from going out.

"It's not too far. I'm afraid that our meeting will affect your rest. The road outside is also flat. I'll walk slowly." Lu Xingzhi shook his phone. "Call me if there's anything."

Jiang Yao guessed that the meeting Lu Xingzhi was referring to was probably classified in the army. She had no idea who was on the phone with him, but his entire demeanor was frighteningly depressed. When Jiang Yao saw that he was determined to go out, she got up and returned to the bedroom to get him a coat and assist him in putting it on before nodding her head to let him go.

Lu Xingzhi walked slowly and unhurriedly, just as he had promised Jiang Yao. In the back view, he seemed like an old man. "I will wait for you to come home and sleep together!" Jiang Yao curled the corners of her lips again.

Lu Xingzhi turned and looked at Jiang Yao. He pursed his lips and arched his brows. It was not hard to figure out who was waiting for him to return. Someone must be looking forward to his gift.

After Lu Xingzhi left, Jiang Yao spoke briefly with her mother before returning to the bedroom. She did nothing else but rummaged through the closet, hoping to find where Lu Xingzhi had hidden the gift.

Under the bed? It was empty.

There was nothing extra in the closet.

Jiang Yao could not help but snicker as she sat on the edge of the bed. He had not left the house in a long time. Was it possible that he had asked Zhou Junmin to prepare it for her? He said that he needed something from Zhou Junmin and did not bring her with him. He also did not invite Zhou Junmin to the study to discuss the situation. Perhaps it was not army matters but the gifts he had gotten for her from Zhou Junmin.

Jiang Yao was happily lying on the bed in the bedroom, waiting for Lu Xingzhi to return home. Lu Xingzhi did not travel far after leaving home. The weather outside was bitterly cold, and the dew was thick, just as Jiang Yao had predicted. He only took a turn and called Liang Yueze to inform him of Master Cheng's words..

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Chapter 2284: Perfunctory

It was precisely the same as when Lu Xingzhi heard the news. Liang Yueze was so shocked that he could not even hold his phone firmly, and it fell to the ground. Then, his son took it away and shouted at the phone.

"Call me Third Uncle," he said. The child's tender voice made Lu Xingzhi's heart soften. His usually cold and hard personality eased for the first time, and he started to tease the child on the phone.

"He can't even call me father yet, and you're still dreaming about calling him calling you Third Uncle." Liang Yueze took the phone that his son had snatched away. "That is truly shocking. I didn't think I'd see the day you, Hades Lu, wanted to coax children."

"After all, I'm someone who's about to become a father. My wife is going to give birth soon." Therefore, he would do things that he had never done before, things that he had not wanted to do. He would try them out because of his child.

"I know about the matter. I'll call home and ask." Liang Yueze hung up the phone.

Lu Xingzhi reminisced the babbling laughter of the child and chuckled lightly. He stood there for more than ten seconds, feeling the cool breeze, before slipping his phone into his pocket and walking home.

It had only been seven to eight minutes since he went out. Jiang Yao was surprised when she heard the door. She immediately got out of bed and ran to the bedroom door to take a look. "That was quick."

"It's just a simple matter," Lu Xingzhi replied.

"It's cold outside, right?" As Jiang Yao spoke, her eyes fell on Lu Xingzhi's hands in his pockets. She examined the bulging pockets to see if anything was hidden inside.

However, Jiang Yao was disappointed because Lu Xingzhi had already returned to the bedroom. He hung his coat on the hanger and urged her to get into bed and rest. Without Lu Xingzhi's hands, his coat pockets flattened immediately, confirming that there was nothing inside.

"Oh," Jiang Yao replied as she slowly walked in her slippers. She humphed and climbed up the bed. She lifted the blanket and buried herself in it, not even exposing her head.

She wondered if Lu Xingzhi would wait until midnight to give the gift to her.

She did not know if she could last until midnight.

She was already a little sleepy.

Lu Xingzhi returned to the bed and drew Jiang Yao back into his arms after turning off the lights in the room. He was silent for a few moments. "I will buy you a present tomorrow," he said, knowing what Jiang Yao was thinking. "There is no need to wait because I didn't buy anything today. Sleep early."

It would have been better if he did not say anything. However, Jiang Yao was unhappy when Lu Xingzhi said that.

She pouted and muttered, "You're really perfunctory."

It was her birthday after midnight, yet he told her he would buy it the next day?

Was he going to the mall to get her some clothes or something?

Jiang Yao, who was unhappy, turned her back to Lu Xingzhi. She rubbed her belly and said, "Your father is a b*stard."

Lu Xingzhi was not deaf, so how could he not hear her words?

He laughed. He wrapped his arms around Jiang Yao's waist and placed them on her lower abdomen. "Don't listen to your mother's nonsense."

Jiang Yao, who had lost all hope, was sleepy. She closed her eyes and fell asleep.

That night, she had a good night's sleep, while he had a sleepless night.

The unknown territory, the unfamiliar faces, and the bullet holes made him tremble in fear..

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Chapter 2285: Useful People

Everyone missed their distant family, and everyone missed their country. The sinking of the cruise ship also sank their hopes of leaving the island.

The cries of the children were endless, but the mature faces were so terrified that they could not even cry.

"Boss, so many people are hiding on the island? I think it's a waste of our manpower. Why don't we send a bunch of useless people to another island to be used as test subjects for those experimental bases? It just so happens that we are short-handed recently, right? We have captured almost all the villagers nearby. Furthermore, the doctors said that the effect of the reagent will be different if the race is different."

More than a thousand people were crammed into a small warehouse, like sesame seeds on a piece of cheese. The warehouse's windows were tightly shut, and the smell inside was indescribable.

The person speaking had braids, and his rough voice was more frightening than the gun in his hand. In his eyes, the people in the warehouse were like ants, not precious lives.

The person he called boss was wearing a khaki windbreaker, a black hat on his head, and a pair of spectacles on the bridge of his nose that covered half of his face.

"Are you sure that the Divine Doctor is dead?" The man took off the spectacles as he spoke, exposing his dark eyes.

"Indeed. She died in an aviation accident. All the major newspapers reported it, and there has been no news of the Divine Doctor after that. Even his student has delivered a eulogy in her memory," the braided man said. "The Divine Doctor's student is from Z country, so other than Z country's people, the others should be useless. It's a waste of space to keep them."

"Then keep the useful ones. Send the useless ones to where they should go." After saying that, the man pressed the brim of his hat, turned around, and boarded a helicopter not far away.

Except for the two people talking, no one else knew that the people in the warehouse had been classified as useful or useless in less than five minutes.

Their fate would be completely different from then on.

Even though she was a little unhappy before going to bed, Jiang Yao was very happy when she woke up.

She woke up early. When she opened her eyes, it was only half past six, and Lu Xingzhi was no longer by her side.

When Jiang Yao opened the door and walked out, she noticed the person on the sofa speaking quietly. She was taken aback. She had not anticipated Cheng Jinnian's family arriving so early.

"Sister, you're awake!" Cheng Jinnian immediately jumped from the sofa when he heard the sound from Jiang Yao's bedroom. He ran over to Jiang Yao and hugged Jiang Yao's thigh. In a childish voice, he said, "Sister, Happy Birthday!"

Jiang Yao realized that Cheng Jinnian was, for the most part, no different from other children her age as she observed him.

He was still as childish as before. Continue read full chapters at website: Bonnoovel.com

The birthday girl was in a good mood that morning, so she paid attention to Cheng Jinnian. She patted his head, which had been styled with oil, and she narrowed her eyes with a smile. She asked in a lazy voice, "Have you prepared a gift for me?"

"Yes!" Cheng Jinnian nodded repeatedly and then quickly ran back to the sofa.

He took a scroll painting and handed it to Jiang Yao. "Sister, I drew it myself. It's for you."

Jiang Yao was surprised. She was just asking casually, but she did not expect Cheng Jinnian to prepare a gift for her..

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Chapter 2286: A Birthday

Jiang Yao's portrait fell into her eyes as she opened the scroll. It would be a lie to say she was not surprised. She was extremely vivid in the painting. It was a photo of her walking around the courtyard with her stomach puffed out.

Even though Cheng Jinnian had a high IQ and was quick to learn new things, his painting skills were insufficient to depict Jiang Yao's facial features and other details accurately. He had, however, captured Jiang Yao's expression. As a result, anyone who knew Jiang Yao could recognize the person in the painting as her as soon as they saw it.

"Thank you." Jiang Yao carefully put away the painting.

Although she did not say much, Cheng Jinnian could already tell from Jiang Yao's expression that Jiang Yao liked his birthday present.

"Jiang Yao, come here. I've also prepared a present for you." Master Cheng hurriedly waved at Jiang Yao as if he was late, someone else would snatch it away.

Master Cheng's birthday present was more practical. It was a single-family villa in Jindo City. Looking at the photos, it was clear that it was a desirable location for retirement and exclusivity.

Jiang Yao thanked him without hesitation. She had already accepted the Cheng family in her heart, so she would not refuse the Cheng family's birthday present.

They were kind to her, so she took it and remembered it.

Jiang Yao looked over at Lu Xingzhi, who was sitting there, after accepting Master Cheng's gift. When she saw that he had no intention of moving, she turned to face Cheng Jinyan and extended her hand. "Where is your gift, Director Cheng?"

Jiang Yao's behavior amused Cheng Jinyan. That was the first time Cheng

Jinyan had met someone who extended their hand to ask for a gift from him. Cheng Jinnian would always avoid asking for a gift from him. Needless to say, it was a strange sensation. However, Jiang Yao's sly smile narrowed the gap between him and Jiang Yao, so he did not dislike it.

"I think this will suit you very well." Cheng Jinyan gave her a set of jewelry from the Golden Phoenix Jewelry Company. It was a three-piece set. It was not complicated, but it was indeed very exquisite.

As soon as Jiang Yao opened it, she thanked him. Moe suddenly jumped onto

Jiang Yao's shoulder. His eyes shone as he stared at the jewelry box in Jiang

Yao's hand. He raised his claws and was about to snatch it, but fortunately, Jiang Yao covered it in time and put it back into her pocket. She lowered her head and glared at Moe. "This is mine. You're not allowed to touch it!"

"Stingy woman!" Moe's tail deliberately slapped Jiang Yao's face, then jumped back to the floor and gracefully returned to his nest to play with his game console.

Cheng Jinyan felt relieved when he realized Jiang Yao genuinely liked him. He had intended to give the house to her, but his father had done so. Later, after learning that his father had given her the house, he chose a set of jewelry that was appropriate for Jiang Yao.

Cheng Jinyan was initially concerned that Jiang Yao, who owned a jewelry company, would reject the jewelry he gave her. Fortunately, Jiang Yao showed no signs of displeasure.

When he thought about it, he realized he was worrying excessively. Jiang Yao was not a materialistic individual. What else would she want? Would it make any difference if he gave her a house, a car, or anything else?

Jiang Yao sat next to Lu Xingzhi after accepting Cheng Jinyan's gift. She raised her leg and kicked Jiang Lei, who was holding his phone and either playing a game or texting. "Where's my gift, Jiang Lei?"

Jiang Lei rolled his eyes at Jiang Yao. "You're the birthday girl today, so I won't argue with you, even if you're arrogant." Then, he retracted his leg and handed a white paper bag to Jiang Yao..

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Chapter 2287: The Missing 20 Years

It was a pink dress and a new camera.

"Why is it still pink?" Jiang Yao facepalmed. Ever since Jiang Lei went to the city to work, Jiang Lei would give her a pink dress for her birthday every year.

"I didn't want to give it to you at first, but after thinking about it, I still want to give that to you.

The significance is different." Jiang Lei put his phone away, and his face became solemn. "I hope you can stay as carefree as a little girl forever. Even if you marry and have children, you will always be my little sister who follows me around and asks for candies."

Jiang Yao's face flushed. "What about the camera?"

"The camera is for you to remember your children's growth." Jiang Lei smiled after a brief pause. "By the way, Big Brother and Sister-in-Law gave you the camera."

"So you gave me a crappy dress?" Jiang Yao glared at Jiang Lei, but she did not let go of the dress even though she said so.

She might not be able to wear it in the future, but she would remember Jiang Lei's words and kindness even when she got old.

Jiang Yao had plenty of money. Whether it was a mansion or a dress, the kindness of those who gave her gifts was the most valuable thing.

"By the way, where's Mom?" Jiang Yao noticed that there were still two people missing. One was Mrs. Jiang, and the other was Madam Cheng.

"Auntie is accompanying my mom to bake a cake in the city," Cheng Jinnian said. "Mom said she would make a cake with twenty layers for you. She wanted to make it herself to make up for the twenty birthdays that she had missed."

"By the way, she prepared some other things for you in the car outside. Do you want to go out with me to get them?" Master Cheng stood up and glanced at Jiang Yao.

"Go ahead." Lu Xingzhi ruffled Jiang Yao's hair and removed a hair band from his pocket to help her tie her hair up. He covered her with a coat before letting her get up.

Those who had not expressed their feelings about the gift were just as considerate as they had always been. Jiang Yao grabbed her coat and followed Master Cheng out the door.

Master Cheng's car was parked in the open space beside the main entrance. The vehicle was very eye-catching, attracting many passersby and making them turn their heads frequently.

Of course, the car brand was more eye-catching, recognized as the exclusive car of the country's wealthy.

"She was excited when she knew you had agreed to celebrate your birthday with us. She had prepared these things for a long time," Master Cheng said as he bent down and pulled out a box from the trunk. "The things inside are all for you. Take your time to look through them."

Jiang Yao peeked at the box and curiously reached out to pick up the top box. She opened it and saw a silver longevity lock and a note inside.

"My daughter, you are one year old today. This is the first birthday present that I have prepared for you. All the boys in the town will get a longevity lock when they are one year old. Even though you are a daughter, you are more precious than other boys.]

"That longevity lock was custom -made for you by her at several silver stores. Your name is on it." Master Cheng told Jiang Yao to turn the longevity lock around and look at it.

Jiang Yao looked at the tiny words—Little Yaoyao—on the longevity lock and bit her lip. Then, she took out a second box and opened it. There were some small toys inside.

There was a hand drum, a windmill, and another note..

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Chapter 2288: Sore Spot

[Baby, you are two years old now. These are the toys I bought for you. Maybe you will only be interested in them for three minutes. You might lose interest after playing with them for a while, but at least you'd have them.]

[Other children have them. My baby must have them too.]

[Baby, you are now three years old. And you must have grown taller. I made you this skirt. I know you'll look like a princess when you wear it.]

Four-year-old birthday—glittery shoes. Five-year-old birthday—hair clips. Six-year-old birthday—chocolates. Seven-year-old birthday—storage jars. Eight-year-old birthday—dance shoes. Nine-year-old birthday—a piano. Ten-year-old birthday—a violin. Eleven-year-old birthday—pens and ink.

Her mother's every gift meant love for her.

She would have also had a good childhood if she had remained with her biological mother. She would have beautiful skirts, shoes, and hair clips. She would have had her own pocket money when she was seven years old, and she would have learned to dance, play musical instruments, and learn the piano, chess, calligraphy, and painting when she was eight.

Madam Cheng would have nurtured her daughter lovingly. If she had stayed with her mother, she would have grown up in an influential household.

Her mother also bought a wedding dress for her eighteen-year-old birthday and a plane ticket to Jindo City for her nineteen-year-old birthday. There was also an acceptance letter from Jindo University.

The 20-year-old gift box was empty, and only a note was inside.

[I have hoped to raise you for the first 19 years of your life. Even though I didn't get to do that, you have grown into a beautiful woman.]

[Beautiful, independent, smart, and capable.]

[Happy Birthday, my baby.]

Jiang Yao did not know when she burst into tears. It could be a one-year-old longevity lock, university supplies, or even the 18-year-old wedding dress.

"No matter what you look like now, she will still love you because all she wants is for you to be alive. That's all." Master Cheng handed Jiang Yao a clean handkerchief.

"You're lucky to have met your parents. They love you, and because of that, she doesn't dare to dream of competing with them for you."

Jiang Yao sobbed softly. The 20 letters and 20 boxes weighed on her heart like a heavy mountain.

"My daughter, you're going to be a mother soon, so you should understand your mother better," Master Cheng said. "You're her sore spot." Continue read full chapters on our website: Bonnoval.com

"I know." Jiang Yao sobbed. She knew that she had always made her biological mother sad.

"She didn't have it easy. It has not been easy for her. Back then, even living was difficult for her. I may be great with her now, but I didn't do well initially." Master Cheng was embarrassed to tell her about the things that happened when he was young, "Okay, you are the birthday girl today. Don't cry. It's windy here. Let's go in."

Jiang Yao stood there for a while before she calmed down. Master Cheng helped her move the box into the house.

Cheng Jinnian had been standing at the door waiting for them. When he saw Master Cheng carrying the box in, he called out to his father, but he walked over to Jiang Yao, who was behind Master Cheng. He wrinkled his little nose.

"Sister, you are crying."

Then, he ran to stop Master Cheng and asked, "Dad, did you scold her?"

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Chapter 2289: It's Fine

"That's not true." Master Cheng did not know whether to laugh or cry. "I love my daughter so much that I don't even have time to scold her. Why would I scold her for no reason? Even if she wants to go to the house and tear off the tiles, I'll find a ladder for her."

Initially a little sad, Jiang Yao broke into laughter after they teased her.

Master Cheng laughed complacently. "See? Your sister smiled."

"If my wife wants to go to the house to remove the tiles, I can carry her there. We won't need to trouble Master Cheng to find a ladder," Lu Xingzhi suddenly appeared at the door. Then, he strode over to Jiang Yao. He pulled her into his arms and touched Jiang Yao's palm. Her palm was warm; he was relieved she did not catch a cold.

Lu Xingzhi saw that Jiang Yao's eyes were red. Obviously, she had cried before that, but he did not ask further.

Jiang Yao was very soft-hearted, but she had a sharp tongue. It was probably Madam Cheng's gift that made her cry.

"What do you want to eat this morning?" Lu Xingzhi kissed Jiang Yao on the top of her hair. "Mom made breakfast before she left. Shall I heat it for you?"

"It's fine." Jiang Yao sniffed and pretended to scratch her head. She mumbled, "The morning wind is so cold that my eyes are red."

Lu Xingzhi did not expose Jiang Yao's lame excuse. She was a little awkward. She cried but was too embarrassed to let others know she had cried.

After Master Cheng entered the room with the suitcase, he placed it on the side. It was inappropriate for him to enter Jiang Yao and Lu Xingzhi's bedroom. Since he had brought the bag in, it would be up to Jiang Yao to decide what to do with it. In short, Master Cheng felt that Jiang Yao would not throw it away.

After all, the house was a little too small for Master Cheng. If Lu Xingzhi were not in the army, Master Cheng would give Jiang Yao a luxurious home in the city. Jiang Yao's child would have a bigger place to run around.

Jiang Lei was the one who heated the breakfast. Jiang Lei was not diligent, but he would not let Lu Xingzhi, the injured man, go to the kitchen to heat breakfast for his sister. During breakfast, Jiang Yao received several calls; they were all to wish her a happy birthday.

Jiang Yao was shocked when she received Wen Xuehui's call. No one in her birthday dorm knew her birthday. She received a call from Lu Xiaoxiao, Lu Yuqing, a few others, and Jiang Jie and his wife.

"How did you know that today is my birthday?" Jiang Yao was surprised.

"Oh, I knew it from listening to Gu Haoyu. You're terrible. You didn't even tell me about your birthday. I didn't even have time to prepare a gift. " Wen Xuehui had called Jiang Yao early last night; she did not prepare a gift because she wanted to be the first person to wish Jiang Yao a happy birthday. She did not expect Jiang Yao to be asleep. The person who answered the phone was Lu Xingzhi, and Wen Xuehui was too embarrassed to ask Lu Xingzhi to wake Jiang Yao when she knew that Jiang Yao had fallen asleep.

She did not want to be the last person to wish Jiang Yao a happy birthday, so Wen Xuehui called her in the morning.

"How did he know?" Jiang Yao was puzzled, and then she looked at Lu Xingzhi. He must have found out from Lu Xingzhi.

Wen Xuehui snickered when she heard Jiang Yao's silly question. How did he know? Was it not her husband who caused trouble? Lu Xingzhi's brothers probably knew when he was preparing gifts for Jiang Yao. Lu Xingzhi even asked those who were abroad..

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Chapter 2290: Holding Back

Wen Xuehui had only learned about it late last night from Gu Haoyu. She had only heard him mention it the day before when she met him, so she had no time to prepare the gift.

Jiang Yao quickly finished the food in the bowl. Then, she took the bowl and spoon in one hand and the phone in the other. She strolled into the kitchen and put the bowl and spoon into the sink. Then, she leaned against the sink and continued chatting with Wen Xuehui.

"By the way, what did your husband give you for your birthday?" Wen Xuehui was still quite curious because, in her impression, Lu Xingzhi was a serious man with no hobby.

Wen Xuehui felt that the word romantic had little to do with Lu Xingzhi.

"Don't mention it. If you mention it, I'll get angry." Jiang Yao snorted. "I've already received so many gifts, but none from him."

"He's probably holding back his big move." Wen Xuehui laughed and teased her. Then, she changed to a solemn tone and said, "I have a question to ask you."

"What question?" Jiang Yao was not used to her tone.

"If a person you've teased so many times that you think he must have blacklisted you in his book suddenly confessed to you. What do you think he wants?"

Wen Xuehui did not wait for Jiang Yao to speak and continued to say, "I think that person must be waiting for an opportunity to take revenge on me. But, to be honest, using such a method to take revenge on a girl is a little too sinister."

"Sinister and vicious." Jiang Yao used the adjective that Wen Xuehui used embarrassedly.

"You'd think so too, right? "It seems that I have to stay away from him in the future. It's a little scary. How can there be such a narrow-minded man? Isn't it too extra to take revenge because of a little teasing?" Wen Xuehui muttered to herself.

Jiang Yao listened for a few seconds before she finally realized who Wen Xuehui was talking about. "Wen Xuehui, did Gu Haoyu confess his feelings to you?"

Jiang Yao thought Wen Xuehui would deny it. She did not expect Wen Xuehui to be so straightforward. She immediately hung up the phone and did not explain a single word.

Jiang Yao held her phone in her hand, and the laughter in the kitchen could be heard in the living room. Master Cheng and his son looked at each other and raised their eyebrows. That was the first time they had heard Jiang Yao laugh so happily.

Lu Xingzhi had been leaning against the door for quite a while. He had guarded the entrance since Jiang Yao went in with the bowl. There was water on the kitchen floor, and he was worried that Jiang Yao would slip and fall. However, the person on the phone did not even notice him.

"What did you tell Wen Xuehui about Second Brother?" Lu Xingzhi asked after Jiang Yao hung up the phone.

Only then did Jiang Yao realize that he was at the door. She put her phone into her pocket and walked over to Lu Xingzhi, laughing uncontrollably.

"Second Brother seemed to have confessed his feelings to Xuehui, but it scared her. Xuehui thinks that Second Brother has ill intentions and wants to use that trick to take his revenge on her."

Feeling inexplicably sorry for Gu Haoyu, Jiang Yao pinched Lu Xingzhi's palm. "That should be the first time in your second brother's life that he confessed to a girl, right?"

Other people would either get rejected or accepted when they expressed their feelings. But Wen Xuehui doesn't believe he likes her and is even on guard against him taking revenge on her..”

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Chapter 2291: I Don't Need To

After returning to the sofa, Jiang Yao could not hold back her gossip heart, so she gave Gu Haoyu a call.

Gu Haoyu appeared to be the gentlest and most harmless of Lu Xingzhi's many brothers, but in reality, Gu Haoyu was the most difficult to maintain a relationship with.

He was polite to everyone, but his politeness left people feeling detached and alienated.

She had had more contact with him, so she dared to make that call.

It was probably not dawn yet at his place, but the phone rang for a while before Gu Haoyu answered.

Lu Xingzhi simply stayed on the other side of Jiang Yao and listened to their conversation.

“Second Brother, I want to ask you something.” Jiang Yao chuckled, but before she could say anything, Gu Haoyu spoke first.

“I don't know. Don't ask me. Also, happy birthday. My present should arrive at your place in the afternoon.” Gu Haoyu thought that Jiang Yao was going to ask about Lu Xingzhi's present, so he coldly rejected Jiang Yao's question.

“Also, I've received your present. Thank you, Second Brother.” Jiang Yao thanked him. “Then I won't ask any questions. I'll tell you a story.”

“I don't need to hear it.” Gu Haoyu looked at the clock on his bedside. After thinking for a while, he said, “It's midnight here.”

“Oh, I know.” Of course, Jiang Yao knew. “After I tell you this story, Second Brother, you'd be so energetic that you won't want to sleep. That's good. You'll have the energy to work overtime.”

She did not give Gu Haoyu the chance to refuse. Jiang Yao quickly said, “I just heard the story for less than ten minutes. It's good. The story is about a girl and a boy who are

not on good terms. The girl's personality is smart and strange. Sometimes, she will tease the boy. Of course, the boy will naturally mercilessly find an opportunity to tease her back. Because some passersby don't know much about it, the girl has always been polite toward the boy and even kept a distance from him. One day, the girl told her friend that the boy had suddenly confessed his feelings to her. The girl told her friend that the boy's heart was extremely evil and that he would use such a method to take revenge on her."

As long as Gu Haoyu had no problems with his IQ, he would be able to deduce what Jiang Yao was saying.

"Wen Xuehui told you that?" Gu Haoyu clicked his tongue. No wonder Wen Xuehui looked terrified and ran away after he confessed to her that day. After that, when she saw him, she looked as if she had eaten sh*t and ignored him with a sullen face.

"Second Brother, you can't chase after girls like that. You have to seek advice from Fourth Brother." After Jiang Yao said that, she gave Gu Haoyu an arrogant goodnight before hanging up the phone.

Lu Xingzhi's eyebrows twitched. Other than shock, he was also a little curious.

"I didn't expect Second Brother would like Wen Xuehui." Lu Xingzhi laughed. However, none of his five brothers were cowards. They would naturally chase after the girl with all their might if they liked her.

However, Lu Xingzhi felt that Gu Haoyu's first confession was quite memorable.

That news did make Lu Xingzhi feel interested. Based on Wen Xuehui's relationship with Jiang Yao, Gu Haoyu would not use such a clumsy method to seek revenge. Furthermore, Gu Haoyu was not a person who would do such a childish thing..

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Chapter 2292: Something's Not Right

Since he confessed, he must have fallen in love with her and wanted to marry her.

Luo Ruoran and Liang Yueze had remarried and even had a child. It was a happy thing for Gu Haoyu to let go of his past feelings and take the initiative to pursue Wen Xuehui.

It was probably because people were protective of their loved ones and had a caring attitude. Wen Xuehui was Jiang Yao's best and closest friend. They were like sisters, so Lu Xingzhi felt it would be great if Wen Xuehui could be with Gu Haoyu.

Jiang Yao's mood immediately improved due to Wen Xuehui's phone call. Even Lu Xingzhi's refusal to give her a gift did not affect her mood.

She could not deny that Wen Xuehui's words made her eager for night time.

What if he really did have a big surprise up his sleeve?

He would not be so oblivious as to go out and buy something random for her birthday, would he?

Jiang Yao felt she needed to be friendlier to Lu Xingzhi in case he had a big trick up his sleeve.

Mrs. Jiang and Madam Cheng had just returned home before lunch, so Cheng Jinyan was in the kitchen at noon. Jiang Yao's eyes nearly popped out of their sockets when she saw how homely he looked in his apron.

"Hey, put them all here. Be careful. Be careful. Don't break them. If you break them, we can't fix them." When Mrs. Jiang and Madam Cheng returned, they were followed by a group of young soldiers, each carrying two boxes of cakes in their hands. After hearing Mrs. Jiang's reminder, the boxes in their hands were much lighter when placed on the ground.

"Madame Cheng personally made a twenty-layer cake for you. Because it's too big, we had to take it home and put it together. The people from the cake shop sent it to the entrance. Then, they asked those young soldiers to help bring them in." Mrs. Jiang explained to the people in the room, then thanked the soldiers who helped her. "Thank you, thank you."

"Eat some fruit." Jiang Yao forcefully stuffed the oranges on the table into the soldiers' hands.

"Thank you, Mrs. Lu. Oh, right, happy birthday!"

The more cheerful soldier did not reject Jiang Yao's offer and took the oranges. He wished Jiang Yao a happy birthday. The oranges were not valuable, so he did not feel guilty about taking them.

After sending off the group of young soldiers, Jiang Yao looked at the cakes all over the floor and pressed her lips together. Fortunately, the living room at home was spacious enough.

"Mom, Brother is cooking for lunch. Come and eat!" Cheng Jinnian poked his head out of the kitchen and shouted. Then, he waved the spoon in his hand. "I'll get the bowls and spoon."

Lu Xingzhi was about to get up to help when his phone rang. It was Liang Yueze, so he did not go to the kitchen to help.

Everyone in the house was busy. No one noticed that he went to the yard to answer the phone.

“Is there any news about the passenger ship?” Lu Xingzhi asked after picking up the phone.

“The higher-ups couldn’t suppress it even if they wanted to. That organization released the news and announced that they had hijacked a passenger ship with more than 1,000 passengers. They captured them and spread the news all over the world. It won’t be long before the news and radio broadcast it.”

“Something’s not right.” Lu Xingzhi pinched the leaves on the side and rubbed them in his palm. “At first, we thought they would capture people and use them as test subjects. If that were the case, they would do it quietly. They won’t let everyone know that they’ve captured so many people..”

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Chapter 2293: High Possibility

Liang Yueze said, “Yes. They drew up a list of about 300 people. All of them are citizens of our country, but the strange thing is that only our country received the list of kidnapped citizens. Other countries did not receive it.”

When the Ministry of Foreign Affairs received the list, they were initially confused. They did not know what the list meant at all. It was only after they handed the list to the army that it was confirmed. However, although the order had not been given yet, the news of the passenger ship being taken hostage had already spread.

“There are no other requirements after the list?” Lu Xingzhi guessed. “For money? How much per person?”

Based on their estimates, the other party would probably ask for a lot of money.

If that were really the case, the country had to fork out the money. The matter was so big that it could not be suppressed. It would not be long before the entire country knew about it. More than 300 lives had to be saved, no matter how much money they needed to pay. After they rescued them, what happened next would be a matter of the future.

‘The other party has not revealed any information related to their purpose. They may be after money. After all, they are indeed short of money now. Didn’t they make a huge profit by hijacking a medical conference last time? They have their research institute,

researching various weapons, and so on. They need money to run that operation. Now that they are short of money, it is normal for them to do such things.”

Before he could say anything else, Liang Yueze took a detour. “But the possibility of not doing it for money is also very high.”

The passengers on the cruise ship had disappeared for a while, but only their country had received the list.

So, the kidnappers might have aimed at their country. In that case, it was not for money but for revenge.

In short, it was impossible to keep the news of the cruise ship’s hijacking from spreading. Since the other party had made the announcement, they would only do their best to spread the word throughout the country and make it known to others.

The heinous incident grew and spread in the shortest amount of time. It had become a well-known incident in just two days, just like the massacre in Yuan

City.

“But you’re recovering from your injury now, so any actions would have nothing to do with you,” Liang Yueze said. “In short, it’s a dangerous mission.” Therefore, Liang Yueze laughed sarcastically. “Perhaps your injury is so you can avoid this incident.”

Even though meritorious service was good, the Liang family did not need Lu Xingzhi to exchange his life for that.

Lu Xingzhi also agreed. He did not say much on the subject. His biggest headache at that moment was that Mrs. Lu and Jiang Yao wanted him to leave the army.

Jiang Yao did just as she said. She did not make things difficult for him. After that conversation, Jiang Yao never mentioned that matter again, nor did she probe him verbally.

However, she did not have the intention to help persuade his mother.

Lu Xingzhi returned to the house after taking the call. In that short time, Madam Cheng had already put the cake together.

The cake on the top layer was tiny, so Cheng Jinyan placed it while stepping on the ladder.

Standing at the door, Lu Xingzhi noticed the cake, which was pink chocolate-wrapped and taller than Cheng Jinyan. When no one was looking, Jiang Yao stood beside the cake and took a small piece of fruit from the top; perhaps it was the sour kiwi, so when

she turned her head, her eyes narrowed into slits. Her entire face was wrinkled like that of an elderly woman. She had the same expression when she ate the peaches he had picked for her in the mountains..

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Chapter 2294: Mess Around With What?

Jiang Yao's actions were adorable. She looked in the direction of Lu Xingzhi, who could not help but chuckle. Only then did she realize that Lu Xingzhi had witnessed her actions, so she stood up straight and turned around.

Lu Xingzhi walked over to Jiang Yao and wrapped his arms around her waist, teasing her in a low voice, "Very sour? How sour? Let me taste it."

Jiang Yao nudged Lu Xingzhi with her elbow and threatened him in a low voice, "There are so many people watching, don't mess around!"

"Mess around?" Lu Xingzhi looked shocked. "Mess around with what?"

When Jiang Yao heard Lu Xingzhi say that he wanted to taste it, she subconsciously thought of the kiss in the mountains when he snatched the peach from her mouth. So, when she heard Lu Xingzhi say that he wanted to taste it, she assumed he wanted to kiss her in front of many family members.

However, she did not expect Lu Xingzhi to look at her with a puzzled expression. "I just wanted you to give me a small piece to try. Why are you acting so recklessly? Can't I eat it too?"

Jiang Yao was staring at Lu Xingzhi. She felt as if he did not mean that seriously. However, the expression on his face was solemn, so she did not see anything else. She decided to ignore him.

When Jiang Yao lowered her head, the man hugging her could not help but smile. However, before he could take back his smile, Lu Xingzhi did not expect Jiang Yao to raise her head and look at him suddenly. His smile, which had a little mischief, naturally fell into Jiang Yao's line of sight.

Jiang Yao waved her fist at Lu Xingzhi, but in the end, she still felt sorry for his injuries, so she did not punch him. Instead, she poked the back of his hand to vent her anger.

They sat down to eat. Jiang Yao was surprised to discover that Cheng Jinyan, who appeared to be from beyond the heavens, was an excellent cook.

Cheng Jinyan's cooking skills were even better than Lu Xingzhi's.

Mrs. Jiang kept praising Cheng Jinyan. Before she witnessed Cheng Jinyan's action in the afternoon, Mrs. Jiang thought Lu Xingzhi was a rare son-in-law. Most men in the south were somewhat chauvinistic; they advocated the idea of the male leading from outside the home while the female did the opposite. Those men would never enter the kitchen to cook at all. They would not even think about washing the dishes or the spoon, let alone cooking a meal for their wife and children.

Jiang Yao married Lu Xingzhi, and he cooked for his mother-in-law. They had been married for a while, and Lu Xingzhi was a good cook. Mrs. Jiang felt that her daughter was blessed with such a good husband, and Lu Xingzhi had learned a lot of dishes for Jiang Yao. The couple led a fruitful life independently, and Lu Xingzhi took such good care of Jiang Yao that she gained a lot of weight. Continue read full chapters on our website: Bonnoval.com

Mrs. Jiang was even more surprised when she tasted Cheng Jinyan's cooking. After all, the Cheng family was well-off. How could she not be surprised that a young master like Cheng Jinyan could cook?

"Actually, Xiaoyan learned to cook when he was very young, but he rarely did it after that," Madam Cheng explained in a gentle tone. "Before I went overseas to take care of him, he lived alone. He did a lot of things himself. At that time, although he had a servant, those people were always lazy because they didn't have an adult to supervise them.."

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Chapter 2295: I'll Learn It

Cheng Jinyan's early years were difficult. His mother left soon after giving birth to him. Cheng Jinyan was already living abroad before Master Cheng was sent to prison. He lived in another country with two servants.

Cheng Jinyan was young when he first went abroad. He was also in a different country, so he was always nervous. As a result, he said nothing when the servants did nothing for him.

"When I was young, I only wanted a full tummy. Later, I learned my culinary skills from my mom when she stayed with me." Cheng Jinyan did not show any emotion when he mentioned his awkward life when he was young. However, when he mentioned Madam Cheng, his tone was a little gentler. Just from that, one could tell that his respect for Madam Cheng was from the bottom of his heart.

When Master Cheng heard that, he laughed. "Sometimes, I think about the meaning of my years in prison. In the end, I concluded that it led me to Xinyou."

One could say that Master Cheng was proud of his stint in prison because of that. He had finally found a happy ending.

Madam Cheng was much younger than Master Cheng. She only wanted to survive when she got close to Master Cheng. She could live a more comfortable life in prison. However, neither managed to control the other's heart.

Master Cheng used many tricks to send Cheng Xinyou out of prison. He only asked her to take care of his son, Cheng Jinyan, when she was released. He thought he would lose control over her once she was not by his side.

However, Cheng Xinyou did not betray him. She went abroad according to his arrangements and stayed by Cheng Jinyan's side. She took care of Cheng Jinyan with her utmost gentleness and patience. When Master Cheng got out of prison, Cheng Xinyou and Cheng Jinyan were already very close. Cheng Jinyan could not truly treat Cheng Xinyou as a mother because of their age difference, but he did treat her as an elder to respect and care for her.

Cheng Xinyou was a very gentle woman. She did not have the chance to love

Jiang Yao, her newborn daughter, so she poured all her love into Cheng Jinyan.

"That was the only bit of cooking I could do." Madam Cheng was also a little embarrassed about being praised.

Cheng Jinyan did not say anything more. He noticed that Jiang Yao had a good appetite, so he said, "Mom's cooking is better than mine. She'll be cooking at night. Maybe she can teach you after you've given birth."

Jiang Yao shook her head subconsciously when she heard that. It was hard to speak with her mouth full, so she pointed at Lu Xingzhi.

Mrs. Jiang was so angry that she was amused. She raised her hand and patted

Jiang Yao's head lightly. Then, she translated Jiang Yao's meaning for everyone. "This lazy girl says to teach Xingzhi. She'll be in charge of eating."

"Okay, I'll learn." Lu Xingzhi wrapped Jiang Yao's hand into his palm and said with a smile. The lazy girl. Yes, the nickname that his mother-in-law gave his wife was pretty good.

"Mom, I'm not lazy." Jiang Yao swallowed the food in her mouth and defended herself. "I don't have the talent to cook. I'm not lazy. I can wash dishes and vegetables!"

"Your husband won't let you touch the water." Mrs. Jiang shook her head. "You're just lazy.."

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Chapter 2296: It's Not That Easy

Jiang Yao shrugged and pretended she could not do anything. It was not that she was lazy; it was just that she lacked talent. What she created was incompatible with delicacies.

Most importantly, Lu Xingzhi did not wish for her to cook. Her skin was sensitive, and a drop of oil could cause redness for days.

She was spoiled as a child, and Lu Xingzhi spoiled her as an adult. As a result, everyone in the county praised Jiang Yao for her good reputation.

Lunch was a lot of fun. Mrs. Jiang and Madam Cheng only took a short break before returning to work for the evening's big dinner.

Lu Xingzhi escorted Jiang Yao to the courtyard for a walk. Cheng Jinnian stood behind her. Cheng Jinnian's gaze never left Jiang Yao as he walked in front. He was occasionally drawn to the flowers that bloomed in the courtyard. He would call out to Jiang Yao and inquire about them.

'Your stomach seems to be growing very fast recently.' Lu Xingzhi held Jiang Yao with one hand and touched Jiang Yao's stomach with the other. Or, he would bend down and put his ear close to Jiang Yao's ear to listen for the child's heartbeat.

'It will grow faster in the later stages.' Jiang Yao took Lu Xingzhi's arm and pouted. 'I can't walk anymore. I want to go back to the house and have a seat.'

Lu Xingzhi looked at his watch and realized they had already walked for 20 minutes. He nodded and led Jiang Yao back to the house. Coincidentally, the TV in the living room was broadcasting international news; it was about a hijacked cruise ship and the guests kidnapped.

The two people working in the kitchen could not hear the broadcast in the living room and thus had no reaction. Master Cheng and Cheng Jinyan exchanged glances before turning to face Lu Xingzhi.

Master Cheng was surprised that the news had not been suppressed sooner.

'A thousand people? What are they going to do with so many people?' Jiang Yao was stunned, then she asked Lu Xingzhi, 'Aren't they afraid that a few countries will band together and send troops to wipe them out?'

"It's not that easy." Lu Xingzhi shook his head. "They now occupy a few groups, and the people from those groups listen to their orders. To eradicate them, we have to pass through those groups. Most importantly, that organization has countless industries and many private islands. We might not even know the locations of most of them."

Jiang Yao sighed. "They kidnapped more than 300 of our citizens. We'd have to pay a lot of money to get them back. I think the organization is short of money. They need continuous investment to keep their research running. Plus, they suffered a huge setback previously. They must urgently need money to fix their current situation."

"It's not that easy to form an alliance. Who will send out how many troops? What weapons? We also have to worry about our airspace border. These are serious tactical problems, so it's not a child's game." They also had to worry about retaliation. Continue read full chapters on our website: Bonnoval.com

'Aren't you tired? Don't you want to take a break?" Lu Xingzhi was not surprised and had little desire to hear what he already knew. There was no new or helpful information in the news. For many people, it would make an amazing story to listen to..

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Chapter 2297: Are You Drunk?

The living room had the radio on all afternoon because they were listening to the news. The volume was only reduced slightly because Jiang Yao, the pregnant woman, wanted to nap.

It was probably because the birthday girl was in an excellent mood that Jiang Yao's nap was exceptionally long. It was as if she had opened her eyes in the blink of an eye after two hours. When she awoke, the aroma of the kitchen filled her room.

Jiang Yao was about to dash to the kitchen to see what they had done when Lu Xingzhi dragged her back and forced her to put on slippers before letting her feet touch the ground.

"The birthday gifts that Big Brother and the others sent you have arrived. There is still no dinner yet. It is fine for you to stay here. I will bring the things in for you. You can open them one by one," Lu Xingzhi said as he turned around and left. The others had sent their gifts with Gu Haoyu, so they all arrived together. Lu Xingzhi did not want to disturb Jiang Yao's lunch, so he kept them in the living room.

'Why are there so many?" Jiang Yao thought there were only four. She did not expect Lu Xingzhi to bring a bunch of them in. Some boxes were taller than others.

“Chu Sheng, Sister-in-law, and the others have also sent a gift for you. There’s also a gift from Du Chen.” The items were not heavy, so Lu Xingzhi placed them beside Jiang Yao. Then he took a pair of scissors from his pocket and handed them to Jiang Yao. However, he pulled them back at the last minute.

“What are you doing? I can open my gifts.” Before Jiang Yao could finish her sentence, Lu Xingzhi had already cut the box at the top. However, he only cut it open and did not open it to see what was inside.

“Mom said pregnant women are not allowed to use sharp things, and kitchen knives and scissors are the worst,” Lu Xingzhi said thoughtfully. Jiang Yao knew that her hometown did have that custom, so she did not argue with Lu Xingzhi.

The gifts she received from those in Jindo City were very strange. Chen Xuyao even gave her two bottles of red wine. That guy probably had no experience giving a present to a girl, so he thought that wine was appropriate.

Lu Xingzhi said that Chen Xuyao could not get a wife because he was stupid. He was injured, and Jiang Yao was pregnant, so why would he give them two bottles of wine? Did he want them to fight?

There were many small items in the bedroom after the gifts were opened. Bracelets, bags, perfume, lipstick, and exquisite craftsmanship were on display.

Master Cheng suggested drinking some wine during dinner because he was happy. Lu Xingzhi’s response was even faster than Cheng Jinyan’s.

He opened the two bottles of wine that Chen Xuyao had sent over. Master

Cheng was full of compliments the moment he took the first sip. That made Jiang crave for some.

Jiang Yao could not stop Lu Xingzhi. Master Cheng was beyond happy when he left with the bottle.

Master Cheng and Cheng Jinnian were clearly inebriated when the Cheng family left. Their steps were light, and Madam Chengs cheeks were flushed from the alcohol.

When Mrs. Jiang sent them out at the door, Lu Xingzhi took Jiang Yao’s as he walked behind her. However, he was tall, and he leaned on Jiang Yao with a drunken look on his face. He called out to her as if he had something to say.

“Are you drunk? I’ll make you some tea to help with the alcohol,” Jiang Yao said.

“I told you not to drink so much. Too much red wine is not good for your body..”

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Chapter 2298: Bad News

"I'm not drunk. I'm sober." Lu Xingzhi did not drink too much that night. He only drank three glasses. After all, he would not compromise his body; if he drank too much, Jiang Yao would undoubtedly throw him back into the hospital in rage.

He deliberately leaned on Jiang Yao and pretended to be drunk to tease her. He liked to see her bristling.

"Usually, people who drink too much will say that they are sober," Jiang Yao muttered. Unexpectedly, his lips pressed down on hers as soon as she finished speaking. He hugged her in his arms and started to kiss her wantonly under the moonlight.

Lu Xingzhi did not dare to go too far because Mrs. Jiang was nearby to send the guests off. He stopped after a light taste, and when he let go, he still looked like he had not had enough.

Yes, he had not gotten laid for a long time.

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"I want to hold you in my arms and kiss you properly." However, he could only think about it. He knew that Jiang Yao was shy and was not used to showing off their love in front of others; he was afraid that it would not just end with a kiss.

Jiang Yao glared at Lu Xingzhi. "Your phone is ringing."

Lu Xingzhi's phone was in his pocket. Jiang Yao reached out, took out his phone from his pocket, and handed it to him.

That was a death sentence for Lu Xingzhi. His phone was in his trouser pocket. When Jiang Yao reached out to help him with his phone, she stroked and grabbed it.

"Hello." Lu Xingzhi's voice was hoarse when he picked up the call.

Lu Xingzhi looked at the caller ID and realized it was Liang Yueze. Just then, Mrs. Jiang was back. Lu Xingzhi said, "Mom, please bring Yaoyao back to the house. It's windy. I'm afraid she'll catch a cold."

Jiang Yao exclaimed in surprise, and before she could react, Mrs. Jiang brought her back to the house. Lu Xingzhi returned the phone to his ear and said, 'You can talk now.'

“Bad news.” Liang Yueze’s voice was remarkably low. “The ship’s hijack was aimed at your wife, Jiang Yao.”

“What do you mean? Why are they targeting my wife?” Lu Xingzhi did not quite understand what he heard, but his heart skipped a beat.

What could that matter have to do with Jiang Yao?

“I received a tip-off. That organization targeted more than 300 of our fellow citizens on the passenger ship. The rest were thrown away as experimental subjects for the research institute. They spread the news that they captured many of our country’s citizens to force the Divine Doctor’s student to help them.”

The Divine Doctor was supposed to have died in the aviation accident. Lu Xingzhi and Liang Yueze had put a lot of effort into erasing Jiang Yao’s traces as the Divine Doctor.

The organization would not have wasted any effort in any investigation. They preferred a more violent and effective way to force their hands.

They knew they might not be able to hire the Divine Doctor’s student even if they learned of her identity.

They were also accustomed to being arrogant. They lacked the patience to wait and investigate.

“They used the lives of over 300 compatriots as blackmail to demand the appearance of the Divine Doctor student. That is truly despicable, and since they are here for Jiang Yao, I don’t need to think about their ultimate goal,” Liang Yueze said with a frown. It was no surprise that the organization wanted everyone to know about the hijacking. They intended to use the general public to force the Divine Doctor’s student out of her hiding..

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Chapter 2299: Go, Then

There was no need to think about that at that point. An extensive lineup was natural for the organization’s former leader. Master Cheng had previously investigated it and determined it was a serious matter.

“He did choose a good successor,” Lu Xingzhi sneered. After obtaining such great power and money, many people wished that the person they were suppressing would die early.

That followed the same logic as elevating a retired emperor above the emperor. No emperor would want a retired emperor to be above them. However, the new boss of that organization did not appear to have such thoughts; he seemed to genuinely respect his godfather.

“When the news of the passenger ship being hijacked spreads, the news that they are looking for the Divine Doctor student will also spread. You and Jiang Yao should be mentally prepared. Under such circumstances, Jiang Yao’s identity will be exposed eventually,” Liang Yueze said. “When the news gets out, our people won’t reveal Jiang Yao’s identity, but the students at Nanjiang Medical University know about Jiang Yao’s identity. So, it can’t be suppressed.

It will be publicized sooner or later.”

“Okay. ” Even though Lu Xingzhi’s response appeared brief, he was irritated.

He had previously assumed that the matter had nothing to do with him. He had not anticipated them going for Jiang Yao.

After hanging up the phone, Lu Xingzhi stood in the courtyard for a while, then turned around and went straight to the bedroom. When he opened the door and entered, he bumped into Jiang Yao’s smiling face. Lu Xingzhi stopped in his tracks and raised his hand to pat his head. He seemed to have forgotten to go to Zhou Junmin’s place to get something.

“Where did you go just now?” Jiang Yao walked toward Lu Xingzhi. Her eyes scanned the surroundings, but she did not see anything that she wanted to see. Then, she pouted unhappily, but she did not say it right away, and she did not ask for a gift either.

“I made a phone call. I’m going to boil some water for you to take a bath. “The weather is getting cold, so don’t take too long.” After that, Lu Xingzhi turned around and quickly left the bedroom. He thought he could only ask Zhou Junmin to deliver the things while Jiang Yao was taking a bath.

Mrs. Jiang walked out of the study room to take over when she noticed Lu Xingzhi was about to boil water for Jiang Yao. Mrs. Jiang and Madam Cheng had been very busy all day, so Lu Xingzhi convinced her to rest. “It is only a minor thing. I will take care of it. You’ve been working all day. You must be exhausted. Return to your room and get some rest.”

“I’m not tired. Those chores won’t be as tiring as the work in the countryside.

But I’m happy that Yaoyao and Madam Cheng are getting along well. ” Mrs.

Jiang smiled. Since Lu Xingzhi was quick with his actions, she let him do it.

Mrs. Jiang knew Lu Xingzhi's character well. Whenever it came to Jiang Yao, Lu Xingzhi liked to do things for her himself. However, he was still an injured patient.

Boiling water was not a heavy job, so Mrs. Jiang did not argue with him. She was used to resting early anyway.

After Lu Xingzhi finished boiling the water, he called for Jiang Yao. After Jiang Yao took her shower, he called Zhou Junmin and told him to bring the things he had asked him to prepare.

Zhou Junmin jogged all the way there, standing at the door like a thief and poking his head out. It was not until he saw Lu Xingzhi waving at him at the entrance to signal him to go in that he ran in with the things in his arms.

"Colonel, everything is ready!" Zhou Junmin stuffed the things into Lu

Xingzhi's arms.. "I'll leave them to you and go, then?"

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Chapter 2300: No Use In Calling Me Your Ancestor

"KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN." Lu Xingzhi nodded as he looked at Zhou Junmin's sly smile. It took him a long time to refrain from using the word scam.

Lu Xingzhi dashed back to his bedroom with his belongings. The first thing he did was hide his belongings and lie on the bed, pretending nothing had happened.

As he lay on the bed, Lu Xingzhi could hear the sound of water in the bathroom because the door was open. Lu Xingzhi picked up the book on the bedside table and pretended to read it after hearing the bathroom door open and Jiang Yao's footsteps. Jiang Yao did not even raise his head to look around when she entered the room.

"What are you reading?" Jiang Yao entered the room with heavy footsteps to catch Lu Xingzhi's attention. She had not expected that a certain someone would not even lift his eyelids, as if he was so engrossed in reading that he did not hear her; thus, she could only find a topic to discuss to attract Lu Xingzhi's attention.

"I'm just reading." Lu Xingzhi's reply was very casual. After answering, he even turned a page of the book but still did not look at Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao gritted her teeth. She walked forward and took the book from Lu Xingzhi's hands. Then, she stuffed a dry towel into Lu Xingzhi's hands and said, "Dry my hair."

‘Yes.’ Lu Xingzhi was not angry. He took the towel and shook it open. He smiled and said, “Your Majesty.”

“It’s useless even if you call me your ancestor,” Jiang Yao muttered before sitting down with her back facing Lu Xingzhi. To make it easier for Lu Xingzhi to wipe his hair, she lowered her head slightly, and the person behind her moved; the position where he was lying on the bed changed. He sat behind her with his legs hanging on both sides of her body.

Lu Xingzhi was so close to her that her back felt like it was pressing against his chest.

He was dressed in baggy pants that exposed the areas below his knees. Jiang Yao lowered her head to examine his feet. After such a long period of recovery, the wounds on his feet had healed and were scabbed. She did not know where he had gone that day, but he had scraped the scar in one of the spots, revealing his new pink skin. Jiang Yao was uneasy because that small patch of pink was so different from his natural skin color.

She reached out to touch it. “Even though you can move around freely, do you have to do it so recklessly? Don’t go to the yard. Look at the spot where you scraped your foot. Don’t you feel pain?”

Lu Xingzhi glanced at the spot where Jiang Yao’s hands had touched. He would not have noticed it if Jiang Yao had not mentioned it. As a man, he could not see such a minor wound on his body.

‘You’re the birthday girl. I’ll do as you wish.’

Lu Xingzhi replied without hesitation. He waited for her hair to stop dripping before taking a hair dryer from under the bedside table. He dried her hair for her.

Jiang Yao glanced at Lu Xingzhi and wondered if he knew it was her birthday. He had already eaten the cake, so where was her gift?

Jiang Yao could not take it any longer and yanked a strand of hair from Lu Xingzhi’s leg. Jiang Yao shook her head and smiled as she heard him gasp in pain. “Does it hurt?” she asked, turning around. “How bad does it hurt?” Continue read full chapters on our website: BonnoveI.com

‘What do you think?’ Lu Xingzhi turned Jiang Yao’s head back. “Keep your hands to yourself. If you have so much free time, I’ll ask you to do something else for me tonight..”

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