

Chapter 252 A Visit

"This isn't over yet. The Yin family holds a grudge. They'll think of something else to stir the waters," said Yue Mangong.

"It's only some branch families, they can't cause too much of a stir," I replied.

Yue Mangong frowned and shook his head. "You don't understand. The Yin family specialized in assassinations. Even their branch families are vicious. I think this has to do with the incident forty years ago. You need to be careful not to offend the Yins."

That was going to be tough, I thought to myself. It would depend on Chen Ruhai.

However, Yue Mangong's reminder made me change my mind. I would have to take a little longer to deal with the Chens.

I simply had too many enemies now. There was Jiang Ming, Liu Rong, and anyone who had an eye on Mount Wuxiang.

It would be too troublesome if I provoked Chen Ruhai too.

The ship was almost reaching shore. I felt more relaxed and leaned on the railings to talk to Yue Mangong about my father.

However, at that moment, I saw a person I had not seen in a while come out of a cabin and appear on the deck.

"Chen Ruhai..."

I was not the only one who seen Chen Ruhai. Lin Kang had spotted him too and grabbed his arm from behind.

Chen Ruhai was very shocked to see Lin Kang. "Y—you're alive!"

"You didn't expect that, huh. If Zhang Chao hadn't saved me, I would have died. You're vicious, old man."

Damn. I was so angry I felt like I was going to burst. I thought that Lin Kang was a bad teammate, but he was worse than that.

Chen Ruhai glared at me with furious eyes.

"Chen Ruhai, if you don't want me to tell the world, pay me. Otherwise, you can rot in jail with your son!"

Chen Ruhai struggled to push Lin Kang away. "Let go of me. How can you still want money? You lost all the money. I don't have any more to give to you."

It was obvious that he was going to hire someone to silence Lin Kang the moment he stepped on the shore.

I had no other choice but to trail Lin Kang when we disembarked.

Lin Kang was dumbfounded. He had not expected that Chen Ruhai was so determined. "You won't give me money? Why won't you give me money?!"

"Let go of me!"

Chen Ruhai brushed Lin Kang off, sending him into a panic. He owed so much debt that if he did not blackmail Chen Ruhai, there was no way for him to pay it all back. There was no Lin Fang for him to leech off.

Lin Kang's eyes were bloodshot and he grabbed Chen Ruhai by the shoulder. Chen Ruhai patiently explained to Lin Kang for the last time that he was not coughing up any money.

"You little bastard, if I let you blackmail me for one more cent, my surname is not Chen. You'll never get another cent, and I'll make sure that you'll still be running from debt collectors in hell. If you manage to find shelter in Tong City, I would have failed. If you manage to get out of Tong City in one piece, haha, I would have failed!"

Chen Ruhai had always been a brutal and terrifying person. He had done this to me before, but Lin Kang had never seen this side of him.

Lin Kang's bulged with rage and he shook as he stared at Chen Ruhai. "Then die!"

I swore out loud and wanted to stop him, but it was too late.

Lin Kang pulled out a dagger and aimed for Chen Ruhai's belly. Chen Ruhai watched in astonishment as the blade went in. It was a familiar scene, only he had been the one stabbing Lin Kang yesterday. Now, Lin Kang was stabbing him.

"Die, die!" Lin Kang hissed. He kept stabbing, and Chen Ruhai sank into his own pool of blood, still in disbelief.

Then, Lin Kang back away and spun around, jumping into the sea. By the time we ran over, he was gone.

I attempted to staunch the blood, but to no avail. I pressed down on Chen Ruhai's wound. "Hold on, we're almost there. Doctors are waiting on the shore."

Chen Ruhai fixed his bloodshot eyes on me. "Zhang Chao, it's you...must be you...you let Lin Kang...it's you! Yin, Yin, avenge me!"

At the end, he clutched at my collar with his bloody hands and cried out. Then, he exhaled and fell dead.

My mind went blank. Damn it, why did this get blamed on me?

I was still dazed as Yue Mangong hurriedly pulled me up, frowning. "Chen Ruhai is part of the Yin family?"

I was still stunned. "Yes, he's Ho Zhitian's sworn brother."

"Damn it. There might still be people from the Yin family on the ship. We need to be careful. The Yins hold grudges."

Perhaps it was paranoia, but I had the feeling that someone on the ship was watching me with malicious intent, but I did not know where it came from.

Once we reached the shore, the rescue team rushed aboard. They carried the wounded away in stretchers. Everyone, regardless of whether they were injured, was brought to the hospital for a checkup.

Ho Zhitian was led away by the police. There was nothing he could do to cover up his crimes this time.

I was fine, but the wound on my hand had worsened. The doctor needed to debride it again, otherwise, it would affect the healing process.

I had encountered this many times before during my time in the army. Sometimes we got injured in the deep mountains, and only received medical attention after days or weeks had passed. By then, we would have gotten even sicker.

I did not want to remain in the hospital for observation, but Chu Xiaoxiao insisted. When I complained that the hospital was too boring, she took her phone out and read dirty jokes to me.

I was so frustrated. It was torture to be able to see and hear but not touch.

Chu Xiaoxiao glanced down with a smirk. My face screamed discomfort and I had pulled the covers up. She hooked my chin with a finger. "Hey, little virgin, can't resist me?"

I laughed. "You won't know my power until I deal with you, huh."

I held her shoulders and pushed her down onto the bed. I was about to take advantage of her when suddenly, the door burst out. Zhao Zichen led a group of people in and stared awkwardly at me and Chu Xiaoxiao.

Chu Xiaoxiao shoved me away and sat up, blushing. Her hair was a mess and I had pulled apart her collar. There was no hiding the obvious. We were silent for a moment.

I cleared my throat. "This is?"

Zhao Zichen shook himself and provided a distraction by way of introduction. "Zhang Chao, this is Tong City's mayor Li Liang. He's here to visit you."

I moved to sit up in bed to receive them. I was not badly hurt, and lying in bed seemed too excessive. The moment I moved, Mayor Li was by my side stopping me from getting up.

"Don't move, have a good rest. I'm visiting you as a representative of our city government's leadership team. We have learned of the situation. Zhang Chao, we are very grateful. If not for you, we would lose so many lives!"

I had received many such thanks when I was with the Snow Leopards, some much more profuse than this.

I already had a draft reply ready in my mind. I clasped Mayor Li's hand and thanked him, as well as the government, for their heartwarming response. In addition, I also said, "While on the ship, I knew that the government would save us. I cannot take any credit. Credit goes to the rescue efforts led by you, Mayor Li."

My words delighted Mayor Li. He was all smiles. He was so happy that I thought he might even hug and kiss me if not for his image.

"Of course, please rest well. We won't bother you any further today. If there's anything you need, do make a request to the government. We will be sure to grant it within reason!"

I signaled to Chu Xiaoxiao to send Mayor Li out. She had just reached the door when I saw her freeze.

"Xiaoxiao, are you alright?"

Just as I spoke, I heard another young man's voice from outside.

"Xiaoxiao, it's been a while. I haven't seen you since high school. Did you miss me?"

I sat up in bed fully alert. My instincts were screaming at me that something was wrong.