

## PAW 1321

Chapter 1321: I am getting the ropes

Noon.

Zhong Lizhens apartment.

Dong Xuebing could only use force since talking did not work.

Dong Xuebing carried Zhong Lizhen and kicked open the bedroom door. He carried Chinas youngest female general in. She was a general because of her research. Her combat power is nothing compared to him. Zhong Lizhen could only stare at Dong Xuebing angrily. But he does not care. This was not the first time he carried her. He carried in Florida for a few hours.

Bedroom.

The room was the same.

A bed, a bookshelf, a study table, and nothing else. It was much better compared to the living room.

This should be Professor Zhongs bedroom.

Dong Xuebing felt the softness of Professor Zhongs body. He dared not carry her for too long and placed her on the bed. They had body contact on the plane, and he had touched her legs and thighs. He glanced at her breasts bouncing when he placed her on the bed. Its so seducing.

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat.

Zhong Lizhen sat up and said. She tried to get off the bed. Stay out of my business.

No! Dong Xuebing pressed her shoulders and made her lie on the bed. He grabbed the blanket and covered her. You must rest.

My work is not done.

You can do it tomorrow.

I need it tomorrow morning. Let go of me.

I can let go of you. But you must eat medicine, and I will prepare food. We will talk after you eat, or dont even think of leaving this room.

How can you do this? You

I am responsible for your health.

I dont need you to be responsible for anything. I must calculate the data first.

You saw my combat abilities and should know what will happen. You cannot leave this room even if I cannot move one arm.

Zhong Lizhen kept quiet. She was mad.

Dong Xuebing ignored her and looked around the bedroom. He found a thermometer and passed it to her. Professor Zhong.

Zhong Lizhen ignored him.

Take your temperature first. Dong Xuebing pushed the thermometer to her.

He felt awkward to call her Aunt Zhong and preferred to address her as Professor Zhong.

Zhong Lizhen did not move and looked at Dong Xuebing.

We can wait if you don't want to take your temperature. Dong Xuebing sat on the bed with the thermometer. My flight is tomorrow, and I got nothing to do today. I can wait for you. This is an order from my Mum, and I must complete it.

Zhong Lizhen sighed a few seconds later and sat up.

Hey, I said so much. Dong Xuebing pressed her shoulders and said. Why can't you listen?

Zhong Lizhen pushed his hands away. I am still wearing my heels. I want to take them off.

Dong Xuebing let go of her. He did not notice she was still wearing her shoes when he carried her to the bed and covered her with the blanket. Zhong Lizhen pushed the blanket away, showing her feet. Her heels had dirtied the blue bedsheets.

Zhong Lizhen took off her heels.

One heel

Two heels

The heels were thrown on the floor.

Dong Xuebing was sorry and patted off the sheets' dirt when Zhong Lizhen threw her heels off the bed. He lifted his head and looked up her skirt. She raised her legs to remove her heels, and her skirt was pulled up. She wore a knee-length skirt under her long gown. She was showing everything under her skirt to Dong Xuebing. He saw the top of her stockings, and it made him blush.

Zhong Lizhen put down her legs and looked at him.

Dong Xuebing quickly looked away, pretending not to see anything.

Thermometer. Zhong Lizhen extended her hand. Hurry. I got work to do.

Ok. Dong Xuebing passed the thermometer to her. The temperature indicated in the thermometer is around 35 degrees Celsius.

Zhong Lizhen opened her gown and unbuttoned the blouse's top button. She pushed the thermometer under her clothes.

Blue color

She was wearing a blue bra.

Although Zhong Lizhen was fast, Dong Xuebing glimpsed her bra. He picked up her heels and placed them neatly by the bed.

Zhong Lizhen placed the thermometer under her armpit and closed her eyes to rest.

Dong Xuebing knew Zhong Lizhen was angry. After all, she is the country's leading researcher, and the research center leaders must seek her opinions. She specialized in many fields and had been dealing with data all her life. These factors made her do whatever she wanted and seldom listen to

others. Her life was only research and work. But Dong Xuebing forcefully interrupted her work and forced her to listen to him.

But Dong Xuebing had no choice.

This was for her health. Dong Xuebing cares for Zhong Lizhen. They had gone through life-and-death situations and were friends. He must do all he can to care for her.

One minute

Two minutes

Three minutes

Zhong Lizhen reached for the thermometer.

Dong Xuebing quickly held her soft wrist. Wait for five minutes. It might not be accurate now.

Its done.

No. Wait a while.

I always take three minutes to take my temperature.

No. You must listen to me today.

Dong Xuebing knew it was useless to reason with her. He must be firm with her. He saw Zhong Lizhen trying to take the thermometer, and he held both her hands.

Let go!

Two more minutes

Zhong Lizhen inhaled deeply, and her lips were trembling.

Dong Xuebing ignored her. Your hands are burning. You must have a fever. I need to know your temperature now.

Five minutes is up.

Dong Xuebing let go of Zhong Lizhens hands.

Zhong Lizhen massaged her wrists and reached under her blouse for the thermometer. The collar of her blouse was opened, and Dong Xuebing saw her dark blue bra again. It has no lace or patterns. He sat down, afraid she would catch him peeping at her.

Zhong Lizhen looked at the thermometer and said. 37 degrees Celcius. I dont have a fever. She wore her heels. I am going back to work.

Dong Xuebing said. Let me see.

I told you the readings. I dont have a fever.

No. You must show me the readings.

Zhong Lizhen refused and put on one heel.

Dong Xuebing stopped her from leaving and snatched the thermometer. He looked at the mercury line on it.

Damn!

37 degrees Celcius?

Dong Xuebing was speechless and waved the thermometer in front of her. Do you think you can fool me? No fever? Your temperature is 38.5 degrees Celsius!

Its not high.

Not high? You are burning right now.

Its not that serious. It is not 39 degrees Celcius yet.

It will be if you dont rest.

I did not say I am not going to rest. I got to calculate a set of important data. I will rest after I am done. You should go back.

You want me to leave?

Zhong Lizhen puts on her second heel.

Dong Xuebing was mad. He bent over and took off one of her heels.

What are you doing? Zhong Lizhen protested.

Dong Xuebing ignored her and took off the other heel. Nothing. You must listen to me today.

Dong Xuebing threw the heels away from the bed.

He was kneeling before Zhong Lizhen and could smell her womanly scent from under her skirt.

But Dong Xuebing did not think much. He grabbed Zhong Lizhens legs and pushed them under the blanket.

I will get some medicine for you.

I don't need anyone else to take care of me.

Fine. If you refuse to listen, I will get a rope to tie you up. Dont force me to do that. Dong Xuebing threatened.

Zhong Lizhen was mad, but she stopped struggling after a while.

Chapter 1322: Professor Zhong's diary

Zhong Lizhens apartment.

Living room.

Dong Xuebing kept checking the bedroom when he went out to get the medication for Zhong Lizhen. He took a BamyI from the plastic bag and mixed it with hot water.

Its orange flavor.

This fever medicine smells nice.

Dong Xuebing returned to the bedroom. To his surprise, Zhong Lizhen remained on the bed. He was unsure if she was too weak to move or if she was scared by his threats.

Drink your medicine.

Ok.

Be careful. Its hot.

Ok.

Dong Xuebing sat on the bed and passed the cup to her.

Zhong Lizhen sat against the headboard and drank the medicine.

Dong Xuebing smiled and took the empty cup from her. Rest for a while. I will check if theres anything I can cook for you.

I am not hungry.

You must eat even if you are hungry. Dont get out of bed.

Dong Xuebing closed the door behind him and went to the kitchen to check the fridge.

The fridge was clean. Other than a few eggs, there was nothing inside. He knew Professor Zhong did not cook. Shes a workaholic and must have skipped her meals often. He shook his head and found the rice in the kitchen. She was having a fever and should eat something simple. He washed the rice and cooked porridge for her.

Rice Cabbage eggs

Dong Xuebing was preparing a simple egg congee.

Dong Xueblings phone rang when he was cooking.

It was Han Jing. Xiao Bing, how is Lizhen?

Dong Xuebing turned down the heat and said. She is having a fever. 38.5 degrees Celcius. But she is doing well. She does not have inflammation in her throat or other symptoms. I made her take medication and is preparing food for her now.

Is she still working?

She was working earlier, but I stopped her. Her fever will get worse if she continues working.

She is only concerned about her work. Sigh I cannot do anything about her. Please take care of her, Xiao Bing.

Sure. I will make sure she takes a nap later.

You are so helpful. But you just recovered and were busy caring for Sun Kai the past few days. I am afraid you might get tired. Haha Huilan would complain if she knew I had been ordering her husband.

Its fine, Mum. Haha I got nothing to do at home, too.

Thank you. We have a guest at home, and I cannot leave. I will go over after your Dad is back.

Dont worry about it. I am around.

Dong Xuebing continued to cook the congee after hanging up. He added the eggs into the pot.

About half an hour later.

After 1 pm.

Dong Xuebing walked out of the kitchen with a bowl of congee. He knocked on the door and entered. Professor Zhong was staring at the ceiling on the bed. She was frowning and mumbling to herself. Dong Xuebing rolled his eyes as he knew she must be calculating her data. He could not do anything to her as she listened and lay on the bed.

The congee is ready.

Ok.

Drink it while its hot.

Zhong Lizhen sat up quickly, and her body swayed. She held her head as she felt giddy.

Dong Xuebing quickly helped her. Look. How can you say you are fine? You cannot sit properly.

Pass me a piece of paper and a pen.

Why do you need those for?

I need to record something I calculated.

Ah eat the congee first. We will talk about it after you are done.

I might forget after I am finished the congee. Hurry. Its in the drawer.

Dong Xuebing took out a piece of paper and a pen for Zhong Lizhen. She mumbled to herself and wrote on the paper. There were numbers, jargon, and many unknown symbols.

Are you done?

Almost.

The congee is getting cold.

I am almost done. Stop rushing.

A while later, Zhong Lizhen puts down the pen.

Dong Xuebing was unhappy and took away her paper and pen after she was done. He passed the bowl to her. This is the final warning. You are not allowed to work today.

I did not get up and touch a PC.

You are doing mental calculations. It is more tiring and will affect your recovery.

Zhong Lizhen ignored him and drank the congee slowly. She started eating faster after a few mouthfuls. She must be starving.

Dong Xuebing thought to himself. Didnt you say you are not hungry?

How was the taste?

Not bad.

Theres more in the pot. Let me get you another bowl.

Ok.

Dong Xuebing went to the kitchen to get another bowl of congee for her and got himself a bowl. He sat opposite Zhong Lizhen and ate with her.

Zhong Lizhen looked at him. You did not eat when you came?

Dong Xuebing shook his head. Mum told me you are sick, and I drove here immediately.

Zhong Lizhen paused for a second and said. Thank you.

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. Dont thank me. I will be thankful if you can take a nap later.

I will take a nap later. You should go back after you finish your congee.

No. Mum asked me to watch you.

I am not a kid, Xiao Dong. You dont need to watch over me.

You are not a kid, but behave more like a kid. Even a kid knows he needs rest when he is sick.

I am on leave these two days.

Whats the difference when you are still working at home?

All right. I cant be bothered to argue with you. Just do what you want.

Zhong Lizhen placed the empty bowl on the side table and got under the blanket. She turned to her side, with her back towards Dong Xuebing.

Is she going to take a nap now?

You should remove your gown first if you are going to rest.

Dong Xuebing took the empty bowl and went to the kitchen to do the dishes. He listened from outside the room and did not hear anything. However, he was still worried she might be doing some calculations secretly. He entered the room quietly and took a book from the shelf. He sat beside the bed and started reading.

Five minutes

Ten minutes

Zhong Lizhen turned and looked at Dong Xuebing. What are you doing?

Reading. Dong Xuebing was not reading. He was watching her sleep.

Zhong Lizhen said. I cannot sleep when you keep flipping the book. Go and read outside.

Dong Xuebing nodded and put down the book. Ok. I will not read. Just ignore me and sleep.

Zhong Lizhen covered her forehead and sighed. Fine I am scared of you. She shook her head and sat up to take off her white gown. She threw it on the back of the chair and got under the blanket again.

Dong Xuebing moved closer and helped to cover her leg with the blanket. Sleep. Call me if you need me.

No reply

Dong Xuebing did not mind and sat down beside her. Her breathing became constant and slow, a sign she had fallen asleep. He smiled to himself and left the room quietly. He leaned against the window and smoked.

What should I do?

The living room was full of machines, and the apartment had no TV.

There were lots of PCs in the room. Could there be PC games on them?

Dong Xuebing looked around after he smoked. He did not dare to touch the PCs in the living room as they were essential to her work. He returned to the bedroom.

Dong Xuebing sat in front of the PC in the bedroom and switched it on.

While waiting for the PC to start, Dong Xuebing noticed a small book beside him. He had nothing to do and started reading it. He thought it was Zhong Lizhens notebook on her research or data.

He froze when he opened it.

3rd March.

I am having period cramps. It felt terrible. I should take a break.

Dong Xuebing realized it was Professor Zhongs diary.

Dong Xuebing quickly threw the diary on the table. It was Zhong Lizhens diary, and he should not read it. However, the diary flipped to the first few pages when it landed on the table. When he was about to put the diary properly, he froze. He saw his name in the diary.

She wrote about me

What did she write about me?

Dong Xuebing looked at the date. It was a few days after Dong Xuebing returned to China with Professor Zhong.

Zhong Lizhens handwriting was rigid but beautiful. She wrote: Its been a few days since I returned. I am getting used to my life here, but I masturbate more often now. I want to stop but cant. I used to do it once a month or once every two months. I masturbated last night, and I did it again this morning. Was it because Dong Xuebing had touched me on the plane? It was the first time a guy touched me. Although he is a kid sigh Sister Han might be right. I should find myself a man.

Dong Xuebing was shocked after reading. He quickly closed the diary and placed it back in its original position. He also switched off the PC.

So, Professor Zhong will masturbate, too

Shit! I had read something I should not.

Chapter 1323: Political achievement is here

Afternoon.

Zhong Lizhens apartment.

Dong Xuebing did not dare to remain in Zhong Lizhens main bedroom after seeing her dairy accidentally. He feared she would notice it and ensured he placed everything back in place. He returned to the living room and glanced at the bedroom. Professor Zhong looks like a conservative woman, but she did that secretly. Huh? But it should be expected. She is around forty and has never dated before. Its normal for her to have desire. Moreover, her job was tedious and stressful. She needs to release her stress.



This is normal

Dong Xuebing understood she had her needs and got excited. He started to imagine her expression when she did it

Does she moan?

How will she move?

Dong Xuebing could not stand it.

He took a deep breath and went to the bathroom to wash his face with cold water. He calmed down after washing his face.

No I must do something to distract myself.

Dong Xuebing saw the washing machine from the mirror and turned. He opened the lid and saw it was filled with clothes. He checked if there was underwear among them. No. There's nothing except for some skirts, stockings, and white gowns.

I should wash these for her.

Dong Xuebing removed the stockings and threw them in the basin before adding detergent and switching the washing machine. After that, he squatted down and started scrubbing her stockings. These delicate stockings cannot be machine-washed.

Washed

Wrenched dried

Hung

Dong Xuebing did not stop. He continued to clean the apartment. He wiped the stove and hood, wiped the windows, swept the floor, etc. He did not listen to Zhong Lizhen and carried the machines aside. He placed them neatly against the wall, making the living room more spacious.

Dong Xuebing did chores for around three hours.

Dong Xuebing was satisfied with the result.

Cough cough cough Professor Zhong coughed in the bedroom.

Dong Xuebing knocked on the door and entered. You are awake. Do you want water?

Zhong Lizhen's hair was in a mess. She coughed and looked at the time. It's after 5 pm. Pass me the thermometer. I feel much better now.

Dong Xuebing nodded and passed her the thermometer.

She checked her temperature, and it dropped to 37.5 degrees Celsius.

Are you hungry? Do you want to rest a while more? Dong Xuebing looked at Zhong Lizhen and kept imagining her expression. He also kept glancing at her legs. He could not forget what she read in the diary.

No. I need to get up.

Ok. Get up slowly.

Zhong Lizhen sat up and grabbed her white gown. She wore heels and walked to the living room with Dong Xuebing. Her face changed when she saw the spacious living room. Didn't I tell you not to touch my things?

Dong Xuebing replied. I was careful when I moved them. The machines are fine.

Zhong Lizhen checked every machine carefully and was relieved. She turned and looked at the main bedroom. Did you enter my room?

Dong Xuebing lied. Of course not. I just cleaned your living room.

Zhong Lizhen looked at the door and relaxed. She noticed the scent. Why is there a detergent smell? Did you wash the clothes?

Yes. You are sick and should have no time to wash. So, I washed them for you. Dong Xuebing smiled. Don't you feel better with these machines out of the way?

Zhong Lizhen replied nonchalantly. Not bad.

Dong Xuebing could tell Zhong Lizhen liked the new arrangement. She should feel more comfortable with the machines placed against the walls.

They sat on the couch.

Zhong Lizhen thought for a second and said. Thank you for today.

I should take care of you. You made significant contributions to our country with your research. Dong Xuebing smiled. Sorry for nagging at you. Don't be angry with me.

Zhong Lizhen calmly replied. I know you care for me. I feel much better after the medicine and a nap.

Dong Xuebing nodded. You must take care of yourself. It's good to take a break. No one can replace you if you fall sick.

Ring ring ring

The phone on the table rang suddenly.

Zhong Lizhen answered. Hello, who is it?

A young man said. I am Xiao Zhang, Professor Zhong. The leader asked me to check with you if you had decided on the research centers location, and are you feeling better?

Zhong Lizhen replied. I am fine and should return to work tomorrow. That research project is almost completed. I need to add some theories and calculations for the data. I will try to finish it today.

Ok. What about the research centers location?

It cannot be located in Beijing. The tests we are conducting are dangerous and highly confidential. It should be located in a secluded area. It would be better if it is located in the mountainous area.

Must it be in the mountains?

Not necessary. I will discuss it with my teacher after I get the data. I need to analyze it first.

I understand. Please take care of yourself.

Thank you. I will.

Zhong Lizhen drank a few sips of warm water after hanging up.

Dong Xuebing overheard the conversation and asked. What research center are you talking about? Is it a project you are doing?

Zhong Lizhen looked at Dong Xuebing. It is one of the projects I oversee. Why are you asking?

Dong Xuebing replied. I am just asking. Why do you need to pick the location yourself? Is it an important project?

Zhong Lizhen nodded. Yes.

Which location are you looking at? Dong Xuebing asked.

Confidential.

Huh? Which department is the research center under? Is it your Academy of Sciences or the Provinces Academy of Sciences branch?

It is under the Central Academy of Sciences. We will oversee the research center directly. Why are you asking? This has nothing to do with you. Zhong Lizhen was puzzled as to why Dong Xuebing was interested suddenly.

Dong Xuebing is not good at other things, but he is good at seizing opportunities for political achievements. When he overheard Zhong Lizhens conversation, he saw an opportunity. You know I am a civil servant. I am working in Zhen Shui County now. Our countys economy is not good, and the environment is bad. We have nothing, but we are located in a secluded area. Our location is very secluded, and it is a national-tier poverty county. The population is low and surrounded by lots of mountains. Do you think our county suits your requirement?

Zhong Lizhen asked. Your county?

Yes. I think it is the best location for your research center. I am working there and can assist you with the arrangements. Dong Xuebing replied.

Zhong Lizhen kept quiet for a few seconds. My data is not ready. Although the research center fund is issued, we need time to decide.

Dong Xuebing smiled. Its fine. I hope you can consider our county.

Zhong Lizhen was confused. This is our Chinese Academy of Sciences project. What has it got to do with the local county? Why are you so interested?

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat. You just returned and had been doing research. You might not know the situation at the grassroots level. It might be the Academy of Sciences research center, but our county will be involved if you pick us. You all will not know about the coordination work there. Our county can assist, and the construction will be under us. Our county will gain popularity if your research has any breakthroughs. It might also bring up our countys technological development. We will benefit greatly from it. This is a political achievement.

Zhong Lizhen: .

Dong Xuebing added. Of course, I am not doing this for myself. I am doing this for our countys people. I hope they can live better and no longer live in poverty.

Zhong Lizhen looked at Dong Xuebing. Are you in charge of technology?

Dong Xuebing paused for a second. No, but I can take over this department if you pick our county. He will not let others get this achievement.

Zhong Lizhen:

Dong Xuebing looked at her eagerly. Just say the word.

Zhong Lizhen hesitated for a moment. I will help you ask when we pick the location.

Do you think there's hope?

I am the person in charge of this project. If it fits the criteria, I suggest your county, and the higher-ups will consider it. I am a researcher and can only tell if the location fits our criteria from the data. I don't know if your county will be selected.

Dong Xuebing smiled. It's fine. Thank you.

Don't thank me now. I am not promising anything.

Chapter 1324: Dong Xuebing is leaving

Evening.

The sky turned dark.

Dong Xuebing was humming a song in Zhong Lizhen's kitchen. He had forgotten what he read earlier and was preparing dinner happily.

Wash the vegetables

Cutting the ingredients

Cooking

Dong Xuebing was in a good mood because of the research center.

That is the Chinese Academy of Sciences research center, and it is under the central academy. Even the Provincial Academy of Sciences cannot interfere with it. Although Zhong Lizhen did not tell him what the research was about, she was put in charge of it. The country had paid a heavy price to bring her back and appointed her as a General and Academician. Dong Xuebing heard the Central Government's top leaders also met her. How can her research projects be minor? It will be a critical project. It will be an outstanding political achievement if it is built in Zhen Shui County.

It would be great if I could get it.

I must fight for it.

Dong Xuebing had a plan in mind. He thought about it while cooking. He needs political achievement badly.

Dong Xuebing was transferred to Zhen Shui County for around two months. But he only worked for a month and was injured the rest of the time. How can he transfer back before Xie Huilan gives birth? She is due in a few months, and he has no time to waste. He thought of getting promoted and transferring back. He has gotten a 50 million RMB fund from the Finance Ministry for his county,

but that was not enough. He was a Deputy Division Chief at a young age, and he needs outstanding results to move up. Although he has connections, he needs results for them to promote him.

This research center is critical.

Most of the funds he had gotten from the Central Government were untouched. If he can use it to get results and get the research center to be built in Zhen Shui County, he can move up.

Division Chief

Division Chief

Division Chief

Dong Xuebing was only thinking about getting a promotion.

Why are you so happy? Zhong Lizhen asked.

Dong Xuebing stopped and looked at the entrance. Huh? Nothing.

Zhong Lizhen was standing at the kitchens entrance. The food is getting burnt. Turn down the heat.

Dong Xuebing quickly turns down the heat. I was thinking and did not notice. Err the food is not burnt. It should taste good.

Zhong Lizhen looked at him. Is it about the research centers location?

No I am thinking about my flight tomorrow. Dong Xuebing lied. I almost forgot about it. I need to confirm the time later.

Zhong Lizhen asked. How many days have you been back?

For almost two weeks. Theres lots of work in my county, and I must return. Dong Xuebing turned off the stove and plated the food. All right. Dinner is ready. Lets eat.

Zhong Lizhen walked over. I will get the rice.

No let me do it. You need rest. Dong Xuebing did not let her do anything.

Dong Xuebing is caring towards others. He made Zhong Lizhen sit at the dining table and went to get the food. He sat opposite her in the living room full of machines to have dinner.

Dong Xuebing asked. How is the taste?

Zhong Lizhen took a bite. Not bad.

Good. Dong Xuebing took out a few boxes of medicine from his pocket and placed them on the table. Take the flu medicine after dinner. Theres anti-inflammation medicine here. Take it if your throat hurts. I am afraid I might forget later, and I am telling you now.

Zhong Lizhen ate her rice. I had lived 40 years. I know how to take care of myself.

Fine fine fine Just treat it as if I did not say anything. Dong Xuebing did not argue with her.

Zhong Lizhen said. You can leave after dinner. Its late, and you have a flight to catch tomorrow. I am fine alone.

Dong Xuebing thought for a while. Ok. Take care of yourself. I know you will be in front of the PC after I leave. Anyway, you need more rest.

Zhong Lizhen looked at him. I heard you know Chinese medicine, Chinese traditional massage.

Did my Mum tell you? Err I know a little. Are you feeling unwell?

I got a fever. Are there any acupuncture points that can treat fever? Zhong Lizhen said. I did not do any work this afternoon and might have to work throughout the night. Help me if you can. I got lots of work recently, and I cannot collapse.

Err

You cannot treat me?

Not really Ok. I will try.

Zhong Lizhen and Dong Xuebing went to the bedroom after dinner.

There are many acupuncture points to treat flu and fever. However, most treatments combine Western and Eastern medicine because acupuncture effects are slower. Zhong Lizhen ate the flu medicine, and Dong Xuebing looked at her white gown. You need to remove your gown for me to find your acupuncture points.

Zhong Lizhen took off her gown.

Dong Xuebing reached over and pressed on Zhong Lizhens C7 gently. He massaged for a while and moved on to other acupuncture points.

Zhong Lizhens bra strap was not visible from her back. But her blue bra became visible after he pressed against her back. He looked at it for a while and felt her soft body under her blouse.

It feels good

Dong Xuebing massaged Zhong Lizhen for over an hour.

Dong Xuebing was afraid Zhong Lizhens sickness might worsen and used REVERSE on her secretly.

All right. How do you feel now?

Ah I feel much better. I think my fever is gone.

She retook her temperature. 36.6 degree Celsius.

You do know how to treat fever. Fantastic. Zhong Lizhen looked at Dong Xuebing and straightened her clothes. Thank you for cooking and cleaning up.

Dont mention it. We are a family.

Ok. Go back early.

Sure. Mum asked me to pass you the car keys. I left it on the table.

Let me walk you out.

Dont come out. Its cold.

Ok. I will call you again for the research centers location.

Chapter 1325: Dong Xuebing is back

Next day.

Before 11 am.

Qing Xi Province airport lobby.

Dong Xuebing got off the plane and went to get his luggage. He left the airport and looked at the clear blue sky outside. He inhaled deeply and exhaled slowly. The air is fresh, and the sky looks high. The environment is much better than Beijings. He started to miss Zhen Shui County after leaving for one way. Although this place is impoverished, the people here are nice. Most people would like to escape the bustling city life for a few days.

I am back.

It felt like he had been away for a long time.

Dong Xuebing lit a cigarette and looked around.

Xuebing! Someone called him suddenly.

Dong Xuebing turned and saw Yao Cui. He waved. Cui Er.

Yao Cui wore a light-colored flowery dress and a pair of oversized sunglasses. Dong Xuebing almost could not recognize her. Her dress was fashionable, especially with the sunglasses.

How is your injury?

I am almost healed. Haha

So fast? Are you sure?

My recovery ability is good. Where is the car?

Ah, come with me. I will help with the luggage.

No need. Its heavy. I will carry it myself.

I know its heavy. Thats why I offered to help. You still have not recovered.

Its fine. Hurry and lead the way.

A black Land Rover was parked in front. It had been repaired and repainted. It was damaged during Deputy Party Secretary Zhangs sons wedding. Villagers also damaged it when he returned to Zhen Shui County from the City. Everything was repaired. Dong Xuebing nodded as Yao Cui loaded the luggage in the back seats. He opened the front passenger door for him before going to the driver seat.

Inside the car.

Yao Cui smiled and gave a bank card to Dong Xuebing. I repaired the car for you with the card you left with me. It was expensive, and I did not touch the rest. Here.

Dong Xuebing kept the card. Thanks.

Before he returned to Beijing, he left his car with Yao Cui and asked her to send it for repairs.

Yao Cui looked at Dong Xuebing. Do you know how difficult it is to repair your car? Our County has a few motor repair shops, but they refused to repair it when they saw a Land Rover. I had to drive to the Land Rover authorized dealer in the Provincial City. They had to fly in the spare parts from overseas. Its so troublesome.

Dong Xuebing laughed. Sorry to trouble you. You can get a staff to do it.

Yao Cui laughed. This is a mission given to me by our great Mayor Dong. How can I pass the job to others? You might penalize me.

Dong Xuebing joked. Now you mention it, I might do it.

Yao Cui gasped. I ran everywhere to repair your car, and you want to penalize me?

Dong Xuebing turned and opened a luggage in the backseat. He took out a shoebox and passed it to her. This is for you. Do you like it?

Yao Cui cheered. Its for me?

Yes. But I dont know if I got the correct size. Dong Xuebing replied.

The box looked exquisite, and the brand was in English. Yao Cui gasped. Manolo Blahnik!

Dong Xuebing replied. I think so. I dont know about ladies' brands.

Yao Cui quickly said. This is one of the top brands. Its expensive.

Dong Xuebing laughed. Its nothing. I saw it when I passed a mall and felt it suits you. Thats why I bought it. Try them on.

Ah, this is too expensive.

Its not easy for me to return. I must get something for my former classmate. Just accept it.

But

I will give it to someone else if you dont want it.

You said you are giving them to me!

Yao Cui laughed and opened the box. It was a pair of green heels.

Do you like it?

Its beautiful.

Im glad you like it.

Let me try them on.

Yao Cui removed her white heels and picked up the jade-green heels carefully. She slipped her feet in slowly.

Dong Xuebing peeped, but her dress was too long. He could not see her legs but managed to see her down blouse. It was a spaghetti dress, and the material was soft. He saw a deep cleavage when she bent to put on the heels. Her breasts were not as full as Jiang Fangfang or Xu Yan, but they were still seducing.

When Dong Xuebing was about to see her bra, Yao Cui looked up. He quickly turned away.

How is it, Xuebing? Yao Cui lifted a leg.

Dong Xuebing looked at her feet. Not bad. I know it will suit you, especially your dress today. You look good in green.



Yao Cui nodded. I think so too. Its beautiful.

Dong Xuebing asked. Is the size right?

Yes. Its just nice. Yao Cui stepped on the floorboard lightly.

Im glad I bought them for you. Keep them on. Dong Xuebing said.

Yao Cui blinked and said. Are they too bright? People might gossip if I wear them to work.

Dong Xuebing replied. Its fine for a girl to wear them. It would be weird if I wear them.

Ok. I will wear them. Yao Cui does not want to take them off. She kept her shoes in the box and said. I shall accept them. Thank you, Xuebing. You are so good to me.

Dong Xuebing noticed Yao Cuis heels were chipped and the heels were worn off. Zhen Shui Countys economic conditions were too poor. A pair of heels are not cheap for most families here. Yao Cuis family is not well off, so he thought of getting her a gift. She likes fashion, but there are no malls here.

Haha dont mention it. I wonder how many guys will fall for you when you go to work now. Heels are essential for women, and Yao Cui is more attractive than usual.

Yao Cui was slightly embarrassed. Stop looking.

Dong Xuebing looked at her and started digging into his luggage. He took out a small box. Your sunglasses do not suit your dress. Here, change to this pair of green sunglasses.

Yao Cui tried to reject him. I cannot accept any more gifts.

Dong Xuebing replied. I bought them for you. Hurry, put them on.

Dong Xuebing did not buy this pair of sunglasses for her. But he felt it suited her and gave it to her. Anyway, he bought them as gifts for others.

How much does this pair of sunglasses cost?

Not much. Just wear them.

You will not get anything cheap. It should be a few thousand or over ten thousand RMB. Anyway, the shoes cost tens of thousands of RMB. I saw them in Beijings mall. Yao Cui knew Dong Xuebing would not buy anything cheap.

She refused to accept them but gave in after some persuasion. She looked better in green sunglasses, and the design was trendier. Yao Cui adjusted the rear-view mirror to look at herself. She likes them very much. I tried to refuse but I dont want to take them off now. Its beautiful. Xuebing I will keep them. Thank you.

Thats great.

How do I look?

Dong Xuebing nodded and praised. Beautiful. I think they are tailor-made for you. Dont take them off, too. Lets go.

Yao Cui nodded and asked. Where are we going?

When is the Party Committee meeting?

Tomorrow morning, 10 am.

Then there's no rush. Let's get something to eat. I am hungry.

Sure Haha I will treat you to lunch. Although I cannot afford expensive places, let me treat you. What do you want to eat?

I am fine with anything. You decide.

In a restaurant.

Yao Cui updated Dong Xuebing about the County over lunch. Although they had called each other in the past month several times, Dong Xuebing did not ask about the details.

Dong Xuebing put some food onto her plate. You worked hard these few days. You have to take care of everything when I am not around. You must be exhausted.

Yao Cui smiled. I'm fine. This is a good training for myself. Moreover, you will be more tired than me. You must be prepared.

Dong Xuebing asked. Why?

Yao Cui explained. Many people had been coming to our Finance Department to ask for money. They know you were injured and resting. That's why they did not contact you. I am guessing they will block our entrance when they know you are back. Our County has been poor for too long. Everyone is eyeing the 50 million RMB fund. We have more than a dozen villages and towns under our County, and every department in the County government lacks funds. After repaying our debts, we only got slightly over 40 million RMB, and everybody wants a share of it.

Chapter 1326: Ask them to look for me if they have any problems

Afternoon.

Zheng Shui County.

It was a sunny day.

The Land Rover entered the County Party Committee building main gate.

It was lunchtime, and many leaders and staff members just finished lunch at the cafeteria. They saw the Land Rover entering and started talking.

Inside the car.

Dong Xuebing remembered something. Cui Er, did you come to work this morning?

No. Yao Cui replied. I drove to the airport from home. Why do you ask?

Nothing. Haha let's go. Dong Xuebing unfastened his seatbelt.

Yao Cui exited the car to help Dong Xuebing with his luggage. They were alone at the airport, and being casual was OK. But at work, their status changed. He is the leader, and she is his secretary. She must carry his luggage. Dong Xuebing knew these and did not help. He asked if she had come to work this morning because people might gossip when they noticed she had changed her heels and sunglasses. He was more wary of these things nowadays.

They got out of the car.

Mayor Dong!

Ah, Mayor Dong is back!

How are you feeling? Let me help you.

Many people came over to greet Dong Xuebing. They were surprised as multiple fractures should take at least three months to heal.

Its only been one month.

Why did he come back?

How did he recover so fast?

Dong Xuebing smiled and returned their greetings. Thank you for your concerns. I feel much better now. Although I am not fully recovered, I am fine now.

Everybody congratulated him for his recovery but were speechless in their heart. Is he made of steel?

He can walk!

He is fine!

They saw Dong Xuebing walk into the building and exchanged looks.

Upstairs.

Along the corridor.

Dong Xuebing saw County Government Office Director Ma Bin and a few staff members.

Ma Bin was shocked when he saw Dong Xuebing. He did not know Mayor Dong was coming back. You had recovered, Mayor Dong?

Dong Xuebing smiled. Yes, Old Ma. How is the Office Department? Is everything fine?

Ma Bin replied. Yes Everything is fine. Only you are not around, and we feel something is missing.

Haha you are joking. Dong Xuebing asked. Are Secretary Meng and Mayor Jiang around?

Ma Bin said. Secretary Meng might be going out for a lunch appointment. I saw his car leaving, and he should not be around. Mayor Jiang is having lunch at the cafeteria. I think she will be back soon.

Dong Xuebing nodded. OK. He left.

A few County Government Office Department staff members looked at Yao Cui.

Secretary Yao, you are beautiful today.

Thats right. Your heels are pretty, and it suits you.

A few praised Yao Cui. They were telling the truth. She looked different today.

Yao Cui smiled. Thanks. I got to go. She carried Dong Xuebing's luggage and followed him.

Executive Deputy County Mayor office.

Dong Xuebing took his luggage from Yao Cui and asked her to return to work. He sat in his chair after she left and lit a cigarette. He looked at his office and felt at peace. He was not around for a month, and it was time to settle down. This is his battleground.

The leaders were not around, and Dong Xuebing does not need to visit them now. He started reading documents first.

Dong Xuebing took out the documents prepared by Yao Cui from the drawer and started working. He signed on some and read the rest.

The first few documents were acceptable, but the rest became more ridiculous.

The County's hospital requests surgery devices the Education Department is asking for funds to renovate the schools the Industry Bureau is requesting vehicles, and the village towns are seeking financial assistance. It's OK if it's one or two documents. But there were over fifty documents like these. Dong Xuebing's second drawer was packed with such documents. Most of the requests were from the villages, and many submitted more than one request. They were asking for hundreds of thousands to a few million RMB. The few hundred million RMB is not enough to fulfill all the requests. The County's 40 million RMB were still under the Finance Department. The Finance Department can decide on small amounts, and more significant amounts will be sent to Dong Xuebing for approval. Yan Yizhi's Finance Department should have more requests. They should have received a few hundred requests.

Headache

This is too messy.

Dong Xuebing rubbed his temples and threw the documents on the table. The Party Committee meeting is tomorrow. He will decide after the meeting.

Amount over one million RMB will be decided in the Party Committee Meeting. He has a say in the decision but cannot decide by himself. He is authorized to approve requests of less than a million RMB but does not intend to approve them. The whole County is like a pack of hungry wolves.

All these must be discussed.

Or there will be trouble.

Suddenly, someone knocked on the door.

Dong Xuebing looked up. Come in.

It was the Finance Department's Chen Xiaomei. She wore a long dress, black stockings and flats. Although she's not young, she still looks sexy.

Mayor Dong.

Haha Chief Chen.

I heard you are back and came over to see you.

Aren't you at the Finance Department? You are fast.

No. I came to the County Government for work and had lunch here.

Come, have a seat. Dong Xuebing felt awkward when he saw Chen Xiaomei. He had mistaken her for Geng Yuehua and kissed and touched her at the Beijing Hotel. He even reached under her clothes. Thinking about it, her breasts were full and soft. Let me brew a cup of tea for you. I brought some tea leaves from Beijing.

Chen Xiaomei quickly replied. I will do it myself. Let me do it.

No need. Just sit there. How is the Finance Department? Dong Xuebing took out his tea from his luggage and asked.

Chen Xiaomei did not sit. She went over to help him. Its fine. We repaid our debts and gave out our staffs salaries. However, its a bit messy. We did not have a peaceful day in the past month. Many leaders from various departments came every day to ask for money. Chief Yan had a hard time dealing with them.

Did you all give in to their requests?

Of course not. We only gave out for some emergencies. Its only a few hundred thousand.

Dong Xuebing nodded. You all did well. Lets talk about the Party Committee meeting. Let them wait.

Chen Xiaomei smiled tiredly. We cannot handle the pressure now. Its hard to reject many leaders and those close to us. The Organization Department Chief, Liao Haiwei, and the Publicity Department Chief, Cheng Fuguang, called the Finance Department. Deputy Party Secretary and the Secretary of Political and Legal Affairs Committee also sent people over.

Dong Xuebing blinked. Is this Secretary Mengs idea?

Chen Xiaomei shook her head. Secretary Meng and Mayor Jiang did not say anything.

Not saying anything is a sign. Dong Xuebing understood. Stall them. We are not entertaining anyone.

Chen Xiaomei thought for a while and said. But what if

Dong Xuebing interrupted her. Tell them to look for me if they have problems.

Chen Xiaomei replied. But You did not see their eyes Sigh I have nothing to say. You just got better, and you got to

Dong Xuebing smiled. I am fine, or I will not come back to work. The Finance Department had faced the pressure after I left. I should help you all after I come back. You all must be tired. Its time to take a break. Thank you.

Chen Xiaomei replied. You understand our situation. Sigh when the Finance Department was poor, we wished for money. We got money now, and it turned out like this. Sigh

It seems like there are factions within Secretary Mengs men. All of them wanted a share of the fund. It should not be easy to face them, so he said nothing. The Meng Faction might seem united, but people are selfish. There can be no peace within a faction. They gathered for their benefit. Now, the benefit is laid before them. They started to have conflicts.

What would the Organization Department think if the Publicity Department got a more significant fund?

How would the Political and Legal Affairs Committee think if the Organization Department got a significant amount?

The only solution was to give every department. But the County only has 40 million RMB and not 400 million RMB. It is insufficient to give everybody.

Meng Rui should be having a headache.

Cracks might form within the Meng Faction if he did not handle it well.

Jiang Fangfang's side was the same. Although she has fewer supporters than Meng Rui, she has worked in Zhen Shui County for many years. She must be having a difficult time handling her connections.

Dong Xuebing shook his head. Zhen Shui County was too poor. Everyone got excited when the County got a large sum of money, and they showed their true nature. This would not happen if it were another county. Even the Party Secretary and Mayor could not handle the pressure.

Chapter 1327: Sister Chen trying on clothes

Office.

Tea fragrance filled the room.

Dong Xuebing stopped thinking and passed the tea to Chen Xiaomei. Let's not talk about these. Here, have some tea.

Chen Xiaomei accepted the teacup with both hands. Thank you.

Dong Xuebing smiled. Try it.

Chen Xiaomei smelled the tea and took a sip. She nodded and took another sip. This tea is good. It tastes pure.

Dong Xuebing poured a cup and tasted it. Not bad.

Chen Xiaomei felt the tea was good. I had never drunk such good tea. What tea leaves did you use? It tastes different from other tea.

Dong Xuebing smiled. White tea. I don't know about tea. This is a gift from others.

Chen Xiaomei exclaimed. I heard white tea is good tea. This is my first time trying it.

Dong Xuebing pushed the box of white tea towards Chen Xiaomei. Take it if you like it. I don't know how to appreciate tea. It's a waste for me. Haha

Chen Xiaomei waved her hand. No I cannot accept it.

Dong Xuebing replied. I got a few boxes. Just take it.

Chen Xiaomei rejected him a few times and said. What am I doing? I did not bring any gifts for you after you recovered, and I am getting a gift from you.

Just take it. Tell me when you finish it.

Then I will accept it. Thank you, Mayor Dong.

Dong Xuebing sat behind his desk. Chen Xiaomei added hot water to their teacup and sat opposite him. They chatted while enjoying tea. He liked this feeling. It felt peaceful and comfortable. Dong Xuebing was always fighting, but he liked chatting and having tea. Of course, it must be chatting with a beautiful woman. He rather work or read documents if he had to drink tea with another guy.

They chatted for a while, and it was 1 pm.

Dong Xuebing looked at his watch. Are you busy this afternoon?

Chen Xiaomei puts down her teacup. I will be busy when I go back. I came to the County Government to hide. The Finance Department is too

Dong Xuebing laughed. Did Old Yan go into hiding, too?

Chen Xiaomei nodded. Chief Yan went to the hospital for a checkup. He did not go to work this morning.

Dong Xuebing understood them. It must be tough for you all. Oh, I brought some gifts from Beijing. He said and opened his luggage.

Chen Xiaomei was surprised. I received a box of tea leaves from you. Dont

Dong Xuebing smiled. Just take it. I bought it when I was walking around. Its not expensive, too.

Dong Xuebing wanted to give her something because of the previous incident. It was an apology gift. He took out a plastic bag and turned to Chen Xiaomei. I threw away the packaging as it could not fit into my luggage. Here, this is for you, Sister Chen.

Chen Xiaomei did not take it. No It must be expensive.

Dong Xuebing pushed the bag into her hands. Its not expensive. Do you like it?

Chen Xiaomei took it and looked at the brand. She gasped. This is Miss Sixty! This is one of the worlds top jeans brands!

Dong Xuebing was speechless when he heard Chen Xiaomei saying the brand in English. She did not attend university and had not learned English before. But her pronunciation was better than him. He underestimated the power of brands to women. It seemed like Chen Xiaomei was interested in fashion. I dont know much about these. Go back and try it on. Take it if it fits. If it is not your size, I will give it to someone else.

What is inside the bag?

Jeans.

Its jeans? This is too expensive. Chen Xiaomei does not dare to accept it. She quickly pushed the plastic bag back to Dong Xuebing. No no I cannot accept it. This pair of jeans cost at least 10,000 RMB.

Dong Xuebing smiled. I am not trying to bribe you.

Chen Xiaomei replied. I dont mean that. Its just too expensive.

Open and see it first. Dong Xuebing said. I bought it according to your size. Giving it to someone else will be hard if you dont want it.

But

Look at it first.

Chen Xiaomei opened up the bag and took out a pair of jeans.

It was a pair of white colored jeans. It was retro-style and beautiful. It suits Chen Xiaomei, and the details are exquisite.

Chen Xiaomei could not take her eyes off the jeans. This

Dong Xuebing laughed. Take it. But dont tell others this is from me. He was afraid others might gossip. After all, the pair of jeans are expensive, and Sister Chen is married. He does not want her husband to misunderstand. He thought for a while and feared she might get the wrong idea. Its normal for subordinates to give leaders gifts. Its a bit weird for a leader to give his subordinates gifts. He said. I dont mean anything. I wanted to apologize for what happened at that time. It was an accident. Haha

Chen Xiaomei knew what Dong Xuebing was talking about. Ah, I almost forgotten about it if you did not bring it up. Its fine. You dont need to do this.

Dong Xuebing replied. Just accept it since I bought it.

Chen Xiaomei paused for a second and said. Then I will accept it. Its beautiful. I love designs like this.

Im glad you like it. Tell me if it does not fit.

Chen Xiaomei glanced at Dong Xuebing. Should I try it on now?

Dong Xuebing was shocked. But theres no changing room here. He paused and said. You should try. I will wait outside.

No need. I will just put it on.

Chen Xiaomei said and sat on the couch with the jeans. She took off her shoes and lifted her leg slightly. She slid her legs into the jeans slowly and stood up to pull the jeans up.

She wore a long dress, and pulling the jeans up would push her dress.

Chen Xiaomeis thighs were exposed to Dong Xuebing. He would see the top of her black stockings in a few more inches.

Chen Xiaomei suddenly moved faster and pulled the jeans to her waist.

But she could not zip it. Although the jeans covered her ass, her front part was exposed. Her yellow underwear was shown to Dong Xuebing.

Chapter 1328: Moving on

Office.

It felt awkward.

Chen Xiaomei noticed she had exposed herself and quickly turned away from Dong Xuebing to zip her jeans. But her dress was stuck on her waist, and she wore black stockings. She tried to zip it, and the top of her stockings were exposed from her back.

Is it too tight?



No

I might have bought a size smaller.

Its fitting. Its just my dress that is getting in the way.

Chen Xiaomei said and finally wore the jeans. She looked at it and loved it. She turned and showed Dong Xuebing. What do you think?

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat. Yes yes it suits you.

Chen Xiaomei said. I think it looks good too. Thank you.

The tight jeans showed Sister Chens legs, and she looked attractive.

Chen Xiaomei looked at the jeans for a while and said. I will pair them with a pair of heels. Haha thank you for the jeans. You are making me feel bad.

Dong Xuebing thought to himself. I am the one feeling bad.

I got benefits from giving you this pair of jeans. This is worth it.

Chen Xiaomei could not wear the pair of jeans out of the office. She looked at Dong Xuebing. I am taking them off.

Dong Xuebing nodded and opened his drawer to get a packet of cigarettes. He did this to turn away.

The couch creaked. Sister Chen sat on it, and Dong Xuebing heard clothes rustling.

Dong Xuebing found his cigarettes and peeped at the couch. He saw Sister Chens jeans pulled down to her calves. But her dress was still hanging around her waist. He saw her black stockings on her ass.

Sigh I should not be looking.

Dong Xuebing turned away again.

A while later, Chen Xiaomei said. Im done, Mayor Dong.

Dong Xuebing turned and saw Chen Xiaomei had kept the pair of jeans in the bag. He stood up and said. Ok. I shall not keep you here anymore. I am going to report to Mayor Jiang.

Chen Xiaomei looked at him. Thank you for your jeans and tea leaves. Come over to my place for dinner when you are free. I will cook for you.

Sure.

I am going off now.

Chen Xiaomei turned and left the office.

Dong Xuebing looked at her ass until the door closed. He thought for a while and called Jiang Fangfangs secretary's office to ask if she was around. He would not call before going to her office. But their relationship became awkward after she got drunk and masturbated in front of him. She treated him coldly after she sobered and avoided him. He felt helpless, but that was a show.

This cannot carry on.

This will affect my work, and I must get over it.

The phone rang for a while, and no one answered.

Dong Xuebing reached the Mayors office, and he hung up. He took a deep breath and knocked lightly.

Come in. Jiang Fangfang said.

Dong Xuebing entered. The secretarys desk was empty. The inner room was opened, and he saw a woman holding a document. Jiang Fangfang was inside. Dong Xuebing entered the inner room and saw her. She wore a light-colored womens suit, and her hair was tied up in a bun. She still looked so pretty and uninterested in anything.

Mayor Jiang. Dong Xuebing greeted.

Jiang Fangfang looked at him. You are back.

Dong Xuebing observed her and replied. I just came back.

Jiang Fangfang waved. Sit. I thought you were still in the hospital and could not come back. How are your injuries?

Thank you for your concern. I am much better now. Dong Xuebing sat opposite her and cleared his throat. He does not know what to say.

Jiang Fangfang did not say anything.

Both sat in silence for a while.

Jiang Fangfang looked at him and said. I have not apologized for what happened at the family quarters.

Dong Xuebing quickly said. I should be the one apologizing.

Jiang Fangfang interrupted. Let me finish. I should apologize. I did some stupid things after I got drunk. I should not have done that. Luckily, it was you. I dont know what would happen if it was someone else. I must apologize and also thank you.

Dong Xuebing quickly replied. What are you saying? Its my fault.

Jiang Fangfang smiled. Lets stop this. Its not a big deal anyway. Everything is fine after we cleared the air.

Of course. Dong Xuebing said. I was afraid you would bear a grudge.

Jiang Fangfang shook her head. Why would I bear a grudge? Its not your fault. It was me who thought you might be angry with me. I got drunk and said you reminded me of my dead husband. I should not say that. I know you are not him, and I hallucinated after drinking too much that day. I hope you dont mind.

I will not.

Are you sure?

Absolutely not.

Good. Lets forget it and move on.

Yes. Lets move on.

Jiang Fangfang looked at Dong Xuebing emotionlessly and said. It was also a good thing. I am a widow and was alone for so long. I have my needs, and I believe you are the same. You should understand. We live in a conservative society, and no one talks about these. But I think there's no need to avoid talking about it. You saw it, and so be it. At least this would help us understand each other better. I think this incident brought us closer. We are considered friends now. What do you think?

Friends?

Got closer?

Huh? This is more than closer. You did that in front of me! But Dong Xuebing was relieved in his heart. Mayor Jiang spoke about it openly, which meant she had gotten over it. This calls for a celebration.

Jiang Fangfang asked. Are you free tonight?

Dong Xuebing blinked. Yes. You are

Jiang Fangfang said calmly. Come to my place for dinner.

Dong Xuebing joked. I will go if you are going to cook.

Yes. Come over. Jiang Fangfang said. I will buy groceries after work.

Chapter 1329: The Wolves Are Here

Afternoon.

1.30 pm.

County Government, Jiang Fangfang office.

Dong Xuebing felt relaxed after clearing their misunderstandings. They started to talk about work.

Jiang Fangfang looked at him. The Finance Department was a mess when you were not around.

Dong Xuebing nodded. I heard about it. They are here to request for funds, right?

Jiang Fangfang nodded. Yes. Secretary Meng and I are facing the same situation. They came wave after wave. You must be prepared. You will not get any peace after you return.

Dong Xuebing asked. What is your plan for the money?

Jiang Fangfang replied. Secretary Meng and I decided to discuss this during the meeting tomorrow. This meeting is critical, and I asked your secretary to call you back about it. Although we have not decided the uses for the money, we will not use it for improving facilities like building hostels, renovating classrooms, buying equipment, etc. These are unnecessary. We must use the money effectively. Secretary Meng agreed. You must not give in, too. It would be hard to reject the rest if we set a precedent.

Dong Xuebing smiled. I understand.

I am assured when you are the gatekeeper. Jiang Fangfang puts down her document and pours a glass of water for Dong Xuebing. This fund exposed lots of problems.

Dong Xuebing agreed. He took the water and thanked her.

Their Countys leaders were short-sighted. They always sit in their offices and do not do any real work. But when they see money, they behave like wolves.

Knock knock

Someone knocked on the door.

Jiang Fangfang looked up. Come in.

Dong Xuebing stood up. Then I am going back to work.

Ok. Take care of yourself. Jiang Fangfang said.

Dong Xuebing walked out of the office, and someone entered. It was Deputy County Mayor Ci Boyang. Ci Boyang was Secretary Mengs man, and they had clashed previously. They nodded at each other in greeting.

Dong Xuebing left the office.

Mayor Jiang.

What is it, Mayor Ci?

It is about the fund. Our department is facing difficulties. The promised bonus has not been issued, and the staff is unhappy. Can you

Another one is here to ask for money. These people

Dong Xuebing closed the door behind him and left.

Before Dong Xuebing opened the door to his office, he heard his office phone ringing. He entered and answered.

Hello, Im Dong Xuebing.

You are back, Mayor Dong.

Yes. Who is this?

I am Old Liu from the Health Bureau. When can we get our funding, Mayor Dong? This equipment is critical to our County. It can increase our Countys medical standards. We placed the order a few days ago but still have not gotten the funds.

Dont your Health Bureau have funds?

Its not enough. These are imported equipment and cost a few million RMB.

Why did you order when you all dont have funds? Who promised to give you the fund? Dong Xuebing frowned. Did you go ahead before getting approvals?

No. The equipment was decided a while ago. Mayor Ci agreed, and the County has money now. Thats why we thought the County would solve our fund issue. Its not a lot of money, and the order was placed. They are imported equipment, and we got to order in advance.

We will talk about this again.

But the order

Since Mayor Ci promised you, go and look for him!

Mayor Dong, we

Dong Xuebing could not be bothered with them and hung up.

The phone rang immediately. Ring ring ring Dong Xuebing was afraid it might be an emergency and asked.

Hello?

Is that Mayor Dong?

Its me. Who is this?

Good afternoon, Mayor Dong. I am a Qing Shui Village Government staff. My name is Jiang Dashui. I am County Mayor Jiang Fangfangs third uncle.

Third uncle?

A distance relative?

Dong Xuebing replied politely, as this person was Mayor Jiangs relative. What is it about?

Jiang Dashui sighed. Its hard to say.

Dong Xuebing replied. I am listening. Tell me.

Our village was severely affected by last years drought. The villagers are having a hard time. The villager leaders are anxious. You should know we depend on live stocks. Natural disasters will affect our villagers livelihoods. This year is not looking good too. Its tough, and our village is requesting financial aid. One million RMB is enough. Its a small amount, and I dont want to bother Fangfang. She is busy. Thats why I called you.

One million RMB is a small amount?

You are daring to say such things.

You also keep bringing up Mayor Jiang to pressure me. It made Dong Xuebing uncomfortable. If Jiang Fangfang agrees, Jiang Dashui would not be calling him. The money would be given out. Mayor Jiang must have rejected him.

Dong Xuebing replied. I cannot decide.

Jiang Dashui replied. The County had gotten 50 million RMB, and we are asking for one million financial assistance. Why cant you decide such a small matter?

I will ask for you all. Please wait for a few days.

The villagers and villager leaders are anxious. We cannot wait any longer.

I cant do anything even if you are anxious. We need to go through the procedures.

They spoke over the phone briefly before Dong Xuebing could hang up. He thought for a while and called Yao Cui.

The line was engaged.

Dong Xuebing tried calling for a few minutes before it got through.

Cui Er, are you busy?

Yao Cui replied. I just ended a call with a former classmate. He insisted I ask if you can approve a sum for their village farming aid. I spoke to him for a long time to reject him.

You also receive these calls?

This is not the first time. A relative came to my house a while ago to ask for money. My parents were frustrated.

Thanks a lot. Oh, do you know about Qing Shui Village? Are they affected by the drought?

Of course not. Yao Cui replied softly. Did Mayor Jiangs relative call you? They are lying. Its only been a few days without rain, and they exaggerated. They came to the Finance Department a few days ago and created a scene.

Dong Xuebing shook his head. Who are these people?

Yao Cui said. These are nothing. Someone asked Secretary Mengs father for help, and he came to the Party Committee Building to look for Secretary Meng. Secretary Meng disagreed and was scolded by his father. This Sigh I am speechless.

The County would have approved their requests if it was an emergency. They would not give in to anyone, even if they were the leaders relatives. This is a critical period, and Dong Xuebing could feel the difficulties faced by Secretary Meng and Mayor Jiang.

Oh, Xuebing.

What is it?

Many people called me after they knew you were back. They want to invite you to lunch and dinner. Health Bureaus Director Liu, Industry Bureaus Chen

Help me reject them. Tell them I have not recovered.

Ok. I understand.

After hanging up, the office phone rang again.

Dong Xuebing looked at the phone and did not answer. He sat at this desk and smoked.

Dong Xuebing thought he could have peace if he did not answer the calls. But someone knocked on his door a while later. It was the Civil Affairs Bureaus Chief.

Mayor Dong, I am Xu Xuelong from the Civil Affairs Bureau. It was a middle-aged man.

Chief Xu. Have a seat. Dong Xuebing looked at him. This was their first meeting. Although they had met during meetings, Dong Xuebing could not remember him. What is it?

Xu Xuelong sat and started complaining. The Civil Affairs Bureau staff are upset. Its because other departments in the County have cars. Even the Culture Bureau has a van, and only our Bureau does not have a vehicle. Its inconvenient for us to do our job. I am not asking because I want it. I am asking for our Bureaus work. Our Countys roads are bad and full of potholes. Its hard for our staff to ride bicycles to attend work calls.

Dong Xuebing kept quiet.

Xu Xuelong looked at Dong Xuebing. Mayor Dong, we submitted the request and got no replies. Can you

Dong Xuebing said. I will consider. Go back first.

Xu Xuelong did not leave. Our Civil Affairs Bureau is the County Governments department. The County should treat us equally. A few cars do not cost much. Our Countys finance has the money now. You should not let us

Before he could finish, someone knocked on the door.

The person outside entered before Dong Xuebing ask him to.

It was a tanned old man with a few people following him. They should be the village leaders. They shouted after entering. Mayor Dong! Why is our villages fund not out yet? How many days has it been? Why is it not approved? We almost cannot operate now!

Dong Xuebing frowned. Your village? Go and look for the village township! This is the County Government!

The old man firmly replied. The Town Mayor said the County did not approve the funding! They dont have money to give us! Thats why we are here to ask for money!

Money!

Money!

All of you only want money!

F\*\*k! All of you are crazy!

Chapter 1330: Mayor Dong is mad

Inside the office.

Six people were shouting inside.

They barged into Dong Xuebing's office and started questioning him. The 40 million RMB fund made everyone crazy.

Mayor Dong! Just say the word!

Our village must receive the money today!

The villagers are going to tear down our buildings!

We are not leaving if we dont get the funds today.

The village leaders raised their voices. The door was opened, and many County Government staff gathered outside. Some called the security.

Dong Xuebing suppressed his anger and said. I told you I dont know about your villages situation, and you must send your application. It is useless to come to me. Go and talk to your Township and ask them to send in an application report.

The old man said. We called the Finance Department, and they refused to issue the fund.

Dong Xuebing said. The Finance Department must review your application. They will not issue the funds based on what you say. Go back and wait for news.

We cannot wait any longer.

It's been more than one week.

We will not get financial aid if the County did not give the township funds.

Are they here to ask for money?

They are here to rob the County!

Did they think the County's money had dropped from the sky? All of them want a share.

Dong Xuebing was mad. These people were unreasonable.

Dong Xuebing has a bad temper. He banged his desk and stood up. Stop making a scene here! Why didn't you all complain in the past? You all come after the Central government issued the fund to our county. How did you all live before the County got this fund? Huh? Get lost if you cannot handle it. I can find others to replace you easily. You all come because the Township asked you all to come? Then I will ask you to go to the Central Government!

The old man was furious. We will go to the Central Government if we don't get the funds.

Dong Xuebing pointed at him and shouted at the County Government staff members outside. Call Secretary Yao over. I also need a driver from the transport department!

Yao Cui ran over a few moments later. Are you looking for me, Mayor Dong?

A driver from the transport department followed behind. He was confused.

Dong Xuebing pointed at those villagers. Xiao Yao! I am giving you a mission. Send these villagers to the Central Government by car now.

The villagers were stunned.

Yao Cui and the driver were shocked.

Dong Xuebing looked at these villagers coldly. I am saying this now. You all must go today, no matter what! He turned to Yao Cui. Send them now!

Mayor Dong is mad.

The village leaders got scared.

The old man was still angry but dared not say another word.

Yao Cui looked at the villagers. Please come with me.

The villagers do not dare to go. They were only making empty threats.

Dong Xuebing ignored them and said to Yao Cui. Give me their Town Mayor's number.

Yao Cui took out her phone and called the Town Mayor before passing her phone to Dong Xuebing.

Hello, Secretary Yao.

I am Dong Xuebing!

Ah, Mayor Dong. Good afternoon.

Dong Xuebing started scolding. You dare to instigate your village leaders to come and create trouble at the County Government! What are you doing? Huh? Submit your resignation letter if you



cannot control your people! How dare you let your people come to the County Government? This is skip-level reporting! Is your Township for show?

No no we dont know about this.

You dont know? Then what do you know?

Please calm down. I will go and handle the situation now. The Town Mayor was sweating when he heard Mayor Dong was mad.

Dong Xuebing returned the phone to Yao Cui after hanging up. He glanced at those villager leaders before turning to Civil Affairs Bureau Chief Xu Xuelong. Chief Xu! Stop complaining to me. I know all departments are facing difficulties. Many departments do not have vehicles, too. Even the Deputy Mayors have to submit applications to use a car, and we might not even get it. Whats wrong with not having cars? Your department cannot operate without a car? Your men are upset without a car, and you cannot handle them? Then I think this is not a car issue. It is your leadership. The Civil Affairs Department is not under me. However, you can submit your resignation letter to your superior if you cannot handle your men. I can pass it to your leader if you want.

Xu Xuelong was mad and wanted to retort. But he saw Dong Xuebing's face and kept quiet.

Dong Xuebing calmed down a little after scolding them. When he was about to drink water, he saw a group of people downstairs. One of them was Chen Xiaomei, who had left earlier. Five men surrounded her, and they were complaining to her. She tried to leave but failed.

Dong Xuebing knew those people were asking for money.

Dong Xuebing's anger rose again.

He turned and stormed out of his office. He went downstairs and out of the office building.

Yao Cui quickly followed.

A few County Government staff members followed.

Chief Chen. You must give me an answer today.

Old Chen, you know our difficulties. The County has so much money. Why is it so difficult to give us one million RMB?

Xiao Chen, please check our application. Why is it not approved?

Stop trying to push us away. This is a small matter. I brought the application form with me. You need to sign it.

Chen Xiaomei replied. I cannot decide this.

One of them got mad. Who else can decide?

Dong Xuebing reached them. I can decide. You all can talk to me.

All of them were overjoyed when they saw Mayor Dong. Mayor Dong. We were about to look for you.

Our department had applied for a few days. When can we get the money? Everyone is waiting. A Culture Bureau leader asked.

Chen Xiaomei was relieved. She could finally leave. Mayor Dong.

Dong Xuebing nodded and looked at them. Did you all bring your documents?

Yes. We brought them. These leaders were here to ask for money, and they brought their application documents with them.

Dong Xuebing looked at the documents.

The Culture Bureau wants to build a new family quarter.

The Agriculture Bureau wants to start a cultivation experiment.

The Technology Bureau wants to move location.

These requests are nonsense! They are wasting the funds.

Dong Xuebing extended his hand to Chen Xiaomei. Do you have a pen?

Dong Xuebing started writing and signing the documents.

The leaders thought Dong Xuebing was approving their applications and were smiling.

But their face changed when Dong Xuebing returned the documents to them.

They saw what Dong Xuebing wrote at the bottom of their application forms. Rejected.

Mayor Dong!

This

The commotion attracted many people.

Many staff members and leaders were watching from their windows.

Dong Xuebing said to the leaders in front of him. Are you all too free? This is working hours. You are not working and coming here to ask for money. Its fine if it is once or twice. How many times have you come to the County Government? Since you are so free, I will find something for you to do. The Provincial Government is clamping down on civil servants playing games and not working during office hours. I think your departments are too free. We will use your departments as test subjects. I will speak to Secretary Pu and suggest this during the Party Committee meeting.

What?

Test subjects?

Test subjects for the Discipline Inspection Commission?

They took a deep breath. Mayor Dong, we

Dong Xuebing ignored them and looked at Chen Xiaomei. Any applications over 100,000 RMB to the Finance Department will need my approval. If anyone has problems, tell them to see me.

Dong Xuebing spoke loudly, and everyone in the County Government compound heard him.

Chen Xiaomei agreed immediately. I understand.

Ring ring ring the phone rang.

Dong Xuebing looked at the number and answered. Hello, I am Dong Xuebing.

Mayor Dong. I am the Education Bureaus Old Zheng. I am asking if we can get the funds within these few days. The teachers' training is essential. The childrens education is critical and cannot be delayed. We must increase our teachers abilities to improve our education system. He was repeating what Dong Xuebing had said in the meeting.

What about your education fund?

We used them up, and theres not much left.

A few million RMB were used up?

Yes. Its not enough. Thats why I sent a request application.

Dong Xuebing was furious. He shouted. The Education Bureau has the most funds among all the Countys departments. A few million RMB was given to you all not long ago. There were no emergencies, and I did not see you all did anything. Where the f\*\*k did the money go? Didnt you all plan how to use the funds? What the f\*\*k do I need you leaders for? What the f\*\*k were you doing? You still dare to ask for money from the County? You will not get a single cent from the County! Go and find a solution yourself!

Deputy Chief Zheng was stunned.

Everyone in the County Party Committee Building heard Dong Xuebing.

Mayor Dong is mad.

He is furious.