

Chapter 272 Fatal Blow

"Let's investigate this first and find out what's really going on. It's difficult to get the information from someone else, but there's one person who might be our breakthrough."

"Who?"

"Li Ge."

I trusted in Han Kun's ability. He would only mention it if he really felt that Li Ge was suspicious.

"What will he tell us? You saw how he felt about us. He'll just oppose us," Chu Xiaoxiao sighed.

I smiled. "I've got a way that will loosen his tongue and make him tell us everything he knows."

Chu Xiaoxiao was relieved to see how confident I was.

I really wanted to stay the night, but if Chu Huai'en saw me, he would immediately suspect that I had eavesdropped on their conversation.

I was not afraid of Chu Huai'en, but I was not ready to meet Han Kun face-to-face yet.

"My father must be eating dinner in the dining room downstairs. You can slip out."

I glanced down at the garden. "There's no need to. I'll leave by the balcony. Ugh, when will we be able to stop sneaking around..."

Chu Xiaoxiao squeezed my waist and giggled. "Even though we're sneaking around, it's quite exciting."

"Why doesn't your father approve of us being together? I'm now considered a second-generation rich man. This is the worst case of discrimination I've experienced since becoming a rich man. I won't accept it."

As I hugged her, I could not help but hump her. Men were ruled by their lower halves, and I felt myself grow hard when I breathed in her sweet scent.

"Alright, if you don't go now, you'll really have to sleep here. Hurry up and leave, little virgin, for the sake of your innocence."

Her sass turned me on, and I was about to push her against the wall when someone knocked on her door. Outside, Chu Huai'en asked, "Xiaoxiao, Auntie said you're back?"

Damn, Chu Huai'en's voice gave me such a shock. I had been so caught up in the moment that I missed his footsteps outside.

Chu Xiaoxiao was also taken aback. She pushed away my wandering hand and took a calming breath before replying, "Yes, I've been back for a while."

"Why did you lock the door? Open up. I want to talk to you."

Our eyes widened. The room was only so big, and I would not be able to escape in time. If I climbed down the balcony, I would end up on the garage in front of the villa and not the back garden. I would be discovered by the housekeeper. Besides, even if I escaped, the evidence that Chu Xiaoxiao and I had been tumbling about on her bed could not be hidden. Chu Huai'en would definitely be able to tell with one look.

"Open the door," Chu Huai'en repeated.

"I'm in bed, Dad. You should sleep early," she hastily replied.

Chu Huai'en did not leave. Instead, he sighed. "Xiaoxiao, Dad wants to talk to you. Zhang Chao is not suitable for you. It's fine if you don't like Ge. Find someone else. You can find someone a thousand times better than Zhang Chao. There's no need to restrict yourself."

"Dad, what's so bad with him?!" Chu Xiaoxiao was getting worked up about it. "You didn't object when you needed his investment, but now you don't need him, he's problematic? I want to know what's so bad about him?! Is he the problem or are you the problem?"

Chu Huai'en replied glumly, "You're my daughter, why would I hurt you? You've been bewitched by him and you won't listen to anything I say. But I need to remind you that he's not a good match for you. Women should not choose someone they like, they should choose someone that treats them well. I have the experience..."

This in particular ticked her off. "Because Mom's a lesson to be learned from. She liked you too much and your repeated cheating triggered her schizophrenia. That's why you're scared that I'll end up like her?!" she blurted out.

"How dare you! How dare you speak like this to your own father?!" Chu Huai'en shouted.

"Dad, I don't control you, and you don't control me. I've chosen Zhang Chao. I won't change my mind even if you find me a crown prince."

"You! You'll be the death of me! Listen to me, Zhang Chao's life is short. He's made too many enemies and he won't live much longer. Are you going to die together with him?!"

Chu Xiaoxiao shot back angrily, "I'll do my duty to whoever I choose. If he dies, so will I. I won't leave him no matter what. Stop trying to tear us apart."

Chu Huai'en was absolutely incensed. He kicked at the door and yelled, "Dream on!"

It was lucky that the door was closed, otherwise, he would have rushed in and hit her. He left in a furious rage after scolding her, and she sat down heavily on her bed, looking scared.

"What's he talking about? Zhang Chao, what are you hiding from me?"

I could not tell Chu Xiaoxiao about the Yin family and the martial artists. Telling her would only result in her worrying for nothing. I kissed her hair and murmured, "I won't die. What's this compared to all the times I've almost died? I've been on death's door more times than you've been to the mall. Don't be afraid, I'll be alright."

I could not spend the night with her, so I had to leave by the window. After I left, she sent me a message telling me to wait for her. She was coming with me.

I waited eagerly by the door for her. The weather was now turning cold. After about ten minutes, Chu Xiaoxiao did not appear, but Chu Huai'en opened the door. I was taken aback to see him, but he did not look surprised at all.

"Zhang Chao, of course it's you! I wondered where Xiaoxiao was going in the middle of the night!"

I looked behind him to where the housekeeper was blocking Chu Xiaoxiao from leaving.

"Let go of her!" I turned to Chu Huai'en. "Uncle Chu, don't stand in the way of fate. I might not be as well-educated as Xiaoxiao, and I'm not particularly handsome, but I treat her well. I don't think I'm a bad match for her."

"Don't sell yourself short," he told me, "You're a fine man, Zhang. Honestly, in terms of character, family, and outlook, Li Ge can't be compared to you. However, I can't only consider such things for my child. I only have one daughter. I don't need her to marry rich, but I hope that she can live a peaceful life. Can you provide that?"

I was speechless. Right now, there was no way it could be peaceful.

He continued, "I heard what happened to your advertising agency employee Qingqing. Such a pity that she was stabbed. I have to send her money to thank her because that would have been my daughter lying on death's door on a hospital bed. Zhang Chao, I'm speaking to you as a father. What can you give my daughter besides danger?! There are things that neither you nor I have told Xiaoxiao. But it doesn't mean that the martial artists want to kill you any less. With Mount Wuxiang in your possession, they won't do anything to you, but how about Xiaoxiao?"

My eyes were red-rimmed as I bent my head and clenched my fists. "I'll never break up with Xiaoxiao no matter what."

Chu Huai'en said, "Go away for her sake. I won't let you see my daughter again. If you try again, I'll send her overseas. As a veteran, you can't leave the country for three years. Three years is sufficient time for her to forget you."

Then, he showed me the phone in his hand. It was Chu Xiaoxiao's phone. "Don't contact her."

I felt as though a heavy rock was pressing down on my chest. My agony was evident as I roared, "Chu Xiaoxiao!"

She must have heard me. I saw her struggle wildly to try and run out.

But Chu Huai'en spoke again. "If this happens again, I'll make her break up with you herself. I have a way to make my daughter obey."

Chu Huai'en's method was to threaten Chu Xiaoxiao with his wife's life. I had been dealt a lethal blow because I knew that Xiaoxiao would definitely put her mother before herself.