

Chapter 280 Comrades

"Yes, by asking us to kill Zhang Chao, Zhang Mei's trying to protect her son-in-law. We're not going to fall for that," Gongsun said.

"Alright, enough nonsense. Let's do it."

Rock was about to open the door himself when Gongsun shouted at him to wait. "Boss, it's too dangerous. I'll do it."

"This is a man, not a tiger. What's there to be worried about? Heheh... Fine, you do it then."

The park was not lit well. It was only illuminated by the lights from the side of the road. The van's windows were all covered in black film. The interior was pitch-black and there was no sound coming from within.

Gongsun clambered in while Rock whistled outside.

He could not see me, but since he expected me to still be tied up, he reached over to grab me.

In a split second, I covered his mouth with one hand and with the other, grabbed his arm and twisted it backward. The crisp sound of a bone breaking rang out and Gongsun cried out in pain. I had broken his humerus and the bone stuck out of his flesh.

Instead of killing him, I tied his mouth with rope and tossed him in the corner.

Even a soldier could not be able to withstand such a serious injury, much less an ordinary accountant like Gongsun who sat in the office all day.

No matter how clever or cautious he was, it was no use in the face of actual physical strength.

I had only been knocked over and bound up because Rock's ambush had worked. I was at fault here too. I had not taken him seriously. Since I was not on a battlefield, I had treated everyone like ordinary people and did not put my guard up. Therefore, Rock was able to find an opportunity to ambush me. If I put my special forces soldier mind to it, none of them were my match!

Gongsun was unable to say anything. He could only whimper weakly.

After waiting for some time, Rock grew suspicious and shouted, "Gongsun."

There was no answer.

Alarmed, he reached for both the flashlight and the gun at his waist. He licked his lips nervously and swore, "F, what are you playing at?"

When he shined the flashlight in, he saw Gongsun tied up and unconscious on the floor of the van. One of his bones was broken and white bone was protruding out of the wound. He did not see me.

As he was about to turn around, I hooked my arm around his neck. A simple twist and he would be dead.

Rock's legs went weak and he accidentally pulled the trigger. The gun went off toward the ground.

He did not dare turn his head, but his eyes were straining to look behind him.

"A—are you really Zhang Chao?"

"Answer me if you don't want to die," I sneered at him.

"Y—you...how...you..."

I took hold of his head and made the motion as if to break his neck, and he whimpered, "Ask."

"When did Xia Genghuai start working with you? Is he a dirty cop?!"

"I—I don't know. He only contacted Zhang Mei."

"Did you think I would believe you? You're a regular at Zhang Mei's. Xia Genghuai only contacted her and not you?"

"I—it's dangerous to be a dirty cop. The fewer people know, the better."

I snarled at him, "Damn it, he's my best friend. He wouldn't betray me so easily! What did you threaten him with! I won't be satisfied until I kill you!"

"No, no, we didn't do anything. It's Commissioner Qi. He has to be the reason why Xia Genghuai turned dirty. Commissioner Qi and Zhang Mei have been defiling Tong City for years. With Commissioner Qi's background, anyone who isn't with him will never receive promotions or pay raises. How can Commissioner Qi be nice to Xia Genghuai if he's friends with you? He turned dirty himself. It has nothing to do with us."

I bit my lip and continued my interrogation. "Rock, there are no grievances between us. So why do you want to kill me?! Just because I saved Sun Qiaoqiao? Be reasonable. I saved her after she was tortured by you. My actions neither hurt nor bothered you. It had nothing to do with you, but you want me dead!"

Rock's legs shook and his voice quavered as he whimpered, "No, it's all Sun Qiaoqiao's father. He sold his daughter to Lady Of The Night, but now he's gotten greedy and wants to use her body for extortion. Now that there's a lockdown on criminal activity in Tong City, this issue might bring trouble down on us. We've been wronged. I'm just a paying customer. Sun Qiaoqiao was sold by her father, and she agreed to be sold too. If I get arrested for rape, don't you think I've been wronged? I thought you told her father to do this, so I panicked. Also, I—I was worried about what she said to you. What if she said I raped her? W—what did she tell you?"

I was so angry that I wanted to tear this bastard to pieces here and now.

I really could not understand such people. Did they think that they could use money to buy someone's life? That they could do anything as long as they had money?

He had made his part in Sun Qiaoqiao's death sound like it was normal, as if he had bought some flowers and then decided to stomp on them; as if Sun Qiaoqiao and I were the ones being unreasonable.

"Of course she told me a lot of things," I said, "She told me in detail how you raped her, and her dying words to me were to get revenge. Rock, you can't blame me. I have to try my best to do what was entrusted to me."

"No, no, Zhang Chao. We can talk about it. I—I really spent the money. I spent eighty thousand. I'm just a paying customer. This has nothing to do with me. You can blame Zhang Mei for this."

I smiled and pat his face. Then, I dragged him up and trussed him up with rope.

"What are you doing? We can discuss this. Zhang Chao, don't." He struggled frantically, twisting his body about.

I crossed my arms across my chest and leveled a look at him. "Does being rich mean you can do anything? What a coincidence, I'm rich too. I'll spend money to buy some of your flesh today."

I pulled out my Swiss army knife from my boot and tapped his quivering cheek with it. Then, with a slice, he lost some of that cheek.

Rock screamed in pain. Blood spurted and his jacket was soon covered in blood.

He gasped in pain, and I patted his other cheek. "That piece cost ten thousand. I'll buy another."

"I'll kill you!"

As the words left his mouth, I sliced another piece off wordlessly. Rock was at a loss. He could only cry and beg, "I was wrong, please let me go."

I placed the knife between his legs.

Rock panicked. "What are you doing? There are surveillance cameras here. What you're doing is illegal!"

"Oh, I remember the law now. Did you know that according to the law, you need to go to jail for what you did, no matter whether you paid? You say that you're innocent because you paid, and so you don't need to go to jail? Alright. Before she died, I promised Sun Qiaoqiao that I would avenge her. Honestly, I don't think much of your money. If you really want to compensate, your lower half will need to pay the price."

"Don't you f-ing dare! Don't, I'm begging you. Zhang Chao, y—you're a military veteran, you can't do this..."

The more he cried, the more disgusted I became.

Staring at him covered in blood, I could not help but remember how Sun Qiaoqiao looked when she lost consciousness.

I was a special forces soldier but I could not protect that girl. My comrades, who would remain fallen on the frontlines forever, and I had worked so hard on the battlefield, but we had been protecting people like Rock.