

Chapter 175 Daughter of an Old Director

I laughed, and asked the first classmate who started this conversation, "Do you know why my name isn't on the high school graduation contact list?"

They glanced at each other and shook their heads.

Someone even joked, "You were too cool back then to be associated with us. That's why you didn't leave your number. But since you're with Fangfang now, you need to leave your number. If you hurt Fangfang, we'll call you up and teach you a lesson."

Then, they bent over laughing. I waited for them to be done, then told them casually, "Because I didn't graduate. You've forgotten that everyone bullied me so badly and no one stood up for me. When I helped Lin Fang chase away some thugs, Chen Yuzhou misunderstood and got Liu Hu to beat me up in the restroom. He almost killed me and I was in the hospital for days. After I was discharged, I did not dare return to school, so I signed up with the army. I never graduated, never wrote in the graduation contact list, and never attended the graduation ceremony. That's why the contact list doesn't have my name and number. Haha, who wants my number? I'll write it down for you."

I purposely took out a pen and casually looked around at everyone. Who still dared to get my number? I ruthlessly meant my words to be a slap in their faces. These people used to look down on me and mock me while in high school, but now they were falling over their feet to flatter me. They did not even remember why I left school and that I had not graduated.

They laughed indifferently and made excuses, and with that, the matter was brushed aside.

Someone even laughed self-deprecatingly. "Aiyah, we're just joking around. You're Fangfang's boyfriend, so we're trying to be discreet. Oh yes, Fangfang, didn't you invite Chu Xiaoxiao today? I heard you argued?"

I thought Lin Fang would feel awkward, but she laughed and said, "Who said I didn't invite Xiaoxiao? She's on the way."

Lin Fang turned to smile at me. "Xiaoxiao and I are good friends, I hope you don't mind that I invited her."

I felt an overwhelming sense of revulsion and pity when I looked at her arrogant face.

Why had she become like this?

I turned to her and said in a low voice, "Aren't you worried that I won't play along?!"

She replied confidently, "You won't, Zhang Chao. Does Chu Xiaoxiao know how far we went?"

"What do you mean?"

"Just for today. As long as you act this out with me for today, I'll leave tomorrow. Then Xiaoxiao will understand what happened. Zhang Chao, don't make me threaten you. Don't make me have to tell Xiaoxiao you kissed me, touched me, and even slept with me..."

"First of all, we didn't. And even if we did, Xiaoxiao isn't so unreasonable."

Lin Fang replied in despair, "Then if I had an abortion because of you?"

My eyes widened. "You did? What nonsense."

She shook her head. "How would Xiaoxiao regard you if she thought I had an abortion because of you? I know that Xiaoxiao treats me as her best friend. She's always been good to me. I've realized it too late. I only know now that she treated me better than everyone else. You too. You both have no blood ties to me, yet you sincerely cared for and loved me. If Xiaoxiao finds out you hurt me, she'll leave you."

I scoffed. "You think she'll believe you? She stopped believing you a long time ago."

Lin Fang pulled a note out of her bag. I opened it suspiciously and my heart thumped loudly.

"This is impossible, it's fake!"

"It's definitely fake, but Xiaoxiao can't tell because it was really written by a doctor," she explained. "Zhang Chao, I'm begging you, just for today. Fulfill my dream. I'll leave tomorrow and I'll explain the situation to Xiaoxiao myself."

I sucked in a deep breath. She had made such complete preparations. Not only drugging my drink, but also falsifying an abortion certificate.

If she really showed this to Chu Xiaoxiao, even if I managed to prove that it was false, it would still take many days.

"Lin Fang, why did you end up like this? You keep trying to break Xiaoxiao and me up. Did you think I would fall for your ruse?"

Lin Fang pleaded with me. "I'm begging you. I don't want to hurt you and Xiaoxiao. I can't find a job now and I don't know how far Chen Yuzhou's influence reaches. My family still lives here and I'm worried that they'll be affected. I just hope that before I leave, people will leave them alone out of respect for you. Please, just this once. Xiaoxiao will understand."

I could not harden my heart in the face of her entreating look. I really wanted to refuse, but that was as good as killing her.

I did not know how I felt about her. In the deep recesses of my heart, I would always have a soft spot for her while also hating her every action.

I breathed deeply and told her in a low voice, "Just this once. If you still..."

Lin Fang grabbed hold of my hand and pleaded softly with me, "Just this once."

I really did not know how to refuse. Not just me, even Chu Xiaoxiao would not refuse her request.

Perhaps I would refuse her if not for Chu Xiaoxiao. But once Xiaoxiao's name was mentioned, I felt bad. I knew how highly Xiaoxiao held her friendships. Even though she had fallen out with Lin Fang, she would not be cruel to her. I did not want Xiaoxiao to feel uncomfortable.

"What are the two of you muttering about? What secrets are you keeping from us?"

The others needled us when we did not turn back to them.

"Nothing, we're just discussing when Xiaoxiao will arrive."

"Fangfang, what happened at...the reunion? We thought you really got back together with Chen Yuzhou. Then, Chu Xiaoxiao announced that she liked Zhang Chao, and we were so confused."

"Yes, we saw that Chu Xiaoxiao wasn't here and we were worried that you fell out with her because of that. You used to be such good friends. We were all so envious of your friendship. It goes to show that you can know a person well but their heart might be closed to you. She stole your boyfriend behind your back?"

"She couldn't steal him even if she wanted to. Look at how deeply Zhang Chao loves Lin Fang. Chu Xiaoxiao could never. However, Chu Xiaoxiao is just as pretty and capable. Didn't the mayor's son want to pursue her but she rejected him? And she failed to win over Zhang Chao."

"Hahaha, doesn't she know who Zhang Chao is? He's the largest shareholder of the Junran Group, and the heir. With this status, he's the richest man in Tong City..."

"You're so outdated. Junran is now the biggest company in the whole Ning province. Do you know what that means? Zhang Chao is now the richest man in Ning province!"

"Woah! Why would he fall for her? She's just the daughter of an old director of a bankrupt company."

"Yes. Fangfang, you have good taste. Zhang Chao is much better than that Chen Yuzhou. Chen Yuzhou has always had his eye on you, but he's nothing."

Their words left Lin Fang preening. She flushed with happiness and seemed full of energy. Lowering her voice, she said, "Chen Yuzhou has always liked me but I'm not interested in him at all. You should be able to guess why happened that day. Chen Yuzhou is so domineering, he'll take whatever he wants, even if he has to steal it. I had no choice but to do what I did that day..."