

## Chapter 227 A Real Man

"Zhang Chao!!!"

Chen Yuzhou roared at me. He ignored the filth on his face and crawled towards me as if he was crazed.

I took a few steps back and waited until he was about to touch me before I kicked him. He rolled into a puddle of sewage, staining his expensive suit a myriad of colors.

"You've gone too far!"

"Have I gone too far or are you deserving of this punishment? Tell me which of these you haven't done to someone else before."

"That was just some fun while we were studying. You're being narrow-minded to remember those things from the past. Who didn't joke around with their classmates when they were young?"

"Joke around?"

I was initially going to beat him up as an excuse for the removal of Xu Xiang in the next few days, but his words really fired me up.

"Yes, we just wanted to joke around with you, but you were petty and didn't play along. The whole class was just joking around, but you made a big fuss of nothing. How can you blame me for your being small-minded?"

I forced myself to remain calm and knelt down to look into his eyes.

"You forbade the whole class from speaking to me. Anyone who did would become your target. Were you joking around with me? You made them tear all my books up and watched as the teacher punished me for not having any books. Was it all a joke?"

My expression had Chen Yuzhou ducking away in fear, but he did not seem to understand why he was in the wrong.

"Of course, who didn't grow up surrounded by shenanigans? Did I have to take care of your fragile self-esteem just because you were poor? It's not my fault that you were poor."

I saw red and wanted to kill him. The most annoying thing was not that I had been bullied and humiliated, but that it had destroyed my life and he did not care.

To put it bluntly, he never treated me like a person.

I sneered at him. "If you can answer a few questions of mine today, I'll let you off immediately. When you made them block access to the free lunch and prevented me from eating anything for free, causing me to go hungry every day, were you joking around with me?"

"I..."

"When you lost your own things and framed me for stealing, and I would have been expelled of not for Xia Genghuai vouching that I wasn't in the classroom... Was that a joke too?"

"Th—that was in the past..."

"Also, when you told Liu Hu to force me to drink the water in the urinal, then you told him to beat me up until my bones broke when I refused... Was that a joke too?!"

By this time, I was already unable to control myself. There was a fierce fire burning within my chest.

"Tell me! Was it just a joke?!"

I asked hoarsely, ignoring the filth and pinching Chen Yuzhou's chin.

I did not actually care about the past, even if these things had been setbacks and changed my life.

However, the perpetrator was not only unrepentant, but even tried to push the blame on me by saying that I was not open-minded enough. Could there be anything more ridiculous?!

How could I hope that an idiot like this might be remorseful?

"Were you just playing around? Just answer this question, and I'll let you off."

Chen Yuzhou had been full of bravado earlier, but now he was scared. His teeth chattered as he turned to Xia Genghuai for help. "Officer, he's beating me up. You're a police officer, do something about it."

Xia Genghuai glanced at him coldly, then took off his police cap and put it aside. "I'll do something about it when I'm on the clock."

Chen Yuzhou had lost all hope. He knew that begging me was useless, but he could not answer my question. Regardless of his answer, I would make him pay.

He did not say anything, so I stopped waiting and dragged him up by the collar.

"What are you doing?! Let go of me! Where are you taking me?"

Chen Yuzhou struggled but to no avail. I yanked his face toward me using his hair.

"I'm just joking around with you. You kept trying to make me happy last time, so I'm returning the favor now."

I ripped off Chen Yuzhou's shirt and used his jacket to trap his arms. Then, I used his belt to tie up his legs, leaving him unable to move.

The commotion that we were making attracted the attention of the rest of the shantytown. They all came out, phones at the ready.

Chen Yuzhou rolled in the mud and begged, "Don't film! You're not allowed to film! Zhang Chao, I apologize, I'm sorry. Don't do this."

"Don't be afraid, I'm just joking around." I turned to Lin Kang. "Your Brother Zhou loves drinking urine. Give him a hot shower. Make sure to take good aim."

"G—go away. Zhang Chao, how do you want me to beg? Tell me, let me go."

I shook my head coldly. "I can't stand it when you beg. If you struggle more, I'll respect you as a man. Because when you beg, you remind me of myself begging you when I was young. Do you remember? I begged you so hard. I called you Brother Zhou; I begged you to let me off; I begged you not to hit me because I had no parents and no one would help me or take care of me when I was hurt. That last time when you told Liu Hu to break my bones, I lay with a high fever in the hospital, and no one paid for my treatment. I thought I was going to die. How can that be compared to the humiliation you're suffering from now? Do you know how it feels to be near death? Luckily, a kind-hearted doctor saved me. When I was dying, I just couldn't understand what I did wrong. Chen Yuzhou, Brother Zhou, now you're telling me that it was all a joke. Very funny. Go for it, Lin Kang."

Chen Yuzhou remained silent. There was no point in begging me. At this point, I had already spared him too many times. Otherwise, I would have had him killed ages ago. His former self would never have spared his current self.

Lin Kang took off his belt and sprayed a stream of urine at Chen Yuzhou's head. Chen Yuzhou shut his eyes in despair. With all the cameras surrounding him, he would never be able to raise his head in Tong City society again.

Lin Kang was a simple fool. I used to think that he was calculative and tricked Lin Fang into helping him. However, I could tell from today that he was the opposite of that.

He did not care that Chen Yuzhou was the person who was lending him money. He happily urinated on him.

I turned away after my speech and did not watch.

I never had any interest in bullying. Fighting and bloodshed were commonplace on the battlefield, but only a useless man would gain enjoyment out of bullying those who were weaker than them.

A real man would face his enemy with his fists and gun.

Xia Genghuai came over to give me a cigarette. He raised his chin at Chen Yuzhou who was still surrounded by a crowd.