

Chapter 184 A Genuine Person

Chu Xiaoxiao tried to escape after she spoke, but I pulled her back with one hand.

Night had now fallen. The lights in the neighborhood were dim, and it was quiet. We were the only people around. Our bodies were pressed against each other, and I could feel my heartbeat pick up. My blood seemed to be rushing around my body and threatened to explode out of my blood vessels.

"Let's not wait any longer. How about now?" I panted.

Chu Xiaoxiao was shocked by my reaction. She reached over to push me away, but I held her to me. She then bent my finger backward, and unfortunately, it was my injured hand she took hold of.

The sharp pain completely wiped out all of my desire. Even if I wanted to do anything, I could not.

"Did I hurt you? Are you okay?" Chu Xiaoxiao asked in a panic.

It did hurt. The wound was not small and it required medical attention to heal properly. However, it was not a big deal to me. I had suffered worse injuries than this. This was but a scratch to a special forces soldier.

But watching Chu Xiaoxiao so flustered set my mind whirring. Why waste this opportunity?

I hugged my hand to my chest, pretending to be in so much pain that I could not speak.

As I thought she would, Chu Xiaoxiao circled me anxiously. "Is your hand alright? Say something."

"The wound reopened."

"Huh? That bad? What can we do?"

"Great lady warrior," I started, "This is a grievous wound. One's life can only be saved by the joining of two bodies, male and female, within twelve hours. Is the lady willing to save my life?"

She then realized that I was faking it. She rolled her eyes and spun away, walking off without looking back.

"Hey, hey, don't be mad. I was joking."

We were bickering when we noticed Baldie hurrying towards us. He was breathing hard and looked very anxious.

"What's wrong?"

"I'm escorting you out. There's no time to explain," he quickly replied.

I knew that something was wrong when I saw Baldie like this.

"What happened? Did something happen with Zhao Zichen? You should go help him."

Baldie frowned. "I can't contact Boss. Leave with me now. I must escort you somewhere safe."

Chu Xiaoxiao countered with, "If your boss needs help, you should help him. We can leave on our own."

But Baldie shook his head. I knew that he would follow Zhao Zichen's instructions to the letter. We had no ability to give Baldie orders, even for his own good.

I nodded then. "Alright, let's leave this place. Xiaoxiao, where's your car?"

"No cars. Cars are too dangerous. Too big a target. Follow me," said Baldie.

"Good point. The Black Dragons are nearby. They just need a daredevil in a pickup truck and they can knock us off the road. Let's follow Baldie."

Chu Xiaoxiao followed what I said. Since I said so, she immediately nodded.

Baldie took the beef noodles from me and slurped them down in a few gulps. After that, he turned and walked off. Chu Xiaoxiao and I stared after him, surprised he was still in the mood for eating right now.

"I'm not familiar with this area. I'll scout it out." He made Chu Xiaoxiao and I wait, then went to the top floor of a residential building. We followed him up, climbing out of the roof access onto the rooftop. We could see everything around us at a glance.

My eyesight was better than most people, and my night vision was clearer too. Baldie and I were on par.

We made one round of the rooftop. I was astonished. I could see that some areas were lit by fire, and there were fierce shouts and yelling.

Baldie told me, "There's an alleyway in the back. We can leave from there. It's a short walk from Black Alley. Can anyone pick you up from there?"

I gave it some thought. I might not be able to use anyone from Junran. Before I got rid of Liu Rong entirely, I should not use them at all.

"Let's get to Black Alley first. It looks like we're surrounded now. As long as we can break through it, we can get outside help to turn the tide," I said.

This was Chu Xiaoxiao's first time seeing such an extensive gang fight. She gaped in amazement. She had been so fearless earlier, but now she felt scared.

"Are you afraid? You can hide here," I suggested.

Hiding here for the night might be frustrating, but it was safer than breaking out. I was not comfortable with leaving Chu Xiaoxiao alone to hide here, but there was no other choice.

However, she refused and insisted on coming with us. She even seemed excited after we talked.

"I was a delinquent in high school. Did you think it was just for show? I can fight too!"

So saying, she glanced around and picked up a brick, weighing it in her hand.

I laughed. "Keep that dangerous weapon for self-defense. I'll do my best to keep you safe. Follow us closely and don't get lost."

"Let's go, don't delay." Baldie hurried us along.

Baldie was in a hurry to escort us out before coming back for Zhao Zichen.

We quickly found the alleyway in the back. There was no one there, just a metal gate being held together by a rusty old lock.

I told them to stand back and grasped both sides of the lock with my hands. A strong tug and the lock broke apart.

We filed out into the pitch-black alleyway. I caught hold of Chu Xiaoxiao's hand and she followed me silently.

We had only gone about two hundred meters when we heard the urgent sound of a whistle.

Baldie stopped walking suddenly, then forced himself to continue forward. I could feel his steps quicken, as he hurried to escort us out before he returning for Zhao Zichen.

Suddenly, another whistle, this time a piercing sound that cut through the air like an eagle. Baldie stopped in midstep and turned to where the sound was coming from. I almost walked into him.

I thought this would be the same as before, a warning on the situation, but Baldie muttered to himself, "Damn."

"What happened? If you need to save your boss, go," Chu Xiaoxiao told him.

Baldie shook his head. I noticed that his eyes were bloodshot and he bit his lip, as he bent his head and kept walking.

To my surprise, Chu Xiaoxiao ran to stand in front of Baldie. "Are you crazy? We don't need your escort. Your boss needs your help. Go and help him!"

"I promised Boss..."

I wanted to tell Chu Xiaoxiao to stop. This was Baldie's personality. Faithfulness was a tenet of the underworld.