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Chapter 1021: Chiang the Fox's Recent Situation

Chiang Qing, this name hasn't appeared before Cheng Su for a long time, hasn't reached her ears, nor surfaced in her heart.

Now, suddenly recalling last year's events, they seem vivid, those pains and scars suddenly seem to reappear.

Cheng Su pressed her chest, suppressing the surging emotions. It's nothing, now she's doing well, and Qi Taiguo is good too, as for the child...

Cheng Su touched her lower abdomen, her lips pursed, the child will come slowly.

She shook off the slightly chaotic thoughts in her head, and then looked again at the unit rankings following the name list, Deputy Director of the Yanjing Economic Information Department Operations Office.

No, not Chiang Qing, she's a military doctor, how could she be this deputy director?

It should be someone with the same name, Cheng Su slightly exhaled with relief, but in her heart, there was always some uncertainty. She still didn't know what Chiang Qing's situation was now?

With a belly full of questions, Cheng Su returned home. Qi Taiguo was already there, talking with Ning Ge. Both of their faces seemed heavy, and upon seeing her return, they simultaneously stopped the conversation.

"Why are you here?" Cheng Su asked Ning Ge.

He always moves unpredictably, Cheng Su was already used to it, but seeing him at home made her feel strange.

"Can I bum a meal?" Ning Ge said with a sly smile.

"Oh, well I haven't bought much groceries, might as well have a hot pot tonight, it's a bit cold." Although it's March, the temperature was still low, especially after the snow melts leading to a spring chill, Cheng Su felt the air was still icy.

Ning Ge squinted at her, is your health still not well?

Cheng Su put down her bag and was about to get busy when she suddenly thought about the name list she saw. Conveniently, Ning Ge was around, so she walked over and sat down.

"Ning Ge, do you know Chiang Qing's current situation?" She was still uncertain and wanted to ask.

Upon mentioning Chiang Qing's name, Ning Ge and Qi Taiguo's faces both changed, why suddenly bring her up?

"What happened? Why are you asking about her?" Ning Ge asked.

Qi Taiguo was also full of confusion.

"I just wanted to ask if she's still a military doctor." Cheng Su said.

Ning Ge frowned briefly and said, "I'm not really sure, who cares about her?" In fact, he's been busy investigating the truth from years ago and checking into the Loo Family's business deals, so he hasn't paid much attention to Chiang Qing herself.

"Why ask about her out of nowhere?" Qi Taiguo looked at Cheng Su with concern.

Cheng Su just laughed and said, "Today I received the guest reception list for our restaurant's city tender event later, and it included someone named Chiang Qing, Deputy Director of the Yanjing Economic Information Operations Office. I'm just curious whether it's her or not. But then again, she's a military doctor, how could she become a deputy director!"

"From Yanjing?" Ning Ge slightly sat upright, furrowed his eyebrows, and said, "If it is, it's not surprising. Think about it, Chiang Qing has a mental illness, and with such an illness, how could she continue being a military doctor? Aren't they afraid she might suddenly relapse and prescribe wrong medication or give wrong injections to others?"

Cheng Su pursed her lips, that seems reasonable, she herself is a patient. Although it's said to be cured, who knows if it will lurk, generally such people wouldn't be allowed to be military doctors, right?

"Check it out!" Qi Taiguo straightforwardly instructed Ning Ge. No matter if it's true or not, it's always good to look into it to avoid any issues later on!

Ning Ge didn't need his orders, he already had the notion in his mind when Cheng Su brought it up, so he picked up the phone.

Chapter 1022: A Beautiful Comeback

Chiang Qing's current situation?

Ever since the incident with Qi Taiguo, she relapsed into illness, and it cost her everything, including her future and reputation.

But Chiang Qing is fortunate. Luckily, she comes from a good family background. On her mother's side, there's a thriving business family, and on her father's side, her biological dad is a Commander.

So, whether she remains a military doctor or not doesn't really matter. With such a strong support network, she can totally turn the tables.

Not to mention, Chiang Qing herself has the allure of a goblin, and her mental illness is intermittent. Once treated and not flaring up, who would know she has this illness?

Chiang Qing slowly re-enters the public eye, playing it cool and speaking freely. With such backing, did she really lose her future? She can rebuild it. Is her reputation totally destroyed? She can rebuild that too.

Thus, with the help of those behind her, Chiang Qing became a public welfare ambassador for orphan care, frequently visiting welfare and orphanage centers to donate love.

That's not all. Based on this gradually rebuilt reputation, she swiftly joined the government as a public servant.

Cheng Su wasn't wrong in guessing that the Chiang Qing on the list is indeed the Chiang Qing she knows, who is now the Deputy Director of the Operations Department of the Information Division. This time, she's here in Qing City with their top superior for research.

"Truly, it's like a centipede that doesn't die easily, she turned things around so effortlessly!" Ning Ge said with a somber face as he hung up the phone.

Qi Taiguo looked very displeased, remembering the end of his training last year when he was preparing to return and saw Chiang Qing, his brows were tightly knit.

"Susu, don't handle the restaurant's reception this time," Qi Taiguo decided immediately.

Cheng Su was taken aback: "Why?"

"Chiang Qing is no longer the same Chiang Qing!" Qi Taiguo finally said after a pause.

"You've seen her?" Ning Ge instantly caught Qi Taiguo's implied meaning.

Qi Taiguo slowly nodded, explaining the situation when he encountered Chiang Qing during last year's training, saying, "She appears very normal, very amiable, but that's exactly why I find her frightening. That normalcy is deep, making it hard to see her true nature. I think her illness hasn't improved; it might even be worse. It's just a hunch!"

And such instincts have saved him from danger many times.

Ning Ge, seeing Qi Taiguo's seriousness, also sat up straight and said, "If that's the case, sister-in-law, you should stay away!"

"No, this reception is very important for our restaurant!" Cheng Su rejected.

Qi Taiguo frowned and said, "The restaurant is important, but you are more important."

"Exactly. The restaurant won't stop operating without you, just make all the arrangements," Ning Ge agreed with Qi Taiguo.

Cheng Su said, "Are you guys afraid she's going to do something to me? Do you think she's after me?"

Ning Ge gave a look that said, "You know it."

"Taiguo, you said she stood in front of you and talked to you normally. I don't think Chiang Qing would do anything to me in a public setting. If she wants to mess with me, it would be in the shadows. She's already done the humiliating herself in public thing, and lost all her face. Do you think she would keep doing that?" Cheng Su said, "She wouldn't. She won't make the same mistake twice; she'll only get more calculated."

"Since you know that, you should avoid her even more!" Ning Ge frowned and said.

Cheng Su smiled, "If she wants to deal with me, no matter how I avoid her, she'll still come. I can avoid her openly, but what about in the shadows?"

As she finished speaking, Ning Ge and Qi Taiguo's expressions became even graver.

Chapter 1023: A Centipede Doesn't Die Easily

The saying goes, "An open attack is easy to parry, but hidden arrows are hard to defend against." Cheng Su knew that if Chiang Qing wanted to do something to her, she would definitely lay it out quietly and without a trace.

And since she dared to reenter their sight, she must have made full preparations, it could be said she was fully prepared.

The same words apply, Chiang Qing would not make the same mistake a second time, because the first time, she suffered greatly.

And the same applies to Cheng Su. She would not allow herself to make the same mistake and suffer the same loss, even if the disparity in strength was significant.

"The centipede dies but does not stiffen, Xiao Si, you are right. As long as she is not dead and unable to turn things around, if she harbors an obsession with Qi Taiguo, then one day, we will still face each other!" Cheng Su said faintly.

Ning Ge had a somber look on his face.

"And the root between her and me ultimately traces back to Taiguo." Cheng Su looked at Qi Taiguo again.

Qi Taiguo's face was gloomy, he smashed the table with his fist, saying, "I want to see what she dares to do!"

"If I were Chiang Qing, the things I wanted or hated would naturally need to be destroyed slowly, like cutting flesh with a dull knife. There is nothing more satisfying than watching an opponent lose something they own! Instead of saying I should be careful, Taiguo, you should be careful. You are the most important person in my life." Cheng Su said.

"You are the same to me!" Qi Taiguo's brows knitted into a frown. Cheng Su was also the most important person to him, so would Chiang Qing destroy her too?

What would she choose, and how would she act?

Ning Ge saw the deep gaze the two shared, and his eyes darkened momentarily before quickly dissipating this emotion. He said, "Alright, don't flaunt your affection in front of this bachelor, given the time we're in!"

Cheng Su glared at him, saying, "In short, I can't leave the reception work this time, and I have never been one to retreat in difficulties. Chiang Qing, I will be cautious of her. Worst case scenario, I just won't confront her directly."

Qi Taiguo looked at her expression and knew her mind was made up, so he let her be, at worst, he would also sit in at the restaurant that day.

He and Ning Ge exchanged a glance, they were both thinking the same.

After Cheng Su went to the kitchen to busy herself with dinner, Qi Taiguo spoke with Ning Ge about the matter again.

"The centipede dies but does not stiffen. Chiang Qing can turn things around because of what she possesses behind her. If we want to pull her teeth out, we can only destroy Jiang Conghe and the Loo Family. On your side, is there still no progress?" Qi Taiguo asked somewhat anxiously.

Ning Ge showed a wry smile, saying, "Did you know the Loo Family started building their network and making their fortune before Liberation? And Jiang Conghe, wanting to bring them both down, is it easy? I know you are anxious, and so am I, but this can't be rushed!"

Qi Taiguo naturally knew this, and precisely because of this, he was more stifled and frustrated that he could do nothing here!

"What's there for me to do?" Qi Taiguo asked him, "What about Jiang Dafang? Is there no progress?"

"No, things are going quite smoothly with him. It's said that Jiang Conghe has secured another big business deal for him, which makes Chiang Tian very dissatisfied, and the Loo Family is also dissatisfied. The Chiang Family is quite lively now." Seeing his anxiety, Ning Ge said, "Don't be anxious. This is a time to test patience, whoever has the better patience can win. It's still most important to conserve your strength and protect your wife. The rest, leave it alone."

Qi Taiguo stood up and walked a few paces briskly, exhaling a breath, "This is too stifling, it would be better to have an outright battle."

Ning Ge chuckled lightly, who wouldn't agree, but reality will never be as one wishes, the investigation just needs to be more intensive, the Loo Family, what is with the Loo Family...

Chapter 1024: Baseborn Wolf's Ambition

Ning Ge didn't bother flattering Qi Taiguo; the atmosphere at the Chiang Family indeed wasn't the same as before. Ever since Jiang Dafang 'acknowledged' Jiang Conghe, the harmony and joy that once filled the Chiang Family were no longer there.

Jiang Dafang is a proud and capable person who doesn't indulge in scheming or flattery. It seems that he purely acknowledges Jiang Conghe as his father and only recognizes him as such. So, usually, he speaks with concern and offers words of consideration for Jiang Conghe.

As a result, Jiang Conghe grew happier and more trusting of him, especially after taking some of Jiang Dafang's suggestions, which made his political journey much smoother.

Jiang Conghe believed that Jiang Dafang was his eldest son, resembled him in appearance and capability, which is why he was so promising.

For his own family, Jiang Conghe wasn't stingy; thus, he helped Jiang Dafang secure a major transportation business deal, a deal that Chiang Tian had long had his eyes on, but which Jiang Dafang intercepted.

Chiang Tian naturally was displeased and complained to Lu Shufen, who then argued incessantly with Jiang Conghe.

"Such a big deal, Xiao Tian had been eyeing it and was in negotiations, and you so easily gave it to that bastard without saying a word. Jiang Conghe, do you feel just toward us?" Lu Shufen screamed, pointing at Jiang Conghe.

Jiang Conghe, with a cold, composed face, said, "How am I unjust to you? And what bastard? Dafang is my son, and so is Xiao Tian. They both carry the surname Jiang; they are both of my blood, biological brothers. Who gets the business remains within the Chiang Family, doesn't it? Moreover, Xiao Tian's business is already large enough, while Dafang is just starting and needs to go steady!"

In his view, it's truly good when all his children are doing well. Having just one succeed while another holds a beggar's bowl is unacceptable.

That's why he had to favor Dafang a bit more, and Xiao Tian has his maternal family, while Dafang is different. As Dafang said, he only has his father to rely on.

"That's bullshit!" Lu Shufen, filled with anger, shrieked, "Who's a biological brother with that bastard? Jiang Conghe, are you blind? Anyone with eyes can see that bastard has the heart of a wolf, and you're just being spun around by him. You won't even know how you die in the future!"

Jiang Dafang puts on a harmless facade, but inside, he's full of malice. She absolutely believed that bastard harbors ill intentions and is just trying to ruin their family.

Look, ever since he called Jiang Conghe 'dad,' there hasn't been a moment of peace in their house.

This family, sooner or later, will be torn apart by that bastard.

Thinking of Jiang Dafang's sinister eyes sent a shiver down Lu Shufen's spine. No, she can't let that bastard succeed.

"Jiang Dafang came here to ruin our family. If you don't believe me, just wait and see. He's here for revenge, to tear us apart..." Lu Shufen shrilled.

"Enough!" Jiang Conghe shouted, glaring at her coldly, "I know exactly what kind of person Dafang is; I don't need you slandering him here. Don't think I don't know, every time he comes, you give him the cold shoulder, because you look down on him. If you don't like him coming, I can buy another house and move there, so we father and son won't bother you!"

That business deal, Dafang absolutely didn't want it, saying he was afraid that Xiao Tian and the Loo Family would be displeased. But I insisted he take it. Does he still need to cater to the Loo Family when giving his own son a business deal? Does the Loo Family still think of him as the little squad leader from those days?

Chapter 1025: The Crisis Looming Over the Chiang Family

Lu Shufen simply couldn't believe her ears. What did he say? He said he wants to buy another house and move out?

Jiang Conghe, how dare he!

"Say it again, you want to move out of this home?" Lu Shufen glared at him, biting her teeth. It's been so many years, they've been married for almost thirty years. Even when they quarreled, no heavy words like this were ever spoken.

Now he says he wants to move out of this home, to threaten her for that bastard?

Jiang Conghe, how bold of him!

Jiang Conghe looked away and said, "If you really don't like seeing Dafang, then that's the only way. Dafang is my son, and I'm his only relative. I can't deny him!"

"Jiang Conghe!" Lu Shufen screamed, "He's your son, what does that make Xiao Tian? What are Qingqing and I? When you married me, what did you say? You said from then on, only we are family, and you'd never recognize those bastards again."

Not mentioning the past was fine, but bringing it up made Jiang Conghe's face feel hot. He said, "Why bring up past courage now! It's not before liberation now; I'm not the same Jiang Conghe pushed around in the past!"

Now he has power and influence, doesn't need anyone's approval, and doesn't have to listen to anyone's words; he can make decisions for himself and his son!

Lu Shufen sneered, "Yes, so Jiang Conghe got promoted and made money, and then burned the bridge, huh? Our Loo Family worked hard to support you, not for you to treat us women like this!"

"You're being unreasonable, talking nonsense! How did I mistreat you women? Don't talk nonsense." Jiang Conghe replied, "Dafang is just my son. Even if you don't like him, I only ask you to consider him calmly for my sake. You don't need to do anything, he's just a child, not anyone important, can't you tolerate him?"

"Child? He's a wolf, eyeing our family with greed; do you think he's a lamb? Jiang Conghe, you're truly blind!" Lu Shufen mocked, "He's never looked for you in the past decades. Now you become Commander, and he comes, for what? Everyone knows he's up to no good, yet you protect him like a treasure!"

Jiang Conghe was embarrassed for a while and said, "What do you know? His mother didn't allow him to come around before, how could he come!"

Seeing him stubbornly believing that bastard, Lu Shufen couldn't help but say "good" three times: "Jiang Conghe, don't regret it in the future!"

She grabbed a cushion from the sofa and threw it at him fiercely.

"You crazy woman!" Jiang Conghe was hit, his glasses knocked off, he couldn't help but curse and turned to walk into his room.

Lu Shufen saw his attitude and couldn't help but feel her chest rise and fall with anger, it hurt a lot.

Unbelievable, that damn bastard, who knows how he instigated Old Chiang against their family, Old Chiang is completely siding with that bastard. Whenever she says 'no', he just thinks she's picking a fight.

If this continues, wouldn't Old Chiang move the entire Chiang Family into that bastard's hands? And if the bastard uses Old Chiang's connections to grow his business bigger, then where would their place be?

Lu Shufen felt a deep sense of crisis enveloping the Chiang Family, inexplicably feeling a bit of fear, as if what she had just thought would become reality.

Is she just supposed to let that bastard play everyone in the Chiang Family like puppets?

No, she won't allow it, can't allow it. Lu Shufen suppressed her panic and picked up the phone, dialing a number.

As soon as the call connected, Lu Shufen started crying. She spoke into the receiver, "Dad, it's me, Old Chiang has been bewitched by that wild bastard's sorcery love potion..."

Chapter 1026: The Loo Family, Pushing Us Too Far!

Jiang Conghe thought he had subdued Lu Shufen, making her hesitant to interfere again in his interactions with Dafang, but he hadn't expected her to be so unreasonable, nor the Loo Family to be so unreasonable.

He stared in shock at Jiang Dafang, at this face so similar to his own, and said, "What did you say? Say it again?"

Jiang Dafang glanced at him and said, "I said, we shouldn't continue to associate anymore. I know you're doing well, that's enough. As for me... I'll be fine too, you can rest assured!"

"Do you even know what you're saying?" Jiang Conghe exploded in anger, "Is this how you speak to your father? What's with this attitude? Tell me, what exactly has happened?"

Jiang Dafang stubbornly remained silent, making Jiang Conghe more convinced something had gone wrong, so he said, "Even if you don't tell me, I can still find out. Speak."

Jiang Dafang gave a bitter smile, "What's the point? You have a happy family now, why trouble yourself over a son with an ex-wife and turn against your family, against the Loo Family? It brings you no benefit. The Loo Family can elevate you, and they can pull you down again, what's the point?"

Jiang Conghe listened, the veins on his forehead pulsing intensely as he angrily shouted, "Who told you this rubbish? What nonsense about the Loo Family lifting me up or pulling me down, who said it?"

"Isn't this the truth? The Loo Family certainly has the capability." Jiang Dafang showed a mocking smile, "When I was a child, everyone said my father went to be a son-in-law because our family was poor, and we were sold off. Growing up, I've always had one thought: to never let anyone say our Chiang Family is poor, to earn more money, and make our Chiang Family prosperous. But reality is so harsh; I've always been unable to compete with the Loo Family. I'm sorry; I'm useless; I've failed to uphold the Chiang Family name!"

He bowed his head, then stood up, bowed to him, and left.

Turning around, the pain on his face disappeared instantly, replaced by cold laughter and mockery.

The person said, even in sowing discord, timing is crucial, and the emotional card must be played skillfully.

Jiang Conghe watched Jiang Dafang disappear at the doorway, feeling a sharp pain in his chest, as if he left and would never return.

"Dafang..." Jiang Conghe reached out, attempting to grasp his son, but caught nothing, only able to gnash his teeth hatefully.

He dialed a phone number, "It's me, investigate what's going on with Jiang Dafang's Fangzheng Transportation!"

Soon, the phone rang back, and Jiang Conghe heard the report's contents, which infuriated him to the point of smashing the documents on the table.

Before he could react, another call came in, and picking it up, Old Master Loo's angry curses spewed forth like a storm.

"Jiang Conghe, don't forget who's responsible for your current situation. Without our Loo Family, you're nothing! We can uplift you, and we can pull you down. Don't mistake fish eyes for pearls, harming Shufen and the children, I'm telling you..."

Jiang Conghe listened to the old man's reprimand, his face growing darker and his gaze colder, the grip on the receiver tightening steadily!

Without the Loo Family, he wouldn't be where he is today, but without Jiang Conghe, could the Loo Family's business have grown to this scale?

Without him, could the Loo Family have taken control of that business?

Now he claims that only because of the Loo Family does he have today?

Jiang Conghe's eyes were filled with rage, burning a furious red.

The Loo Family, they've gone too far!

Chapter 1027: You Poisonous Woman

Jiang Conghe returned home with a belly full of anger, and as soon as he closed the door, he heard a piercing laugh, the sound of Lu Shufen and Xiao Tian joking and laughing.

Thinking about what Jiang Dafang had said to him today, the child's loneliness and unhappiness, and then hearing this laughter now, Jiang Conghe felt his anger rise from his toes to the top of his head.

Why should they be laughing and joking here, while his own son had to retreat and be sad alone?

The Loo Family, do they just look down on those with the surname Jiang, look down on the Chiang Family?

Indeed, after Jiang Dafang's light stirring, Jiang Conghe considered himself to be on Jiang Dafang's side, only the two of them shared the surname Jiang, and everyone else in this household was with the Loo Family!

And it is true, Xiao Tian and Qingqing both have half the blood of the Loo Family.

"Don't let people always think of you as an outsider." Jiang Dafang's words echoed in Jiang Conghe's mind.

Outsider, outsider, in this home, apart from him, the others all had the Chiang Family bloodline, and himself, wasn't he just an outsider?

"Sir, why are you standing here?" The servant's words reminded Jiang Conghe.

It also made Lu Shufen and Chiang Tian, who were conversing in the living room, look over; both turned their heads away. Chiang Tian was angry; he didn't expect his dad to side with his cheap big brother.

Seeing their expressions, Jiang Conghe became even angrier, storming into the living room with a murderous aura.

"Dad!" Chiang Tian called reluctantly.

Jiang Conghe looked at him, his face dark as he said, "Xiao Tian, go upstairs!"

Chiang Tian glanced at Lu Shufen, frowned, and then went upstairs.

"What, is there something you can't say in front of your son, are you feeling guilty or what?" Lu Shufen wasn't afraid of him, lifted her chin and asked.

"Did you go to Jiang Dafang and tell him not to associate with me, did you get the old man and the others to make trouble for Dafang's company?" Jiang Conghe asked coldly.

Lu Shufen was startled: "What would I want with that bastard? Wouldn't lower myself. As for his company, yes, it was me who told Dad to cause him trouble, who told him to be disobedient, insisting on coming to harm our family! Be a good boy and just run his own business! But no, he had to stir up trouble, I can't crush him..."

Slap!

A slap landed on Lu Shufen's face. She was stunned, her head buzzing, staring at him blankly.

"You venomous woman!" Jiang Conghe was furious, pointing at her and scolding: "What did Dafang do to trouble you that you have to harm him like this? Do you think I'm dead? Let me tell you, I'm not dead yet!"

"Jiang Conghe, you bastard, you dare to hit me, I'll fight you..." Lu Shufen screamed and lunged at him.

Upstairs, Chiang Qing was applying nail polish, hearing the banging and shouting and sounds of glass breaking from downstairs, her brows furrowed.

Her parents were fighting again, definitely because of that Jiang Dafang. Ever since he started coming and going, those two quarreled every few days.

Mom seriously, why argue with Dad over such a bastard, it's pointless. If you don't like him, just kick him out, why fight?

Chiang Qing raised her fingers, her long fingers adorned with striking red nail polish, and gently blew on them near her lips.

In a few days, she would return to her old haunts, and this time, she wanted everyone to be unable to ignore her, to make them all anxious and unsettled.

No rush, no rush, Chiang Qing, take your time. One day, they will regret it, regret treating you that way.

Chiang Qing looked at the vivid red nails, and her red-lipsticked lips slowly curved into a smile, eerie and fearsome to see.

Chapter 1028: You Must Learn to Conceal Your Emotions

That lunatic Chiang Qing coming to Qing City felt like a heavy shadow hanging over Qi Taiguo, making him anxious beyond relief.

On the other hand, Cheng Su was very calm, as if she didn't care about Chiang Qing at all, even teasing Qi Taiguo: "You go out to kill enemies, take on countless missions, and aren't afraid of gunfire, yet you're afraid of a woman like Chiang Qing?"

Qi Taiguo smiled bitterly, saying afraid, maybe, but also maybe not.

If Chiang Qing came in plain sight, he wouldn't be afraid, but precisely because he didn't know when she would explode, he felt uneasy and insecure.

"You're just carefree, don't you know this woman is a ticking time bomb?" Qi Taiguo glared at her and said.

"I know, but think about it. Our panic and unease are just playing into her hands, right? Maybe she sees you this anxious and feels quite happy!" Cheng Su shrugged, saying, "This proves she has the ability to affect you, affect us!"

Qi Taiguo's face darkened.

Cheng Su hugged his waist, pressed her face to his back, and said, "If her obsession hasn't faded, then all she wants is you, wants to drive a wedge between us and tear us apart. As long as we, as a couple, are united with one heart and mind, Chiang Qing won't find a crack to exploit."

Qi Taiguo sneered, Cheng Su was comparing Chiang Qing to a fly.

"That's the way to laugh." Cheng Su turned around, mimicked his usual manner and pinched his cheek, then held his face with both hands and said seriously, "Taiguo, the less we understand the enemy and

opponent's schemes, the calmer and brighter our smiles need to be, to leave them perplexed and anxious, then we can find a flaw."

Qi Taiguo looked into her eyes, in her pupils, clearly reflected was his own image.

"The military books say, when the enemy doesn't move, we don't move, right? Chiang Qing has suffered major losses, she must have grown, but she's not the only one who has grown, we have grown alongside her too. If we lose control before she does, then we lose." Cheng Su continued.

Qi Taiguo immediately felt ashamed, he, a man, more restless than a woman, how embarrassing, despite being a soldier who has been on the battlefield and crawled through the piles of dead bodies!

"I'm sorry, I've made you worry. I'm a man, should protect you and comfort you, but instead, you have to comfort me, that's my fault." Qi Taiguo embraced her, kissed the top of her head and said.

Cheng Su wrapped her arms around his lean waist and said, "Everyone has soft spots and weaknesses, and your weakness is me, so it's inevitable that you worry and feel anxious, it's perfectly understandable."

Upon hearing this, Qi Taiguo embraced her even tighter.

"Taiguo, don't let your weaknesses be so easily exposed for others to see, you need to learn to show no emotion." Cheng Su pressed her face to his chest and said.

Qi Taiguo's body trembled slightly, he lowered his head to look at her.

Cheng Su curved her lips and displayed a bright smile, saying, "It's enough for me to know your affection, I believe I hold an important place here in you."

Her hand rested on his heart, feeling his strong heartbeat: "We don't need to show our bond to anyone, as long as you and I know in our hearts, that's how we protect ourselves and each other."

"You, how can I ever let you go!" Qi Taiguo's heart trembled, he lifted her lips and kissed them.

She is his weakness, doesn't need telling, everyone knows.

And for her, he is the same!

Chapter 1029: We're Here to Watch Over the Place

No matter how anxious Qi Taiguo is, what is meant to come will still come. On the day for guest reception at Joy Soon Loy, Cheng Su specifically took leave from school to personally oversee the event at Joy Soon Loy Restaurant.

But when she saw the two people in front of her, she was a bit dumbfounded: "What are you here for?"

Standing before her were Qi Taiguo and Ning Ge, both dressed casually.

"I'm off today, so I came to see if there's anything I can help with!" Qi Taiguo said.

Ning Ge took out a cigarette, handed one to Qi Taiguo, lit one for himself, took a puff, and said, "We're just here to watch the scene."

Cheng Su saw their nervous demeanor and realized their intention, she couldn't help but laugh, feeling both amused and touched, saying, "It's just a woman, is she really worth such attention from you? Isn't this a bit of overkill?"

They must be afraid she would be taken advantage of by Chiang Qing, right?

Cheng Su felt a bit sad, but more than that, she was moved, realizing the blessing of being loved and cared for in this world.

How lucky she was.

"When it comes to you, it's not overkill." Qi Taiguo glanced at her and said softly.

Perhaps because the people she was going to face today were quite important, she was dressed appropriately, in a black-and-white professional outfit with a pencil skirt, black stockings paired with black high heels, and light makeup on her face, appearing both capable and intelligent.

"Shall we go to my office?"

Since they were here, she couldn't just throw them out, so Cheng Su led the two to her office.

To facilitate future work, a logistics department was set up on the second floor of the restaurant where Cheng Su's office was located, equipped with tables, tea, and other essentials.

Cheng Su invited them to sit casually and glanced at her watch — it was almost eleven o'clock — and said, "It's close to lunch time, I'll go check once more, I trust you'll manage on your own!"

Without waiting for them to respond, she hurried away.

Everyone was busy preparing for the reception banquet, leaving only Qi Taiguo and Ning Ge in the logistics department.

Ning Ge sat down and looked at Qi Taiguo, saying, "I heard Jiang Conghe hit Lu Shufen!"

Qi Taiguo was taken aback: "Really?"

Ning Ge nodded, squinting and said, "Jiang Dafang is quite interesting, promising apprentice, knows how to put on an act, and is skilled in sowing discord!"

Not in vain for his painstaking teaching.

"And what about the Loo Family?" Qi Taiguo pressed down the excitement in his heart and asked.

"They're already involved. The Loo Family won't stand by idly, right? They think they can control Jiang Conghe, and Jiang Conghe thinks he's independent. They're bound to turn against each other, resulting in a dog-eat-dog situation. The drama has just started!" Ning Ge rubbed his hands and said.

Qi Taiguo was inwardly pleased but also a bit worried, saying, "Would Jiang Dafang turn traitor at the last minute? After all, they share a surname. If he has the slightest hesitation and betrays us, we'd be in a vulnerable position!"

Ning Ge smiled confidently and said, "Don't worry, I've considered this. Jiang Dafang is only sworn enemies with Lu Shufen and Jiang Conghe because of his mother's early death, which made him unable to sever ties with them. His mother was frail and sickly because of pressure from the Loo Family and Lu Shufen, while Jiang Conghe added fuel to the fire. He harbors hatred, and this hatred is enough to tear open the close link between the Jiang and Loo families."

Qi Taiguo felt slightly relieved, saying, "Still, we need to remain vigilant."

Ning Ge agreed with a hum, saying, "Once the crack in the egg appears, the flies will soon swarm in."

Qi Taiguo coldly smiled, his eyes flashing a deep, icy light.

Chapter 1030: Sucking Up and Playing Cute

After a year, Chiang Qing returned to the land of Qing City. As soon as she set foot in Qing City, her blood started to boil with excitement and an indescribable joy.

That person, where is he now?

Following the large group for research and meetings, Chiang Qing felt somewhat distracted but had no choice but to pull herself together. She was no longer a military doctor but a government employee.

Finally making it to noon, they announced it was time for lunch. Chiang Qing immediately felt energized; the itinerary mentioned lunch would be at the Joy Soon Loy Restaurant.

Joy Soon Loy Restaurant, if her memory served her right, wasn't Cheng Su's restaurant called Joy Soon Loy?

Could it be hers? Has the restaurant turned into a proper restaurant?

Indeed, a year always brings many changes; she herself has changed, hasn't she?

"Xiao Chiang, tired?" someone asked Chiang Qing as she sat down in the private car arranged for their activities.

Chiang Qing turned her head and flashed a bright smile, "Secretary Gao, I'm not tired. But you, after such a long train ride yesterday and all the research today, how are you holding up?"

Secretary Gao, Gao Hongbo, was the secretary in Yanjing and had connections with Old Master Loo. Her father had visited him last year, and they kept in touch during holidays and festivals.

Chiang Qing was able to get a position in her current department thanks to him, so she put on an expression of sweet adoration to flatter this old man.

"Ah, I am indeed a bit tired! I'm an old man after all, can't compare to you young folks," Gao Hongbo glanced at her charming face and gave a kind smile.

"You're joking, how are you old? Even if you're a bit up in age, you're still hale and hearty. From what I see, those young lads can't match your vigor!" Chiang Qing said sweetly, "You look like you're just over fifty."

Gao Hongbo's eyes twinkled, "Oh, do you really think so?"

Chiang Qing nodded, "Everyone says Secretary Gao has a youthful face. I didn't believe it at first, but seeing it now, I can't help but believe it!" She feigned disappointment.

Gao Hongbo was pleased upon hearing this, and seeing her pretend disappointment, he laughed aloud, "You girl, your mouth is sweet. No wonder your grandfather always praises you for being obedient."

Chiang Qing gave a shy smile, "I'm still inexperienced and look forward to Secretary's guidance and support."

"Don't worry." Gao Hongbo patted her shoulder and said, "Considering the friendship I have with your grandfather, I'll look after you as if you're my junior. If anyone bullies you, just speak up!"

Chiang Qing was very resistant to his shoulder pat, but she didn't show it on her face. Instead, her smile became even sweeter as she thanked him.

Gao Hongbo closed his eyes for a nap, and Chiang Qing turned to look out the car window with a smile. That smile gradually faded, replaced by disgust.

When the car stopped at the restaurant, Chiang Qing got out first, then waited by the car door for Secretary Gao to exit. Together they stood at the entrance of Joy Soon Loy, observing.

The signage was still the same, and the location hadn't changed, but the entrance was vastly different. Chiang Qing saw a familiar face greeting them at the door. If she remembered correctly, this was the girl named Qiulan, who used to stay on the third floor, working for Cheng Su!

So, this restaurant indeed belonged to Cheng Su.

Chiang Qing's smile broadened, what a coincidence, and how fate brings old grudges to meet!