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### Chapter 413: The Task Is Not Easy

A dinner party which delighted both guests and host, Cheng Su and Luh Kai agreed to take another look at the shop and its layout, and if it really was suitable, they would buy it. Of course, if the price could be a little lower, that would be even better.

That evening, Cheng Su simply decided to accompany Qiulan back home. After parting at different floors, they each entered their own apartments.

"You're back!" Hualing had a mouth rinse cup in hand and an imprinted towel draped over the other arm as she just came out of her room. Seeing Cheng Su, she asked.

Cheng Su hummed a response and was about to walk past her.

"That is, do you think Commander Qi and his team have reached their destination?" Hualing asked another question.

"Haven't received a call, but it's been two days. They should be there by now," Cheng Su replied indifferently.

Hualing had nothing much to say to her, especially knowing that Chen Shouwang had once borrowed money from them. She always felt somewhat inferior. Seeing Cheng Su so cold, she pursed her lips and said stiffly, "Goodnight then!"

Cheng Su nodded, opened her door, and went inside.

Hualing stared at Cheng Su's door, furrowing her brows, "Hey, why is she putting on airs like that!"

Once Cheng Su shut the door, she looked around the cold emptiness of the room and couldn't help but wrap her arms around herself, heaving a long sigh, "Being a military spouse is always a lonely affair."

As she sighed in solitude, far away in E County, Qi Taiguo was also staring into the pitch-black night, smoking a sullen cigarette.

Upon their arrival in E County, they first contacted local public security to gather intelligence and analyze various cases.

But the more they delved into the analysis, the more Qi Taiguo realized that their mission would not be an easy one.

Highway robbers and bullies emerged post-reform and opening-up and were initially minor nuisances. However, they had grown increasingly rampant. Qi Taiguo dared not guess how formidable their current forces were.

He only knew that among the robbers apprehended by the police, some were just children in their early teens, yet they already had the savage, bloodthirsty eyes of wolves, swearing and cursing while smoking cigarettes.

Children of such tender age, already bold enough to kill without blinking, Qi Taiguo didn't dare to imagine what society would become if such gangs were allowed to grow unchecked.

Too terrifying!

Qi Taiguo took a puff of his cigarette, thinking about the information the Provincial Director of Public Security had shared: according to their interrogation, these criminals had said that for every one of them caught, there were thousands more, and they could never be completely apprehended.

What did this mean? Were there really so many of them? What exactly was their existence?

And who was it that was covertly supporting and allowing these bands of robbers to grow so strong?

Qi Taiguo exhaled a puff of smoke, drawing another breath of the cool night air.

His thoughts were interrupted by memories of his arrival at the E County Public Security Bureau where, by chance, he witnessed grieving family members identifying a victim's body, crying hopelessly and angrily, eliciting deep emotion and anger from everyone present.

He thought of the young woman, so young, with such small children by her side, kneeling before him, begging him to bring the culprits to justice and restore peace to society. She was as young as Susu but had already lost her means of survival.

A happy family, enjoying the bliss of family life just one night before, the wife virtuous, the child filial—overnight, forever torn apart. What kind of pain was that?

Qi Taiguo threw the burned-out cigarette butt onto the ground and ground it under his foot, as if by doing so he could crush the smoldering anger and frustration in his heart.

As he turned around, he saw Chiang Qing standing behind him, his brow furrowing.

She glanced at the cigarette butt under his foot and gave a slight smile, walking up gracefully and asked, "Is Commander Qi smoking a sulky cigarette here because he's missing his wife?"