

Chapter 139 Ruin

The furious crowd could not stand the two swindlers. They insisted on chasing them out of the hotel.

The bearded man and the woman were berated so badly that they started making their way to the door. It was not that they wanted to leave, they had to leave. Otherwise, the police would show up when the weather cleared.

"You're so shameless! If not for this guy, we would have been scammed by you!"

"That's right, I was suckered into believing you. It's all thanks to the good actions of this handsome young man."

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This group had been happy to scold the three of us when the odds were against us, but now, they only had good things to say.

I would not show mercy to such swindlers. They showed no mercy to their victims.

As they were about to leave, the two young boys suddenly spoke up and begged us to let them off.

I could not resist. "F it, are you crazy? They swindled you of all your money."

The one who looked about fourteen was shy. He scratched at his head. "We've got our money back. If they leave now, they'll die."

Initially, I was not going going to agree, but the kid kept bugging me. Then, he turned to ask everyone else around for mercy. It was so annoying that I wanted to punch him.

Eventually, I could not stand it anymore. I waved my hand and said, "Alright, alright, you can stay, but you can't scam anyone again. Give me your ID numbers. If anything happens, I'll definitely go to the police."

Just then, the winds outside howled relentlessly. The rain hit the windows like machine-gun bullets. The glass shuddered under the onslaught, and the whole hotel seemed to shake. Who would dare go out in this weather?

The bearded man's eyes were red, and he muttered, "Thank you for your mercy. We will definitely repay you one day! I was unkind to scam you of your money. I, Chou Qi, apologize to you. I also apologize for my sister, Xiaomei'er!"

Chou Qi took a step back and knelt on the floor, kowtowing twice to me. We did not have time to react, and could not stop him.

I had not expected the two of them to readily accept their wrongdoing. For a moment, I did not know how to react. Everyone saw that they admitted their wrongdoing and decided to let them stay.

All of a sudden, Baldie asked, "Your surname is Chou, do you know Chou Si? Big Chou?"

Chou Qi's eyes lit up. "You know my fourth brother?"

I smacked myself in the forehead. How did I not notice such an obvious thing! The bearded man really resembled Chou. If he was Chou Qi, did that mean he was the seventh child? Naming their children by birth order must save the Chou family a lot of time.

Baldie did not get along with Chou. He scoffed, then crossed his arms and went back to his room, leaving the bearded man in confusion.

"Just ignore him. My name's Zhang Chao. I know your fourth brother. He calls me his second younger brother. If you calculate it, what should you call me?"

"I... Uh... You..." His stunned expression made everyone laugh.

The atmosphere lightened. I spoke to Chou Qi about my connection with his brother. The man did not doubt me. In a short while, he was referring to me as his second older brother. It was Xiaomei'er who remained cold to us. She sat in the corner alone.

Chou Qi and his brother were very similar. In a short time, he became friends with everyone, including those who had viewed him with enmity. He even explained some strategies that scammers used and taught them how to avoid being scammed.

"Someone who's going to cheat usually has a partner. Between Xiaomei'er and I, she does the cheating, and I support."

"That means you're not as good as her," someone quipped.

The bearded man frowned and grumbled, "Support is very important too! There are three methods: distract, swap, rearrange. Distract the eyes, swap the cards, rearrange the deck. But I really can't tell how Zhang Chao cheated."

"Yes, how did you do it?"

"I didn't see you make any strange moves. I was watching your hands the whole time."

Even Gan was curious, and asked me how I did it.

I opened my right hand and waggled my fingers at them. "You want to know?"

Everyone stared at my hand with bated breath.

Then I said, "Of all the martial arts, speed trumps everything. I rely on my quick hands from twenty-three years of singlehood."

"What!"

As they made a fuss, I grabbed Gan and left the lobby. Gan was old and needed more rest.

After Gan returned to his room, I knocked on Baldie's door. He did not open it, but I heard his flat voice say, "I'm asleep."

Through the door, I said, "I just want to ask you one thing. Why did you not catch Xiaomei'er in the act?"

Baldie did not reply. I really could not understand why... What was wrong with him?

It was getting late, so I returned to my room and got ready for bed. I really wanted to call Chu Xiaoxiao that night. All I wanted to do on a stormy night like this was to hold her. I would look for her the moment the rain stopped.

Early the next morning, the rain outside had not lessened at all. The sky was gloomy and not much better than the night sky.

I got out of bed and prepared to grab a bite in the lobby. When I opened my door, the two boys were standing out it, hand raised to knock.

"What are you two doing here?"

They exchanged a solemn glance. The taller, more mature one gathered his courage and asked me, "Zhang Chao, do you know someone called Chen Yuzhou? Were you the one who went to court with him some days ago?"

"Why are you asking? You know Chen Yuzhou?" I was immediately alert.

The boys noticed my reaction and grit their teeth. One of them angrily clenched his fists. "Zhang Chao, I want to work with you, and take revenge on Chen Yuzhou!"

"What do you have against him?" I wondered. Maybe Chen Yuzhou had played Honor Of Kings with the boys, and was now public enemy number one because he played badly?

"We're seeking revenge for our teacher Miss Lin. He drugged and raped her, then had her killed! Zhang Chao, we know Chen Yuzhou's secret. Before Miss Lin died, she sent something home. This secret will ruin Chen Yuzhou!"