

Chapter 290 Useless Girl

I laughed loudly. "I couldn't just walk on by. I wanted to get in your business today. And how does this not have to do with me? The Zhang Chao you refer... half of his blood is from my family."

Everyone fell silent at that. I never knew that the Ji family was that prestigious.

Even someone like Zhao Zichen was intimidated by the name.

I could not tell who it was who whispered in the dark, "Why not let him go? It sounds scary. He has nothing to do with us. I don't want such trouble."

"That's right. Why ask for more trouble. Boss Rock, we still have other work to do."

Rock was thoroughly shaken. He had already wet his pants earlier when I scared him, and he could barely pull himself together. Now that others were calling for it, he gave in. "It's...it's a good point. Let him go. Brother Zhao..."

Baldie also chimed in, "Boss, the less trouble the better."

Zhao Zichen had no choice but to bark out, "Let him go."

Xia Genghuai had never had any intention of blocking me. He turned to Zhang Mei. Since he seemed to be Commissioner Qi's man, he had to listen to Zhang Mei.

By now, the emergency lights had come on. The green glow lit up her profile. I could see that her eyes were bulging and a muscle in her face was twitching.

After a long moment, Zhang Mei ground out between her teeth, "Let him go."

They opened a path, and I held Chu Xiaoxiao close and grinned at everyone while I made my way through them. My arrogant expression enraged them all.

They followed us downstairs. Just as we reached the first floor, Zhao Zichen shouted out from behind, "You say your surname is Ji. What's your full name?"

Damn. I had not come up with one, but I still had to answer Zhao Zichen.

"Ji Luan."

I quickly left with Chu Xiaoxiao after answering.

Luckily, Zhao Zichen did not seem to react to the name. It was as I thought. The Ji family had been in seclusion for so long that no one really knew them anymore.

Chu Xiaoxiao had driven here herself. I got in her car and we drove for a while before she stopped by the side of the road and stared blankly ahead.

My heart ached to see her like this, and I reached out to hold her close.

Chu Xiaoxiao reacted violently, shoving me away.

I was taken by surprise and hit the door, grimacing.

"I'm sorry. You saved me, but I already have a boyfriend," she said, eyes cast down.

Damn, I had almost forgotten. I did not look like myself and she did not recognize me.

I wanted to say something when Chu Xiaoxiao buried her face in her hands. I watched as her body started to shake, and she could no longer control her wails or her tears.

A very big stone lodged in my chest as I watched her sob.

"I want revenge. I want all of them dead!" Chu Xiaoxiao wiped at her tears and bit her lip. Then, she reached up and slapped herself twice. "Stop crying, useless girl, stop crying!"

I grabbed her hand to prevent her from hitting herself again and smiled to myself as I asked her, "Is Zhang Chao that important to you?"

Chu Xiaoxiao was crying so hard that she could not answer me. I wanted to tell her not to cry and that I was Zhang Chao, just wearing a mask.

She was saying, "This is a lie, isn't it? If he's lying to me, I'll break up with him. Doesn't he know how sad I am? I hope this is all a lie."

Damn, I could not say it. I felt lousy to have made her so unhappy.

Just then, Chu Xiaoxiao's phone rang. I let go of her without a word.

I glanced over. The call was from Chu Huai'en. Chu Xiaoxiao was exhausted and had no energy to answer the call. She took a deep breath to calm herself down, hung up the call, and tossed the phone on the dashboard.

"My father. He's very opposed to Zhang Chao and I being together. Now that Zhang Chao is dead, he must be overjoyed. Everyone in the world is so happy. I'm the only one who's sad. I'm the only one who can avenge Zhang Chao."

I was unbelievably touched, but I could see a potential problem. If I revealed myself now, Chu Huai'en would never let me be with Chu Xiaoxiao.

I would publicly reveal myself after I had dealt with Rock and Chen Yuzhou. In the meantime, I could remain by her side and protect her.

"I don't know how to comfort people. Zhang Chao was family. If you want revenge, I can help you," I said.

Chu Xiaoxiao nodded vigorously.

I had not expected her to have such a huge reaction. Perhaps because I grew up unloved, I never considered Chu Xiaoxiao's reaction.

I completely regretted my actions. I should have told her the truth from the start. She would kill me if I revealed myself to her now. I had to wait for the situation to pass before I could let this Ji Luan persona disappear.

Chu Xiaoxiao tried to stop crying but she could not. We had to swap seats and I drove.

She directed me to drive to her home. I moved to get out of the car, but she said, "Come in with me."

Chu Huai'en had heard the car. He rushed out frantically, "Xiaoxiao, why didn't you pick up the phone? I was so worried. I heard something happened. What happened? Are you alright?"

Chu Xiaoxiao scoffed. "Can you save me if something happened? The person who can save me is dead, Dad. Zhang Chao is dead. You can rest easy now."

Then, she kept walking, not looking back. I trailed behind her. Chu Huai'en was unhappy with her tone, but her eyes were swollen from crying, so he did not ask. Instead, he stood in my way.

"Who is this? How dare you bring someone home?"

Chu Xiaoxiao chuckled. "Dad, didn't you say I could bring any man back as long as it wasn't Zhang Chao? This is the man I found."

"You—you'll be the death of me?!" Chu Huai'en trembled with rage.

Chu Xiaoxiao grinned vengefully. She put her arm around my waist and clung tightly to me. She leaned her soft breasts on my arm, sending my blood coursing rapidly through my body.

Lasers almost shot out of Chu Huai'en's eyes. "You're giving up your self-respect for Zhang Chao? You!"

"Listen up, Chu Huai'en. I'm willing to give up my life, much less my self-respect. You can hit me or kill me if you want. Take your lash out."

"You're just like your mother!" Chu Huai'en shouted.

"Yes, this is what you did to my mother her whole life. My mother and I are similar. You should have known."

Chu Xiaoxiao pulled me upstairs, ignoring Chu Huai'en.

Chu Huai'en sputtered uselessly. I was following Chu Xiaoxiao up when our path was blocked by a man coming down.

I looked up and met the other man's eyes. He was examining me with great interest, and I suddenly felt guilty.

Because it was none other than Han Kun.

"Hello," Han Kun said, looking straight at me and not Chu Xiaoxiao.

I had a strange feeling that he knew who I was.