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Chapter 1031: I want to see his body

Depressive....

No one made a sound or said anything.

The fire department's vehicles stopped by the riverbank, and around seven to eight staff came out. Three of them had put on their diving gear and were ready to enter the water.

Wan Fanglei shouted. "Where are you when we need you?! Useless!"

A Public Security Bureau leader added. "Why did you all take so long?! Look at what happened!"

The fire department leader quickly explained. "We had just arrived at work and took some time to prepare the rescue equipment."

A Deputy Mayor shouted angrily. "Almost ten minutes had passed! What's the use of you all coming now?!"

Dong Xuebing had entered the water for ten minutes, and twenty minutes had passed since the incident happened. The fire department staff was late, and they dared not retort.

Dong Xuebing is dead.

Everything is too late now.

The City Leaders looked terrible and did not continue scolding the fire department staff.

Suddenly, Xie Huilan shouted at the fire department staff. "What are you all standing there for?! Go and save them!"

Zhong Zhengwei added. "Stop wasting time and bring them up!"

Xie Huilan said, 'save them,' meaning she still hoped Dong Xuebing and that boy were still alive. Zhong Zhengwei felt they should not survive, so he asked the fire department to bring them up.

The three divers immediately jumped into the water.

The fire department leader went to a Public Security Bureau leader. "Old Chen, what's the situation now? How many more people are in the water?"

Old Chen sighed. "Director Dong saved almost everyone. But he returned to the water to save that boy and did not return. It's been ten minutes."

The leader drew a deep breath. "Director Dong!? Is it Dong Xuebing, Director Dong?!"

"Who else can it be?"

"But he was badly injured two days ago."

"Director Dong entered the water with his injuries. Even I cannot bear to look at his wounds." The Public Security Bureau leader's eyes turned red. Dong Xuebing has touched many people today. All the leaders knew they would not go that far for the

civilians, and Dong Xuebing was beaten up by these people's relatives two days ago. He forgot about what happened and risked his life to save them.

The fire department staff was shocked by what happened.

They were more shocked when the first diver surfaced.

The diver was dragged out of the water by another diver. The first diver was gasping for air and shivering badly. He had entered the water for around ten seconds and could not withstand the cold. The other two divers continue to search for Dong Xuebing.

"Xiao Wang!"

"How are you, Xiao Wang?!"

The other fire department staff rushed forward to help.

Xiao Wang was dragged to the riverbank, and he said. "The water was too cold."

The leader felt embarrassed and shouted. "You are wearing a diving suit!"

Xiao Wang replied. "It was too cold. I think the temperature is below zero. My legs cramped the moment I entered the water."

Everyone was looking at the fire department staff.

The leader took a deep breath. "Get someone else to enter the water!"

Xiao Wang continued. "Sorry.... It was too cold.... I...."

"I understand. Don't need to feel sorry." The leader asked his men to carry the diver away.

At this moment, everyone knew what Dong Xuebing had gone through. They understood how strong his willpower was. Even the fire department professional divers cannot withstand the cold in their diving suits. Yet, Dong Xuebing had dived into the waters several times and saved many people.

How wide is this gap?

How strong is his willpower?!

Luo Haiting could not stand it anymore. She went up to that leader and asked. "How is Director Dong now? Is there still hope?"

Liu Hanqing suppressed his anger. "He can still be saved, right?!"

Everyone turned and looked at the fire department leader. They were waiting for a professional to reply.

The fire department leader looked at them apologetically. "I can only say we will try our best."

He Shui'en frowned. "What do you mean by trying your best?! What are the chances of Director Dong surviving?!"

The leader paused for a second and said. Most people will not withstand three minutes underwater at normal temperature, let alone ten minutes in this freezing water. Even those professionally trained

divers in cold suits cannot last more than five minutes. It's been more than ten minutes now...." He stopped for a while and continued. "I'm sorry. Director Dong should be dead. We can only try to salvage his body now." He would say he would try their best to save if it was a civilian asking. But all the City Leaders were looking at him, and he could not hide this from them.

Dead?!

Dong Xuebing is dead?!

Luo Haiting's legs gave way and fell on the riverbank.

The fire department attended to such incidents several times each year, and they were professionals. Everyone was agitated when they heard what the leader said.

It was Dong Xuebing's wife, Xie Huilan, who remained calm.

Xie Huilan looked at that leader. "He is not Dong Xuebing if he dies so easily. Stop saying you all will salvage his body. Just drag him out of the water as soon as possible! He should still be alive! I want to see his body even if he is dead!"

The leader replied immediately. "Don't worry, Mayor Xie. I will send someone else in. We will find Director Dong."

Two firefighters changed into a diving suits and entered the water.

Many people looked at Xie Huilan and did not say anything.

Another minute passed.

A diver surfaced and shook his head. They could not find Dong Xuebing.

Xie Huilan stood there and said. "Continue to search for him!"

Her body swayed and fell against a vehicle.

A City Government female staff quickly held her. "Are you alright, Mayor Xie?"

Zhong Zhengwei said. "Go and rest in the car. You cannot stand here in the cold."

"That's right." Another leader added. "You are pregnant and should rest in the car. It's cold out here."

"I am fine." Xie Huilan supported herself against the car and pushed that female staff's hand away. She continued to stare at the water.

One second....

Ten seconds....

Twenty seconds....

Dong Xuebing entered the water for more than 11 minutes.

Although everyone knew Dong Xuebing could not survive, the City Leaders did not leave. They want to wait for the divers to bring his body out. More and more people accepted the fact Dong Xuebing was dead.

"Sir, we cannot find him!"

“I did not see him in this direction.”

“Maybe.... He might have drifted elsewhere.”

The divers could not stand the piercing cold.

The fire department leader shouted. “Switch to another group of divers and continue the search!”

The divers covered themselves in thick blankets after changing out of their suits. They were shivering badly after entering the water for two minutes.

Director Dong is dead, and his body cannot be found.

Many people start crying.

“Director Dong....”

“Why is this happening?”

“Director Dong is only twenty-five.”

“Please God.... Please save him....”

Crying can be contagious. The civilians started crying. None of them felt Dong Xuebing was a corrupt government official now. Dong Xuebing saved those whose relatives felt ashamed and cried the loudest.

“Director Dong!”

“Why did you leave us?!”

Many leaders also teared up.

When everyone was crying over Dong Xuebing’s sacrifice, something happened on the ice far away from them.

Thump!

Thump!

“Eh, what’s that sound?!”

“Who is hitting the ice?!”

“I hear it too. What’s that?”

The few fire department staff near the ice paused and looked at an area more than ten meters away.

To everyone’s surprise, the ice cracked and broke!

Ice fragments flew up from the water.

Everyone was shocked and looked in that direction.

What is going on?! Why is the ice flying up from the water? Did someone break the ice from the water? Why did the divers swim so far from the crack?!

Chapter 1032: How big are your lungs?

Underwater.

Piercing cold water....

Dong Xuebing had gone through a lot today. The freezing water felt worse than getting shot. However, he was determined to save that boy. He does not want to let the boy's mother down. After using REVERSE to maintain his body condition and breath, he finally found the boy.

The boy had lost consciousness.

Dong Xuebing grabbed the boy in his arms and could feel a weak pulse. However, he knows the boy might not survive until he reaches the surface. He held his breath and used REVERSE on the boy while he was still alive. He reversed his condition until two days ago and dragged him back to the crack.

One minute....

Two minutes....

Three minutes....

Dong Xuebing knew everyone, especially Xie Huilan, was worried for him after being in the water for so long. He was exhausted and had lost his way back to the crack. He was more anxious now.

What should I do?

Am I going to die here?

Dong Xuebing looked at the boy, who had fainted again, in his arms. He decided not to look for his way back and broke out from the ice.

Dong Xuebing raised his arm and punched the thick ice above him.

Thum!

Blood flowed out from Dong Xuebing's fist.

Dong Xuebing endured the pain and repeatedly punched the ice with all his strength.

Two punches....

Five punches....

Ten punches....

No one could break the thick ice from underwater. However, Dong Xuebing has REVERSE to recover his condition and has strong willpower. He will not give up.

After punching the ice countless times, the ice starts to break.

Thum!

Thum!

The ice cracked....

Water gushed from the cracks, and sunlight entered Dong Xuebing's eyes.

Dong Xuebing swam to the surface and grabbed the ice's edge, gasping for air.

Dong Xuebing looked towards the riverbank.

Silence.... Everyone was stunned.

Dong Xuebing was at his limits and shouted at them. "Hurry! Save the child!"

Everyone was still in shock.

Dong Xuebing got mad and shouted with all his remaining strength. "Stop standing there! Hurry and save him!"

Everyone finally recovered from their shock.

"Ah! It's Director Dong!"

"It's Director Dong!"

"How is this possible?! Hurry! Save them!"

"Hurry and save the boy! Pull Director Dong out of the water!"

No one expected Dong Xuebing to appear on the other side of the river, and they rushed to save them.

Some of the crowd were still staring at Dong Xuebing in disbelief.

He is fine?!

Dong Xuebing is still alive?!

The fire department leader almost fainted. He had just told the City Leaders and civilians that there was no way for Dong Xuebing to survive. He was sure no one could survive so long in the freezing water. But Dong Xuebing had surfaced with the boy. How big are your lungs?!

Twelve minutes....

Do you have twenty lungs?!

The leaders and fire department members were stunned. They could not accept how long Dong Xuebing could hold his breath. Is he an alien?!

How can a human hold his breath for so long?!

Many people were shocked by Dong Xuebing, but he was still alive!

The rescuers treaded on the ice slowly towards them.

Finally, two firefighters reached Dong Xuebing, slowly pulling him and the boy to the riverbank.

Dong Xuebing was too exhausted to say anything.

Before Dong Xuebing loses consciousness, he feels a woman hugging him. He remembered her scent and knew it was Xie Huilan. It felt good to smell her scent, and he relaxed.

"Ambulance! Where is the ambulance?!" Xie Huilan shouted.

This was the last thing Dong Xuebing heard before he fainted.

The medical staff rushed over and carried Dong Xuebing onto a stretcher.

Some medical staff started CPR on the boy, and he miraculously woke up.

“Xiao Hu! Xiao Hu!” A woman cried and rushed forward to hug her son. “You scared me to death! Sob....”

“Mum!” The boy cried.

The woman looked at the fainted Dong Xuebing, who was about to be carried into the ambulance. She knelt and kowtowed. “Thank you.... Thank you....”

The reporters captured this scene.

“This Xiao Dong had done well....” Zhong Zhengwei nodded.

A Deputy Mayor beside smiled. “He had done well, but he had also frightened everyone. My heart almost stopped.”

Zhan Guiping started clapping.

Luo Haiting, Liu Hanqing, and the rest started clapping.

Soon, everyone clapped and cheered as Dong Xuebing was carried into the ambulance.

Chapter 1033: Woke up

Darkness....

It was darkness everywhere....

A ray of light blinded Dong Xuebing.

Due to the brightness, Dong Xuebing opened his eyes to a slit and quickly closed them again. He rested a while and opened his eyes slowly again. His body was aching, and he tried to move his fingers. He could move them with difficulties, and he was cold. He felt like he was running a high fever.

Where am I?

Dong Xuebing could hear machines beeping around him. Am I in the hospital?

Dong Xuebing regained consciousness slowly and looked around. He saw his mother sobbing beside him.

Dong Xuebing said. “Mum....”

Luan Xiaoping looked up. “Son! You are awake!”

“Why are you crying?” Dong Xuebing wanted to wipe the tears off his mother’s face, but he could not move his hand.

“Don’t move....” Luan Xiaoping quickly stopped Dong Xuebing. “Just lay there and don’t move.”

“Where am I? What time is it now?” Dong Xuebing did not know how long he had been unconscious.

"Silly child. You are at the hospital." Luan Xiaoping wiped her tears. "You are in a coma for one day and one night. Huilan, Yunxuan, and I were worried sick."

"One day?"

"You fell unconscious yesterday morning."

"Err.... Sorry, mum." Dong Xuebing forced a smile.

Luan Xiaoping replied. "Stop talking. I will get the doctor."

Luan Xiaoping ran out of the ward and shouted. "Doctor! Doctor! My son is awake!"

About 10 seconds later, seven doctors and nurses rushed into the ward. Dong Xuebing had met most of them.

Dong Xuebing had spent more time in the hospital than most people. He had been hospitalized now and then and knew most of the people there. He smiled. "Sorry to trouble you all again."

A doctor quickly stopped Dong Xuebing. "Stop talking. Let us check your condition first."

"Thank you." Dong Xuebing was courteous to everyone because of the nature of his work.

The doctors started to examine Dong Xuebing.

Fifteen minutes later....

A doctor took off his stethoscope and turned to Luan Xiaoping. "Don't worry. Director Dong is out of danger now. He just needs to stay here for observations for a few days."

"That means he might still be in danger?!" Luan Xiaoping asked worryingly.

The doctor paused for a second. "Not really. Based on our experiences, he should be out of danger now."

Dong Xuebing looked at his mother. "Mum, I said many times. I will not die easily. I will be fine."

Another doctor said. "That's right, Sis. Director Dong can be discharged after a few days. Most of his injuries are not serious. He is running a fever because some of his wounds are inflamed. A specialist will be coming in this afternoon to treat him. Dong worry. We had treated Director Dong several times, and his body condition is way better than everyone I had met."

Doctors seldom guarantee a patient's recovery to the family members as no one knows what will happen tomorrow. The patient might seem fine today, and his condition might worsen the next day. The doctors do not want to take responsibility and will never say such things.

However, their patient is Dong Xuebing. They are confident of his body condition.

Luan Xiaoping was worried about Dong Xuebing and asked the doctors many questions.

The City leaders ordered the hospital to save Dong Xuebing at all costs, and the doctors and nurses would be fired if anything happened to him. However, the hospital staff was not worried. They know Dong Xuebing will not die.

How can someone who can donate 2 liters of blood die so quickly?

With injuries, Dong Xuebing can hold his breath for over ten minutes in freezing water.

He survived more than ten days without food and water during the earthquake.

Dong Xuebing had survived many dangerous situations, and he is awake now. How can he be in danger?

Bullshit!

If Dong Xuebing could die so quickly, he would not be Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing might be the only survivor when the world ends.

It's impossible to die with his body.

Have you met anyone who can hold his breath for so long in freezing water?

Only Dong Xuebing can do it.

A while later.

Luan Xiaoping was relieved after all the doctors' assurance. She stroked Dong Xuebing's face when the doctors left the ward. "I almost got a heart attack when I saw the news. Why did you go into the water when so many people were around?! Are you the only one who can swim?! Why must it be you every time?"

Dong Xuebing smiled wearily. "I am only trying to save them, and the water is too cold for the rest."

"Then why must it be you?"

"Err.... They might die if they enter the water. It's dangerous, and I don't have time to think. Many people had knelt before us, and I must do something."

Luan Xiaoping scolded. "They are the ones who attacked and scolded you. Do you think they will be grateful?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "It's different. I did not save them because I want them to be grateful to me."

Chapter 1034: Cyborg

Hospital.

Luan Xiaoping was making phone calls for Dong Xuebing in the ward.

"Hello, Chief Liu? I am Xiao Bing's mother. He is fine now."

"Hello, Manager Qian? Xuebing is awake. He asked me to call you and let you know."

"Hello, Secretary Zhan? Xiao Bing asked me to thank you for your concern on his behalf. He is awake now."

"Yunxuan, the doctors said Xuebing is alright. Don't worry and you don't need to come over. Little Qianqian is with Old Yang and I worry for her. He is too busy to care

for her. Take care of her and leave Xiao Bing to me. I will let you know if I cannot cope."

Luan Xiaoping threw the phone at Dong Xuebing after calling for an hour. "Many people had visited and called you yesterday. I had recorded their names and returned their calls for you. You should be the one calling them. How can you ask me to call them for you?!"

Dong Xuebing replied. "You are the one who asked me to rest."

Luan Xiaoping grumbled. "I will deal with you when you recover!"

Dong Xuebing laughed. "You will not bear to do that. Oh, where is Huilan?"

Luan Xiaoping looked at Dong Xuebing. "I called her earlier. She is busy with work and cannot visit you."

Dong Xuebing blinked. "She cannot visit me?! Is she angry with me?"

"Just take care of yourself first. Do you want to eat fruits? I will peel an apple for you." Luan Xiaoping said.

"Don't try to change the subject." Dong Xuebing asked. "Where is Huilan? Don't try to lie to me."

Luan Xiaoping sighed. "After Huilan sent you to the hospital yesterday, she fainted in the lobby."

Dong Xuebing sat up in shock. "She fainted?! How is she now?"

"She is resting in another ward. The doctor asked her to have a good rest. Don't worry. Her baby is fine too."

Dong Xuebing struggled to sit up. "No.... Mum, help me to her ward. I want to see her."

Luan Xiaoping gave Dong Xuebing a stare. "You only think of her now."

"Ah, Mum.... Hurry and help me over."

"Your condition is worse than Huilan. Wait until your fever subside first."

"No. I must see her now." Dong Xuebing pressed the nurse station bell.

Luan Xiaoping refused. "Stop your nonsense. You are running a 40 degree Celsius fever now. Where are you going?"

The door opened and a nurse came in. "Do you need anything, Director Dong?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "I need a wheelchair now. I need to go out."

"Ah.... No...." The nurse waved her hands. "You need to rest."

Dong Xuebing replied anxiously. "I just want to see my wife. Hurry up."

The nurse cannot make the decision and quickly called two duty doctors.

The doctors disagreed. "I understand how you feel, Director Dong. Mayor Xie's condition is stable and her baby and her are fine. Don't worry. You are running a high fever and cannot get out of bed. You got to wait until your fever subside."

The other doctor added. "That's right. You need rest."

Dong Xuebing got mad. "I must wait for my temperature to go down?! Fine! Take my temperature now."

The doctors were stunned. They had just taken Dong Xuebing's temperature an hour ago. His temperature should not change so fast.

The doctor instructed the nurse to take Dong Xuebing's temperature to stop him from going out.

The doctors and nurse were shocked when they saw Dong Xuebing's temperature.

36 degree Celsius?!

It's normal temperature.

The doctors and nurse almost fainted. Dong Xuebing was running a 40-degree Celsius fever an hour ago. How did his temperature drop so fast?!

Damn!

How strong is your recovery?!

Your temperature had dropped too fast.

The doctors and nurse looked at Dong Xuebing in disbelief.

Dong Xuebing can recover anytime if he wants with REVERSE. "Am I still running a fever?!"

"Huh? Err...."

"Can you push the wheelchair over now?"

The doctor wiped the sweat off his forehead and looked at Luan Xiaoping.

Luan Xiaoping replied angrily. "I cannot do anything about him. Let him do whatever he wants."

The nurse pushed a wheelchair over and helped Dong Xuebing get into it.

"Let me do it." Luan Xiaoping was mad, but she still covered Dong Xuebing with a blanket. She pushed him out of the ward and walked to the other side of the hospital. "I had visited Huilan earlier and she was sleeping. The doctor says she had fainted because she was pregnant and too worried. It is nothing serious and she will be fine after a few days rest."

"Really?"

"Why should I lie to you?! I would be accompanying her if her condition is serious. Why would I be accompanying you?"

"I still need to see her."

“Fine.... We are here.”

Outside of a ward.

Dong Xuebing did not wait for his mother to open the door. He pushed the door anxiously and saw Xie Huilan reading newspapers on the bed. She looked slightly pale.

“Huilan.” Dong Xuebing called.

Xie Huilan turned and smile. “Mum, you are here.”

Luan Xiaoping nodded and looked at her son. “Xiao Bing insisted to see you. I had no choice but to push him here. How are you feeling?”

Xie Huilan laughed. “I am much better. I am fine in the first place. Haha....”

“Huilan.” Dong Xuebing called again after being ignored.

Luan Xiaoping laughed. “Alright. I am going out for a walk.”

Luan Xiaoping left.

The door closed and Dong Xuebing pushed himself to the bed. He held Xie Huilan’s hand and looked at her. “Let me examine you. Are you alright?” Xie Huilan turned away and continue reading the papers. “Are you angry? Sorry. It was my fault. I am alright. You should know I will not die easily. I had entered the water because I had no choice. Err.... I know I promised you that I will not do anything risky. But that was not risky. Who am I? I will not be beaten by that small river.”

Xie Huilan continued to read her papers.

Dong Xuebing smacked his lips. “Don’t be angry. I will give you a kiss. I missed you badly.”

Dong Xuebing moved his face closer and Xie Huilan pushed him away. “Enough. I can’t be bothered with you.”

“Haha.... You are not angry now?”

“How can I get angry with you?”

“Give me a hug.”

“Get away. I am still feeling uncomfortable.”

“Ah.... Tell me where are you hurt?”

“What can you do?”

“Did you forget that I know Chinese Traditional Medicine?”

“I got a headache and feeling a bit giddy. It’s been one day.”

“Okay. Don’t move and leave it to me.” Dong Xuebing stood up and sat on Xie Huilan’s bed.

“You are still injured. Go back and rest.”

"I will go back after I treated you. Turn around."

Dong Xuebing pressed Xie Huilan's head and massaged gently. After a while, he used REVERSE on her, and returned her condition to two days ago. "How are you feeling now?"

Xie Huilan massaged her neck and moved her head. "It's not painful anymore."

Dong Xuebing replied. "My massage is effective, right?"

Xie Huilan smiled. "Alright. I did not expect my husband to be so good in medicine. I don't need to see a doctor anymore."

"Alright. Just let me know if you feel uncomfortable. I can treat you."

"Hahaha.... Stop boasting. Go back and rest. Don't get out of bed until you recover. Do you hear me?"

"I know. But there's no hurry." Dong Xuebing did not return to the wheelchair. He snuggled under Xie Huilan's blanket.

"What are you doing?"

"Taking a rest."

"Go back to your ward."

"It's boring to stay there alone. I will tell the doctors to move me into your ward."

Xie Huilan laughed. "Stop embarrassing me."

Dong Xuebing hugged Xie Huilan and lay beside her.

"You brat." Xie Huilan shook her head.

"Ah, I forgot to ask about those people I saved."

"Most of them are alright. They are in the wards downstairs. A few of them were in serious conditions yesterday. But I heard they had stabilized this morning."

"All of them are alive?"

"Yes. No one died."

"Great. My efforts had not gone in vain."

"You had grabbed the limelight again. The whole Fen Zhou City is talking about you rescuing them and holding your breath for twelve minutes. Haha.... Even I suspect you are a cyborg."

Chapter 1035: Because he is Dong Xuebing

People's Hospital ward.

It was lunchtime, and Dong Xuebing's mother bought lunch from the cafeteria. He saw the tiredness on her face. She had cared for him since yesterday morning, and also visited Xie Huilan once in a while. She must be exhausted and had not slept last night.

"Mum, you should get some rest."

"No need. Let me feed you first."

"I can eat myself."

"You should not move. I will feed you."

The door opened and Xie Huilan entered. "Mum, you should go back and rest. This is my apartment's key. I will take care of Xiao Bing."

Luan Xiaoping refused. "You are not feeling well. Go back to your ward."

Xie Huilan smiled. "Xiao Bing gave me a massage and I feel much better."

After persuading Luan Xiaoping for a while, she stood up. "Alright. Call me if you need any help."

"Ok. Don't worry about us."

Luan Xiaoping walked out of the ward slowly.

Xie Huilan walked her out before returning to feed Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing was lazy to move and sat there with his mouth opened.

Xie Huilan's body had recovered due to the power of REVERSE, and Dong Xuebing was not worried for her.

Suddenly, the door opened again, and Dong Xuebing thought it was the doctors or nurses. He looked towards the door and saw City Mayor Zhong Zhengwei and other City Government leaders. City Discipline Inspection Secretary He Shuien, and Deputy Discipline Inspection Secretary Zhan Guiping were there too. More than a dozen men followed behind them. Luo Haiting, Liu Hanqing, and many others were among them.

Zhong Zhengwei said. "I heard Xiao Dong is awake and we came to visit. Are you having your lunch? How are you feeling?"

Xie Huilan puts down the bowl and said. "The doctor say he is fine."

"That's great." Zhong Zhengwei nodded.

Dong Xuebing said to Huilan. "Hurry and help me up."

He Shuien interrupted. "Don't get up. You need to rest."

Zhong Zhengwei waved to Xie Huilan, asking her not to help Dong Xuebing get up. "Xiao Dong, your top priority is to get well."

Dong Xuebing replied. "I am fine now. Sorry to trouble you all and thank you everybody for your concern."

Zhong Zhengwei laughed. "Do you know how worried are we? You did not surface after two minutes, five minutes, ten minutes.... We thought.... Haha.... We are relieved now." He said and

turned to He Shuien. "I am sure he will get the gold medal if we are going to hold any swimming competition. No one can hold his breath better than him."

He Shuien laughed. "I think he had practiced diving before."

The world record for holding the breath was more than ten minutes. But it was on land and not underwater, let alone under that freezing river. No one in the world can hold his breath longer than Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat and quickly explained. "I had ran out of breath when I found that boy. But I found an air pocket under the ice and that's why I can last so long underwater." He knew he had spent too long underwater and found an explanation when the leader asked.

Zhong Zhengwei nodded. "Oh, that's why...."

He Shuien said. "You are lucky this time. Don't be so impulsive next time. You must think for Mayor Xie."

Dong Xuebing sincerely replied. "I will remember this."

Zhong Zhengwei laughed. "We are not lecturing you. You had done well. Even the Provincial Leaders and provincial TV Station heard about this. The City Party Committee had decided to hold an award ceremony for you after you are discharge. Get well soon. Everyone is waiting for you."

Dong Xuebing had received several medals since he joined the government service. He had received more than one medal because of his performance during the earthquake. The District and city had conferences to praise him, and the Provincial Government had called to praise him. He was used to it, but he was still overjoyed. These credits are what he needed most now.

Of course, Dong Xuebing still had to be modest.

Dong Xuebing replied. "I had only done what I should. I know my body can endure the cold better than others and is confident of going underwater. Anyone else with similar body conditions will also save them." He could not ask for the credit in front of everyone as it would make the leaders look bad.

Zhong Zhengwei laughed. "I got nothing to say about your body's condition."

The other leaders rolled their eyes in their heart.

Nothing to say? It should be no words to describe his body.

Many of them saw Dong Xuebing diving into the freezing water and saving all those people. His last dive lasted more than 10 minutes, and managed to save the last boy. It was unbelievable.

News of yesterday's incident spread quickly.

Not only the Fen Zhou City Government staff were talking about it, the civilians were also discussing about it.

Many people who were not at the scene refused to believe. Some of them believed after hearing it was Dong Xuebing. it was not because they know Dong Xuebing can hold his breath for so long. It was because of their previous experiences. Everything is possible if it was Dong Xuebing.

Why?

Because he is Dong Xuebing.

Chapter 1036: Kneeled

The sun is out.

The snow started melting, and it finally felt like spring.

Dong Xuebing finished his lunch after Mayor Zhong, Secretary He, and the rest left, and he chatted with Xie Huilan.

Xie Huilan smiled. "Why are you looking at me like that? Huh?"

Dong Xuebing blinked. "I want to smoke. Can you give me a cigarette?"

Xie Huilan narrowed her eyes. "Do you think it's possible?"

"Yes." Dong Xuebing smacked his lips. "Help me buy a packet of cigarettes."

"I don't think so. You are not well yet. How can you smoke? Do you think you are made of steel?"

"I am made of steel. You can give me a few punches and see if I can feel anything."

"Stop boasting. You will not get cigarettes, but you can get as many injections as you want. I will tell the nurses to give you an injection to curb your smoking urge."

"Don't.... Fine.... I will not smoke. Can you push me out for a while?"

"Haha.... Where do you want to go?"

"Just walk around the hospital and get some sunlight."

"You know how to order others around."

"It's not often I fall sick. Just this once."

"Fine. Let me serve you this time. Haha.... Put on more clothes."

"My body is aching, and I cannot move. Huilan, help me put on my clothes."

Xie Huilan was amused. "You don't seem to be injured at all. Stop pretending."

"I am not pretending, and my body hurts. I am an optimistic person, and that's why I look well. I can wear myself if you don't want to help." Dong Xuebing pretended to be mad.

"Alright. Raise your arm."

Dong Xuebing smiled when Xie Huilan helped him put on his coat. He sat there and enjoyed Xie Huilan's service. All this while, he had been cooking, washing, and caring for her. Finally, he gets to enjoy being served like a king. He might not have this chance again.

Xie Huilan helped Dong Xuebing into the wheelchair and smiled. She pushed him out of the ward.

“Where should we go?”

“Left turn.”

“And then?”

“Right turn, and another right.”

“And then?”

“Huh? We went the wrong way. The elevator is on the other side.”

Xie Huilan: “.....”

Dong Xuebing apologized. “I forgot the way. Sorry.... I did not mean to order you around. Err.... Let’s go back the same way.”

Inside the elevator.

They were alone in the elevator, and there was no camera. Dong Xuebing said. “Huilan, I had gotten great credit this time, right?”

“Yes.”

“It’s a big credit, right?”

“Yes. You saved many lives.”

“Do you think this is an opportunity for me to move up?”

Xie Huilan laughed. “Is this everything in your mind? You are just thinking of getting promoted.”

Dong Xuebing argued. “A leader who doesn’t want to be promoted is not good. Furthermore, I have done a lot for people. If promotion is all I think about, I will not risk my life to save them.”

“Fine... fine.... You are right. Hahaha....”

“Do you think it is possible?” Dong Xuebing will not hesitate to save others when they are in danger, but that does not mean he has no desire to move up the ranks.

“You had gotten a good reputation and political credit this time, and the Provincial Leaders noticed you again. These are good for your career progression, and no one can doubt your ability and results. But you had just gotten promoted to Deputy Division Chief recently. How are you going to get promoted? When I was your age, I did not get promoted so fast. Be content with what you have. Just seize the opportunity when it comes.”

“This means it’s possible.”

“Yes. A little. The current term is ending, and there will be many reappointments and openings.”

“Terrific. I will ask and must try to seize this opportunity even if I fail.” Dong Xuebing was promoted a few months ago but had outstanding results. He solved several cases in the Commission for Discipline Inspection and gained many credits outside his work.

“I will help you ask around.” Xie Huilan replied.

“Yes. Let’s try out best and move up together.”

“I don’t need it. Hahaha.... I just entered the Party Committee and can’t move up.”

Dong Xuebing likes this feeling of having a common goal with his wife.

Dong Xuebing and Xie Huilan saw nearly one hundred people when they walked out of the hospital building. The hospital staff was talking to them, and the nurses looked troubled. The nurses saw Dong Xuebing and quickly walked over.

“Director Dong, they are looking for you.” A nurse said.

“Looking for me?” Dong Xuebing looked at the crowd and saw a few familiar faces.

Those people saw Dong Xuebing and got excited.

“It’s Director Dong!”

“Director Dong had come out!”

Everyone shouted.

Passerby and patients looked towards them, wondering what had happened.

A couple and a small boy walked out of the crowd. That boy was the last Dong Xuebing rescued yesterday.

The woman was very agitated. “Director Dong, we heard you have woken up.... We.... We are here to visit you.”

“Don’t mention it.” Dong Xuebing smiled and looked at that boy. “Is he alright?”

The woman’s eyes turned red, and she said to her son. “Hurry and kneel before Uncle Dong to thank him!”

The small boy knelt immediately. “Thank you, Uncle Dong.”

Dong Xuebing got fright and quickly waved his hand. “Don’t do that. Sis, what are you doing? This.... Don’t do this. He had just recovered. Ask him to get up.”

The woman sobbed. “My husband protested in front of the City Party Committee Building that day and attacked you. But.... But you risked your life to save our son.... I.... I....” The woman slapped herself suddenly, and her face turned red. “I am sorry! I am sorry....”

Dong Xuebing panicked. “What are you doing?”

Xie Huilan added. “Stop doing that.”

The woman did not listen and continued to slap herself.

The woman's husband stopped his wife. His eyes were also red. "Stop hitting yourself. This has nothing to do with you. It was all my fault." That man said and slapped himself hard. "Director Dong, thank you for saving my son. Thank you."

A few more people started talking.

"Thank you, Director Dong."

"Our family is grateful to you."

"You are a good official! You will live a long life!"

"We will never forget what you did for us! Thank you!"

"I will not forgive anyone who says you are corrupted!"

Everyone, especially the family members of the ones Dong Xuebing saved, was agitated.

An old man hit his son's leg with his walking stick. "Director Xiao Dong is a good man! How dare you protest against him!? Are you blind?! Your daughter would be drowned if not for him! I will beat you to death if anything happens to him! Kneel!"

A man clenched his teeth and kneeled towards Dong Xuebing.

The man's mother also bowed with tears in her eyes.

At the same time, all the civilians bowed toward Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing was not used to this and quickly said. "Don't do this, everyone. It's my duty, and there's nothing to thank me for."

Xie Huilan walked over to help an old man up. "Please get up."

That old man refused stubbornly and continued to bow before Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing pushed the wheelchair over. "Everyone, please don't do this. I cannot accept your bow. It's our duty to save others as Party Members. Please get up. Sis, ask your son to get up. The floor is cold." He turned to the hospital staff. "Please come over and help them up."

The nurses quickly went over.

It took over five minutes for them to help the civilians up.

After that, the civilians started to present their gifts.

"Director Dong, I prepared chicken soup for you and your wife."

"Here are some health supplements. Please get well soon."

"Here's mine. It's not expensive, but you must accept it!"

Dong Xuebing quickly accepted their gifts. "Alright.... I will take it.... Thank you, everyone. Thank you."

Everyone who saw this scene was touched.

Chapter 1037: Commendation ceremony

Dong Xuebing stood outside the hospital. He had recovered and was discharged from the hospital. Suddenly, a Passat stopped in front of Dong Xuebing.

Liu Hanqing got out of the car. "Director, I am here to pick you up."

Dong Xuebing smiled. "Sorry to trouble you, Old Liu. I can take a cab there."

Liu Hanqing laughed. "How can I let you do that? Please get into the car. Everyone is waiting for you."

"Thank you." Dong Xuebing nodded as Liu Hanqing opened the rear passenger door for him.

Liu Hanqing fastened his seatbelt and drove towards the City Party Committee Building. He said. "I should send you home to rest as you had just recovered. But the City leaders had arranged a commendation ceremony and had invited the Provincial TV station." He looked at his watch and continued. "It's 8 am now. The ceremony is around 9 to 9.30 am. Do you want to go home first?"

"How can I let the leaders wait for me? Let's go to the ceremony first."

"Alright."

City Party Committee Building.

The car stopped, and Dong Xuebing and Liu Hanqing got out.

People were on the way to work, and they greeted Dong Xuebing.

"Director."

"Director Dong."

"How are you feeling, Director?"

"Good morning, Director Dong."

Dong Xuebing smiled and nodded to the staff.

Dong Xuebing returned to his office and made phone calls.

"Hello, Old Chen? Yes, I am back at work. Don't worry...."

"Mum, I returned to work.... Yes.... I am fine. Help me inform Uncle Yang and Aunt Xuan."

"Hello, Old Liu? The nurses said you visited the hospital when I was asleep. Thank you. I am discharged now.... Yes.... I have recovered."

Dong Xuebing called Geng Yuehua, Yu Meixia, and other former colleagues.

After making dozens of phone calls, Dong Xuebing called Xie Huilan.

"Huilan, why didn't you fetch me from the hospital? What are you busy with?" Dong Xuebing asked.

Xie Huilan laughed. "Didn't I tell you the term is going to change? I am swamped with work. Haha.... I cannot attend your commendation ceremony. I know you are fine and don't need to fetch you. Oh, I will be switching off my phone when the meeting starts, and I will not be coming back these few days. Take care of yourself. Will you be fine by yourself?"

"What are you talking about? What can happen to me?"

"Alright. Take care of yourself."

"I should be saying that. You are a few months pregnant. Be careful."

"Yes. Haha.... I will listen to my Hubby."

Dong Xuebing smiled after hanging up. Huilan used to call him a brat and started calling him Hubby more recently. It made him feel good.

Dong Xuebing looked at the time. It was almost 9 am.

Dong Xuebing left his office and walked towards the City Party Committee Grand Hall.

Grand Hall.

The hall was packed.

According to Dong Xuebing's rank, he was supposed to sit in the third row. But it was his commendation ceremony, and he was brought to the first row with the other Party Committee members.

Everyone arrived, and the ceremony started.

The Provincial and City TV Stations had set up cameras along the corridors by the side, and reporters were taking pictures.

The first person to go up the podium was City Party Secretary Wan Fanglei, followed by City Mayor Zhong Zhengwei. They gave speeches before handing the microphone to Dong Xuebing. Dong Xuebing was used to giving speeches now. He felt nervous the first time and awkward the second time. But now, he was used to it and had memorized his speech.

After Dong Xuebing's speech, his direct leader and a civilian representative went up to give a speech and presented a plaque to him. The ceremony lasted more than an hour.

After 10 am.

The commendation ceremony ended.

Many people went up to Dong Xuebing after the ceremony.

"Are you feeling better?"

"Congratulations, Director Dong."

"You have gain credit again. You must give us a treat. Hahaha...."

Dong Xuebing chatted with them and returned to the Commission for Discipline Inspection. He was hospitalized for a few days, and tomorrow was the weekend. He needs to clear his work today, or he will leave a wrong impression on the leaders.

Dong Xuebing finally cleared his backlog by the end of the day.

Dong Xuebing packed his stuff when it was time to go home. But he does not know where to go.

Xie Huilan had gone to the Provincial Government for meetings and will not be back for the next two days. Dong Xuebing felt bored staying at home alone and wondered where to go.

Dong Xuebing's phone rang when he was thinking.

It was Xu Yan.

"Hello, Sister Xu." Dong Xuebing answered.

Xu Yan laughed. "How are you?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "I had recovered when you visited me at the hospital a few days ago. But my wife and Mum insisted I stay at the hospital for a few more days."

"Good. Are you free tonight?"

"Huh? Yes. You...."

"Come over to my place for dinner. Let's celebrate your discharge and commendation. Oh, bring your wife if she is free. I still have not chatted with your wife properly."

"Oh, thank you. I was still thinking about where to go for dinner. Err... Huilan had gone to the Provincial Government for meetings. She cannot join us today."

"Haha.... Then come alone. I had bought the groceries."

"Sure. I will be there."

Chapter 1038: Sister Xu and Sister Yu

Dong Xuebing drove the Discipline Inspection car to Xu Yan's apartment after leaving his office.

Ring... ring... ring.... Dong Xuebing's phone rang.

It was Yu Meixia this time.

Dong Xuebing answered. "Hello, Meixia."

"Xuebing.... you.... Where are you?"

"I have returned to work and am driving back now."

Yu Meixia cautiously replied. "I... I saw it on the news. Mayor Xie had gone to the Provincial Government for a meeting. Is she not home today?"

"Yes. She will be away for two days."

"Then.... Can I look for you? I can prepare dinner for you."

"Ah? Err...."

"I... I am afraid no one is around to take care of you."

"I got a dinner invitation from a former leader. I am going to her place for dinner now."

"Then... then forget it. It's fine.... I.... I will hang up now."

"Wait.... don't hang up first. How about you go with me?"

"I.... how can I? I.... It's not right."

"Let me ask Sister Xu first. Wait for my call."

Dong Xuebing hung up and slowed down. This was Yu Meixia's first time saying she wanted to meet him, and he could not refuse her. He knows she misses him and feels that Xu Yan could take care of her if they knew each other. Sister Yu's parents are the top leaders in Fen Zhou City's Power Plant and ICBC. They could help Sister Xu in her work. Having dinner together should be fine. However, his relationship with both of them is a bit.... He decided to ask Sister Xu first.

Dong Xuebing called Xu Yan. "Sister Xu, I would like to bring a friend along.... Female... Err.... She is a close friend and...."

"Sure. Bring her along."

"You sure? Will it be alright?"

"It's alright. I had prepared lots of food."

"Don't trouble yourself. Let's eat outside."

It's okay if Dong Xuebing is going alone. But he was bringing Sister Yu along, and it's not good to trouble Xu Yan.

However, Xu Yan said. "You brat.... Are you saying the restaurant's food is better? Huh?"

"Ah... no.... Your food is the best."

"Haha.... Just bring your friend along. I have prepared the ingredients and will start cooking when you arrive."

"Alright. I will call her now. Oh, don't start cooking now. We will help."

"Alright. Just come."

"Sure."

Dong Xuebing called Yu Meixia after hanging up. "Where are you now? I will pick you."

Yu Meixia replied. "I.... you all should go ahead."

"I had told Sister Xu. Are you at home? I will wait for you in your lobby."

Dong Xuebing knew it was not suitable for him to bring Yu Meixia instead of his wife. But he still did this because Yu Meixia differs from Geng Yuehua or Qu Yunxuan. He felt Yu Meixia and Xu Yan could get along well because of their age, and he was not afraid of saying the wrong things in front of them.

A while later.

Nan Shan District. State Security Bureau family quarters.

Dong Xuebing and Yu Meixia got out of the car and walked upstairs. Her nervousness amused him. "Why do you look like you are going to war? We are only having dinner, and Sister Xu is my former leader. We are close, and I think she knows your parents. Both of you can take this opportunity to know each other." He knew Yu Meixia was not used to meeting strangers.

Upstairs.

Dong Xuebing pressed the doorbell.

Ding dong... ding dong.... The door opened.

Xu Yan smiled in her apron. "You all are here."

"We are here for dinner, Sister Xu. Haha...." Dong Xuebing joked.

Xu Yan nodded to Yu Meixia and stepped aside. "Come in."

Dong Xuebing and Yu Meixia entered the apartment, but the latter was awkward. She stood in the hallway and did not move.

Dong Xuebing quickly introduced them. "Sister Yu, she is our City State Security Bureau Chief Xu Yan. Sister Xu is my good friend, Yu Meixia. I wonder if you know her parents. Her father is our City's Power Station General Manager, Liu Chenlong, and her mother is our City's ICBC branch manager, Qian Lihua. Sister Xu is a few years older than you. You can address her as Sister Xu."

Yu Meixia quickly greeted Xu Yan. "Nice to meet you, Sister Xu."

Xu Yan looked at Yu Meixia in surprise. "You are Manager Qian's daughter?! We worked with ICBC a lot, and I had dinner with her last month. No wonder I find you familiar. You look like your mother." She looked at Dong Xuebing. "Oh, I remember you asked me to help your friend look for her missing parents. Is she that friend? You found your parents?!"

Yu Meixia nodded. "Thanks to Xuebing."

Dong Xuebing replied modestly. "Don't mention it."

Xu Yan laughed. "This brat is good to all pretty women."

Dong Xuebing blushed and cleared his throat. "Ah... it smells delicious. Are you cooking now? Let me see."

"Don't try to run away." Xu Yan laughed and turned to Yu Meixia. "Let him prepare dinner, and we will continue chatting here. What tea do you like?"

"I am fine. I... I...."

"You are Xiao Dong's friend, and you are my friend. Don't feel awkward."

Dong Xuebing closed the kitchen door and started preparing dinner.

Five minutes....

Ten minutes....

Twenty minutes....

Dong Xuebing waited for a while, and no one entered the kitchen to help. He could not go out and ask Sister Xu or Sister Yu to cook and had to do everything himself. Finally, the food was prepared, and he took out the dishes.

Living room.

Xu Yan and Yu Meixia were chatting happily.

“Suster Xu, are you really in your forties?! How is this possible?”

“Don’t say that. You also don’t look like your age.”

“But you look much younger than me.”

“I envy your complexion. I wish I could be as fair as you.”

They chatted happily over tea, and Dong Xuebing was surprised to see Sister Yu talking so much to someone she had met for the first time. It was right to bring her along. She got to expand her social circle.

Dong Xuebing smiled. “Dinner is ready!”

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing and smiled. “We had a good chat with Meixia and forgotten about dinner. Haha.... Sorry to make you cook for us.”

Dong Xuebing replied. “It’s fine. Just don’t say my food is not nice.”

Yu Meixia quickly went over to help Dong Xuebing. “Let me help.”

Xu Yan laughed and got up. “I will get the alcohol. What drinks do you want?”

Dong Xuebing paused for a second. “You.... Let’s not drink today.”

Xu Yan replied. “After that day, I had not taken a drop of alcohol. But this is a celebration for you. The alcohol is for Meixia and you. I will drink tea instead.”

Yu Meixia waved her hand. “I.... I don’t drink.”

“Then Xiao Bing will drink alone. I got red and white wine here.” Xu Yan said. “Oh, someone gave me a bottle of concentrated Er Guo Tou. I don’t know about alcohol, and I will let you taste it today. Drink some and bring back the rest.”

Dong Xuebing laughed. “Sure! Thank you.”

Xu Yan laughed. “When did you become so polite with me?”

Dong Xuebing blushed as he remembered what had happened between them. He was only polite in front of others and had never restrained himself when they were in bed.

Dinner started.

The three of them sat at the table.

But Xu Yan and Yu Meixia were not interested in the food. They continued their chat earlier. They were around the same age, and their child was around the same age. They shared about their children and talked about their results.

“How are your daughter’s yearend results?”

“I don’t need to worry about Qianqian’s result. She got more than 90 for all her subjects.”

“Your girl is smart. My son only passed a few subjects, and I am ashamed to talk about the rest.”

Dong Xuebing felt like an outsider and could not join their conversation. He ate and drank alone while admiring the two beautiful, voluptuous women.

Beautiful....

Dong Xuebing enjoyed his dinner even when he was eating alone.

Of course. It would be better if he could hug both of them while eating. But he knew it was impossible.

Chapter 1039: Got caught

Xu Yan’s apartment.

It was getting dark. Xu Yan and Yu Meixia continued to chat.

“Meixia, drop by my place whenever you are free.”

“Sure. Err.... You can also come to my place too. It’s near.”

“Sure. We should have met earlier. Haha.... I need to seek your advice on how to teach my child.”

“I should be the one seeking advice from you. My girl is good at her studies, but she is not good at interacting with others. She is not good with her classmates.”

“Oh, did anyone bully her?”

“I am not sure as she just changed school. But she was used to being bullied at school.”

“Alright. Just let me know if she is bullied. I can help.”

“No... no.... I don’t want to trouble you. I can handle it myself.”

“My job is different, and I am good at handling such things. You don’t need to feel restrained.”

Both of them had been chatting for an hour and had endless topics. Although it was nice to admire two beautiful women chatting, Dong Xuebing was getting sleepy and lonely. He found an opportunity to interrupt. “Sister Xu, Sister Yu, can we start eating? I have been eating alone, and

both of you are not eating. The food is cold. Is my food so bad that both of you are unwilling to eat?"

Yu Meixia quickly says. "I will eat.... I will eat now."

Xu Yan laughed. "Alright. We had forgotten about you. I will warm up the food now."

Yu Meixia said. "Let me do it."

"Let's go together. The microwave is there." Xu Yan replied.

They returned to the dining table after heating the food.

Xu Yan nodded after tasting the food. "Xiao Bing is getting better at cooking. Delicious."

Yu Meixia nodded. "It's more delicious than my food."

Dong Xuebing rolled his eyes. "Both of you are great cooks. How can I compare with you all? I know my standards."

Xu Yan laughed. "What's wrong? Are you getting angry?"

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. "No. Why should I be angry?"

Xu Yan laughed. "Fine. I am in a good mood today. I will drink with you."

"Stop.... It's fine for me to drink alone. You...." Dong Xuebing was not angry.

"Are you belittling my alcohol tolerance?" Xu Yan laughed. "I was in a bad mood that day and had not drunk for a long time. That's why I got drunk. Drinking a few glasses with you should not be a problem. Furthermore, all of us are not working tomorrow. It's fine even if we get drunk. Come, fill my glass. Hahaha.... Meixia, let's have a drink."

Yu Meixia replied. "I... I cannot drink."

Xu Yan continued. "It's fine to have some. Try it. You can stop anytime."

Yu Meixia did not reject it anymore. "Then... then.... I will give it a try."

Dong Xuebing poured alcohol into their glasses. Xu Yan could drink, and he did not remind her. But he had never seen Yu Meixia drink before. "Sister Yu, this is concentrated Erguotou. We call it Jinliu in Beijing. It means it is not watered down, and you cannot get it at most places. The alcohol content is much higher than most alcohol at around 70 degrees."

"70 degrees?" Yu Meixia blinked. She does not understand what that means.

Xu Yan explained. "Pure alcohol is around 90 degrees."

"Ah.... It's about the same as pure alcohol!?" Yu Meixia was surprised.

Dong Xuebing continued. "Just be careful when you drink. Stop immediately if you feel uncomfortable."

Xu Yan raised his glass. "Come, let's have a toast first. Bottoms up!"

The three of them knocked on their glasses and took a dip. It was fine for Dong Xuebing as he was famous for his alcohol tolerance. Xu Yan frowned and swallowed the alcohol with her eyes closed.

But Yu Meixia was different. She clenched her teeth and swallowed with difficulty. After taking a sip, she patted her chest and panted.

Xu Yan asked. "How is it?"

Yu Meixia panted and said. "It burns."

Xu Yan laughed. "You will get used to it. Look, your face has not turned red. It seems like your alcohol tolerance is high."

"No... no.... I... I cannot finish this glass."

"It's fine. Just stop when you feel like it. Here, let's have another sip."

Everyone loosens up after drinking some alcohol. Xu Yan and Yu Meixia no longer chatted among themselves and started to talk to Dong Xuebing.

Xu Yan asked. "How did you meet Meixia?"

Dong Xuebing paused for a second and said. "I met her along the streets."

Yu Meixia added. "My daughter and I were poor when we met Xiao Bing. We were begging on the streets, and he took us in."

Xu Yan giggled. "I am right. She treats pretty women well."

Yu Meixia blushed. "No.... He is a good man and treats everyone well."

Dong Xuebing quickly explained. "That's right.... Can you stop teasing me, Sister Xu?"

"Fine. I shall stop teasing you today. Let's continue eating." Xu Yan said.

One hour....

Two hours....

They ate and drank slowly. All of them had drunk a lot by the time the dinner ended.

Dong Xuebing drank the most and did not use REVERSE to cheat. He felt giddy and could not stand properly. Xu Yan and Yu Meixia were about the same. Xu Yan's alcohol tolerance was better than Yu Meixia's and was slightly better. The latter could not even stand up.

9 pm.

Dong Xuebing rubbed his temples. "Sister Xu, we are going now."

Xu Yan looked at the time and said. "Oh, it's so late now. Never mind. Just stay over tonight."

Yu Meixia replied. "No... no...."

Xu Yan asked. "Are you worried about your daughter?"

"Not really." Yu Meixia burped and said. "Qianqian had gone to her grandparents' place and will not be coming back today. I don't want to bother you."

"It's not a bother. Look at Xiao Bing. How can I let him drive you back?" Xu Yan shook her head.

Dong Xuebing smiled. "Sister Xu, you should know how much I can drink. I am fine. I can send Sister Yu back safely."

Xu Yan laughed. "You cannot even stand properly. How can you send her back? I still want to chat with Meixia. It's settled."

"No.... errr.... How are we going to sleep?" Dong Xuebing asked.

"Just stay here tonight and sleep wherever you want." Xu Yan replied.

Dong Xuebing did not argue. It was not the first time he had stayed at Xu Yan's apartment. But her guest room was converted into her study and gym, and there's only one bedroom. This means he got to sleep on the sofa tonight.

"I need to wash my face." Yu Meixia staggered towards the bathroom.

Xu Yan said. "I got a new set of pajamas. You can change into it. The bathroom has new toothbrushes too."

Yu Meixia staggered into the bathroom and closed the door.

Xu Yan turned to Dong Xuebing and smiled. "Do you want me to sleep on the sofa tonight? You can stay in the bedroom with Meixia."

Dong Xuebing blushed. "What are you talking about? We are friends. How can I sleep with her?" He lied.

Xu Yan nodded and said. "Then I will sleep with Meixia in the room. You will have to spend the night on the sofa."

Dong Xuebing nodded and looked at Xu Yan's voluptuous body. He went forward and hugged her.

Xu Yan did not reject or accept his advances. "It's enough."

Dong Xuebing did not stop and squeezed her butt.

Xu Yan was much older than Dong Xuebing and only dared to do this after drinking. He also knows Xu Yan will not be angry with him.

So soft and perky....

The bathroom door opened suddenly, and Yu Meixia walked out. "I cannot find the toothbrush, Sister Xu. Ah...." Yu Meixia was shocked and blushed. She quickly returned to the bathroom and closed the door.

Dong Xuebing's reaction was slower after drinking, and he did not retract his hand from Xu Yan's butt in time. He was still kissing her hair.

Sister Yu had seen everything.

Dong Xuebing started sweating. "This.... This...."

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing. "Are you happy now?"

Dong Xuebing smiled. "Sorry, Sister Xu. I...."

“I am going to change in the room. Go and wash up.” Xu Yan calmly said and returned to the bedroom.

A while later.

Yu Meixia came out from the bathroom, and Xu Yan had changed into her pajamas.

The living room was awkward because of what had happened.

The three of them don’t know what to say.

Dong Xuebing walked to the bathroom. “I am going to wash up. You two should rest early. Err.... Good night.”

Sigh....

Why am I so rash?

Dong Xuebing... Dong Xuebing.... why are you so impulsive?!

Chapter 1040: Let’s sleep together

Xu Yan’s apartment.

Dong Xuebing slapped himself after entering the bathroom. He hid in the bathroom to avoid the awkward situation. After brushing his teeth, he took a warm shower slowly. He hid until around 10 pm before going out.

It was dark.

The lights were switched off.

The living room was quiet.

There was a blanket on the sofa. Xu Yan must have brought it out for him. Dong Xuebing looked towards the shut bedroom door and was relieved.

They should be sleeping or chatting now.

Dong Xuebing let his thoughts run wild as he lay on the sofa.

Yu Meixia should know about his relationship with Xu Yan now, and Sister Xu should have guessed about his relationship with Yu Meixia. Are they talking about me now? Maybe not. They should not be talking about me. He had admitted to Xu Yan about his messy love life before they slept together, and she should not be angry with him. As for Yu Meixia, she should not be angry. They had been sleeping together before he was married, and she had never said anything.

However, Dong Xuebing was still worried.

Should I go and eavesdrop on them?

Dong Xuebing tiptoed to the bedroom door and pressed his ears against it.

Silence....

Are they sleeping now?

Dong Xuebing returned to the sofa. He was worried Sister Xu and Sister Yu would cut ties with him.

Half an hour....

One hour....

Suddenly, Dong Xuebing heard footsteps from the bedroom.

Dong Xuebing could not sleep after drinking. He quickly closed his eyes and pretended to sleep after hearing the footsteps.

The footsteps were soft.

Dong Xuebing knew it should be Yu Meixia. He heard the bathroom door opening.

Dong Xuebing had been hospitalized for almost one week and had no sex. He was horny after drinking alcohol.

*Flush....

Dong Xuebing heard flushing sounds, and he looked toward the bathroom. He saw the door open, and the lights went off. Yu Meixia walked out of the bathroom and closed the door lightly behind her.

Dong Xuebing called her softly. "Sister Yu."

Yu Meixia jumped. "Xuebing.... you.... You are still awake?!"

Dong Xuebing nodded. "I can't sleep. Chat with me for a while."

Yu Meixia replied. "I.... I.... ok." She walked over to the sofa.

Dong Xuebing got up and patted the sofa beside him. Yu Meixia sat beside him. "Is Sister Xu sleeping?"

"I think so." Yu Meixia replied.

Dong Xuebing looked at Sister Yu's body-hugging pajamas and started touching her legs. He leaned closer and said. "Let's do something naughty."

"No...."

"Why?"

"Sister Xu is sleeping inside."

"It's fine. Hurry.... I miss you."

"No.... the sofa... the sofa is too small."

"It's big enough."

"Wait.... if Sister Xu sees us.... I... I...."

"She is sleeping and will not know. Don't worry."

Dong Xuebing did not hold back as he saw Yu Meixia closing the bedroom door after she came out. He took off her sweater and started touching her body.

Yu Meixia did not move. "Stop... stop...."

Dong Xuebing ignored her and covered them with the blanket.

Yu Meixia stopped protesting and started breathing heavily.

Dong Xuebing started unbuttoning Yu Meixia's pajamas when the bedroom door opened again.

He heard footsteps again.

Yu Meixia was scared and dared not move.

Dong Xuebing got a fright, and his body froze. He lay on top of Sister Yu without moving.

*Click.

The footsteps entered the bathroom.

A while later, Dong Xuebing heard water sounds.

Sister Xu had gone to the bathroom and should know Sister Yu was not in the bedroom. Even if she did not notice when she got up, she should see them on the sofa.

Damn!

How am I going to explain?

Dong Xuebing was panicking.

A few minutes later, Dong Xuebing heard flushing sounds, and the bathroom door opened again.

He heard the footsteps getting closer to him.

Xu Yan said. "Stop pretending and get up. Go into the bedroom and continue. I can sleep on the sofa."

Dong Xuebing lifted the blanket. "Err... Sister Xu..."

Yu Meixia's face had turned red, and she looked at the floor to avoid Xu Yan. "We are not.... I..."

Xu Yan waved her hand. "It's not a big deal. We are all adults, and there's nothing to hide."

Yu Meixia kept quiet.

Dong Xuebing looked at Xu Yan and smiled. "Err... Sister Xu. Let's sleep together in the bedroom." He had nothing to hide since he was caught.

Xu Yan laughed and looked at him. "You don't hold back, do you?" She paused for a second. "Ok. I am fine with this."

Dong Xuebing slapped his legs excitedly. "Let's go!"