

Chapter 223 Support

That night, Tsai Xiaobing did not sleep. He took the two mobile phones and left Tong City overnight, not even stopping to say goodbye to Lin Yue'er.

I also entrusted Tsai Xiaobing to tell the old man to send more people. The local police in Tong City could not be trusted, and it seemed that they had support up at the provincial level.

It was dawn by the time I arrived back at Xia Genghuai's home. Surprisingly, we both stepped into the gate of the neighborhood together.

"Zhang Chao, why are you coming back at this hour?"

Even though I was now rich, I had not looked for another place to live in.

Chu Xiaoxiao was not going to move in with me right now, and the prospect of living alone on a big mansion sounded boring. Xia Genghuai liked to talk, and would happily chat with me when we occasionally bumped into each other at home.

In these short few months, he was no longer just the local police officer sent for training. He had been very lucky, encountering some big cases, and making some big contributions. He had been promoted to the vice squad and was now a team leader.

It was said that good men should not become soldiers, but the police were halfway to a soldier. Once you were in the vice squad, you dedicated your life to your work. There were no holidays, and you were on-call at all times.

I used to have a friend in the vice squad who joked that sometimes, he would be intimate with his wife, but when the call came, he would get up immediately, put on his pants and leave.

It was rare for me to bump into Xia Genghuai in the daytime.

"I encountered some delays last night. How about you?"

"Ugh, don't bring it up. You know Lady Of The Night? It suddenly caught fire last night. It wasn't a big fire, but the scene was absolutely chaotic. People had lost their belongings, and it took us almost until dawn to maintain order. I thought I could come home and rest then, but guess what? An old man showed up at the police station and made a big fuss."

"Hey, that's the citizens calling out against injustice. You can use all the training you learned," I teased.

"F you! That old man was tough to deal with. Someone sent his daughter to the hospital, but no one paid or signed for responsibility. What do you think happened? Well, she died, and now he's shown up and complained that the doctors caused her death and he wants to see her body. He accused the police of colluding with the doctors and attempting to cremate his daughter's body in secret. Dead men tell no tales."

Almost dawn? Did that mean he went there almost immediately after I got off the phone with Gan? That old man really moved fast. Money was such a great motivator. I think the old man would do anything if I gave him enough money.

I raised an eyebrow. "Has that been resolved?"

"How can it be? Regardless of whether the old man's words are reasonable, his request is. It's his daughter's body. Even if he has no right to keep the body, he has a right to view it. Haha, Xu Xiang refuses. I think something fishy is going on."

"Xu Xiang?"

"Our deputy commissioner, Chen Yuzhou's uncle. He put in a lot of effort back when you were framed by Chen Yuzhou."

As I held the elevator doors open, I asked, "Why does he refuse? Is there something strange about the girl's death?"

"The forensic results say that she died due to illness, an infection that resulted in systemic organ failure. But it doesn't specify what infection. They said that the deceased was a prostitute and was not too hygienic. Her lower body was badly infected and she did not seek medical help in time. When she fell sick this time, she couldn't be saved. However, it doesn't sound likely to me. I've heard of prostitutes contracting and dying of AIDS or syphilis, but this is the first time I've heard of hygiene issues that led to infection and death. No matter how dirty people are nowadays, they're still cleaner than in the olden times. Did people die of infection from sleeping with men in the past?"

I knew the truth, but I had not expected that Xu Xiang would stick his fingers into this case.

It was clear that Xu Xiang was one of Lady Of The Night's supporters!

Lady Of The Night really had a robust support system, if a deputy commissioner was willing to back a health center.

"Did you see the body?"

"I was so busy that I didn't have the time. If the girl died an unnatural death, it probably had something to do with Xu Xiang. Haha, I bet there's more to come. Sun Qiaoqiao's father is tough to deal with. He might look like a simple farmer, but if he makes a fuss, Xu Xiang doesn't have a leg to stand on. He doesn't have an image to uphold, so he can do anything and everything. We just watch and wait."

I fell silent until we entered the home and closed the door behind us. It was only after I could ensure that no one was eavesdropping that I soberly told Xia Genghuai the truth about last night.

"What?! You started the fire?!"

"Yes, and I rescued Sun Qiaoqiao from that place."

Xia Genghuai just stood there dumbfounded.

I spoke to him as he was changing his shoes. Right now, he had one shoe on and one foot on the floor, the other shoe was forgotten.

"Are you for real?!"

I motioned to him to lower his volume. "Do you remember that I called you to be on standby to come to Lady Of The Night?"

"Yes, I was so busy that I forgot about it. Was it to save Sun Qiaoqiao?"

I nodded. "Yes. You were right. Sun Qiaoqiao didn't die of illness. Her father—that old man now creating a fuss at the public security bureau—sold her to Lady Of The Night, where she was gang-raped by three men and suffered such serious injuries that she died of infection."

The vein on Xia Genghuai's forehead looked set to burst. He said agitatedly, "Then why aren't we arresting them?!"

"You know what kind of backing they have if Xu Xiang is covering this up. However, Sun Qiaoqiao did not die in vain. She left me some important information that might destroy these people. But I need you to work with me."

Xia Genghuai put aside his usual cheeky smile and turned to me seriously. "What do you need?"

"Everything I'm saying to you today is very important and no one can find out about it."

"Don't worry, I know that. We've known each other for years, don't you know what kind of person I am? Besides, I'm a police officer. Of course I know the importance of secrecy."

I shook my head. "Mhmm, that's why when the time comes, you need to leak everything I've said to you today out."