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Chapter 1041: Her Secret

Cheng Su gazed at Qi Taiguo's worried expression, along with a subtle expectation, as he was looking at her, waiting for her.

Cheng Su averted her eyes, how to say, how to explain that she was a ghostly soul from another world, not someone born and raised here?

Would he believe such a ridiculous thing? If she hadn't experienced it herself, she wouldn't dare believe that such a thing could happen!

Such mystical matters, not from ancient times, how to believe? They would only think she's crazy!

"I just suddenly feel a little tired," Cheng Su smiled briefly, saying, "Could you bring me the medicine? I'll take one and nap for a while, is that okay?"

She didn't want to say!

A trace of disappointment flashed in Qi Taiguo's eyes, and he smiled and nodded.

He's not a fool; he knows she harbors something in her heart, perhaps even a secret.

In fact, long ago, he felt she was hiding a secret, just never waited for her to say it, so is her current distraction and panic related to that secret?

She didn't want to say, is it because she doesn't trust him enough? After everything they've been through, he still can't win her wholehearted trust.

Qi Taiguo felt a bit hurt, bringing the medicine for her to take, then accompanied her back to the room to lie down.

He fixed the corners of the quilt for her and said, "Don't think too much, you should know, I'm here by your side, I'm right here. As long as you are willing, I'm here waiting for you!"

Cheng Su showed him a smile, reaching out to hold his hand, asking, "Would you lie down with me for a while?"

Her mind was a bit chaotic, not knowing how to sort out the tangled threads of emotions; she wants to know who abandoned her, yet is afraid to truly know if the abandoned self really exists, who is she now? And if not, then where did she come from?

She arrived in this world, becoming someone else, what was the reason?

Chaotic, tangled threads, Cheng Su's head began to throb with pain.

"Okay." Qi Taiguo kicked off his shoes, lay sideways, patting her body, saying, "I'm right here, sleep now!"

Cheng Su closed her eyes, letting out a long breath, perhaps she really was a bit tired, or maybe because he was by her side, soon her breathing became regular.

Qi Taiguo listened to her breathing, knowing she had fallen asleep, watching her sleeping face, even in slumber, her brows furrowed slightly, so he reached out to smooth her brows.

"What is it that keeps you from peace even in sleep?" Qi Taiguo murmured.

No one answered him; only her gentle breathing responded.

Qi Taiguo closed his eyes, pondering why her emotions suddenly changed.

What triggered it? She was quite excited talking about the company's charity work, he mentioned the orphanage, and she responded about having been in an orphanage, then the conversation stopped, and her demeanor changed!

Used to be in an orphanage?

Qi Taiguo sat up, when was she in an orphanage, isn't she not an orphan?

But surely she remembered something when talking about that, what could it be?

Qi Taiguo looked at her sleeping face, surprised to see a tear slip from the corner of her eye.

He wiped away that tear, feeling the moisture in his hand, again asked, "Susu, what is your secret?"

Chapter 1042: Call from a Stranger

After Cheng Su woke up, she didn't mention the matter again, and since she didn't bring it up, Qi Taiguo also pretended nothing happened and didn't mention it.

But Cheng Su said she plans to visit Guangcheng in a few days.

Qi Taiguo was taken aback and put down his chopsticks, "Go to Guangcheng?" What was she suddenly going there for, was it related to her previous loss of composure?

Cheng Su nodded, her gaze earnest.

Seeing her look, Qi Taiguo knew that she had already decided to go and would not change her mind.

"May I ask why you're going to Guangcheng?" Qi Taiguo hesitated for a moment before asking.

"I need to go there to confirm something."

"Do you want me to accompany you? Guangcheng is too far from here, I don't feel comfortable with you going alone," Qi Taiguo asked again.

Cheng Su thought for a moment and shook her head, saying, "No need, I can go by myself, it's not convenient for you to leave frequently because you're in the army. Besides, Guangcheng is a developed big city, nothing will happen." Seeing his forlorn look, she added, "How about I tell you when I get back?"

Qi Taiguo smiled, nodded, and said, "Then when are you planning to go?"

Cheng Su thought about it; it's mid-March now, and there are still more than half a month until the day she was abandoned, so she said, "No hurry, I'll go at the end of the month."

Qi Taiguo responded with an "Oh."

The two continued eating, and the room door was knocked on. Qi Taiguo went to open it; it was the communications officer, there was an emergency assembly.

Qi Taiguo immediately picked up his military cap and said a word to Cheng Su before heading out.

Who knows what task it is this time!

Cheng Su silently picked up her bowl, thinking about the trip to Guangcheng; she needs to plan in advance as transportation isn't as developed as in the 21st century, it can't be done at once, and she has to check if that orphanage is really there and how to get there conveniently.

Ring ring.

While she was deep in thought, the home phone rang.

Cheng Su walked over to answer it, "Hello!"

There was no sound from the receiver, Cheng Su hesitated for a moment and asked again, "Hello, who is this?"

Still no sound, Cheng Su found it a bit strange and was about to hang up, but then came a cough, it was a woman.

"...Excuse me, is Commander Qi there?"

Looking for Qi Taiguo? And it's a woman.

Cheng Su immediately perked up as if she had been injected with adrenaline.

"He just went to the army. May I know who this is and what you need him for?" Cheng Su asked.

This was the first time a strange woman called looking for Qi Taiguo, who was she?

"I see, then it's nothing."

Feeling that the caller was about to hang up, Cheng Su hurriedly stopped her, saying, "Who is this? I'm his wife, can you leave a name and number, and when he gets back, I'll have him call you back!"

"No need, goodbye!" The woman seemed hesitant but still hung up.

"Hello, hello."

What came through to Cheng Su was the busy signal of the phone.

The person hung up, and Cheng Su clutched the phone, lost in thought for a moment before hanging it up. What was this?

Who on earth was that, not saying who she was, was it because she answered the phone?

Was Qi Taiguo really hiding something from her?

Cheng Su puffed up her cheeks and huffed. "You, just wait till you get back. I didn't question you before because I trust you, but now people are calling, and they're afraid to leave a name. If there's anything fishy, you're dead meat!"

Cheng Su was waiting for Qi Taiguo to return for interrogation, but he didn't come back; instead, the communications officer did.

Qi Taiguo went for a sudden mission!

#### Chapter 1043: I Must Rescue My Daughter

This sudden mission involves a certain group of extremists who have taken control of a hotel in the neighboring county, holding dozens of hostages. To attract attention, they have already shot and killed three individuals.

This is also Qi Taiguo's first operation since becoming Deputy Battalion Commander. Upon leading the team to the scene, the sky had already darkened. Flames flickered on the top floor of the hotel, while the first floor was brightly lit with figures holding rifles pacing back and forth.

"Deputy Battalion Commander Qi," the local police chief approached, nodding respectfully and saluting Qi Taiguo.

"What's the current situation?"

"There are seven separatists inside, each armed with AK pistols. They have already killed three innocent civilians. All the hostages are being held in the hotel lobby." The police chief quickly explained.

Qi Taiguo nodded, "Do you know who exactly is inside?"

The police chief's expression turned grim as he lowered his voice, saying, "Today, the personnel from Yanjing Province who came for an inspection and research stayed at this hotel, and have all been taken hostage. The situation is extremely critical."

Qi Taiguo's face changed, looking sharply at him, "The Yanjing inspection group?"

The police chief nodded. Otherwise, it wouldn't have been so urgent to request support from the army; there's a provincial secretary inside!

"The list!" Qi Taiguo demanded coldly.

Beside him, someone handed over a list. Qi Taiguo took it, his breath catching as he glanced over it.

It was exactly as he imagined. This inspection group included Chiang Qing and her colleagues, with the highest leader being Secretary Gao.

"Damn it!" Qi Taiguo cursed.

He was upset primarily because of the high-profile nature of the people involved, which allowed no room for failure, thus increasing the pressure of the rescue mission. Another reason was Chiang Qing.

Chiang Qing was the person Qi Taiguo hated most, but now, with her among the hostages, it meant he had to save her.

He despised this woman and wished she would die, yet, ironically, he had to rescue her now.

"Report." A communications soldier carrying a device dashed over with a phone in hand, standing at attention, "Yanjing Provincial Office is calling, requesting to speak with the commander."

Qi Taiguo took the receiver and spoke in a deep voice, "This is Deputy Battalion Commander Qi Taiguo of the Qing City Army Region."

There seemed to be a moment of surprise on the other end.

"Qi Taiguo!"

As soon as Qi Taiguo heard the voice over the phone, his eyes became sharp, squeezing the receiver tightly, with veins bulging.

"Yes!"

Despite his hatred and anger, the person on the other end was his superior, the country's Commander, so no matter how upset or angry, he had to respond.

Indeed, the caller was Jiang Conghe, who was clearly aware of this incident.

He just hadn't anticipated that the commander this time would be Qi Taiguo, his sworn enemy.

Jiang Conghe introduced himself and asked about the situation.

"Reporting, our troops have just arrived, the situation is unclear, requesting combat command," Qi Taiguo replied mechanically.

The voice on the other end seemed very angry, coldly saying, "Qi Taiguo, I don't care how many people you use or what methods, you must rescue my daughter, Secretary Gao, and the others, ensuring their safety. Otherwise, be prepared to take off your military uniform!"

Anger flashed in Qi Taiguo's eyes as he said, "Report, Sir, our troops will do everything possible to rescue the innocent civilians."

On the other side, there was a heavy snort before the phone was abruptly hung up.

Qi Taiguo also hung up the phone with a cold expression, shouting, "All troops, assemble!"

Chapter 1044: I Want You to Rescue Me Personally

"Report, this is the layout of the hotel."

Qi Taiguo took the layout handed over by the soldier and spread it open, examining it carefully under the light, a pen in his hand pointing and sketching.

"Recon team ready, confirm personnel positions."

"Yes!"

"Sniper team ready."

"Yes."

Suddenly, a terrifying scream echoed, and Qi Taiguo looked over to see the burning on the third floor had melted through the awning outside.

No way, we must rescue the hostages immediately, or the smoke will rush downstairs, and everyone will be gone.

"Assault team ready, follow my command!"

"Yes!"

Qi Taiguo pressed his lips together, listening to the recon report, and setting up assault points and optimal sniper positions.

At this moment, he had forgotten personal grievances, his mind focused solely on protecting national property, fighting crime, and safely rescuing the hostages.

This was his duty as a soldier!

Inside the hotel, Chiang Qing sat on the floor with everyone, legs pulled up, expressions terrified, faces pale.

She never thought she would be so unlucky to encounter such separatists. She was still so young, hadn't had the chance to do anything, she couldn't die like this.

Suddenly, a loudspeaker from outside started shouting. That voice!

Chiang Qing's eyes brightened immediately, she stood up instinctively, was it him, was it really him?

"What are you doing, squat down."

Before Chiang Qing could fully stand up, a powerful force struck her, knocking her to the ground.

Chiang Qing only felt pain in her stomach, looked over in terror, and saw the separatist with face paint glaring viciously at her, pointing a gun.

The black muzzle, like a fierce beast, wanted to devour her.

Chiang Qing's face paled, she kept sliding backward, not daring to meet his eyes, wishing to hide herself away.

"Xiao Chiang, come over here." Secretary Gao called.

Chiang Qing looked over, his expression was equally poor, even a little ashen, and she moved over to them.

Outside, Qi Taiguo's voice was still ringing out, speaking about surrender and such.

Chiang Qing's eyes sparkled, the corners of her lips slightly curled up, Qi Taiguo, she never expected it to be him here.

Would he rescue her?

No matter what, he has to save her, Chiang Qing thought.

"Secretary, what do you want to do?"

A terrified voice brought Chiang Qing's mind back, as the separatist dragged Secretary Gao out.

Secretary Gao was dragged a few steps, his face turning even more ashen, one hand clutching his stomach.

"Stop it!" Chiang Qing crawled forward on her knees to stop the man.

"Secretary." Others came forward too, Secretary Gao's face trembled, his lips turned pale.

"Secretary, you..." The secretary's expression changed dramatically.

Secretary Gao groaned slightly, nodding: "The needle..."

The secretary almost cried: "The insulin, it's on the third floor."

"What?" Chiang Qing was taken aback.

"The secretary has diabetes, needs insulin daily, but our luggage is on the third floor," the accompanying secretary said.

Chiang Qing was stunned, so he had this illness too.

"Get out of the way!" The separatist didn't care, knowing this was a high-ranking official, the most valuable exchange for his captured brothers.

"Let him go, he's ill, severe diabetes, not getting his shot could kill him. Let someone bring the medicine, if you need a hostage, take me instead." Chiang Qing stood up, not sure what was driving her.

Secretary Gao half-opened his eyes, looking at her: "Xiao Chiang..."

"My dad is the Commander, the people outside will definitely agree to your demands!" Chiang Qing didn't look at him, her eyes flickering, Qi Taiguo, I want you to come save me personally.

#### Chapter 1045: Can You Fucking Stop Being So Stupid

As soon as Qi Taiguo put down the loudspeaker, the hotel door opened, and two people stood there. Upon closer inspection, who else could they be but Chiang Qing and one of the insurgents?

His gaze met Chiang Qing's, those eyes were too bright, too shiny, filled with excitement, anticipation, and some indescribable emotions.

Qi Taiguo looked away, listening to the report from the person beside him, frowned.

Inside, Secretary Gao's diabetes has flared up, he urgently needs an insulin injection, or his life will be at grave risk.

In this group, the most important person is him, an old party member and high-ranking official, plus Chiang Qing, the Commander's daughter, nothing can happen to either of them.

"Call the doctor."

However, who would be willing to go in? Who knows if they'll come out alive? No doctor is willing to go in.

And that insurgent keeps insisting only one person can go inside.

Time waits for no one.

"I'll go personally." Qi Taiguo started taking off his camouflaged bulletproof vest while instructing through the intercom, "Everyone pay attention, follow my hand gestures and launch a full-scale assault. If any insurgents resist, shoot to kill."

"Yes!"

Qi Taiguo put down his handgun, only tucked a broken dagger into his military boot, picked up the syringe and insulin, and walked.

He had only taken two steps when the enemy fired a shot at his feet.

Chiang Qing covered her ears and screamed.

"I have no weapons on me, only the syringe." Qi Taiguo raised his hands high.

Both his hands wore fingerless camouflage gloves, raised high, one hand spread its five fingers, while the other hand lifted the syringe and spun around.

The man held onto Chiang Qing, his gun shifting constantly, at times pointing at Chiang Qing, at times at Qi Taiguo.

Qi Taiguo watched silently, yet his mind calculated internally, what were the chances of subduing this insurgent at the door without harming Chiang Qing?

Ten meters, five meters, three meters, getting closer and closer...

Chiang Qing saw Qi Taiguo walking into the light, clearly seeing his eyebrows and eyes, her heart began to pound.

No matter how much you hate me, you still have to come to me, you always have to save me!

Chiang Qing showed a faint smile, her eyes bright as morning stars.

"Qi Taiguo, you're here, you're here!" Chiang Qing shouted excitedly.

"Shut up, don't move!" the insurgent yelled at the frantically moving Chiang Qing.

But Chiang Qing ignored him, shouting and laughing, "Qi Taiguo, you're here to save me!"

Qi Taiguo thought, damn crazy woman!

If possible, who the hell would want to save her.

Inside, there are still several insurgents, Chiang Qing thought of this, and somehow found the courage to fiercely stomp on the foot of the insurgent gripping her neck, then bit his hand hard.

The man yelped in pain, about to pull the trigger.

Suddenly, the situation changed.

"Can't you damn well stop being so stupid!" Qi Taiguo shouted, simultaneously signaling: "Action!"

He himself then used a rapid flying speed to lunge forward, did a spin kick, thump thump thump.

The gun in the man's hand fired into the air, and at the same time, all the waiting soldiers erupted from their positions as soon as Qi Taiguo raised his signal.

Some charged from the windows, some leaped from the second floor, gunfire and screams erupted everywhere.

And the man bitten by Chiang Qing, although his gun was kicked off target, his other hand hadn't let go of Chiang Qing, still holding her neck, about to twist along the direction.

Qi Taiguo's expression changed dramatically, hesitating for a moment.

Should he save her?

Chapter 1046: You Will Always Save Me

Do we save her?

Qi Taiguo hesitated for a moment; the troubles and hatred this woman had brought into his life seemed to flash before his eyes.

If we don't save her, she'll die immediately, and from then on, their threat will also vanish.

But, don't we save her?

He's a soldier!

Chiang Qing saw all of Qi Taiguo's hesitation; at this moment, she had lost all fear of death, just stared at Qi Taiguo.

Will you save me?

I am your nightmare, the indirect murderer who killed your child; you hate me so much, despise me, but will you save me?

If you don't save me, setting aside everything, I'm just an ordinary woman, a compatriot of the same nationality as you, an ordinary civilian who should be protected by soldiers of the state.

If you don't save me, you are not worthy of being a soldier, not worthy of wearing this military uniform!

Don't want to save, really don't want to save, but he is a soldier!

"...Support the People's Government, love the people, protect weapons and national property, strictly keep national and military secrets, always loyal to the motherland and people..."

When he first enlisted, when he became a soldier, his right hand formed a fist, he declared such an oath.

He is a soldier!

The hesitation was only for a moment; just as the separatist was about to twist Chiang Qing's neck, Qi Taiguo's body reacted with the utmost loyalty, lunging at him.

These separatists are just ordinary, possibly rather fierce people. How could they stand against Qi Taiguo, who was professionally trained?

Before he could react, his hand loosened, there was a crisp sound, he almost didn't feel the pain, his hand was dislocated.

Chiang Qing knelt on the ground, holding her neck, without any sense of post-crisis relief, but instead felt great joy, causing her to laugh aloud.

Qi Taiguo, Qi Taiguo, you see, no matter how much you hate me, you cannot conquer the military uniform you wear, you always have to save me.

Chiang Qing looked over, Qi Taiguo didn't even look at her, after knocking out the separatist who had just held her hostage, he twisted his body and lunged at another separatist who was raising a gun at the soldiers, engaging him in a fight.

It was her first time seeing him fight up close, so swift, like an eagle, sharp, fierce.

Really makes one unable to look away!

The gunfire ceased, all the separatists were either killed, knocked out, or brought under control.

Qi Taiguo stood up and glanced, the insulin syringe he had been holding was surprisingly undamaged.

"Secretary, Secretary!"

He looked over, and ran swiftly, Secretary Gao's face was ashen, he hurriedly handed the item in his hand to his secretary.

The secretary took it with trembling hands, deftly drawing out the needle and then administering it into Secretary Gao's body.

After a while, Secretary Gao began to slowly recover, though he was still semi-conscious, briefly opening his eyes to glance at the blurry young man before him.

"Someone, call the doctor." Qi Taiguo stood up and shouted.

The scene was chaotic, many loose ends still needed to be tied up.

Gradually, people rushed in, taking away the hostages who were frightened again on the scene, two of whom had been hit by stray bullets. Luckily, it wasn't on vital areas, otherwise, they'd be carried out as corpses.

The room was bustling, Qi Taiguo's eyes scanning around, in case there were any oversights.

His gaze swept across, feeling a scorching look, he looked over.

Chiang Qing was leaning against the door frame, looking at him, wearing a smug smile.

That look said, you see, you always have to save me!

Chapter 1047: So What If I'm Petty?

Qi Taiguo saw the look in Chiang Qing's eyes, his pupils deepened, half of his face turned dark, and his hand hanging at his side clenched. His lips pressed into a line, staring at her coldly.

His thoughts, Chiang Qing knew, the more she smiled on the surface, the more desolate her heart felt.

If he could, he wouldn't save her!

He saved her simply because of the military uniform.

"Tie up all those not dead and send them to the police." Qi Taiguo moved his gaze away and barked coldly.

Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, a sharp glint flashed by.

Not good!

Bang!

"Ah ah!" Chiang Qing screamed.

In her hand, a sharp dagger was already embedded, while the assailant, a separatist, was half-leaning on her leg, a bullet hole piercing through his head, already dead.

Qi Taiguo rushed over, holding a pistol, kicked the separatist with his foot to ensure he was completely dead, then pulled him away and looked at Chiang Qing.

What his peripheral vision caught just now was the glint of this dagger, and the separatist he knocked out hadn't been tied up yet, unexpectedly awakening so quickly and attacking Chiang Qing with a knife.

It was at the critical moment that Qi Taiguo shot and killed him, but as the man was dying, he pushed hard, and the dagger ended up piercing the back of Chiang Qing's hand which she used to shield her chest.

Chiang Qing continued to scream.

The dagger was sharp, and her hand bled profusely.

"Shut up!" Qi Taiguo shouted coldly, yelling: "Medical staff."

Chiang Qing opened her eyes, saw him, and abruptly stopped screaming. Her eyes fell on the shiny dagger buried in her hand, her face drained of color, and her body went limp.

Qi Taiguo supported her, and at this time, medical staff had already rushed over, going pale upon seeing this.

"Pull out the knife first," Qi Taiguo said.

"No, don't pull it out now, if you do it will bleed uncontrollably!" the medical staff said, trembling.

Chiang Qing shivered in pain.

She looked at Qi Taiguo and smiled: "You're very happy, aren't you?"

Qi Taiguo's gaze sharpened.

"You can't avoid saving me, you're unhappy. But seeing me like this, you're happy, aren't you!" Chiang Qing laughed.

Damn lunatic!

"Send her to the hospital!" Qi Taiguo didn't answer her, just instructed the medical staff.

"Someone, bring a stretcher."

Chiang Qing's hand was stabilized, with the dagger brilliantly embedded on the back, an appalling sight.

"Xiao Chiang." Secretary Gao had regained consciousness and his face dramatically changed seeing the dagger on Chiang Qing's hand.

Chiang Qing seemed not to hear anything, seeing Qi Taiguo stand up, she completely fainted.

Qi Taiguo watched Chiang Qing being carried onto the stretcher and taken away. He stood with his hands behind his back, only turning his gaze after she disappeared from sight. No one knew what he was thinking, but assumed he was displeased having such an incident occur at the final moment.

But only Qi Taiguo himself knew, he was pleased, as Chiang Qing said, seeing her injured, was personally satisfying.

Not for any reason, just personal vendetta, so it made him happy.

As for whether he would be accused of negligence, that would be discussed later; for now, he was very pleased.

It would be best if she remained handicapped from now on, Qi Taiguo felt ashamed of his petty thoughts, coughed, straightened his face, and said: "Check the third floor again, see if anyone is left alive. Be careful!"

It was a vengeance for killing a child; how was it bad to be petty?

"Yes!"

Qi Taiguo looked out the window again, outside was pitch dark. Tonight, it seemed he couldn't go home to accompany her; he needed to carefully ponder how to minimize the blame in his report.

#### Chapter 1048: Public Security Is Getting Worse

Qi Taiguo didn't come back all night, Cheng Su got up and touched the bed next to her, it was still cold, what kind of mission is this?

After washing up and going to make breakfast, she saw Hualing with a belly holding a newspaper and reading, Cheng Su said: "Be careful reading while walking!"

Hualing glanced at her, pointed at the newspaper and handed it over, saying: "Look at this, criminals appeared in the neighboring county last night, sigh, the security is getting worse, it's really scary."

Cheng Su took it and looked, the big headline said separatists took hostages, she saw soldiers from the military district, could Qi Taiguo have gone out for this mission last night?

Looking further inside, it said three people died, her heart couldn't help but tighten.

"Society has developed, but people's hearts have not," Cheng Su sighed.

As society continues to develop, such things will only become more frequent, and incidents of petty criminals and crimes will increase.

"What are you talking about?" Guiying came over holding Cancan.

Cheng Su saw the chubby Cancan and broke into a smile, she stretched out her finger to poke his chubby cheek, and made a sound by clicking her tongue to tease him, making the little guy giggle.

Hualing was also fond of him, reaching out to hold him, this child was born with her help, so naturally, she was fond.

But as soon as she reached out, Cheng Su and Guiying both stopped her.

"What are you doing?" Hualing glared, not even allowed to hold the child!

"You're pregnant yourself, don't hold him, they say kids will be stingy because of that!" Cheng Su nudged her belly.

"Yes, that's what they say back home, pregnant women don't hold other kids." Guiying also laughed.

Hualing rolled her eyes and clicked her tongue: "You're so superstitious!" But she didn't insist, after all, she's also nervous about the baby in her belly.

"It's for your own good!" Cheng Su huffed at her.

Guiying smiled, then asked what they were talking about earlier, Cheng Su pointed to the newspaper headline.

"Oh dear, was our Dahe out on this mission last night?" Guiying said immediately.

"Probably, Old Qi went too!"

Upon hearing this, Hualing's eyes darkened slightly, since that incident, Chen Shouwang seldom went on missions, and now he almost has no presence in the military.

Cheng Su was the best at reading people, seeing her expression she knew what she was thinking, she said: "Security isn't as good now, you all need to be careful when going out! Especially you, Hualing, being pregnant, be very cautious."

"Jinx!" Hualing gave her a glare.

"We have to be. Heard that Auntie from Zhong family's Southeast Ladder 201 got her gold earrings snatched a few days ago, even bleeding her ear." Guiying said fearfully.

Cheng Su and Hualing both furrowed their brows.

"How about, for now, let Chen Shouwang pick you up after work!" Cheng Su turned to Hualing, "Besides, don't wear any jewelry for now!"

"You know how the military is, how could he come back to pick me up. Forget it, just have to be careful yourself!" Hualing curled her lips, then glanced at her, "It's actually you who should be careful, dressing up so flashy all the time!"

Cheng Su twitched the corner of her mouth, this person never admits defeat.

"I'm making breakfast, have to rush to school!" Cheng Su surrendered herself, shoved the newspaper back into Hualing's hands, and took the pot to the kitchen.

And when she returned to the classroom at school, she heard bad news, a girl in the class was murdered and everyone was in a state of fear, talking about the current security.

Cheng Su offered a minute of silent mourning in her heart, thinking this is just the beginning!

#### Chapter 1049: Refusing to Leave

After Qi Taiguo became the deputy battalion commander for the first time, his mission could be considered quite successful. Although there were two or three injuries, at least no hostages were killed.

As for the injury Chiang Qing suffered, him being blamed was inevitable.

Upon learning that Chiang Qing got stabbed accidentally in the hand, Jiang Conghe was the first to call and criticize Qi Taiguo for improper command and said he should be punished.

Qi Taiguo just listened without responding; everyone knows that no one can guarantee no casualties during a mission, not even Jiang Conghe himself.

So this stemmed from personal resentment.

And seeing Qi Taiguo's indifferent attitude irritated Jiang Conghe even more. For days, he and Lu Shufen had been having disputes and weren't getting anywhere with the Loo Family, which only added to his frustration. Qi Taiguo's attitude made his words even harsher.

Back when Jiang Conghe was around, Qi Taiguo wasn't afraid of him then; now that he's just on the other end of the phone, he's even less afraid, treating his words as nonsense. Enraged, Jiang Conghe hung up after leaving a few harsh remarks.

Qi Taiguo stared at the phone for a long time, snorted, picked up the report on the table, and went to report to his superiors.

When Chiang Qing woke up, all she saw was a blinding white, and a sharp pain in her hand.

Looking over, her hand, which had been stabbed, was wrapped in bandages and hurt tremendously with the slightest movement.

"Xiao Qing, you're awake!"

A kind and gentle voice came from her left side. She turned her head to see Secretary Gao and struggled to sit up.

Secretary Gao quickly helped her up, placing a pillow behind her.

"Thank you, Secretary!"

"Thank you? It should be me thanking you. If it weren't for you taking my place as the hostage, it would probably be me lying here with my old bones, not knowing if I'd even be able to open my eyes!" Secretary Gao sighed, "Xiao Qing, thank you, you saved me."

Chiang Qing bowed her head modestly and said, "Secretary, you speak too highly. It was my duty. Officially, you are my immediate superior. Personally, you are a close friend of my grandfather, which makes you an elder to me! Your situation was so dire at the time; how could I let you be taken away?"

Seeing her pale face, Secretary Gao's eyes flashed with a hint of pity. He patted her hand and said, "Anyway, I'll remember your kindness in my heart!"

Chiang Qing smiled slightly.

"By the way, now that you're awake, we'll head back to the Capital tomorrow. The medical resources there are better than here. Make sure to have your hand examined thoroughly, maybe even get an X-ray. Such beautiful hands shouldn't be ruined, especially since I heard you can play the piano!" Secretary Gao looked at her hands.

Chiang Qing frowned slightly. She didn't want to go back yet.

Secretary Gao noticed and asked, "What's wrong? You don't want to go back? Xiao Qing, be reasonable. This place is not conducive to your recovery, nor is it safe. Let's go back tomorrow!"

After last night's incident, Secretary Gao was truly scared out of his wits. He only had two years before retirement, and he needed to stay well until then!

"It's not that I don't want to go back; I just feel dizzy and want to rest for a few more days." Chiang Qing rubbed her forehead with her fingers and said, "Secretary, you all can go back tomorrow; I can return in a few days."

Upon hearing this, Secretary Gao frowned, wondering if this girl might still be thinking about that person.

"Xiao Qing, don't be willful. Your grandfather and father are very worried, and your mother is even thinking of coming to see you."

Chiang Qing replied, "But I really feel very dizzy."

Seeing her pale face and the blood she lost from her hand, Secretary Gao agreed that dizziness was inevitable and said, "Then take a few more days to recover."

Only then did Chiang Qing smile, knowing that staying would give her a chance to see that person.

#### Chapter 1050: Proud of You

Qi Taiguo didn't sleep all night. When he got home, Cheng Su wasn't there, probably went to school.

He didn't care, just lay down and slept. Around five in the afternoon, he felt an itch on his nose. Opening his eyes, he saw Cheng Su using her hair to tickle his nose.

"So naughty!" Qi Taiguo grabbed her hand, pulled her hard, dragging her onto the bed, and deftly rolled over, pinning her down, his lower body rubbing against her thigh.

Cheng Su's face flushed red, she pushed him hard and said, "Go away, go away, it's not even dark yet."

Qi Taiguo deliberately misinterpreted her words, laughed and said, "Oh, you're already thinking about tonight? Good sister, how about now?"

With that, he rubbed her harder.

Cheng Su's face turned even redder: "Get off! I have something to ask you!"

"Ask away." Qi Taiguo casually said, both hands moving down.

"What was last night's sudden task about? Wasn't it some people who took over a hotel?" Cheng Su clapped his hands away and asked.

Qi Taiguo's hands paused, he rolled off and nodded, "Yeah, seven people, they killed three innocent civilians."

Cheng Suxin felt a chill in her heart, "That's just insane. Are you okay?"

"I'm fine, I'm perfectly okay. They say they're terrorists, but really they're just ordinary people who haven't had professional training, easy to deal with. They just want to incite chaos." Qi Taiguo said coldly.

Cheng Su was silent, then asked, "Are all the hostages safe?"

"Some are injured!" Qi Taiguo hesitated for a moment, turned around to look at her, and said, "Last night among those hostages was the Yanjing investigation team, Chiang Qing and the others were in there."

"What?" Cheng Su was shocked, sat up and said, "They were there too?"

"Yes, they were investigating over there yesterday, and happened to stay at that hotel last night!" Qi Taiguo said.

Cheng Su furrowed her brow, "Could it be such a coincidence? Did someone find out they were staying there and deliberately went there to kidnap them? You know, killing someone in a high position would cause even bigger chaos!"

Qi Taiguo was stunned, he hadn't thought of that angle yet.

"What you said makes some sense." After a long while, Qi Taiguo frowned and said.

Cheng Su said, "These people won't just stop there; they want independence, more things like this will probably happen in the future."

Qi Taiguo looked at her in amazement, she seemed quite certain.

Cheng Su felt a little uneasy, touched her face, "I'm just guessing."

Qi Taiguo responded with an "oh," pulled her hand and said, "Susu, I'm sorry!"

"What are you apologizing for out of the blue?" Cheng Su hesitated for a moment.

"Last night, Chiang Qing was among those kidnapped, and I rescued her." Qi Taiguo's eyes showed some vexation, "Susu, I know very well she's our enemy, I know she threatens us, yet... I still saved her!"

Cheng Su saw the hostility in his eyes, held his hand and said, "Taiguo, you did the right thing. You are a soldier, and the duty of a soldier is to protect the nation's property and people. No matter the grudge she has against us, in such a situation, she's just a persecuted compatriot. Saving her was the right thing to do. You don't need to apologize."

"But I feel bad inside, her threat is too great."

"If you didn't save her, you'd feel even worse. No, if you chose that outcome, you'd bear it for a lifetime." Cheng Su softly comforted, kissed his hand at her lips, "You did right, and you honored the military uniform you're wearing. I'm proud of you."