

Chapter 176: Attack

Chen Xuyao glared at them coldly.

“The Zhang family? Huh, I’ve never heard of you.”

Upon their so-called announcement, he realized that these people, who called themselves members of the Zhang family, were coming after his Brother Lu’s wife. Did he bear some evil thoughts in his mind because of Jiang Yao’s beauty? Did he think he had nine lives? What was actually going on?

“You!” Zhang Xiqing and Zhang Xinan were extremely furious by his response.

In Nanjiang City, whenever someone heard that they were from the Zhang family, who wouldn’t come wagging their tails at them like an obedient puppy, except for some people? But this man so spontaneously said he had never heard of them. He was here for a business trip and he had never even heard of the Zhang family. How dare he! Was he a dimwit?

“Are you here on business? Which company are you working with?” Zhang Xiqing asked pompously before turning to Jiang Yao and shouted, “Miss Jiang, ask your sugar daddy to let go of my cousin! If he offends the Zhang family because of you, let’s see how you’re going to settle the dispute! By the way, this is a different guy today, you shameless little b*tch! You are a disgrace to our university and also the freshmen! I should let them see your filthy look right now!”

Chen Xuyao was stunned for two seconds. Then, he released Zhang Xinan’s hand and said, “I, Chen Xuyao, have never hit a woman before in my life. Thanks to you, I’ll make an exception today. It’s your honor for making me break my principle.”

In a blink of an eye, Chen Xuyao lunged a direct and hard kick towards Zhang Xiqing. He deliberately did not reduce his strength, so Zhang Xiqing suffered a solid and firm kick on her stomach that she stumbled for a few steps before falling onto the ground. She crouched on the floor holding her stomach and her mouth was wide open but nothing came out. She was in so much pain that she couldn’t even scream.

Zhang Xinan was shaking his reddened hand. He gaped in extreme shock upon the scene.

“Xiqing!” Zhang Xinan dashed forward frantically to help Zhang Xiqing up while cursing inside him, ‘Damn it!’ Uncle and Aunt loved their only daughter like a prized gem. If they knew that she had been kicked while she was out with him, he would be scolded and punished.

Zhang Xiqing had never gone through a second of suffering since he was young, so when she was kicked in the stomach, her legs went jelly that she couldn’t even stand up straight. As the man was walking towards them, she quickly hid behind Zhang Xinan.

Chen Xuyao shot a cold glance at Zhang Xiqing and turned to Zhang Xinan. “And you.” He lifted his leg to kick directly towards Zhang Xinan. “I’m going to teach you a lesson today. I don’t care if you’re from the Zhang family or the Dog family, but don’t bark like a mad dog in front of me! Also, you are foolhardy to go after the woman I’m protecting.”

Jiang Yao stood frozen, her eyes widened in awe. She had never expected that such a gentle-looking man would be so violent. Disagreement—attack, dispute—attack, physical provocation—attack. He didn’t even give them a chance to respond.

Although it seemed inappropriately brutal, Jiang Yao's heart swelled with warmth. She knew that Chen Xuyao's agitation was because of the insults from Zhang Xiqing and her cousin. He was Lu Xingzhi's best buddy and he protected her like his own buddy because she was Lu Xingzhi's wife.

Zhang Xinan was a man, after all. After being kicked, he struck back suddenly like a crazy lion who had lost its mind. Yet, how could a good-for-nothing rich playboy fight with Chen Xuyao, who was a military academy graduate?

Staring blankly at Zhang Xinan's counterattack, Chen Xuyao was so calm and relaxed as if he was teasing an energetic puppy. He put his hands into his pocket casually, using only his legs to restrain Zhang Xinan.

Anyway, Jiang Yao was worried that Chen Xuyao would attract unwanted attention and trouble if he went on. She walked to him, tugged his sleeves, and whispered, "That's enough."

Chapter 177: To the Police Station, Y'all

Chen Xuyao snorted. "Relax, I'm just teaching two maniacs—a dog and a b*tch—a lesson!"

Human life was nothing to Chen Xuyao. Since he was young, he had never cared for rules and laws.

In a split second, the sound of the police siren resonated from a distance away and rapidly got closer and closer. The police cars stopped outside the hotel and a group of policemen barged inside and surrounded the four of them.

"Don't move!" Once the police saw two people crouching on the floor in pain, they swiftly turned their attention to the handsome man who was standing as straight as a statue. They were all professionally trained police officers, and they got a little anxious suddenly as they assumed Chen Xuyao was a soldier, either on active duty or retired.

All the policemen at the station knew how troublesome it would be if the veterans caused a scene.

"Police! Police! I am Zhang Xinan! Cuff that toy boy immediately! That b*stard attacked me!" As soon as the police arrived, the way Zhang Xinan saw them was if they were angels falling from the sky. He clumsily crawled up from the floor, tugged the captain of the police team, and commanded, "Shoot him! Shoot him! Get that woman into my room!"

Zhang Xiqing coughed in pain as she lay on the floor, glaring at Zhang Xinan like she was looking at a lunatic.

Upon Zhang Xinan's remark, the captain even pushed his hands away disgustingly, trying to keep their distance. They wondered how on earth the Zhang family had managed to raise such an idiot. Did he hit his head or something? Not only did he order the policeman to shoot a guy in broad daylight, but he had also demanded them to get a woman into his room. Seriously? Even the police chief's son treated them respectfully. Did he think that he owned the police force?

"Take them all back to the station!" the captain waved his hands around and commanded. He stole a peek at the man in a gray shirt and sighed in relief when he didn't resist the apprehension.

The captain was not a dimwit. He could guess what had actually happened after listening to Zhang Xinan's rambling. It had probably started with the rich brat tackling the pretty lady standing next to the

man in the gray shirt, however, things took an ugly turn. Not only did he fail to get the girl, but his ass was kicked in the process.

The captain threw a disgusted glare at Zhang Xinan, who even needed someone to help him up and support him after being kicked. Then, he turned his glare at the girl who was lying on the floor and frowned in dismay. What role did the pompous Miss Zhang play in this ploy? Was she an accomplice who was helping her cousin snatch the girl? How else could she be beaten up otherwise?

“Jiang Yao, don’t be scared.” At this moment, Chen Xuyao took his hands out of his pocket and blocked the police officers who were approaching Jiang Yao and said coldly, “We have legs, we can walk on our own.”

Jiang Yao gave an awkward sideways glance at him. What else should she feel instead of fear?

However, Jiang Yao said nothing upon Chen Xuyao’s unconcerned expression. She followed him into the same police car and was taken to the police station.

It wasn’t until Jiang Yao was finally in the police station that she felt everything was like a dream. She was just going to the lobby to meet Chen Xuyao, and unexpectedly, she was apprehended to the police station. Everything seemed to be like...

Like a drama.

The four of them were taken to the same interrogation room for questioning.

Zhang Xiqing was not a fool. She insisted that Chen Xuyao had attacked them first, then urged the police to return to the hotel to investigate or check the surveillance cameras. Then, she proceeded to contact her parents and lawyer.

Chapter 178: My Brother! What a Coincidence!

As it turned out, Chen Xuyao was very cocky. He sat with his leg crossed, simply smirked at Zhang Xiqing’s unending accusations. He waited until Zhang Xiqing finished her allegations against him before speaking. “Yup, I attacked you first, so what? I’m actually doing you a favor by teaching you a lesson. Many people don’t even have the privilege for me to do so! Listen carefully, I’ve never hit a woman before. You, Zhang Xiqing, are the first! You should feel honored!”

The police officer massaged his forehead in agitation upon Chen Xuyao’s remark. He had yet to learn the true identity of this man who was more pompous than the Zhang family, but he was very certain that he was either a fuerdai[1] or from an affluent political family.

Jiang Yao was amused by Chen Xuyao’s remarks. She burst out laughing despite the fact that they were in inappropriate circumstances.

Chen Xuyao looked at Jiang Yao when he heard her laughter, intrigued. At this moment, he was even more amazed by her. She and his buddy, famously nicknamed Hades Lu, were indeed a match made in heaven. Instead of wailing and complaining about how he had caused her to be taken to the police station, she was still in the mood to laugh.

“Jiang Yao, I’m very glad to see you smile. By the way, since I have managed to make you laugh, could you please help me appeal for Brother Lu’s mercy?” Chen Xuyao said sheepishly while touching his nose.

It was not his intention to make a big deal out of it, but he couldn't control himself. He wished he could show those two rude brats what a living hell was.

Luckily, he had taken a precaution while they were on the way to the station. He had called his big brother, Liang Yueze, and explained the situation to him, convinced that he would arrange for someone to handle the situation for them. He was positive that the officers wouldn't dare lock him and Jiang Yao up, and that their charges would be dropped in no time.

Unfortunately, he was digging his own grave by being too loud and cocky. Little did he know that he had attracted Lu Xingzhi's attention with his voice. Lu Xingzhi leaned in to listen closely while asking the officer beside him, "Who are inside the room?"

"Oh, it's a case about a fight at the hotel," the officer answered gingerly.

To the officer's surprise, Lu Xingzhi immediately opened the door and went in.

"Hey, Sergeant Lu! Sergeant Lu!" The officer screamed behind him in shock. What was he doing? Didn't he come to investigate the car accident? Why did he want to pry into other cases?

The suddenly opened door caught everyone in the room by surprise. Reflexively, they all looked towards the door and the man who walked in. Chen Xuyao's eyes widened in extreme shock and he literally froze upon seeing Lu Xingzhi. He screamed inside, 'Why is he here? How long has he been here? Jiang Yao has been with me the whole time, I didn't even see her touch her phone or anything!'

Chen Xuyao turned to look at Jiang Yao in skepticism and confusion. She looked back at him and suddenly figured something out. "Oh, before he left the hotel, your Brother Lu told me that he would be going to the police station. I didn't expect everyone to coincidentally end up at the same place."

On second thought, it was not really a coincidence after all. Chen Zhibin's mother's accident had occurred in this district, so it was normal for Lu Xingzhi to come to this station for his investigation.

Lu Xingzhi was not the least surprised to find Chen Xuyao sitting in the room with his leg crossed as he had heard his voice from outside the room, but he was quite shocked to see his dear wife sitting next to Chen Xuyao, blinking her innocent and sparkling eyes at him.

His wife was supposed to wait for him in the hotel room. How did she end up at the police station?

"My brother! What a coincidence!" Chen Xuyao raised to his feet frantically and waved at Lu Xingzhi. He then pushed Jiang Yao toward Lu Xingzhi. "Hey, Brother, look! Jiang Yao is here too! What are the odds?"

Jiang Yao rolled her eyes at Chen Xuyao. He was obviously pushing her to quench Lu Xingzhi's wrath out of fear.

Lu Xingzhi ignored Chen Xuyao after an irritated glance. He looked at Jiang Yao and commanded in a stiff and stern tone, "Come here."

Jiang Yao's heart skipped a beat. Lu Xingzhi was angry! Yikes!

[1] a term referring to the second-generation rich

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He must be angry because she didn't wait for him at the hotel as they agreed, and worse still, she ended up in the police station! The incident had unfolded in a way beyond her control, though!

"Come here!" Lu Xingzhi growled again impatiently.

This time, before Jiang Yao could move, Chen Xuyao, the traitor, pushed her forward and said with a sheepish grin, "Jiang Yao is so excited to see you that she can't walk properly!"

Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao rolled their eyes at Chen Xuyao.

Although Jiang Yao had been pushed to his side by Chen Xuyao, Lu Xingzhi was happy that his wife was standing by his side. He stroked her hair gently and chided, "Naughty girl, I'll have to punish you later."

"Sergeant Lu, do you know them?" The police officer didn't know the exact identity of the man in military uniform standing in front of him. He merely knew that he was from Jindo and he must be somebody in a high-ranking position because even their chief had greeted him respectfully.

"Yes," Lu Xingzhi replied, keeping his answer short and simple. Obviously, he thought it was redundant and unnecessary to explain his relationship with Jiang Yao and Chen Xuyao to a mere officer. However, a 'yes' was more than enough to make the officer nervous and focused.

"What's the matter?" Lu Xingzhi looked at Chen Xuyao. "Why did you come to Nanjiang City?"

Lu Xingzhi's appearance was beyond Chen Xuyao's expectations. He didn't know that Lu Xingzhi would come to Nanjiang City today and he couldn't have imagined meeting him here in the police station. Hence, he had to tell him about Qi Xiang.

However, that was apples and oranges. Chen Xuyao didn't want to mention Qi Xiang's affairs in front of so many people at the police station since the culprit himself was not present. The issue that they had to settle right now was the brats from the Zhang family.

Chen Xuyao raised to his feet, leaned close to Lu Xingzhi's ear, and whispered. He retold the incident in a brief and direct summary about how Zhang Xiqing and Zhang Xinan had insulted Jiang Yao and Zhang Xinan's ill intention towards Jiang Yao. When he finished, he quickly crouched behind Jiang Yao and observed Lu Xingzhi's reaction. Not surprisingly at all, Lu Xingzhi's face was turning an eerie shade of green.

"You, leave the room now," Lu Xingzhi commanded to all the police officers present. They couldn't comprehend his reason for such order, but considering his terrifying expression and his identity, they hastily left the room with no questions asked.

There were only five people in the room after the officers left. Zhang Xiqing could feel the dangerous aura emitting from the man's body despite being a little dizzy.

"What do you want to do?" Zhang Xiqing shivered in terror as Lu Xingzhi was walking towards her and Zhang Xinan, his eyes suggesting that he was about to kill someone. "Hey, back off! This is a police station! What do you want to do?"

Zhang Xiqing didn't doubt for a second that the man would definitely lay his hand on her. Terrified, she crawled to hide behind Zhang Xinan and shouted, her body trembling, "How dare you! Get away from us! My parents and lawyer will arrive very soon. If you dare touch me, even for a bit, I swear you won't be able to walk out of here!"

Zhang Xinan was a hopeless coward. He was so afraid that he pulled Zhang Xiqing in front of him, shielding himself from the monster-like man. He didn't know who he really was, but he was certain that the man was not an ordinary person since the officers were very respectful around him.

The Zhang family was active only in the business industry. Zhang Xinan realized that he must have offended someone he shouldn't have as he locked his cowardly gaze on the man in military uniform in front of him.

Chapter 180: Beg for Mercy

Chen Xuyao had never once laid his hands on a woman, but Zhang Xiqing was an exception. However, it was different when it came to Lu Xingzhi.

There were only two kinds of people in Lu Xingzhi's world, the ones on his side and the others. His mercy was only for the people on his side. Outsiders were all the same, be it men or women.

Lu Xingzhi was a soldier, he had killed countless women in various situations. If he showed mercy to every woman in his missions, he would have died a long time ago.

Besides his mercy towards his own people, Lu Xingzhi would never lay his hands on the innocent outsiders. Right now, these two brats who harassed Jiang Yao were everything but innocent.

Jiang Yao was someone he adored and cherished from the bottom of his heart. How dare these two b*stards insult her and even think about sexually harassing her!

Lu Xingzhi raised his leg and aimed it directly at Zhang Xiqing's leg. Zhang Xiqing knelt on the ground, her face twisted in a painful grimace. Then, he kicked Zhang Xinan in his chest and sent him flying onto the floor. He walked to glare at the man who was lying on the floor coughing in pain, stepped on his chest, and asked coldly, "Do you know how to spell 'living hell'?"

Zhang Xiqing screamed and cried in fear, losing the strength to stand up. She didn't even have the courage to struggle as she locked her terrified gaze at the man who was standing tall and scary like a devil, frightened that he would kick her again if she moved.

She couldn't find any empathy or skepticism on the man's face. He was so frigid and stern as if he was a man without other expressions except for a stone-cold look. She didn't even dare to look at him a second time.

Lu Xingzhi dragged his foot from Zhang Xinan's chest to his right hand. Then, he stepped down hard. The sound of a cracked bone could be heard and Zhang Xinan's agonizing scream echoed across the room.

"You want to use this hand to touch my woman, don't you?" Lu Xingzhi grinned at the palm under his feet. He turned his ankle and pinned the palm down. "Who is Zhang Xiyuan?"

"My cousin! He is My cousin!" Zhang Xinan shouted. "Sorry, sorry! It's all my fault! I won't do it again, I promise, please let me go! Miss Jiang Yao, I beg you, please, let me go!"

“Zhang Xiyuan, DUI, hit-and-run, attempted murder, even made a false allegation that the innocent victim staged the accident for money! The Zhang family, you guys are really something, I’m impressed!”

Lu Xingzhi had suspected that they were related to Zhang Xiyuan the minute he entered the room since they couldn’t stop mentioning their family. He could see the facial resemblance despite the age gap. Sure enough, the apple didn’t fall far from the tree.

“We have nothing to do with that! My uncle bribed someone to settle the problem!” Zhang Xinan uttered, drawing a line desperately. “Not only did my uncle bribe the witnesses with a lot of money, but he also threatened them and that’s why they changed their testimonies!”

Zhang Xinan spilled all the beans frantically. The Zhang family was no match for someone who was so bold in the police station without repression. He wanted to stay alive—he didn’t want to die, not right here, not right now.

At this moment, there was a commotion outside the door. Zhang Xiqing’s parents and their lawyers were stopped from entering the room by the officers. Mrs. Zhang was so agitated that she kept shouting, cursing, and punching the people who were on their way. “I heard Xiqing’s cry! Let us in! You watchdogs, do you know who we are? How dare you! You all are so fired! Let us in!”