

Chapter 90 No Choice

“Zhang Chao, it’s too late to regret this now. I’ll never let you off... you just made me your worst enemy, and I’ll hunt you down, forever.” Chen Yuzhou anger seethed through his clenched teeth, as he spat out every single word with anger. He threatened me many times in the past already, and not once had he been this serious about it.

He continued, “Zhang Chao, I’ll never let you off, you, and everyone around you. You’re tough, I can’t do a thing to you, but what about others? What about everyone that you ever cared for? Don’t think, even for a moment, that you can protect all of them all at once. I have time, and I have resources. As long as I live, none of you can eat, work, and sleep in peace even for a day, so long as you remain in Tong City. I didn’t want to do this at first, but you leave me no choice. You brought this upon yourself.”

He clenched his jaws so forcefully that I can hear an uncomfortable grinding sound from his teeth.

Chu Xiaoxiao looked at me, then at Chen Yuzhou, with a worried look, but she didn’t know what to do.

“It isn’t like I’m afraid of him, but... he really seemed to have gone bonkers.”

Chen Yuzhou glared at me, and Chu Xiaoxiao fidgeted and switched between looking at me and Chen Yuzhou, and I kept my eyes on Chen Yuzhou. The three of us locked our eyes in a standoff, with one of us in a hang-off.

“So I guess what you’re saying is, that the only logical solution to this problem of mine, is if you’ve somehow ceased to live. Right?”

Probably because of all the blood that rushed to his head from being hung upside down for too long, Chen Yuzhou didn’t quite catch the meaning behind what I said, and only uttered a grunt in confusion. From my pocket, I took out the Thai assassin’s gun, and held the head of the barrel against his forehead.

“Hmm... huh!? Ah... uhh...” Chen Yuzhou uttered a series of odd noises, then wriggled back and forth and side to side trying to move his head away from the gun barrel, but since he was hung from the ceiling like a pendulum, every time he moved away, he would eventually come back to the same position, knocking his forehead into the gun barrel each time. Before long, his entire forehead became reddened and bruised.

I let my hand with the gun drop to my side and turned around, and Chen Yuzhou breathed out a sigh of relief. Then I turned back again and dragged my chair closer to him until I was right in front of his face, and sat down.

“What are you doing!?” He asked, alarmed.

I said nothing, but rested my gun arm on my chair’s armrest, and moved the gun barrel back between his eyes.

And then he repeated his idiocy once more, until the skin on his forehead became grazed and drew blood and he became too tired to wriggle around anymore.

Seeing his cowardice, Chu Xiaoxiao instead became angry at him. She took off her heel without the stiletto, and patted his face with the bottom of its sole, “Not so tough anymore? Didn’t you just said that you’d kill us even if it’d cost your life!? Where did that tough man from five minutes ago go? Gone wuss on us already?”

If it had been Lin Fang, she would never dare to do something like this, but Chu Xiaoxiao was different. For as long as I’ve known her, Chu Xiaoxiao had always been the big sister figure who always stood up for all the girls around her. Thinking back, she might have wanted to do this since a long time ago.

Anger flared behind Chen Yuzhou’s eyes, but he swallowed it in fear. But on the other hand, his pride wouldn’t allow him to simply beg for mercy before me. Instead, he only grunted and made meaningless noises.

I said, “You just keep making noises. Just so you know, I gave the security guards in this building a small tip for their help during the day, and by now, just about all of them should be out there enjoying themselves over some nice booze and food. You see, thanks to that little stunt with the trash pile you pulled, this entire building reeked of rotten fish, and I made sure that I did an extra sloppy job on this floor cleaning it up, so there won’t be anyone working overtime on this floor tonight, or this entire building in fact.”

“How could you do that!?”

“Well it really isn’t my fault, not really. You’re the one who threatened those poor little security guards to not interfere with you, one of them even told me that you said that you’re going to come back tonight, so I simply suggested that they should probably just take the night off and just kick back and relax. It seemed that they liked my suggestion.”

“You sly... yes! There’s still surveillance system!”

I laughed slightly and turned my head back towards the camera that was installed in this room, and gave it a little wave playfully, “In case you’ve forgotten, didn’t you personally threaten the security guards to turn off the surveillance system, out of fear that whatever you were going to do here would be exposed to the media?”

His body stiffened, looks like he finally remembered, but it was too late already.

“No... you won’t dare... this is against the law...”

“Oh my dear honored Mr. Chen junior, how nice of you to remember that there we actually had laws around this place. I thought you’ve just assumed that you yourself are the one and only law in Tong City. Well, unfortunately, as much as I wanted to break the law, but I just couldn’t, because I didn’t kill you.”

“What... what do you mean?”

I smiled, and showed him the gun, “See anything familiar? Surely you don’t need me to remind you where this gun came from right? This gun belonged to that Thai assassin you so thoughtfully hired. So you see, the gun that fired the shot isn’t mine, and I wasn’t the one who killed you.”

“You...!”

I patted his face with the cold metallic gun barrel, and put my smile away, “Ever since we were in class together, you never did once tried to learn anything in school. Today, let me teach you a simple fact of life. Karma is a bitch. You did have your options, once, but again and again you drove your options away, and in the end, you left yourself with no choice.”

Chen Yuzhou was almost at the point of tears by now, “Zhang Chao, we... we were once classmates... I... I can forgive all the things that you’ve done to me...”

“Oh, how generous of you. Then as a token of my gratitude, I can let you choose between how you want to die tonight. Would you rather die of a shooting incident involving a certain Thai assassin? Or would you rather die in a fire that you started yourself? Though you turned off the surveillance system inside the building, but the cameras in the elevators are connected to another isolated network and can’t be turned off, and it must have caught you coming up to this floor with all those petrol that you brought with you. I can just see the headline on tomorrow’s paper, ‘Young Mr. Chen Junior Perished In His Own Blazing Glory’, what do you think?”

Chen Yuzhou yelped a strange noise, then stopped moving all of a sudden. After a while, a faint wet smell came out his crotch area. It looked like had fainted on the spot.

“He’s gone out cold. Zhang Chao. Strip his clothes off, let’s take a few naked photos of him before we let him go, just to discourage him from bothering us again.”

Chu Xiaoxiao took out her phone and took a few photos of the now fainted Chen Yuzhou, then came around to show me the photos to see if she had a possible future in being a photographer.

“And you’re just going to let him off like that?” I asked her.

“Then, throw in another naked video of him?”

And then, I saw a little twitching movement on Chen Yuzhou’s face, and I knew that he had come to. I poked his stomach with the gun barrel and, “Alright, you can stop pretending already, I know you haven’t really fainted.”

Chen Yuzhou didn’t move. He looked as if he had stopped breathing completely too.