

Chapter 206 Lady of the Night

Liu Rong might not be a good person, but there was no point for him to lie to me before he tried to strangle me. He said that Han Kun and the others had collectively decided to exchange my parents' lives for the survival of the company. I could not understand how it worked; his words did not make sense.

My father was the legal owner of the company. By right, the death of the legal owner was a fatal blow to a company. It would cause stocks to plummet, and the relationships with business contacts started from scratch again. How could it be advantageous to Junran? This was absurd.

I felt that there was truth in what everyone said, and there were lies too. The only consensus was that no one wanted me to continue investigating the accident.

There was no way I could not investigate.

It did not matter why Han Kun suddenly returned to the country. My complete trust in him was broken. I used to be suspicious of his attitude towards my parents' accident, but would never have guessed that there was an actual issue.

But it was different now.

Of everything I knew about my parents, part of it was from my aunt, the rest was from Han Kun.

My aunt hated my parents bitterly. Most of what she said was a lie, and I had not believed her ever since I young. But Han Kun was different. Before today, I never doubted his words.

If Han Kun had lied to me, then many things fell into place.

If he was involved in my parents' death, it was not hard to understand why he did not let me investigate Jiang Ming.

I did not know what Han Kun's relationship with my parents was really like. He always treated me well and saved me from an exhausting life, so I thought he had to be on very good terms with them.

I had not expected that he was hiding so many secrets. The real Han Kun and the Han Kun I knew seemed to be two different people.

Investigating Han Kun would be even more difficult than investigating Jiang Ming.

I really could not think of how to fill in the gaps in my knowledge. Everyone who knew Han Kun was also loyal to him. I just needed to ask one question, and he would hear about it the next day.

Damn it, did I have to start with Liu Rong and Jiang Ming?

As I was deep in thought, my phone suddenly rang. It was Tsai Xiaobing.

I gathered myself together, unwilling to let anyone know that something was wrong.

"Captain, where are ya?"

Through the phone, Tsai's voice sounded muted and unclear, and there was deafening music in the background.

I frowned. "Where are you? Did you send her home or did you bring her to karaoke?"

"No! There's progress on the smuggling case. Rock sought me out just now. I'm now at Lady Of The Night. I can't explain everything over the phone. Ya better come here, Captain. We can talk face-to-face."

Tong City used to be a fishing village just twenty years ago. After that international brands built factories here and attracted foreign labor. Its economy soon developed.

Besides tourism and real estate, Tong City had one more hidden economy: prostitution.

This place used to have nothing, just an industrial park consisting of factories of international brands. There were no sows here, much less women! People had nowhere to spend their money, and nowhere to quench their desires.

Very soon, salons with pink lights started appearing near the accommodation areas of the industrial park. There were always flirty women sitting in those doorways to solicit customers.

Men all knew that this type of salon washed more than hair.

When I was in elementary school, these salons were all over, even in my small neighborhood. There was even a street that was lined with these salons. It was always bathed in pink light and everyone called it Red-Light Street. The businesses there only opened at night.

Whatever Tong City's gangs did, they never left this industry.

The Black Dragons first started as pimps and madams, looking after these businesses. They prevented customers from creating trouble and foreigners from stealing their business.

Later, Tong City did several rounds of crackdowns to clean up the streets and many such businesses closed. However, there were a few that were completely unaffected by the crackdowns.

The businesses that survived did not slip through the cracks. In fact, they had more power due to their connections with the police. They had informants warning them before every police raid, and they were never caught during the crackdowns.

Even later, there was a national crackdown. These businesses all converted to health centers and spas. On the surface, they were luxurious and palatial, and accepted normal customers. Behind the curtains, there was another menu, providing other services.

Lady Of The Night was one of Tong City's old-school health centers. It was one of those places that people did not talk about.

Apparently, the boss of Lady Of The Night had good backing. He had supporters from both sides, being on good terms with the Black Dragons and knowing people in the police department.

However, the boss was very mysterious, and no one really knew who he was. Some people said he was the brother-in-law of the director of the Urban Construction Department. Others said he was an international businessman with a background in foreign investment.

Tsai Xiaobing had not given me any details over the phone, except to ask me to meet him there. I wanted to find out more. With my status, being seen with him would attract attention. However, he did not explain anything and just told me to hurry up.

But when I arrived at Lady Of The Night, I could not get through to his phone at all. What was he doing?

I had no choice but to enter and take a look around.

The place looked normal from the outside. The lobby was resplendent, with expensive chandeliers illuminating the main hall. Well-dressed male and female guests milled around.

The moment I stepped into the lobby, a staff member appeared before me and waved me in politely, greeting me.

"Are you here alone?"

I did not know what Tsai Xiaobing was doing, and I did not want to act rashly and say that I was with Tsai Xiaobing, so I nodded.

The staff passed me an ID tag and informed me about their services. Then, another staff led me to the bathing area.

These past few days had left me exhausted. Since I could not contact Tsai Xiaobing, I took a bath to relax, lay down in the lounge, and dozed off.

When I woke up, someone was massaging me gently. I opened my eyes to see a beautiful woman, who was no more than twenty years old, kneeling by my bedside, massaging my thighs.

Seeing that I was awake, she smiled at me. "Did I wake you?"