

Chapter 258 Fallen

I thought that Chu Xiaoxiao would be confrontational toward Chun Tang, but she rested her chin on her hand and leaned on me, waiting for him to enter.

The person was indeed Chun Tang. The receptionist served him water and asked him to take a seat. He sat down stiffly with his back as straight as a rod. That was when I realized that he might have been a former soldier too.

We made small talk, but he did not speak openly until the receptionist had left the room. Then, he suddenly stood up and put his ear to the door for some time. After he was sure that no one was eavesdropping, he said to me in Vietnamese, "Zhang, there's a problem. The general has received kill orders for you. Someone's paying big money for your life!"

I had not told Chu Xiaoxiao anything about what had happened on the ship, the martial artists' treaty, or Mount Wuxiang.

I was now the most wanted man in that world. Countless numbers of people wanted me dead. This was why Yue Mangong was following me every day.

Chu Xiaoxiao was shocked and asked what was going on.

Chun Tang explained that while he was no longer in contact with the general and was no longer an assassin, he could still check their information network to see what were the latest kill orders.

"It's an overseas forum that can only be accessed with a secret URL and password. I've been checking the forums regularly to see if there are any kill orders for me since I left the general's organization. Everything seems peaceful so far. But this morning when I logged on to the homepage, the first to seventh names on the red list were all Zhang Chao's."

My heart sank. No one wanted to be on that list. I did not fear death, but this would cause me endless trouble. I was in the light, while they were in the shadows. They were hard to defend against.

Chu Xiaoxiao was close to tears with anxiety. She asked Chun Tang who had sent in the orders.

"Ninety percent of them were from a client named Chen. If I'm not wrong, it should be Chen Yuzhou."

"Him?" I had not expected that. I thought the kill orders would be from the martial artists. However, they did not need to spend money to hire assassins. They could be the assassins.

I told Chu Xiaoxiao, "Calm down, I'll tell you what happened."

I let Chu Xiaoxiao know about Lin Kang and Chen Ruhai, and told her that Lin Kang had jumped into the sea after killing Chen Ruhai. The police were still looking for him or his body.

Chu Xiaoxiao cried and said, "That's crazy. He's the killer. Why are they looking for you?"

"Ugh... Chen Ruhai thinks that I'm in cahoots with Lin Kang because I saved his life. When Lin Kang ran, I tried to save Chen Ruhai, and he caught hold of me and in his dying confusion, said that I had directed Lin Kang. I didn't really care about it then. I thought the Chens were thinking people and wouldn't believe I was the killer. Clearly, I thought too highly of them. They're really stupid."

Chu Xiaoxiao wiped her tears. "Now what? We can't just take this responsibility."

"Find Lin Kang. If he's still alive, he'll look for Lin Fang. He doesn't have any earning capability. If no one gives him any money, he'll starve to death eventually. Chen Yuzhou can't find Lin Kang, that's why he's taking it out on me. We have to find him."

The kill orders from the overseas assassins organization were not too bad. Our country's security was quite good, and it would be difficult for them to gain entry into the country. No matter how many people were trying to kill me, they would not come swarming in.

What I was most worried about was the mysterious Yin family. Would Chen Yuzhou's crazy revenge scheme attract the attention of the Yin family? Would they also assume that I was Chen Ruhai's killer?

I really had not expected that such a formidable character like Chen Ruhai would be killed by someone as unremarkable and cowardly as Lin Kang.

Even though we were at loggerheads, I felt sorry for him.

I was not worried about myself, but I was very worried about Chu Xiaoxiao's safety, so I asked Chun Tang to secretly protect her. He was satisfied to hear that I would pay him fifty thousand a month, and he agreed to protect Chu Xiaoxiao well.

I did not just want a bodyguard. More importantly, I wanted someone who was absolutely loyal and could never be bribed.

Actually, it would be great if I could have a bodyguard like Baldie. Zhao Zichen must be some kind of wizard to have dug up a treasure like Baldie.

Since Chen Yuzhou had made his move, I would too. I immediately called Xia Genghuai and asked him to investigate the home that Lin Fang and Lin Kang had rented two years ago and everywhere they had lived before, as well as whether they had bought tickets to go overseas for vacation or work.

Lin Kang had buried the body, and from what I knew of him, he would never have buried it in the mountains.

The mountain paths were tough and Lin Kang could not take hardship. But if it was not hidden in the mountains, it would long have been found.

There were only two places suitable for disposing bodies in Tong City. In the mountains or the sea. Since Lin Kang could still use the body to threaten Chen Yuzhou, it was definitely not in the sea.

I had studied criminal investigation while with the Snow Leopards. Criminals had a psychological safe zone that they tended not to breach when committing their crimes. Otherwise, they would feel that they had lost control.

It was most likely that they had buried the body in a place that they both could see and control, but Chen Yuzhou and Chen Ruhai did not know about.

"Lin Fang was renting two years ago. Why do you want to investigate it?" Xia Genghuai asked, confused.

"Don't worry about that. Give me the address."

"Hold on... Yuezhong Neighborhood..." Xia Genghuai replied.

"Wait." I broke out in cold sweat. "What did you say?"

"Is the reception bad? Yuezhong Neighborhood..."

My skin prickled and I shivered as I cradled the phone. "Yuezhong Neighborhood. Check who's renting it now."

"It's still under Lin Fang's name. She's still renting it."

"Yes, that's the one. Opposite of us. She's still renting it even though she's unemployed. I didn't understand why, but now I do. Bring your men, bring a dog. Wait for me there."