

Chapter 292 At My Wit's End

Rock and Zhang Mei were connected, but this connection was insufficient for Commissioner Qi to protect him. His actual protection came from Xu Xiang.

Even if Tsai Xiaobing brought external backup to Tong City and did not utilize the Tong City police, there was no way Xu Xiang would ignore other law enforcement coming into Tong City.

External law enforcement needed to request cooperation from the local public security bureau. Otherwise, Xu Xiang would be able to bring men to spoil our plans.

I was not sure if Commissioner Qi would intervene in our mission, but that maggot needed to be dug out and removed too.

Catching Rock was just a small part of the big picture. He was just an insignificant cog in the chain of illegal production and sale of weapons. It was important to take down the entire organization. We had to be careful about alerting the others when taking Rock down.

This meal was very boring. We were all lost in our own thoughts.

I could not be entirely sure if Han Kun recognized me. His words were pointed, but could have a different meaning.

I could not hesitate further. I needed to make a decision and I only had less than two days.

I was wondering how to approach Chen Yuzhou as Ji Luan when Chu Xiaoxiao supplied me with a reason.

After dinner, Chu Xiaoxiao ignored Chu Huai'en's fury and brought me to her room.

This was the second time I was in Chu Xiaoxiao's room. I was not as nervous as the last time, and I even felt a tad victorious at the thought of Chu Huai'en's rage.

"Have a seat, Brother Ji." Chu Xiaoxiao invited me to sit down while she dug around in her closet looking for something.

I sat down and watched her bend over and rummage in a bottom drawer. The action made her legs look exceptionally long and her waist exceptionally slim, and I felt my throat go dry.

I was staring intently when Chu Xiaoxiao turned around carrying a box. I quickly averted my gaze and pretended to examine the teacups on the coffee table.

"Brother Ji." She sat next to me, opening the box and turning it to show me what was inside. Inside were property deeds, certificated securities, and a dozen gold bars.

I scratched my head. "What do you mean by this, kiddo?"

"This is my entire net worth. I'm giving it to you. Zhang Chao is part of your family. I heard Zhao Zichen say that your family repays its debts. Please help me. Help me avenge Zhang Chao."

"Uh, I..." I was dumbfounded. How could I avenge myself?

Afraid that I would turn her down, Chu Xiaoxiao insisted, "This is all I have right now. However, Zhang Chao transferred his Lutong Advertisements shares to me. We can go to the office tomorrow and get them for you."

I sucked in a breath and looked up at Chu Xiaoxiao's determined face.

She added, blushing, "If...if you have other...desires... Just..." She clutched at the hem of her skirt.

"What kind of person do you take me for, kiddo?" I immediately refused, though her offer left me uncomfortable. Who could resist such an offer? Luckily, Ji Luan was just a persona I had fabricated.

Chu Xiaoxiao replied, "When you looked at me in the car, I thought you liked me... Zhang Chao would be so angry at me. I'm no different from Lin Fang. But I have no choice, I'm so useless. I couldn't help him then and I can't even avenge him now. I'll give you everything I have if you'll help me."

Chu Xiaoxiao looked like she was willing to sacrifice even her life. I felt bad rejecting her. Who knows who she might ask if I did not agree.

I sighed. "Tell me more. I don't even know who killed him."

She seemed to be surprised and pushed the box toward me.

I put my hand on it to stop its progress. "Let's not talk about money. Tell me about Zhang Chao's enemies and friends."

"Xia Genghuai and Zhao Zichen used to be Zhang Chao's friends, but those two bastards are now... Zhao Zichen must know who killed Zhang Chao. I think this has to do with Rock."

"We can get rid of Rock," I suggested.

Chu Xiaoxiao shook her head. "No, I want him to rot in jail! Death is not good enough for him. The news of Zhang Chao's death is too strange. I won't believe he's dead until I see his body. There's no news from the police either. I don't know what Xia Genghuai and Zhao Zichen are up to. Zhang Chao didn't tell me anything..."

I tried to comfort her by saying, "Perhaps he didn't want you to worry."

She told me earnestly, "No, I'm only dragging him down by not being able to help. I don't believe he's dead. If he is, the murderer can only be a handful of people. Chen Yuzhou is one possibility. Chen Yuzhou and Zhang Chao have a blood feud because Zhang Chao's ex-girlfriend is Lin Fang. Chen Yuzhou is very selfish and image-conscious. When Lin Kang killed his father Chen Ruhai, Chen Yuzhou placed the blame on Zhang Chao. Another possibility is one of Junran's directors, Liu Rong. He wants Junran for himself, but Zhang Chao put a stop to that. Zhang Chao was once almost killed by Liu Rong and Lin Fang. I don't know who Rock is, but from what I saw today, it's obvious that he has a bone to pick with Zhang Chao too."

I knew all this, but my current persona could not know too much about Zhang Chao. I had to let Chu Xiaoxiao explain everything to me.

Chu Xiaoxiao moved on to talking about my friends. "Of those who can be considered his friends... There's a man named Chun Tang who Zhang Chao hired to be my personal bodyguard. He won't appear unless it's something life-threatening, but I know he's nearby."

The moment she brought it up, I got annoyed. Chun Tang had not shown up even though the situation at the bar had been life-threatening.

Maybe he thought that he would not get paid now that I was dead and had run off.

"How do you know he's nearby?"

Chu Xiaoxiao showed me her phone. "See, both of us are here on the GPS. This way, he knows where I am. There he is. He's just nearby."

I glanced at Chu Xiaoxiao's WeChat and there he was.

She continued, "There's someone else that I don't really know. I saw him in the hospital. He's called Yue Mangong."

I needed to leave and contact Yue Mangong to warn him about the chaos in the martial arts world.

"There's a fellow soldier Tsai Xiaobing too," she added, "Tsai Xiaobing returned to his unit recently and I don't know when he'll be back. But he'll definitely be back. His girlfriend is here."

I nodded and said, "So you aren't sure who his enemies are..."

I was hoping to calm Chu Xiaoxiao down, but she then said, "There's no need to be sure. All of them need to die or go to jail. They're all to blame."

Chu Xiaoxiao's attitude surprised me. It was so different from her usual.

Since I needed a reason to capture Xu Xiang before the twenty-eighth, my next target should be Chen Yuzhou.

I smiled. "Let's deal with Chen Yuzhou first. It will be difficult to lock them up. You said that they have good ties with the public security bureau. There are many ways of getting back at them. Making Chen Yuzhou lose everything will be more painful to him than putting him in jail."

"Yes. But I only have Lutong shares. Taking on the Juen Group will be tough." Chu Xiaoxiao frowned. "It won't work. I can approach Li Ge. He might be able to help me."

"Don't be hasty," I told her hurriedly.

Li Ge was like a leech. It would be troublesome if he clung on to us.

Chu Xiaoxiao sighed deeply. "I'm at my wit's end right now."