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Chapter 1211: Threatening Letter

Noon.

State Security Bureau.

The windows were opened as Xu Yan's office was warm. It was because of the afternoon sun and Zhang Longjuan's call.

"What happened to Sister Zhang?" Dong Xuebing asked.

Xu Yan tried calling Zhong Longjuan again. "She switched off her phone."

Dong Xuebing was anxious. "What happened, Sister Xu?"

Dong Xuebing was grateful to Zhang Longjuan for helping him rescue Professor Zhong.

Xu Yan replied. "She is in Hongkong now."

Dong Xuebing asked. "Why did she go to Hong Kong?"

Xu Yan explained quickly. "It seemed that State Security had given her a mission."

Dong Xuebing said. "Sister Zhang's duty is to fund the State Security's overseas operation. Why is she given a mission this time?"

Xu Yan thought for a while and said. "I think it is related to her business. I heard her company is having some cash flow issues. She had separated her business from her family, and they fell out. So, she got to shoulder this responsibility. I don't know the details, but she did mention it would be difficult to solve this issue. She is in Hong Kong because she works for State Security to settle her company's cash flow problems."

"How is she going to settle it?"

"Old Zhang did not say."

"I still have tens of millions of RMB if she needs it." Dong Xuebing said. "You know I won the lottery, and my money is kept in the bank."

Xu Yan shook her head. "Tens of million RMB is too little to help her company."

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "She needs so much money?"

Xu Yan nodded. "Tens of million RMB is not enough."

"Then I cannot help." Although Dong Xuebing knew Zhang Longjuan was wealthier than him, he did not expect her company to be so big.

She needs a billion RMB or more.

Dong Xuebing does not have so much money.

"You don't need to do anything." Xu Yan sighed. "Old Zhang will not accept your money too. She might be wild, but she has a high ego."

Dong Xuebing asked. "Her business... it does not mean she is in trouble."

Xu Yan tapped her desk with her fingers. "Old Zhang said she received a threatening letter and noticed someone was following her. She is staying at a hotel in Hong Kong, and the letter was sent to her room. This person knows her movement, and the letter demanded her to transfer a few million HKD to a bank account, or she cannot leave safely."

Dong Xuebing frowned. "This is ridiculous."

Xu Yan replied. "That is not the mainland, and they are lawless."

Dong Xuebing asked. "Did Sister Zhang offend anyone, like her competitor?"

"Her business is in the US and has no business here. She will not offend anyone in Hong Kong. Her business competitors will also not do such things."

"Then you mean..."

"Old Zhang loves gambling."

"Gambling?"

"Yes. She goes to legal casinos in Macao. Her family became successful through gambling, and Old Zhang is good at it. I don't know how much she won, but it should not be small." Xu Yan closed her eyes. "I thought about it for a while, and the person threatening her should be from the casino. Maybe he is someone who lost to Old Zhang. From how the letter is sent, these people are lawless and should have strong backing there. This is what I am worried about. Old Zhang's influence is in the US, and she does not have friends in Hong Kong."

"Report to the police?"

"The police would not do anything as those people might have connections with the Police."

"We still have State Security's staff. Sister Zhang is helping them, and they should protect her."

"I hope so."

"What do you mean?"

"Old Zhang's mission is given to her directly by the higher-ups. She told me that not many people know about this mission as it is a big case. Many people are involved. Other than a few higher-ups, most people do not know about it. I don't think there will be people protecting her."

"Are you sure?"

"I have known Old Zhang for decades. I can tell from her tone that it is a secret operation."

"Then Sister Zhang is in danger."

"That's why I asked her to come back immediately. However, she off her phone. Her temperament is similar to yours. Nothing can change her mind." Xu Yan said. "The only good news is those people who threatened Old Zhang are not the ones targeted by the State Security."

Xu Yan tried to call Zhang Longjuan again.

"Sorry, the number you just called is unavailable."

Xu Yan put her phone down and walked to her PC. She entered a Hong Kong hotel name.

Dong Xuebing followed behind and remembered the hotel's name.

Xu Yan checked the hotel and made a few calls.

5 minutes...

Ten minutes...

Half an hour...

Xu Yan could not find out anything. She did not even know Zhang Longjuan's room number. The hotel staff refused to tell her their guests' particulars. She could not call her room directly and must wait for her to return the call."

"This Old Zhang..." Xu Yan was getting frustrated.

Dong Xuebing consoled her. "Don't be anxious. Sister Zhang should be fine."

Xu Yan sighed. "I am afraid something might happen to her." She paused and said. "I got to make a few more calls. Xiao Bing, I will not have lunch with you today. Go back first."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Ok. Let me know if you got Sister Zhang's news."

Xu Yan nodded, and Dong Xuebing left.

One hour...

Three hours...

3 pm. Dong Xuebing sat at a teahouse.

Dong Xuebing had been waiting for Xu Yan's call but did not receive any.

Threatening letter?

Dong Xuebing got anxious when he thought about that threatening letter. Sister Zhang might be in danger, and he could not sit still. She had fetched him from the airport, made supper, and cared for him. When the US military discovered them, she asked him to escape first. Sister Zhang might be crazy at times, but she is loyal to her friends.

Dong Xuebing waited for a while more before calling Xu Yan.

"Sister Xu, did you receive any news about Sister Zhang?"

"She did not contact me. You should stay out of this, and she should be fine."

"Yes. Oh, I am going back to Beijing for treatment."

"Go on. Your injuries are quite severe, and should be resting more. Ah, you can keep in touch with Xiao Tan. She is doing well and was promoted to director recently."

"Xiao Tan? Tan Limei?"

"Yes. You two were close."

"Sure. I will call her when I am back."

Dong Xuebing called Xie Huilan, Qu Yunxuan, Luan Xiaoping, and the rest after hanging up.

"Huilan, I am returning to Beijing."

"Are you going back today? What's the rush?"

"My wounds felt uncomfortable, and I want to be checked at the hospital."

"I will help you contact the hospital."

"No need. I know people there too. I can call them."

"All right. Haha.... you are so busy. You just returned for one day, and you are leaving again."

"I want to get well soon. I should be back within ten days."

"Mum, I am going to a Beijing hospital for treatment."

"Didn't you have seen the doctor?"

"I want to be safe and check again."

"I will accompany you. I don't have anything to do at home."

"You need to care for the child. Don't worry. I will be fine. Furthermore, Huilan's parents and relatives are there."

"Ok. Go ahead."

"Aunt Xuan, I am Xiao Bing."

"I just got home. Why did you go out again?"

"I am going back to Beijing for treatment and to check my wounds."

Dong Xuebing walked out of the teahouse after hanging up. He got into a taxi and said. "Please send me to the long-distance bus station."

Inside the taxi.

Dong Xuebing made his final call.

Ring... ring.... ring... a woman answered.

“Haha, Xuebing.”

“Tan Zi. I heard you were promoted recently.”

“Hehe... it is luck.”

“Congratulations. Err... I need a favor from you.”

“What is it? I will help if it is within my means.”

“I need to go to Hong Kong urgently. Can you help me get the air ticket and permit immediately?”

“Oh, no problem. I will do it immediately.”

“Thank you. Don’t tell anyone, especially Chief Xu.”

Chapter 1212: Go!

Night.

Beijing Airport.

It is after 8 pm, and the sky is dark.

Dong Xuebing arrived at the airport late. He looked at the taxi’s meter and gave the driver a 100 RMB note. “Keep the change.” He got out of the taxi and looked around.

“Xuebing.” A woman called.

“Xuebing.” Another man called him.

Dong Xuebing turned and smiled. “Tan Zhi, Zhuang Zhi.”

These two are Sun Zhuang and Tan Limei. They were Dong Xuebing’s colleagues at the Beijing State Security West branch. They were close, and he was happy to see them again.

“Have you waited long?”

“No. We just reached.”

“I told you all not to come. I can go to you all.”

“Haha... you are a leader now. How can I make you come to us?”

“Are you teasing me? I heard both of you are doing well. Congratulations.”

“Don’t say that. I was recently promoted to Deputy Section Chief, and it is nothing compared to you. I heard you are an Executive County Deputy Mayor and a Party Committee member. You are a Deputy Division Chief. You moved up too fast.”

Tan Limei is as cheerful as before. Nothing had changed.

Sun Zhuang is shy and does not talk much.

But Dong Xuebing can feel their changes. They matured a lot compared to the past.

Dong Xuebing patted Sun Zhuang's shoulder. "You had gained weight. Haha... I heard you two got married. Why didn't you inform me?"

Sun Zhuang laughed. "We have not held our wedding ceremony."

Tan Limei said. "We registered our marriage. I will not hold the wedding ceremony if he cannot meet my requirements. We will get a divorce immediately."

Sun Zhuang smiled.

Dong Xuebing is amused.

A few years ago, Tan Limei and Sun Zhuang were cautious around Dong Xuebing after his promotion. It made him feel uncomfortable. After Tan Limei got promoted, she became more confident and could act naturally in front of him. They joked and chatted. They were friends, and friends should not feel restrained.

They had not met for a long time and started chatting.

They chatted about their time when they joined the government service. They were green and made lots of mistakes.

The three of them were staff members a few years ago.

Now, they are leaders. Sun Zhuang is a Deputy Chief too.

Ten minutes later.

Sun Zhuang tapped Tan Limei. "It's 9 pm."

Tan Limei slapped her forehead. "Ah, I forgot about the time. Here, Xuebing. Everything is ready."

Dong Xuebing took it and said. "Thank you. I will not trouble you if this is not an emergency."

Tan Limei retorted. "You are not treating us as your brothers if you say that."

Dong Xuebing laughed. "Of course. Call me if you need any help."

Tan Limei laughed. "Sure."

Sun Zhuang looked at Dong Xuebing. "You are going to Hong Kong for..."

Dong Xuebing smiled. "You can say it is for work."

"But you..." Sun Zhuang looked at Dong Xuebing's injured arms and legs.

Dong Xuebing replied. "These injuries are minor. It's fine."

Tan Limei looked at the time. "Let's stop chatting. Xuebing, you should get past the security checks now. The flight is at 9.40 pm. If you miss this flight, you got to wait until tomorrow."

"Ok. This is for the tickets." Dong Xuebing took out the money and gave it to Tan Limei.

Tan Limei gave Dong Xuebing a stare. "Take it back... take it back. What are you doing?"

Sun Zhuang explained. "Tan Zhi has some influence at the bureau, and she did not need to spend money on the tickets. She called the Sixth division, and they arranged everything. You should know our department worked closely with the airport. But this is last minute, and we can only get you an economy class seat."

Tan Limei said. "You got to hurry, Xuebing."

"Haha... Let's catch up when I am back."

"Sure. Good luck."

"Oh, don't tell anyone about me leaving the country."

"Don't worry. Our lips are tight."

Dong Xuebing waved goodbye to his friends and went to clear the security.

On board the plane.

Dong Xuebing was the last passenger to board. He almost missed his flight because of the delays at the security checks. Luckily, he managed to get on the plane in time. He found his seat and fastened the seatbelt. He looked out of the windows and called Zhang Longjuan.

The phone was switched off.

Dong Xuebing shook his head and closed his eyes.

One hour...

Two hours...

Three hours...

Dong Xuebing woke up when he heard the announcement. The plane was landing on the runway.

Finally.

Dong Xuebing looked at the time. It is 1 am.

Dong Xuebing got off the plane with the other passengers. This was his first time coming to Hong Kong. He looked at the unfamiliar city and took out a piece of paper. He stopped a passerby. "Sorry, how do I get to this hotel?"

That man was also a tourist. He looked at the address and said. "Oh, you can walk along this road. It is a few hundred meters from the airport. You can reach there within five minutes."

"Thank you."

"Don't mention it."

Dong Xuebing took a deep breath and limped in that direction.

Dong Xuebing lied to Xie Huilan, his mother, and the rest that he was returning to Beijing for treatment. He does not want them worried, but Sister Zhang might be in trouble. He cannot pretend not to know or sit around and watch. He must protect her as she had treated him well.

I hope nothing will happen.

Huilan, his mother, Aunt Xuan, and the rest would know if he caused any trouble.

Chapter 1213: Xiao Dong, Don't attack them!

Night.

1 am.

Hong Kong's land is limited, and the buildings are close to each other. Neon signs hung outside the second floor. It made the streets bustling with life. It is very different from Beijing. Dong Xuebing can still see people walking around now.

Dong Xuebing walked for a few minutes and saw a hotel.

This hotel looks more majestic than the other small hotels along the street. It is more than ten stories.

The hotel's signature is in English and Mandarin. 'Yong He Hotel.'

Dong Xuebing looked at the hotel and put on his sunglasses before entering.

The lobby is almost empty at this time. A few customers are chatting in the waiting area, and staff are moving items.

Front desk.

Dong Xuebing walked over. "Hi."

The staff smiled. "Hi, are you looking for a room?"

Dong Xuebing looked at her. "Yes. Someone had booked a room for me. Zhang Longjuan. She is my cousin. Can you check which room she is staying in?"

The staff replied. "I'm sorry. I cannot reveal our guests' details."

Dong Xuebing frowned. "How can I find her? Her phone is switched off."

The staff hesitated and looked at her monitor screen. "Please wait." She keyed in something and said to Dong Xuebing. "I can help you call the guest. Is it fine with you?"

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Sure. Thank you."

The staff picked up the phone and dialed a few numbers. Ring... ring... ring... The phone rang for a while, and she hung up.

"Is anyone answering?"

"Maybe she is sleeping."

"What should I do? I cannot be waiting here the whole night."

"Sorry. We cannot do anything to help. I will help you call the guest again later at night."

Dong Xuebing does not want to waste time. He leaned forward and grabbed the staff's monitor. He turned it and looked at the guest's records. Zhang Longjuan, her identification number, and her room number, 2206. It states it is a presidential suite on the twelve floors. It is on the top floor.

“What are you doing?”

“Help! Security! Help!”

Two security guards and a few staff ran over and surrounded Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing ignored them. He found the room number and mumbled ‘BACK ten seconds’ under his breath.

Time returned to ten seconds ago.

The surrounding changed.

The female staff hung up the phone. “Sorry. We cannot do anything to help. I will help you call the guest again later at night.”

Dong Xuebing smiled. “It’s fine.”

The staff was surprised. “Huh?”

“I remembered her room number. Thank you.” Dong Xuebing turned and walked towards the elevator.

Dong Xuebing entered the elevator and used MENU to check his remaining time. He had used up all his time when he came back from the US. But he had accumulated a few minutes after a few days.

Fifth story...

Tenth story...

Twelfth story...

Ding... the elevator stopped, and the doors opened.

Dong Xuebing stepped out and walked on the red carpet down the corridor. This floor looks grand, and all the rooms here should be presidential suites. Most people cannot afford to stay here.

2206...

2206...

Found it.

Dong Xuebing looked at a room at the end of the corridor.

Ding dong... Dong Xuebing pressed the doorbell. He knew Zhang Longjuan would not want him to come or implicate him in her affairs. She will not tell him everything if he goes in like this. He decided to understand the situation first. He looked at the CCTV cameras, and he was in a blind spot.

Inside the presidential suite.

Zhang Longjuan sat under a crystal chandelier in the living room. She crossed her legs and looked at two women opposite her. They were in their late twenties, and they looked alike. They had the same hairstyle, hair clip, blouse, skirt, and shoes. They were twins.

The three of them were chatting when the doorbell rang.

The younger of the twins, Shen Xiaomei, pulled up her skirt and stood up. She had drawn her gun and was ready to shoot.

The elder sister, Shen Xiaoyan, rushed beside Zhang Longjuan.

“Are you expecting any visitors, Ms. Zhang?”

“No. I don’t know who is outside.”

“Room service will not come at this time.”

“You two are too nervous. Haha... I will open the door.”

“Stay here, Ms. Zhang. Sis, you will open the door. Be careful.”

The younger sister, Shen Xiaomei, nodded and looked through the peephole. She did not see anyone and opened the door cautiously.

No one is outside.

The corridor is empty.

Shen Xiaomei closed the door and said. “No one is outside.”

Zhang Longjuan laughed. “I think someone had pressed the wrong doorbell.”

The Elder sister said. “We must be careful. Did you forget about the threatening letter?”

Zhang Longjuan swirled the wine and finished the glass. She smiled. “I had faced all sorts of troubles over the years. Do you think I am scared because of a threatening letter? Haha... furthermore, both of you are protecting me. Relax.”

Shen Xiaoyan replied sternly. “Your businesswoman identity is critical for this mission. We need this identity to complete this mission, so the higher-ups sent us to assist you. We will ensure your safety.”

Shen Xiaomei suddenly asked. “Sis, should we ask the higher-ups to send more people?”

Shen Xiaoyan shook her head. “Only the three of us are involved in this top-secret mission. It is a mission given to us directly from the higher-ups. We cannot let too many people know.”

Shen Xiaoyan replied. “But what if Ms. Zhang...”

Shen Xiaomei interrupted. “There is no ‘what if.’ You must ensure Ms. Zhang’s safety if anything happens.”

Zhang Longjuan lit a cigarette. “You two are too uptight. Stop being so negative.”

“We must ensure your safety.”

“Haha... it’s late. Should we go to bed?”

“Sis, you will stay in the room with Ms. Zhang, and I will watch outside.”

“Ok. Have a good rest, Ms. Zhang.”

Zhang Longjuan smiled and said. "I am not used to sleeping with women. Haha... although you two are pretty, I am not into this."

Shen Xiaomei blushed.

Shen Xiaoyan said. "Please watch your words, Ms. Zhang."

Zhang Longjuan continued. "You two cannot take jokes. All right... all right... You win." She stood up and yawned. She took a big puff and snubbed her cigarette. "I am taking a shower. It is after 1 am now, and I am sleepy. Do you all want to wash up?"

"No need."

"No need."

Both sisters replied at the same time.

Zhang Longjuan laughed and was about to walk to the bathroom.

The bathroom door opened suddenly before she could take a step.

Zhang Longjuan and the twins were shocked.

A young man in big sunglasses walked out and waved to them. "Sorry to bother you all."

Who is he?

When did he come in?"

How come we did not notice him?

The sisters exchanged looks. The elder sister, Shen Xiaoyan, pulled her handgun under her skirt and pointed at Dong Xuebing. The younger sister, Shen Xiaomei, also took out her gun and ran to the other side to surround this man.

The young man took off his sunglasses and kept it in his pocket.

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "Xiao Dong."

Dong Xuebing used STOP after Shen Xiaomei opened the door and hid in the bathroom. He overheard their conversation and could roughly guess the situation.

Dong Xuebing looked at the two guns pointing at him. "Do you all need to do this?"

Shen Xiaomei asked. "When did you come in? Did you hear anything?"

Shen Xiaoyan said. "He should hear everything."

Click! Shen Xiaomei clicked her gun.

Dong Xuebing's expression changed, and looked at them.

Zhang Longjuan quickly stopped Dong Xuebing. "Xiao Dong, they are from the State Security. Don't attack them."

Don't attack us?

Why are you telling him?

The sisters were stunned.

They were holding guns and could kill this man anytime. But Ms. Zhang did not stop them. Instead, she asked that man not to attack them.

Chapter 1214: Xiao Dong became a burden!

Inside the presential suite.

It is tense inside the suite.

Zhang Longjuan shrugged his shoulders. "They are pointing their guns at me. How can I do anything to them? I am scared to death now."

Shen Xiaomei shouted. "Who are you?"

Shen Xiaoyan tightens her grip on her gun. "How much have you heard?"

Dong Xuebing replied calmly. "I don't know. But I think I have heard something I am not supposed to."

"Stop talking nonsense, you brat." Zhang Longjuan laughed and looked at the sisters. "Put down your guns. He is my friend."

The twins ignored her and continued pointing their guns at Dong Xuebing. "We cannot let him off even if he is your friend. This is a top-secret mission, and we cannot afford any leaks. If we cannot complete the mission, it will have severe consequences. Our lives will be in danger."

"Xiao Dong will not leak." Zhang Longjuan replied.

"No. We cannot take this risk." Shen Xiaomei shook her head.

Zhang Longjuan narrowed her eyes and said slowly. "Put down your guns."

The sisters saw that Zhang Longjuan was angry and lowered their guns slowly. But they did not keep their guns.

Zhang Longjuan's tone softened. "Keep your guns."

Shen Xiaomei and Shen Xiaoyan hesitated. "Ms. Zhang."

Dong Xuebing said. "Never mind. It is fine. I should not appear like this. Sorry."

Zhang Longjuan was doing this for the sisters. She saw Dong Xuebing's combat skills and heard what happened at the research center. She thought he had died inside, and the State Security refused to tell her anything. However, Xu Yan told her Dong Xuebing had returned to China.

He was alone at that time and had killed a lot of people.

Dong Xuebing could enter and leave the research center without any backup.

Zhang Longjuan knew Dong Xuebing's combat skills were way higher than most. That's why she stopped Dong Xuebing first earlier. The sisters were famous within the State Security and were good fighters. But she knew they were not Dong Xuebing's match. She does not want him to injure the ones protecting her.

Dong Xuebing walked over. "Sister Zhang."

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "You are making me sound old."

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat. "I roughly know what is happening, Sis Zhang."

Zhang Longjuan looked at Dong Xuebing. "It must be Old Xu who told you. Did she send you?"

"No. I came without informing Sister Xu. I worried for you and came to take a look."

Dong Xuebing replied.

"Thank you. But you need to work. You should go back. This has nothing to do with you. Why did Old Xu tell you about me? You must be busy in your County."

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. "I am not busy now. My leader gave me two months of medical leave."

Zhang Longjuan noticed Dong Xuebing was not standing properly, and his arm was cast. "What happened? Are you injured from that time?"

"It's not from that time."

"Who injured you?"

"Err... it is an accident at work. I accidentally fell off a building."

"I did not expect you to come. When did you start hiding in the bathroom?" Zhang Longjuan asked. "How come I did not notice anything?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "I entered just like that."

Zhang Longjuan continued asking. "How did you find me? I did not tell Old Xu which room I was staying in. She only knows the hotel."

"It is easy to get the room number if you know which hotel."

Zhang Longjuan thought for a while. This guy can go in and out of a research center guarded by the military. This small hotel cannot stop him.

They chatted for a while.

Dong Xuebing said. "Sis Zhang, I came to bring you back. Are we going back now or tomorrow?"

Zhang Longjuan laughed and lit a cigarette. She took a puff and gave it to Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing blushed and took the cigarette. The cigarette butt was wet from her saliva.

Zhang Longjuan said slowly. "I might not be able to leave. Old Xu had said the same thing, but I have lots to do in Hong Kong."

"The State Security's mission?"

"Yes. That is one of the reasons."

"About your company's cash flow issue?"

"Haha... Why did Old Xu tell you everything?" Zhang Longjuan paused and continued.

"I need to work with the State Security and cannot leave."

Dong Xuebing asked. "But what about your safety?"

Zhang Longjuan interrupted Dong Xuebing. "I have people protecting me. Let me introduce them. They are..."

"Ms. Zhang!" Shen Xiaoyan stopped her.

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "Ah, I forgot you are not from the State Security. Anyway, they can protect me. Don't worry, and thank you for coming to see me. I did not expect my Xiao Dong to be so concerned."

Huh?

When did I become your Xiao Dong?

Dong Xuebing replied. "Sister Xu is worried about your safety. Listen to me and go back first."

Zhang Longjuan shook her head.

Dong Xuebing sighed. "Fine. Since you are not going, I shall stay with you."

Zhang Longjuan laughed and looked at Dong Xuebing. "Why are you staying here? This has nothing to do with you."

"Your business is my business." Dong Xuebing said. "I might not be able to do other things well, but I can be a good bodyguard."

The twins looked terrible.

Dong Xuebing turned to the twins. "Sorry. It's not that I don't trust you all. I am worried for Sis Zhang's safety."

Zhang Longjuan said. "Go back."

"I will go if you are going with me." Dong Xuebing is stubborn.

Zhang Longjuan looked at the twin sisters and said to Dong Xuebing. "I will get a room for you tonight, and we will talk tomorrow."

Dong Xuebing knew Zhang Longjuan needed to discuss with the twins, and he nodded. "Ok."

Zhang Longjuan called the front desk and booked a room on the same floor. She told Dong Xuebing the room number, and he limped out. He was injured badly and looks pathetic with the bandages and cast. The sisters were speechless when they saw his condition. You should be in a hospital and not come to Hong Kong to be a bodyguard. How will you protect others when you cannot care for yourself?

The door closed.

The three women remained in the room.

Zhang Longjuan looked at the twins and smiled. "I remembered the higher-ups told me I have the final say in this mission."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "What are you trying to say?"

Zhang Longjuan said. "Xiao Dong is my friend. Let him follow us."

"No! Absolutely not!" Shen Xiaoyan interrupted. "He overheard a lot. If he..."

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "Xiao Dong is trustworthy, and I guarantee it. You don't need to ask for backup with him around."

"What do you mean?" Shen Xiaomei asked.

"Are you saying he is a good fighter?" Shen Xiaoyan frowned. "Even if he is good at fighting, can he be better than guns? The person who sent the threatening letter should be from a gang. They can easily get guns. Even if he is a free-style fighting champion, he cannot do anything in front of someone with a gun. Moreover, he could not even walk properly. His arm is broken, and his waist has injuries. I think he also broke his ribs. He could not even walk fast. Why are you letting him stay as your bodyguard? He will burden us, and we must also protect him."

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "He does not need you all to protect him."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "The higher-ups let you be in charge because of your experiences and identity as a businesswoman. But we want you to consider and don't put us at risk."

"We are not on the mission yet. It will start two to three days later. I am settling my matters, and Xiao Dong can follow me. He also did not hear anything about our mission from the bathroom earlier."

"But he..."

"Enough. Haha... it's settled."

"Ms. Zhang, something bad will happen if you decide like this." Shen Xiaomei said.

Shen Xiaoyan looked at Zhang Longjuan. "We will protect you. We can escort you out safely if anything happens, but we are limited. We cannot protect two people at once. We cannot guarantee his safety if you insist on letting Xiao Dong stay."

"Ok."

"You... sigh..."

The sisters felt helpless. They had gotten a burden suddenly, and it felt uncomfortable.

Zhang Longjuan stretched and yawned. "Let's go to bed. Haha... stop looking at me like this. My friend might be injured, and even if he had broken his legs, he would not be a burden to you all."

Chapter 1215– The Twin sisters' Attitude!

Next day.

Morning.

Dong Xuebing sat on his bed and yawned. He looked at the beautiful scenery outside of the window.

Time to get up.

Wash up.

Dong Xuebing entered the bathroom to wash up. His hair was messy, and he wrapped his wounds with plastic wraps before showering. He was not anxious after meeting Zhang Longjuan. He will protect her by staying with her. He wondered what her mission was and how long they would stay there. Sigh... he cannot leave her because of that letter.

After shower.

Dong Xuebing walked out of the bathroom and called Luan Xiaoping, Xie Huilan, Qu Yunxuan, Xu Yan, etc.

“Are you in Beijing?”

“Yes. I am at the hospital.”

“How is your checkup?”

“I am fine. The doctor says I am recovering well.”

“Great. Which hospital are you warded?”

“Huh? I am not warded. I went for a checkup and returned home. I am staying at my mother’s former apartment and will meet my friends in Beijing these few days.”

“Ok. Take care of yourself.”

“I will. You don’t need to visit me. I will be fine.”

Dong Xuebing lied in all his calls.

Dong Xuebing called Zhen Shui County’s Yao Cui and asked if everything was fine. He checked the time, and it was time for breakfast.

7 am.

Dong Xuebing got dressed, and the room’s phone rang.

Zhang Longjuan asked. “Are you awake, my handsome boy?”

Dong Xuebing was speechless. “Don’t call me that. I finished washing up.”

Zhang Longjuan laughed. “Come to my room. I ordered breakfast.”

Presidential Suite beside Dong Xuebing’s hotel room.

Dong Xuebing pressed the doorbell, and one of the twin sisters opened the door. He could not tell if she was the older sister or the younger sister. He smiled and nodded to her, but she ignored him. She let him enter the room and closed the door. The other twin sister stared at him and did not say anything.

“Sis Zhang.” Dong Xuebing said.

The bedroom door opened, and Zhang Longjuan walked out in a red satin camisole. “My handsome boy is here.”

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat. “Have you taken your breakfast?”

Zhang Longjuan waved to him. “I am waiting for you. Come.”

Dong Xuebing sat at the dining table and looked at the food. "I am hungry and will start eating, Sis Zhang." He said and started eating. He rushed to Hong Kong and did not eat dinner last night. Another reason why he wanted to take breakfast was Zhang Longjuan's dressing. She was dressed too sexy, and he dared not look at her.

"Is it nice?"

"Yes. It is delicious."

"Eat more. Here."

"Stop putting food on my plate. You should eat too. I can do it myself."

"Haha... Sure. Xiao Yan, Xiao Mei, let's eat together."

Zhang Longjuan's breasts swayed to her movements and distracted Dong Xuebing. He thought to himself. You are in your forties. Why are you still dressed like this? Stop crossing your legs. I can almost see everything. You are making me uneasy. How will I protect you if I cannot take my eyes off you?

Xu Yan is inclusive and generous...

Xie Huilan is graceful...

Qu Yunxuan is gentle and caring...

Geng Yuehua has a cold attitude and a warm heart...

Yu Meixia is soft and submissive...

Zhang Longjuan is mature and sexy. She is a vixen despite her age.

The four of them sat at the table and had breakfast together.

However, Zhang Longjuan treated Dong Xuebing differently from the twin sisters. She ate little and put a lot of food onto Dong Xuebing's plate.

Dong Xuebing was blushing. He knows Sis Zhang cares for him well, but two pairs of eyes are looking at him.

Zhang Longjuan ignored the twins and continued to take care of Dong Xuebing.

"Eat more."

"I will do it myself, Sis Zhang."

"Haha... You came here to protect me, and I am touched. No men have ever cared about me like this. I must take care of you too. Here, eat more, and you can recover faster.

The younger twin, Shen Xiaomei, could not stand it. She cleared her throat loudly.

The older twin, Shen Xiaoyan, said to Dong Xuebing. "You should be younger than us by a few years. We will address you as Xiao Dong. We discussed this last night, and you can follow us for the next two days. But you are not allowed to expose our identities."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Don't worry."

Shen Xiaomei interrupted. "My sister and I will protect Ms. Zhang first and might not take care of you if anything happens."

Dong Xuebing smiled. "That's for sure."

Shen Xiaomei continued. "You must not cause any trouble for us too."

"I won't." Dong Xuebing replied and smiled. "I will not be a burden to you all."

Shen Xiaomei was still mad. "Make sure you do that."

Shen Xiaoyan touched her sister lightly. "All right. Let's eat."

The twins are unhappy with Dong Xuebing joining them, but the older sister is more accepting than her younger sister.

Dong Xuebing continued to eat and did not explain anything.

Dong Xuebing is severely injured and insists on becoming Zhang Longjuan's bodyguard. This adds difficulty to the twins' mission.

Only Zhang Longjuan knows Dong Xuebing's skills.

But Zhang Longjuan did not explain, and Dong Xuebing said nothing. He will not do anything if nothing happens these few days.

Chapter 1216: Trouble came!

After breakfast.

The Presidential Suite was quiet.

Five seconds...

Ten seconds...

No one said a word.

Dong Xuebing does not talk because he does not know the twin sisters, and they dislike him. The sisters are wary of outsiders like Dong Xuebing and do not want to let him know more. Zhang Longjuan was drinking wine and smoking on the couch.

Suddenly, the silence was broken by the room's phone ringing.

Ring... ring... ring...

Shen Xiaomei looked at the phone and answered it. Her face immediately changed.

Shen Xiaoyan knew what happened and made a hand gesture.

Shen Xiaomei nodded and turned on the phone speakers.

Zhang Longjuan narrowed her eyes and looked at them with Dong Xuebing.

A man said with a hoarse voice. "Ms. Zhang, the time is almost up. You have received our letter and should prepare the money. Although the money is not for us, it is the same. Don't ask how we know about you. We have been watching your every movement since you came. We know where you

have been and which hotel you are staying in. We accept HKD and USD. Place the money at the place we tell you. Wait for our call. We want two million USD.”

Zhang Longjuan laughed. “How do you know me?”

That man laughed. “You don’t need to know.”

Zhang Longjuan said. “You all are interesting. It’s fine if you all got something to blackmail me. But why are you demanding money from me without anything? Why should I give you?”

That man laughed. “I don’t need any reason to demand money from you. You are buying your life with money, and you can refuse if you think your life is not worth it.”

Zhang Longjuan said. “Are you going to kill me?”

“Maybe not.”

“Haha... I think so too.”

“But we can destroy your reputation easily. Haha... I heard you are beautiful and sexy for someone in the forties.”

Zhang Longjuan laughed. “Thank you.”

The man said. “We want to have a taste of your body. Don’t blame us if we don’t see the money. I respect you for building a successful business. It would be bad if you were caught on camera when we take turns with you.”

Zhang Longjuan crossed her legs and said. “I am happy to know so many people are interested in my body at my age.”

“Yes. We are very interested.”

“Haha... thank you.”

“Prepare the money and wait for our call at noon.”

The line was cut.

Zhang Longjuan laughed and thought nothing about it.

However, Dong Xuebing’s eyes turned cold. The threats over the phone are too disgusting, and that man is too arrogant.

The twin sisters were also looking terrible.

Shen Xiaoyan said. “Do you know who that man is?”

Zhang Longjuan shook her head. “I have never heard his voice before. I should not know him.”

Shen Xiaomei asked. “Could it be you had offended or clashed with someone?”

Zhang Longjuan said with a cigarette between her lips. “I can tell this is not about money from his tone. The person behind this man knows me well and has kept track of my movements. But I cannot guess who it is. It might be those few people who lost all their fortunes to me at the Macau casino previously. I seldom come here for business and should not have offended anyone here. Those people have the highest possibility.”

Shen Xiaoyan said. "Who are they? I will check them out."

Zhang Longjuan shook her head. "You cannot find anything as I forgot their names. Maybe I can recognize them when I see them. It was many years ago."

Shen Xiaoyan frowned. "Then we can only wait?"

"Let's wait and see what they do."

"It will be too passive. Should we move to another hotel?"

"It is meaningless. They can find out where we are staying the first time, and they can find out the second time. It will boost their confidence if we try to hide from them."

"They should have more than a dozen people from that man's tone. If we clash with them... Should we contact the local authorities?" Shen Xiaoyan and Shen Xiaomei were confident in their combat skills and marksmanship. However, it will be hard for them to face so many people.

"Do you think I never tried?"

"You have called the police?"

Zhang Longjuan smiled. "But nothing was heard from the police until now. My guess is they have connections with the police. I am a businessman who is less influential than the local gangsters."

Shen Xiaoyan paused for a second. "I think I should inform the higher-ups."

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "They don't dare to kill me, which is not serious. Everything will be fine. Also, the higher-up will not send anyone as we are on a confidential mission. I also don't want too many dealings with the State Security. What if the backup they sent exposed my identity? How am I going to do business in Florida?"

The sisters heard about the Florida Research Center incident and knew Ms. Zhang might be a part of it. But they don't know the details.

Zhang Longjuan's identity cannot be exposed.

The higher-ups cannot send people to help them.

They must settle this by themselves.

Zhang Longjuan has no intention of giving them money. Dong Xuebing's arrival also gave her confidence. She turned and looked at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing nodded.

Zhang Longjuan looked at his arm.

Dong Xuebing smiled and continued to nod, indicating he was fine. He can still fight off dozens of people.

Chapter 1217: Exchange!

Morning.

9 am.

The four of them sat in the presidential suite talking about the threats when the twin sisters' phone beeped. It was not a phone call. One of the sisters took out her phone and turned off the beeping. It seemed to be an alarm or a notification.

Shen Xiaoyan turned. "Ms. Zhang."

Zhong Longjuan nodded. "I know."

Shen Xiaomei said. "But they say they will contact us before noon."

Shen Xiaoyan thought for a while and said. "I think we should not leave too."

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "We will continue to do what we are supposed to do. We don't need to care about them."

They discussed and decided to continue with their work.

Dong Xuebing knows they are going out because of their State Security mission, and he did not ask. He followed them out of the room.

Shen Xiaomei walked quickly to the elevator.

Shen Xiaoyan stayed close to Zhang Longjuan. They got into the elevator.

Dong Xuebing followed behind slowly. His leg is injured, and he can only move slowly.

One step...

Three steps...

Five steps...

The three women waited for Dong Xuebing in the elevator for a while. He smiled at them apologetically.

Zhang Longjuan does not mind waiting. "Let me help you."

Dong Xuebing replied. "No need. I am not that weak."

Zhang Longjuan nodded. "Ok. Watch your steps. Be careful not to trip."

The elevator door closed. The younger twin, Shen Xiaomei, looked at Dong Xuebing. She was speechless. They told Zhang Longjuan that Dong Xuebing could not run. But it seems like he could not even walk properly. His leg injury is more serious than they expected. It was painful to watch him walk.

Bodyguard?

Which bodyguard is as pathetic as him?

Have you ever heard of anyone with broken bones all over his body protecting others? Who can he protect? Zhang Longjuan might be more useful than Xiao Dong. Even if she cannot fight, she can run. But Xiao Dong cannot even run and might hurt himself before he can do anything.

Shen Xiaoyan and Shen Xiaomei were dumbfounded.

Ding...

The elevator reached the ground floor, and the door opened.

The lobby has more people compared to last night. Tourists and businessmen with luggage were checking into the hotel orderly.

The four of them walked out of the elevator.

Zhang Longjuan purposely walked slowly to accompany Dong Xuebing. Shen Xiaomei and her sister also slowed down for them. Suddenly, Shen Xiaoyan's eyelid twitched, and she scanned the lobby. She gave her sister a look, and Shen Xiaomei walked out of the hotel to check their rented car. She ensured no tracking or listening devices before getting into the car.

The car is a Mercedes Benz S class.

It is black and very outstanding.

Shen Xiaomei sat in the driver's seat, and Shen Xiaoyan sat in the rear passenger seat with Zhang Longjuan. Dong Xuebing saw it and got into the front passenger seat.

Inside the car. Zhang Longjuan asked. "What is it?"

Shen Xiaomei replied. "Someone was watching us in the lobby."

"Oh, many of them?" Zhang Longjuan asked.

"I noticed at least two of them." Shen Xiaoyan replied. "Sis, start driving."

Shen Xiaomei started driving. Two cars followed seconds after they left the carpark.

"Yes." Shen Xiaoyan narrowed her eyes. "We are being followed."

Zhang Longjuan said without turning to look. "Let's settle our business first and ignore them."

Shen Xiaoyan nodded. "We can only do that now. I will get out of the car when we are reaching. Ms. Zhang, you don't need to go yourself. Just lead them away will do."

"Ok. Be careful."

"We are only confirming today. It is not dangerous."

An hour later.

The Mercedes stopped opposite a commercial building, and Shen Xiaomei disappeared into the crowd after she got off. The car continued and led the two cars behind them away. They circled the area for an hour and picked up Shen Xiaoyan from another place. Dong Xuebing did not say or ask anything. The sisters' attitude towards him changed slightly when they saw he did not interfere in their mission.

11 am.

The car was driving towards the hotel when the phone rang.

Zhang Longjuan looked at the number and answered.

"Is the money ready, Ms. Zhang?"

"What do you think?"

“Are you not going to give us the money?”

“Haha... you are right.”

“Fine. Don’t blame us for what is going to happen next. I believe you will give us the money obediently.” That man laughed and hung up.

Zhang Longjuan said. “They are coming.”

Shen Xiaomei looked around. “They are already here.”

Dong Xuebing noticed they were surrounded. When Zhang Longjuan answered the call, the car was stopped by the roadside. They were at a spacious place, and only a few cars were on the road. The car that had followed them from the hotel stopped behind them, and a truck was driving against the traffic flow towards them. Two young men with sunglasses were driving the truck.

The road is not big, and they could not avoid the truck.

Being sandwiched made the situation dire.

Shen Xiaomei immediately reversed the Mercedes and tried to escape the sandwich.

But the moment their car moved, the car behind moved forward to prevent the Mercedes from escaping.

Bam!

The Mercedes was banged from behind, and the lights were smashed.

The cars’ drivers behind smiled, and the truck stopped not far away.

The collision was not serious, and the Mercedes could still move. However, it was trapped between both vehicles. The truck had blocked the road in front, and a car was blocking behind.

Ring... ring... ring... Zhang Longjuan’s phone rang again.

Zhang Longjuan answered.

That man said. “Ms. Zhang, I am telling you again. Two million USD for your life.”

Zhang Longjuan did not give in. She laughed. “We shall see if you are capable of getting the money.”

“You all are trapped. I am impressed that you are unfazed by what happened. I will give you five minutes to consider. I cannot guarantee what the truck might do once the time is up. It will be too late then.”

“Ok. I am waiting.”

“Five minutes. There’s a limit to our patience.”

Zhang Longjuan hung up. “You all have heard him.”

Shen Xiaoyan frowned. “Try again, Sis.”

Shen Xiaomei nodded and stepped on the accelerator. She turned the Mercedes to try getting past the truck. But the truck moved to its side and blocked its way. She braked and reversed. She tried to escape through the back. But the car behind moved and blocked them.

Shen Xiaomei said, "We cannot escape."

Shen Xiaoyan was helpless. "Five minutes is almost up."

"Yes."

"Prepare to fight. After we leave, you will bring Ms. Zhang and Xiao Dong to the main road. I will try to stop them and meet you all later."

They were prepared to abandon the car to escape. The situation is not in their favor.

The Mercedes was sandwiched between two vehicles and might be crushed anytime. They also don't know how many people they have in the car and truck. They cannot take the risk.

Zhang Longjuan looked at Dong Xuebing. "Xiao Dong?"

Dong Xuebing blinked and looked around. "Let me drive."

Zhang Longjuan looked at Dong Xuebing and laughed. "Running away will make us look like losers. Do you have any solution?"

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Let me try. They are only a bunch of hooligans. Other than numbers, they are nothing."

Shen Xiaoyan frowned. "What do you mean? You want to drive? The roads are blocked. How are we going to get past them?" She looked at the cast and bandages on Dong Xuebing's arm. "How are you going to drive in that condition?"

Shen Xiaomei stared at Dong Xuebing. "Listen to my sister and stop causing trouble for us."

But Zhang Longjuan said. "Move aside and let Xiao Dong drive, Xiaomei."

"Ms. Zhang, this is not the time for this."

"Listen to me. Let Xiao Dong try."

The truck roared the engine and started moving. It reversed to about one hundred meters away before speeding toward the Mercedes. It was going to crash into the Mercedes head-on.

Shen Xiaomei's face changed. "Get out of the car, quick!"

"Ms. Zhang, have you decided?" Shen Xiaoyan was anxious.

Dong Xuebing released his seatbelt and climbed into the driver's seat. Shen Xiaomei was mad, but she saw Zhang Longjuan's expression. She had no choice but to move to the passenger seat.

The truck was fast and felt like a mountain crashing on them.

The twins were nervous. Although they know the other party will not crash into them, no one knows what will happen.

Dong Xuebing thought nothing about the truck and was calm. He held the steering wheel with one hand and stepped on the accelerator.

The twins and Zhang Longjuan did not know how Dong Xuebing would get them out of this situation. To their horror, Dong Xuebing started speeding up.

Dong Xuebing had floored the accelerator.

Roar! The Mercedes sped towards the truck.

Chapter 1218: Who is more Ruthless? Come on!

Along the road.

The truck sped towards the Mercedes.

Dong Xuebing drove the Mercedes toward the truck.

Shen Xiaoyan, Shen Xiaomei, and the two people in the truck were shocked.

Inside the truck.

“What are they trying to do?”

“They are coming!”

“F**k! Are they crazy?”

“They should be scaring us. They don’t dare to collide with us!”

Everyone thought the Mercedes was putting on a brave front. It looked like it was going to crash into the truck, but it should be trying to find a way to escape through the small opening on both sides of the truck. Even an idiot would know the Mercedes would crash if both collided. The speed they were going would kill everyone in the car, and the airbags might not even deploy in time. Even if it is deployed, it will not protect them.

A car crashing a truck?

Are you joking?

Who is so stupid to do it? No one will have the guts to do it too.

A few seconds passed, and everyone’s face changed.

100 meters...

90 meters...

80 meters...

The drivers of both vehicles could see each other at this distance, and the Mercedes did not slow down. Instead, it sped up. The truck driver and his passenger were shocked. They saw that the driver was a young man with sunglasses, and one of his hands was in a cast. His other hand held a cigarette between his fingers, and both hands were not on the steering wheel. He did not slow down or plan to change direction.

Lunatic!

This guy is a f**king lunatic!

“What should we do?”

“F**k! Who is this guy?”

“He is not holding the steering wheel, and we are about to collide!”

The people inside the Mercedes were panicking too.

“Stop! We are about to crash!” Shen Xiaoyan had turned pale.

Dong Xuebing took a puff and said casually. “If they dare to crash heads-on with us, so be it.”

“You are crazy.” Shen Xiaomei said.

Dong Xuebing was not nervous and acted as if nothing had happened. “This is my strategy. They had caused troubles for us the whole day, and we should scare them a bit.”

Zhang Longjuan laughed. “That’s right! I love your character.”

The people in the car behind were stunned.

A car crashing head-on with a truck?

That driver did not even bat an eyelid!

Everyone held their breath.

40 meters...

30 meters...

20 meters...

Both vehicles were about to collide.

Shen Xiaoyan grabbed Zhang Longjuan and was about to push her out of the car.

But Zhang Longjuan did not move. She looked at the truck calmly.

They are doomed!

They are about to crash!

Everyone thought this would happen.

The truck driver cursed and swerved off the road at the last second. The tires screeched. The sudden braking and swerving caused it to topple to its side. Sparks flew as it slid off the road and stopped on the dirt slope.

Crash!

The truck lay on its side, and smoke was coming out.

The Mercedes continued straight without a scratch.

The truck blocked the road, and a few cars saw what happened. All drivers and passengers were shocked. Everyone knows a car would be crushed if it collided with a truck. But it was the truck driver who chickened out at the last second. That Mercedes driver is crazy. He scared that truck driver and caused it to swerve out of his way.

What happened?

Is this a gang clash?

Everyone looked from their cars and dared not get close.

The Mercedes slowed and came to a stop.

Shen Xiaomei sighed with relief and stared at Dong Xuebing angrily. "Are you crazy? We would be dead if that truck were slower by one second!"

It was too dangerous, and they had a close brush with death.

Dong Xuebing shrugged his shoulders. "It did not happen, right?"

Shen Xiaomei shouted. "But what if it happened?"

"Nothing will happen. They dare to target us because they have more people. They are just a bunch of thugs who don't dare to collide with us."

Shen Xiaoyan looked at Dong Xuebing. "Are you not scared of dying?"

Dong Xuebing shrugged his shoulders again and did not reply to her.

It was perilous, but Dong Xuebing did not tell them he could use BACK if anything happened. He was not scared because he had encountered more dangerous situations. Driving into a military armor truck will not make him nervous, let alone a truck.

Silence...

Dong Xuebing turned and looked at the car behind them. He turned the Mercedes around and sped towards it.

The twins almost fainted.

"Xiao Dong!

"What are you going?"

Zhang Longjuan was amused.

Dong Xuebing laughed. "Don't worry, and I know what to do. Anyway, we are not in a rush to get back. Let's have some fun with them."

Have some fun with them?

How is this fun? They are risking their lives!

The Mercedes sped up.

The people in that car were shocked when they saw the Mercedes speeding toward them. They quickly reverse to escape. But the Mercedes continued chasing them.

Those people were affected by their comrades in the truck. They got scared and did not dare to crash with that Mercedes.

The car tried to escape, and the Mercedes continued chasing it.

Reversing was harder, and the Mercedes was getting close. The driver panicked and drove the car off the road. Although it did not flip like the truck, the people inside were thrown around. They cursed in their hearts. They are supposed to be outlaws. But who are the outlaws now?

The Mercedes stopped. It looked like it was mocking them.

The Mercedes drove off after a few seconds.

You want to see who is more ruthless?

Dong Xuebing has never been scared of anyone.

Chapter 1219: You are a civil servant?!

Noon.

In a commercial district.

Inside an inconspicuous hotel.

With a slight dent on its rear bumper, the Mercedes stopped by the roadside. They got off and entered the hotel to book a suite.

It was Shen Xiaoyan who strongly insisted. The Mercedes was damaged, and handling the paperwork with the hotel would be troublesome. It would also attract the Police's attention. That group of people seemed to have connections with the Police. Although they are not afraid of them, it is better to avoid these troubles. After all, they had not started on their mission and could not be exposed. Another reason is this commercial district is crowded, and those people after them would not dare to come after them openly. It will not be easy for them to find their new location too.

Upstairs.

Inside the suite.

The four of them entered.

Dong Xuebing was last because of his injuries. His brows were knitted, but he smiled as if nothing had happened.

The door closed.

"How are you, Xiao Dong?" Zhang Longjuan looked at him.

"I am fine." Dong Xuebing replied.

"Are you in pain? I can tell from your expression." Zhang Longjuan asked.

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. "I am fine. Maybe I am a bit tired from traveling around this morning."

The next moment, Zhang Longjuan and the twins saw blood soaking up Dong Xuebing's shirt.

Zhang Longjuan walked over quickly. "You call this fine?"

Dong Xuebing looked down. "Maybe I had torn my wound slightly. It is a minor injury. Don't worry." He had not only broken his bones. He also had stitches all over his body. He had been

running about since last afternoon and did not sleep much. He had been out this morning and even drove. It is not a surprise that his injuries were aggravated.

Shen Xiaomei looked at Dong Xuebing and grumbled. "You are injured to this extent and still insist on driving. Who can you blame?"

Shen Xiaoyan interrupted her sister. "Enough, Sis."

Dong Xuebing was still bleeding. His shirt was stained red.

Shen Xiaomei kept quiet. She has more bark than bite. She walked over and made Dong Xuebing sit on the couch. She unbuttoned his shirt and threw it aside. Shen Xiaomei and Shen Xiaoyan were shocked by his injuries. They saw three injuries with stitches, and many other areas, like his shoulders and stomach, had scabs. Those injuries were not fully healed.

Zhang Longjuan scolded Dong Xuebing. "I thought you had only broken your arm and had fractured your leg. How did you get injured so severely?"

Zhang Longjuan and the twins finally discovered the severity of Dong Xuebing's injuries. Zhang Longjuan was touched, and the twins started to respect him.

What determination is this?

How did he endure it?

They know it would be painful even if Dong Xuebing sat there without moving. He was in pain all this while. No normal person can endure it. Even the twins who were professionally trained cannot endure it.

Dong Xuebing smiled and did not say anything.

Dong Xuebing's injuries hurt, and he had endured them for the past few days. However, he is different. This pain is nothing to him. All his wounds were treated and bandaged, and it is nothing compared to getting shot, catching people falling from the sixth story, and holding up a one-ton wall for ten minutes.

Dong Xuebing had gotten used to this pain.

Oh, it should be numbed to such pain.

"You should not come." Zhang Longjuan looked at Dong Xuebing.

"How can I not come when you are in trouble?" Dong Xuebing replied.

"Did you pull open your wound when you drove?" Zhang Longjuan asked.

"Maybe. I will be fine after putting some pressure to stop the bleeding." Dong Xuebing moved his hand to press on his wound.

Shen Xiaoyan quickly stopped him. "Your wound is too big, and you will not stop the bleeding." She turned to her sister. "Go and buy medicine, threads, and needles."

Shen Xiaomei hesitated. "But Ms. Zhhang..."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "I am around. Go and come back quickly."

Zhang Longjuan added. "Go ahead. We will bring Xiao Dong to the hospital if the bleeding does not stop."

Dong Xuebing said. "Don't need to send me to the hospital. I will be fine after stitching the wound. This is nothing."

Shen Xiaomei was speechless. How is this nothing? They should be in the hospital for months if they sustained such injuries.

"Go quickly, Sis."

"I will be right back."

"Be careful. Those people had targeted us and will not let us off after we caused their truck to flip."

"I know."

Shen Xiaomei went out to buy a first-aid box.

Zhang Longjuan and Shen Xiaoyan tried many ways to stop Dong Xuebing's bleeding.

Dong Xuebing said. "Thank you, Sis Zhang, Sis Yan."

Zhang Longjuan replied. "I should be thanking you. You should not have come to protect me with such injuries. Sigh... I made you worry."

"What are you saying? This is what I should do."

"No. I will not forget this and will treat you well in the future."

"Huh? Don't..." Dong Xuebing coughed and said.

"Haha... you are scared. What can I do to you?" Zhang Longjuan smiled sexily and continued to wipe his blood with the bandages.

Shen Xiaoyan pressed Dong Xuebing's two acupuncture points to stop the bleeding. She got curious. "What are you working as, Xiao Dong?"

Dong Xuebing smiled. "Civil servant."

Shen Xiaoyan was shocked. "Are civil servants so bold?"

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "Are you talking about driving? Who says civil servants are timid?"

Zhang Longjuan laughed. "This guy has always been bold. We can get back safely because of him today."

Shen Xiaoyan had to admit Dong Xuebing was bold. He could remain calm and dared to crash their car into that truck. Not many people dare to do that."

But... a civil servant?

Shen Xiaoyan was speechless.

How did a civil servant, who works in an office environment, scare away those gangsters?

When did civil servants become more ruthless than those outlaws?

Chapter 1220: Got caught

Noon.

The seas.

A long hair middle-aged man is resting on a lounge chair in a moving yacht. He was drinking alcohol with a relaxed expression.

Ring... ring... ring... the phone rang.

The middle-aged man answered. "Yes?"

A man said anxiously. "Liu Ye."

The middle-aged man slowly replied. "How are things going?"

That man replied cautiously. "It screwed up. Zhang Longjuan escaped."

If Dong Xuebing and the rest were here, they would recognize that man's voice. He was the one who made those threats.

"Escaped? How did she escape?"

"We had cordoned them off, but they drove towards us. Xiao Hu got scared and avoided them. They also crashed their truck."

"Oh? Zhang Longjuan is quite bold."

"It was a young man who drove the car. I have not seen him before."

"A bodyguard? Haha... this is interesting."

"Liu Ye, what should we do next?"

"She has three bodyguards now, right?"

"Yes. The twins are her bodyguards too."

"Where are they now? Have you found out?"

"Yes. They are in a commercial district. Should I bring our men over?"

"Get her quietly. We must not make things difficult for the higher-ups."

"Yes..."

"Just monitor them for now."

"My men are watching them now."

"Ok. They will leave for meals or other things. Zhang Longjuan cannot escape. Don't be anxious."

"Yes, Liu Ye. We understand."

“Go and do your job.”

Afternoon.

Commercial district.

Inside the hotel suite.

More than forty minutes passed, and Shen Xiaomei was not back yet. Although Dong Xuebing was not bleeding a lot, he needed to stitch it to stop the bleeding.

“How long has Xiaomei been out?”

“It is more than forty minutes. Are there no pharmacies nearby?”

“There should be one nearby, but I am not sure.”

“I will call her and ask where she is.”

The elder sister, Shen Xiaoyan, called, but no one answered.

A few minutes later.

Shen Xiaoyan called again, and her phone was switched off.

Shen Xiaoyan’s face changed. “Something happened to Xiaomei.”

Zhang Longjuan frowned. “Is her phone’s battery flat?”

Shen Xiaoyan was anxious. “Ms. Zhang, we are professionals. We remain contactable at all hours unless we are on a mission. Xiaomei was only going to buy a first aid box, and her phone was switched off. She must be in trouble.” They were sisters, and she could not stay calm.

Zhang Longjuan looked at her. “Let’s go and find her.”

“No. We cannot go.” Shen Xiaoyan stopped herself from going out to look for her sister.

“Why?”

“I know my sister’s skills, and she is armed. Three to five people are no match for her. The other party should be more than ten people, and they must be armed. There’s nothing we can do against so many people.” Shen Xiaoyan said.

Zhang Longjuan narrowed her eyes. “But we cannot wait anymore.”

Shen Xiaoyan took a deep breath. “Let me think... let me think...”

Dong Xuebing was looking terrible too. Shen Xiaomei had gone out to get medicine for him, and he felt guilty.

Suddenly...

Ring... ring... ring... the mobile phone rang.

Zhang Longjuan looked at the number. “It’s them.”

Shen Xiaoyan and Dong Xuebing looked at her.

Zhang Longjuan answered. "Hello?"

"Haha, Ms. Zhang. I got a piece of bad news for you." It was the same guy who called.

"What is it?"

"One of your twin bodyguards is in our hands."

Although everyone had expected this, their hearts skipped a beat when they heard it.

Zhang Longjuan asked coldly. "Where is she now?"

"Don't worry. She is safe except for some injuries. We did not kill her. But your bodyguard is quite skillful. Five of our guys were hurt by her, and she carried a gun. Ms. Zhang, you arrived in Hong Kong for a few days. How did you find such professional bodyguards? I am impressed."

Shen Xiaoyan asked coldly. "Where is my sister?"

The man said. "You will see her. I will send you an address. Come here within twenty minutes, or that woman will be killed."

Zhang Longjuan said. "Let me speak to her."

"Why? You don't believe us?" That man replied.

"I need to confirm her safety. Put her on the phone." Zhang Longjuan said.

"Haha. Fine. Wait a minute." The phone went quiet.

A while later, Shen Xiaomei said over the phone. "Sis."

Shen Xiaoyan asked. "How are you? Are you hurt?"

Shen Xiaomei replied. "I am fine except for a twisted ankle. Don't come. Just ignore me." The background had some knocking noises, and it was noisy.

That man took the phone away from Shen Xiaomei. "You have confirmed. I will be sending you an address. I am only giving you twenty minutes. I cannot promise she will still be alive if you cannot arrive within twenty minutes. Ms. Zhang, you all missed our appointment once, and I don't want it to happen again."

The line was cut.

Zhang Longjuan received an address by SMS immediately.

It is a warehouse in a secluded area.

Shen Xiaoyan frowned. "Xiaomei asked us not to go there. They have twenty men and five guns. But I don't know what type of guns."

Dong Xuebing asked. "How do you know?"

Shen Xiaomei had not mentioned anything over the phone earlier.

Shen Xiaoyan replied. "That knocking noise is from her tongue clicking. It is similar to Morse code, which we use when speaking. Most people will not notice."

Zhang Longjuan said. "Twenty people..."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "Yes. Even if they are not armed, I cannot handle so many of them."

"What should we do?"

"Ms. Zhang, I must request backup from the higher-ups. I cannot sacrifice my sister even if we are exposed. She is a woman and is now in their hands..."

"I understand."

"Thank you."

"Don't say that. It happened because both of you are protecting me. I also don't want anything to happen to Xiaomei."

Shen Xiaoyan went into the room to make a call.

She returned after two minutes. "The higher-ups say backup can arrive after one day. We got to think of a way ourselves."

"One day later?"

"Yes."

"It will be too late."

The other party had only given them twenty minutes.

Zhang Longjuan and Shen Xiaomei went quiet.

Dong Xuebing got up slowly and wore a dark coat to cover his bloody shirt. "Let's go."

"Go?" Shen Xiaoyan looked at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing replied. "Go and save her."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "There are too many of them, and I cannot win against them."

Dong Xuebing calmly replied. "I am around."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "I am not looking down on you. But you are severely injured, and you cannot even walk properly. Moreover, your wound had opened up and should not be moving."

Dong Xuebing shrugged his shoulders. "I am fine."

Shen Xiaoyan said. "Thank you for your offer, but..."

"Xiao Dong, you are still bleeding." Zhang Longjuan tried to stop him.

Dong Xuebing laughed. "This bleeding is nothing to me. Don't worry, Sis Zhang. I know my limits. Let's go and save her now."

Zhang Longjuan looked at him. "Are you sure?"

Dong Xuebing nodded. "No problem."

Zhang Longjuan thought for a few seconds and said. "Let's go to the warehouse first. Xiaoyan will think of a solution. If she fails, we will pay them."

Shen Xiaoyan asked. "But the money..."

Zhang Longjuan said. "Her life is more important. It would be best if it could be settled with money." She looked at Dong Xuebing. "You can go, but you must promise me. You must not do anything unless necessary. I worry about your injuries."

"I am fine..."

"Promise me or don't go."

"All right. I promise you."

"Ok. Let's get the cash from the hotel first."

They went downstairs. Zhang Longjuan called that man to tell him they were getting the money and might be late.

That man agreed and gave them one hour.

Twenty minutes was to pressure Zhang Longjuan. He agreed, as their main goal was money.

They returned to the presidential suite, and Zhang Longjuan opened a safe inside. Dong Xuebing saw five million USD inside and wondered what mission they were doing.

Dong Xuebing did not ask.

Zhang Longjuan packed two million USD into a suitcase, and she exchanged looks with Shen Xiaoyan. They nodded and quickly left the hotel. They drove straight to the warehouse. They did not care about the threats previously, but the situation changed. They caught Shen Xiaomei, and they must follow their orders now.

Inside the car.

Dong Xuebing closed his eyes to rest. His hand was pressing against the wound on his chest.

Blood was still flowing from his wound. Zhang Longjuan looked at Dong Xuebing and said. "Xiaoyan, drive faster. Xiao Dong cannot last for too long."

"All right." Shen Xiaoyan knew this was urgent and drove faster.