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Chapter 881: False evidence again

Commission for Discipline Inspection.

Dong Xuebing's office.

The Investigation Team had not worked with Dong Xuebing before and did not know his character. They affirmed their suspicions when he said he went out to buy alcohol. Dong Xuebing must have something to do with Wan Sizhao's death. Which normal person would purposely say something to provoke them?

Wan Sizhao claimed he was not at the scene as he went out to buy alcohol.

Dong Xuebing used the same reason.

Li Taibo stared at Dong Xuebing. "Are you sure you went out to buy alcohol?"

Dong Xuebing laughed. "Yes. Is there a problem?"

"Who can testify for you?" Li Taibo asked. "Tell me, who saw you leaving the restaurant?"

Dong Xuebing sneered. "Do I need someone else to testify for me? Do you have any evidence stating that I was the one who did it? I don't like your tone. Team Leader Li, you are now accusing a Government Leader, a Party Member. Show me the evidence. When my cousin fell off the building, you did not question anyone like this. Now, you all are questioning in a harsh tone when something happened to Wan Sizhao. You all are scaring me." He blinked and asked. "I remember Wan Sizhao is not married. How come he has a son?"

If it were not for the age difference, Dong Xuebing would suspect Li Taibo was Wan Sizhao's son.

Li Taibo was furious and felt Dong Xuebing was too arrogant.

Li Taibo had never expected this. He had covered up for Wan Sizhao several times, ignoring the law and evidence. He had fabricated evidence to help Wan Sizhao more than once. Who was the arrogant one? Dong Xuebing had lost his patience with Li Taibo. You all accused others and fabricated evidence without remorse. Yet, you all want justice done for Wan Sizhao. Dream on!

Did you and Wan Sizhao think you all own this country?!

Did you all think you are the only one who can bully others? When something happened to you all, you all cried foul?!

Dong Xuebing looked at Li Taibo and said. "I will assist the Public Security Bureau in the investigation. This is my duty as a citizen. But if you continue to treat me as a criminal, I will speak to your leaders. Can I suspect you and Wan Sizhao are close? I remember Wan Sizhao was involved in a few rape cases, and nothing had happened to him. Do you have anything to do with these cases?"

The Investigation Team members turned and looked at Li Taibo.

Li Taibo was the only person who spoke to Dong Xuebing in the office. The other officers kept quiet as they did not want to offend a Discipline Inspection Leader.

A few minutes later.

The corridor outside Dong Xuebing's office.

Li Taibo stepped out of Dong Xuebing's office and said to himself. I don't believe I cannot get any evidence against you!

A detective asked. "Team Leader Li, what should we do now?"

Li Taibo replied firmly. "Dong Xuebing must be at Liu Yang Restaurant when the incident happened."

"But the Discipline Inspection Committee said...." An officer hesitated.

Li Taibo coldly replied. "Dong Xuebing must have used some methods. Go and investigate!"

Ring... ring... ring.... Li Taibo's phone rang. The call was from a Public Security Bureau Leader. "I don't care who is involved. You must arrest the culprit!"

Li Taibo immediately knew the City's Party Secretary had given the orders. His nephew was murdered, and he was furious.

Li Taibo got more confident, and his men started to go around the Discipline Inspection to collect evidence.

Complain Department.

Li Taibo went to look for the Complain Department's Director, Liang Xuan.

"Director Liang." Li Taibo looked at her. "When did Dong Xuebing arrive at the Discipline Inspection?"

Liang Xuan replied impatiently. "12.40 pm."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes! I am very sure."

"Could it be the clock in your meeting room is slow?"

"What?!" Liang Xuan looked at Li Taibo. "Are you collecting evidence or picking a fight? Do you think I can't tell the time? The meeting was at 12.40 pm, and all of us reached the meeting room after our lunch around that time. Are you implying all of us are covering up for Director Dong? Are you trying to say all of us are stupid and can't tell the time? How can everyone's watch be slower? Team Leader Li, is this the way you investigate cases? It's biased."

Li Taibo was speechless. He thought Liang Xuan and other Discipline Inspection Leaders would fear him after the City Party Secretary gave him the authority. He was always the one investigating others and had never been questioned before.

"Do you have anything else?" Liang Xuan asked coldly. "If you don't have any more questions, please leave. I still have work to do."

Li Taibo was angry. "Director Liang, this is a serious case, and the Party Committee is very concerned." He was trying to pressure Liang Xuan. "I want to look at the complaint letters against Dong Xuebing. It would help with our investigation."

Liang Xuan did not bow down to Li Taibo. "Our Discipline Inspection is also very concerned about this case. We will give you the complaint letters if you want, but Director Dong still has not received any new complaints. He did receive quite many complaints in the previous few years. Do you want them?"

Li Taibo took a deep breath and suppressed his anger. He could tell it was useless to use his authority against people from the Discipline Inspection. After all, the Discipline Inspection is the regulatory body governing all government staff. He could never win against them, and he left angrily.

Around the same time, the other detectives returned.

"Team Leader Li." All of them looked terrible. They had also been treated badly by the Discipline Inspection staff.

Li Taibo asked. "How was it?"

A detective replied. "Everyone at the meeting said Dong Xuebing was in the meeting at 12.40 pm and had never left the room."

Another detective added. "I had questioned the staff members, and they said they saw Director Dong in the Discipline Inspection when the incident happened."

"That's right. I got the same answer from a few people. Dong Xuebing was not at Liu Yang Restaurant when the incident happened."

Impossible! Li Taibo did not believe it. The words Dong Xuebing said indirectly admitted he had killed Wan Sizhao. How come there's no evidence? How did he appear at Liu Yang Restaurant and the Discipline Inspection Committee at 12.40 pm? Did he have a twin brother? But he is a single child. Could it be he got someone to dress up like him?

Li Taibo had a great imagination and was sure Dong Xuebing had committed the crime.

But Li Taibo did not have evidence.

How was he going to prove Dong Xuebing had gotten an imposter?

Maybe Dong Xuebing had hired someone to kill Wan Sizhao after he left.

Li Taibo returned to his car alone after leaving the Discipline Inspection. He called Xu Dabing. "Did anyone go upstairs between 12.30 to 12.40 pm?"

Xu Dabing replied. "No. Levels three and four are private rooms, and our waiters were stationed at the stairwell. Only those with gold membership cards or people with high status are allowed to go upstairs. Even if someone went upstairs, our staff would know. There are the only stairs upstairs."

This cleared the possibility that Dong Xuebing had an accomplice.

Li Taibo thought for a while. "Oh, that Luo Haiting is also a Discipline Inspection leader. She had gone to the bathroom when the incident happened. Could she be the one who did it?"

Xu Dabing sighed. "I asked my staff. A female waitress and a cleaner saw Luo Haiting entering the bathroom around 12.38 pm and stayed there. It's not her. Furthermore, we rushed out immediately after we heard the screams. No one was in the private room."

"Are you sure your staff did not see Dong Xuebing leaving?"

"No, and this is what puzzled me. I heard Dong Xuebing had returned to the Discipline Inspection, but no one saw him leaving."

This was what puzzled Li Taibo.

Li Taibo felt he had gotten a clue and thought Dong Xuebing had an accomplice. He must have escaped before anyone reached the room.

That was the only explanation.

Dong Xuebing! You bastard!

Li Taibo's eyes turned cold, and he asked. "Boss Xu, are you sure you did not see Dong Xuebing around 12.38 pm?"

"No, I did not see him."

"Are you sure?"

"Huh? You mean...."

"I remember you coming to my private room a few minutes before the incident happened to drink with us. You saw Dong Xuebing in the corridor before you came in. He was still at the restaurant at around 12.38 pm. He couldn't appear in two places. His claims of being not at the scene might not be true."

Xu Dabing paused for a few seconds. "I...."

"You should know what to say."

Xu Dabing had boarded their ship, and it was too late for him to get off it. "I know. I saw Dong Xuebing around that time."

These two had fabricated evidence again.

Chapter 882: Li Taibo and Xu Dabing were arrested

City.

Wan Sizhao's death had caused an uproar.

Secretary Wan heard of his nephew's death and ordered the culprit to be arrested immediately.

Many people were looking at Dong Xuebing as they felt he had something to do with this case. After all, his cousin, Qu Yunxuan, almost died because of Wan Sizhao. Dong Xuebing thought nothing about it and switched off his phone. He continued working and attended meetings as if nothing had happened. Many Discipline Inspection staff were impressed by his composure as not many people can take this pressure.

The case was still under investigation.

All the Investigation Team detectives were mobilized.

Wan Sizhao was not only the City's Party Secretary's nephew. He was also a District Government Leader.

At the same time.

Li Taibo fetched Xu Dabing from the restaurant and drove to the Bureau.

The City's Public Security Bureau Chief's secretary had called. "Chief Cao wants to know the progress of the investigation. Did you find any clues?"

Li Taibo immediately replied. "Yes. Dong Xuebing is involved in this case."

The secretary replied. "Can you prove he was at the scene?"

"Yes. I am bringing the witness back to the Bureau now."

"Ok. We had finished collecting the fingerprints. We had found several fingerprints on Wan Sizhao's body and clothes, and we are waiting for the verification from our database."

Li Taibo brightened up. Dong Xuebing could not escape if his fingerprints were found. With Xu Dabing's testimony, he would have witnesses, evidence, and motive. He smiled coldly and looked at Xu Dabing. Xu Dabing also smiled back at him.

Wan Sizhao's death would affect Li Taibo's interest, and the latter hated Dong Xuebing.

So what if I fabricated the evidence?!

It is enough to get rid of you!

Around 2 pm.

City Public Security.

Li Taibo saw a black Porsche parked outside the Bureau when he reached. This car stood out, and it was rare in the City. Needless to ask, this was Dong Xuebing's car as none of the government staff could afford a 4 million RMB car.

Why was Dong Xuebing here?

Li Taibo laughed in his heart. This would save me trouble.

Dong Xuebing sat in an office, drinking tea. He had just arrived on the pretext of assisting with the investigation. Since when was he so helpful? He was here to watch the show. How can he miss this great scene?

"Director Dong, I am asking you again. At 12.40 pm, where...."

Dong Xuebing looked at the few Public Security Bureau officers opposite him.

Dong Xuebing interrupted that officer. "Comrade, your men had asked me more than three times, and I had answered them. Can you stop wasting time?"

Another office.

Li Taibo and Xu Dabing entered the office.

Chief Cao Hai and a few Public Security Bureau leaders arrived.

Cao Hai was a good-looking middle-aged man, and many people were surprised to see him. The officers, who were recording Xu Dabing's statement, stood up to greet him.

Chief Cao had to oversee the investigation as Secretary Wan's nephew was the victim in this case, and the only suspect, Dong Xuebing, was special. He is a Discipline Inspection Leader, the Inspection First Office's Director, Fen Zhou City's earthquake hero, and Deputy Mayor Xie's husband.

Li Taibo greeted respectfully. "Chief Cao, I had brought the witness here."

Xu Dabing was slightly nervous. "Good afternoon, leaders. I am Xu Dabing. The boss of Liu Yang Restaurant."

Cao Hai nodded and waved to ask them to sit. "Let's start."

Li Taibo turned to Xu Dabing. "Boss Xu, tell us what did you see this afternoon."

Another officer picked up his pen to record whatever Xu Dabing said.

Xu Dabing replied without thinking. "I went upstairs to Team Leader Li and Discipline Inspection Director Luo's private room around 12.38 pm to drink with them, and I saw Dong Xuebing from the corridor."

Cao Hai frowned. "Are you sure it was Dong Xuebing?"

Xu Dabing nodded. "It's him. The private room door was opened, and he was having lunch with Chief Wan."

Cao Hai stared at Xu Dabing. "Are you sure it was 12.38 pm?"

"Yes. I looked at my watch." Xu Dabing replied.

Li Taibo added. "That means Dong Xuebing's claims of being at the Discipline Inspection committee meeting might not be true. He can't return to the Discipline Inspection within two minutes. I suspect it could be an accomplice who looked like him. Of course, this is my suspicion. We got to wait for the result of the fingerprint."

A few Public Security Bureau leaders exchanged looks. Dong Xuebing was at the restaurant then, and his alibi might not be valid.

Dong Xuebing could be the culprit.

Everyone only suspected Dong Xuebing, and Li Taibo and Xu Dabing confirmed their suspicions.

Knock... knock... knock....

An officer entered the interview room with the fingerprint results. He was looking shocked.

Li Taibo looked at that officer. "Xiao Zhang, how is it? Whose fingerprints are those?"

"Err..." That officer avoided Li Taibo's eyes and walked over to Cao Hai. "Chief Cao, this is the result. Err..."

Huh? Why are you avoiding me and not answering my question?

Suddenly, Li Taibo got a bad feeling.

Cao Hai and the other leaders looked at the result and were stunned.

Li Taibo asked. "Chief Cao, what happened?"

Cao Hai's face changed, and he threw the result on the table. He stared at Li Taibo coldly. "Tell me what's going on?!"

"I... what did I do?" Li Taibo was confused.

Cao Hai shouted. "Why are Xu Dabing and your fingerprints found on the deceased clothing?! Explain it to me!"

"What?!" Li Taibo and Xu Dabing were stunned. "Our fingerprints? Impossible!"

The other Public Security Bureau Leaders were furious. They threw the result to them. "Look at it yourself!"

Li Taibo grabbed the result and looked at it. Xu Dabing and his fingerprints were found on Wan Sizhao's belt and buttons.

What is going on?

How did this happen?

Li Taibo and Xu Dabing could not believe their eyes.

"There must be a mistake!" Li Taibo had never done this, and why would he kill Wan Sizhao?

Xu Dabing also had the same thoughts. He would never dare to kill anyone.

A Public Security Bureau Leader said. "Mistake?! Do you think our fingerprint database is wrong? Your prints were recorded when you joined Public Security. Xu Dabing's prints were added to the database a few days ago during Qu Yunxuan's investigation. How can this be a mistake?"

Li Taibo panicked. "Could it be someone who had meddled with the database?"

Cao Hai closed his eyes and said. "Check all the fingerprints again."

The Public Security Bureau's Leaders did not expect this outcome, and the officers immediately went to verify the fingerprints again. This time, it checked the fingerprints against these two people and the results were out quickly.

The results were the same after ten minutes. The fingerprints found on Wan Sizhao matched Li Taibo and Xu Dabing.

The officers had collected the fingerprints from Wan Sizhao's clothing again, and there was no mistake.

Li Taibo panicked and tried to explain. "Wan Sizhao and I were close, and we dined together. My prints might have gotten on his clothing accidentally."

Xu Dabing quickly added. "Me too. I had eaten with Chief Wan too."

Cao Hai replied coldly. “How did your fingerprints get onto his belt and buttons over a meal? Huh?”

Li Taibo pleaded. “Chief Cao, I...”

Li Taibo was about to explain, and Cao Hai waved him off. “Arrest them and collect evidence!”

“Chief Cao!” Li Taibo shouted.

No one had expected this to happen. Everyone suspected Dong Xuebing, and it turned out someone from the Public Security Bureau had committed the crime. Cao Hai immediately orders to keep this a secret until they find evidence.

The City’s Public Security Bureau was still hoping Li Taibo was innocent.

But the evidence collected from Li Taibo and Xu Dabing dashed all hopes.

The officer had collected skin fragments from under Li Taibo and Xu Dabing’s fingernails. The DNA of the skin fragments matched Wan Sizhao’s DNA. That means Li Taibo and Xu Dabing caused the scratches on his neck and back!

The Public Security Bureau was shocked.

This was critical evidence, enough to sentence Li Taibo and Xu Dabing to death.

The only things lacking were witnesses and a motive for killing Wan Sizhao.

Xu Dabing almost fainted when he heard the result. Li Taibo slumped to the ground in a daze.

Why?

Why?

Dong Xuebing met Li Taibo and Xu Dabing, being escorted to the lockup along the corridor when he left the interrogation room. He looked at them and smiled.

Li Taibo immediately knew what had happened.

It was Dong Xuebing!

Dong Xuebing had framed them!

“Dong Xuebing!” Li Taibo shouted.

When Dong Xuebing walked past Li Taibo, he whispered. “So, do you know the real me now?”

Li Taibo finally knew all those weird rumors about Dong Xuebing were true.

Chapter 883: Concrete evidence

City Public Security Bureau.

The investigation had made new progress. The fingerprints and DNA from the skin fragments under the fingernails were concrete evidence. Liu Taibo and Xu Dabing were escorted to the interrogation rooms for questioning. No one suspects Dong Xuebing now, and they were the main suspects in this case. What’s lacking is witnesses and motives.

The interrogation rooms.

The Public Security Bureau officers looked at Li Taibo sternly. "Team Leader Li, why did you go to Liu Yan Restaurant this afternoon?"

Li Taibo replied. "The Discipline Inspection Deputy Director Luo had invited me to lunch."

Another officer asked. "Did you leave the private room during that period?"

"No." Li Taibo replied. "I did not even leave for the bathroom."

That Officer continued. "Other than Xu Dabing, who can prove that you had not left the room when the incident happened?"

Li Taibo clenched his teeth and replied. "Luo Haiting can be my witness. We were drinking together." He still had not given up hope, and he knew he had not pushed Wan Sizhao off the building. He can prove his innocence if he gets a witness. "Wan Sizhao and I were close, and many people know about it. Why should I kill him? This is a false accusation! You all should question Dong Xuebing! He is the only one who has a motive! Qu Yunxuan is his cousin, and she jumped out of the window after she got drunk. He pinned the blame on Wan Sizhao and me! He did this! He must have left those fingerprints and DNA samples to frame us! Xu Dabing had testified that he saw Dong Xuebing when the incident happened! Dong Xuebing must have fabricated the evidence!"

The adjacent interrogation room.

The Public Security Bureau officers were not so nice to Xu Dabing. One of the officers hit the table. "Your fingerprints are found on the victim! Tell us the truth!"

Xu Dabing shouted. "This has nothing to do with me! I did not kill anyone!"

The officers were furious. "Then how do you explain your fingerprints and the victim's DNA under your fingernails?!"

Xu Dabing scratched his head in frustration. "I don't know! I don't know what happened! Someone is trying to frame me!"

"Why would someone try to frame you?" The Officer said. "Also, how did that person frame you?! Huh? Don't tell me you don't even know you had scratched the victim?!"

Xu Dabing shouted. "It must be Dong Xuebing! This was all planned by him!"

"How did Director Dong set you up?! Hold your hand and scratch Wan Sizhao?!"

"It must be him. He was also at the scene when it happened! I saw him!"

Xu Dabing was unsure if it was Dong Xuebing, and he did not see the latter when the incident happened. He did not even see Dong Xuebing ten minutes before the incident, but Li Taibo and he had agreed to say this. He knew he could not tell the truth and must stick to his lies. This way, they could bring Dong Xuebing down, and he could escape scot-free. He was not concerned about who the killer was and only wanted Dong Xuebing to take the blame.

An office in the Public Security Bureau.

Dong Xuebing was sitting opposite two Public Security Bureau Officers. Cao Hai and the other leaders left after they learned about fingerprints and DNA evidence.

“Director Dong.” The Officer said. “Team Leader and Xu Dabing insisted you planted the evidence to frame them. What do you have to say?”

Dong Xuebing smiled. “What else did they say?”

The Officer hesitated and said. “Xu Dabing said he saw you one minute before the incident.”

Dong Xuebing laughed out of anger. “Are you sure Xu Dabing said this?”

The Officer nodded. “They say your claim of being at the Discipline Inspection at 12.40 pm is false and should be investigated.”

Dong Xuebing understood why Li Taibo brought Xu Dabing to the Public Security Bureau. They were planning to give false statements and fabricate evidence against him. They planned to use all despicable means against him, like what happened to Yunxuan. If they can continue to lie in this situation, they will dare to do worse things in the future. Taking those rape cases in the past, these two should be sentenced to death twice!

Dong Xuebing calmly replied. “You all can go ahead to investigate, but I suggest you all not divert in the wrong direction. Both suspects were identified with the evidence, and it would be too much if you all continued investigating me. You all should gather more evidence against them.”

The Officer quickly explained. “Director Dong, that’s not what we meant. We are just telling you what they said. We have called for the witnesses at the scene over.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. “I still have another suggestion, and I am unsure if you all are interested.”

The Officer replied. “Please say it.”

Dong Xuebing replied. “Li Taibo and Xu Dabing’s words cannot be trusted. You all had worked with Li Taibo, and I don’t believe you all had not heard of rumors about him. Wan Sizhao was involved in several rape cases, and almost all of them were handled by Li Taibo. All the cases were closed without any conclusion. Our Discipline Inspection also received several complaints against Wan Sizhao. I might not be sure about the previous cases, but I know about Qu Yunxuan’s case. Xu Dabing had testified for Wan Sizhao. He claimed Wan Sizhao had left the restaurant when she jumped out of the window, and Li Taibo claimed my cousin smelled alcohol. That’s why Wan Sizhao was acquitted of attempted rape. Can you all see the connections between them?”

The two Officers exchanged looks with serious expressions.

Dong Xuebing continued. “Li Taibo and Wan Sizhao were close, and that’s what people see. However, I suspect they have some dealings between them. Li Taibo and Xu Dabing had testified for Wan Sizhao, and their deals went wrong. Li Taibo and Xu Dabing had no choice but to silence Wan Sizhao. Of course, this is my deduction for their murder motive. It’s your job to conduct the investigation, and I am only giving a suggestion. I believe you all will find out that Li Taibo and Xu Dabing are giving false statements to frame me, and they have no credibility. I suggest you all reinvestigate the previous cases, including my cousin’s case. I am not saying this as the cousin of a victim. This is my view as a Discipline Inspection staff. I hope you all will find out the truth behind Qu Yunxuan’s case. Wan Sizhao might be dead, but the cases must be investigated thoroughly. We must not let the people down.”

The Officer wrote everything in his notebook. “I will put up a request to my higher-ups.”

Since Li Taibo and Xu Dabing still wanted to pin everything on Dong Xuebing, he would not hold back.

A chance was given to you all, and you all did not cherish it.

Another interrogation room in the Public Security Bureau.

Luo Haiting was called to the Public Security Bureau to record her statement.

This interrogation room was different. It had a one-sided glass, and people in the next room could watch and hear the interrogation. The Public Security Bureau Chief Cao Hai and other Public Security Bureau Leaders were sitting in the next room, watching Luo Haiting's interview.

An officer asked. "Director Luo, were you having lunch with Li Taibo before the incident?"

"Yes." Luo Haiting was afraid Dong Xuebing was related to the incident and was mindful of her answers.

The Officer continued. "Did you notice anything weird during your lunch with Team Leader Li and Boss Xu?"

Luo Haiting thought for a while. "No. But Team Leader Li and Boss Xu seemed close and had known each other for some time."

The Officer asked. "Where were you when the incident happened?"

"I was on the fourth floor of the restaurant?"

"With Team Leader Li and Boss Xu?"

"No. I left for the bathroom before it happened, and I could not remember the time. I heard a scream two minutes after I entered and rushed out to see what had happened."

"Where were Team Leader Li and Boss Xu when you came out of the bathroom?"

"They are in Room 28. The private room where the incident happened."

"Oh, only the both of them?"

"They were with some detectives. I was the last to arrive."

A few minutes later.

Another witness entered the room.

"Are you a waitress in Liu Yang Restaurant?"

"Yes."

"Did you see Luo Haiting entering the bathroom before the incident?"

"I don't know who Luo Haiting is. It was a woman."

"Look at this. Is it the woman in this picture?"

“Yes. It’s her.”

“Are you sure?”

“Yes. The hand soap dispenser was empty, and she asked me to bring a bottle to the toilet. I heard someone scream outside when I was about to get the hand soap.”

“Alright. Thanks for assisting with the investigation.”

The last witnesses were the detectives from the Investigation Team.

“Were you all having lunch at Liu Yang Restaurant during the incident?”

“Yes. Team Leader Li had called us over to have lunch. He said he was paying.”

“Why did he treat you all to lunch? Why did he pick that place?”

“I don’t know. He sounded as if something might happen from his tone. We did not see him when we ate, and we heard he was having lunch with a Discipline Inspection Leader.”

“Did you all go to Room 28 when the incident happened?”

“Yes.”

“Were you all the first ones there?”

“Team Leader Li and the restaurant’s boss were in the room when we reached. We should be the second group of people to enter the room.”

“Is there anyone else?”

“No. Only the two of them.”

“Did they enter the room before or after the scream?”

“I don’t know.”

The detectives knew the Public Security Bureau Leaders were watching them behind the one-way glass and didn’t dare to lie.

The Public Security Bureau Leaders were looking terrible as they exchanged looks.

Luo Haiting stated that she was not in the private room. The few detectives also said Li Taibo and Xu Dabing were in the room before them. This means there’s a two to three minutes gap, and no one knew what Li Taibo and Xu Dabing did inside the room.

Now, they got both witnesses and evidence.

Chapter 884: Strange happenings

Public Security Bureau, Interrogation room.

A Public Security Bureau Deputy Chief was interrogating Li Taibo.

“Li Taibo, tell me what happened.”

“Chief Sun, I did not do anything.”

“We have your fingerprints, and the DNA matches the victim. You still dare to deny it?!”

“It’s not me. It must be Dong Xuebing! He set this up to frame me!”

“Then how do you explain only Xu Dabing and you were the only ones at the scene?”

“I entered the room after I heard a scream. I was afraid Dong Xuebing might harm Chief Wan. Xu Dabing can verify for me.”

“You two are the suspects in this case. His words cannot be taken into account.”

“What about Director Luo and the other detectives from the Investigation Team?”

“They were not with you. They saw you in Room 28 when they arrived.”

Li Taibo turned pale and kept quiet. He hit the table angrily and knew this was the end for him. The evidence and witnesses’ statements were against him, and there was no way for him to argue.

Another interrogation room.

An Officer hit the table. “Xu Dabing! We have evidence and witnesses now. What else do you have to say?”

Xu Dabing was scared and broke down. He regretted getting involved in this mess. He was only a businessman, and why did he put himself in this situation? He wanted to slap himself. The penalty for murder is the death sentence. He would not have been in this mess if he had not given false statements to help Li Taibo and Wan Sizhao.

Xu Dabing panicked. “I have nothing to do with this. I don’t know who pushed Wan Sizhao out of the windows. I admit I had lied. I did not see Director Dong a few minutes before the incident. Team Leader Li asked me to say it, and I will never kill anyone. You all must investigate thoroughly.”

The Officer shouted. “What else are you hiding?! Tell us everything!”

“Alright.... I will tell you everything.” Xu Dabing panickily replied. “It was Wan Sizhao and Li Taibo who asked me to give false statements in Qu Yunxuan’s case. They asked me to say I saw Wan Sizhao leaving the restaurant. I did not want to do it, but they forced me....”

The Officer’s face turned cold. “That means everything you told the police was false and made up?!”

Xu Dabing scratched his head in agony. “It was Team Leader Li! I did not want to do it!”

“You did not want to do it?!” A female Officer hit the table and shouted. “Do you know your false statements can lead to an innocent person getting thrown to jail!? The real

criminal will continue to commit crimes?! You dare to give false statements in a serious case where someone was almost raped and nearly died. What else you don't dare to do?!" The female Officer was furious. Xu Dabing and Li Taibo's statements that day were lies! This was too much.

Since Xu Dabing had admitted he had not seen Dong Xuebing, this case had nothing to do with the latter.

Li Taibo and Xu Dabing had the time to kill Wan Sizhao. The Public Security Bureau had the evidence and witnesses. There's no way for them to escape!

Behind the one-way glass.

The Public Security Bureau Leaders heard everything, and their faces turned green.

Especially Public Security Bureau Chief Cao Hai. He threw the document he was holding onto the table. "Continue to question them! I want them to spill everything!"

A Leader asked. "Chief, what about the City Party Committee?"

Cao Hai replied. "Prepare the case report now. I will report this to Secretary Wan."

This case could be concluded at this point. Both the suspects had been arrested, and Cao Hai could answer to Secretary Wan. The conclusion of this case was not perfect. As a Public Security Bureau Leader, Li Taibo helped Wan Sizhao fabricate evidence and gave false statements to help him escape the law. Now, the truth was out, and there was no way to hide it.

This case was too serious to hide from anyone.

By the end of the day, details of the case had spread throughout the government agencies.

Li Taibo and Xu Dabing were the ones who killed Wan Sizhao, and they were also the ones who gave false statements in Qu Yunxuan's case.

Many people who were watching with interest felt this case was too weird.

Many staff turned their focus to Dong Xuebing. Everyone thought it was Dong Xuebing who killed Wan Sizhao initially. After all, his cousin's case was not a secret. They thought it was his revenge. But the investigation outcome made everyone's jaw drop.

The real criminal was someone else.

This case had nothing to do with Dong Xuebing.

Everything Dong Xuebing said at the Public Security Bureau was recorded. He claimed to leave the restaurant to buy alcohol and was not at the scene. These were the exact words Wan Sizhao said in Qu Yunxuan's case. It was an eye for an eye, and his cousin had fallen out of Liu Yang Restaurant's Room 28. A few days later, Wan Sizhao fell out of the windows in the same room and landed in the same spot. In the end, Li Taibo and Xu Dabing, who had testified for Wan Sizhao, were the culprits.

Was this coincidental?

The few people involved in Dong Xuebing's cousin's case were either dead or thrown behind bars.

But this was what happened, and everyone had to believe it.

This was too weird.

Dong Xuebing looked toward the interrogation rooms as he walked out of the Public Security Bureau. He got into his car and drove away.

Dong Xuebing had revenged for Aunt Xuan, and the truth of her case was out.

Dong Xuebing's anger was appeased slightly now. He was not a noble person, and he did not think he had done anything wrong. Yunxuan was almost raped and nearly died because of Wan Sizhao, and he felt this punishment was too light for him.

You dare to force my Aunt Xuan to jump out of the building?!

I will make you jump off of the building!

Li Taibo and Xu Dabing gave false statements to help Wan Sizhao?!

I will let you two have a taste of being falsely accused.

I will do the same thing back to you all!

This is Dong Xuebing. No one can compare to him if he decides to be ruthless.

Chapter 885: There is always a solution to a problem

City Emergency Center.

It's Lunar New Year in less than twenty days, and the temperature has dropped. It was cold, especially at night. Dong Xuebing could feel the piercing cold as he got out of his Porsche.

Everything is over.

Dong Xuebing could not answer Qu Yunxuan and her parents.

The single ward is on the third floor. Dong Xuebing could not find Qu Yunxuan in her previous ward. He asked a nurse and was told her condition had stabilized. She was transferred from the ICU ward to a regular ward. The Emergency Center only catered to treating emergency patients and was not responsible for the patients' aftercare. She had to be transferred to another hospital if her condition did not worsen tomorrow. Dong Xuebing was relieved when he heard this. He could use REVERSE on her during her hospital transfer, and she can be discharged in a few days.

Second floor.

Normal ward.

Dong Xuebing found Qu Yunxuan's ward and was about to go in. He heard people talking inside.

"What do you want?!" Qu Yunxuan's mother shouted.

"This must be Miss Qu Yunxuan." A man said in a low voice. He sounded like he was in a bad mood.

"This is my daughter. What do you want?"

"I am Wan Sizhao's brother, Wan Siguo. I am representing my family to apologize to Miss Qu."

"We don't need your apology! Get out!" Qu Yunxuan's mother shouted.

"Aunty, my brother passed away this afternoon. Let's forget it."

"Forget?! That is his karma! Serve him right!"

"How can you say this?! I am talking to you nicely! Stop giving me this attitude!"

"This is how I speak! Apologize?! You all should have done it a long time ago!"

"I had already apologized. Here! This is Miss Qu's compensation and medical fees."

Dong Xuebing was puzzled. Wan Siguo? Why did Wan Sizhao's brother come here to apologize? This should not be possible. He thought for a while and understood what had happened. It must be City Party Secretary Wan who ordered him to apologize. Xu Dabing's statement confirmed Wan Sizhao tried to rape Qu Yunxuan, and this case was reopened for investigation. That's why Secretary Wan asked Wan Sizhao's family member to apologize. Dong Xuebing nodded with satisfaction. This was the right thing to do regardless of the reason, and it saved him the trouble of visiting Wan Sizhao's family to get them to apologize.

Wan Siguo and Qu Yunxuan's mother argued for a while.

A few seconds later, Wan Siguo stormed out of the ward.

Dong Xuebing looked at Wan Siguo. He was in his early thirties with a studious look, and his eyes looked angry. He had checked Wan Sizhao's background and knew he had a brother. This person was also Secretary Wan's nephew and is currently Fen Zhou City's Ministry of Education Deputy Chief. He had no authority, and Dong Xuebing knew nothing about him.

"Wan Siguo?" Dong Xuebing looked at him.

Wan Siguo immediately recognized him. "Dong Xuebing?"

Both stared at each other without saying anything, and Wan Siguo walked away. He seemed to be upset over his younger brother's death.

Dong Xuebing looked at Wan Siguo's back before entering the ward.

Qu Yunxuan's mother was still fuming. "These people are too much. It's too late for an apology now."

"Xiao Bing is here." Qu Yunxuan's father saw Dong Xuebing and nodded.

"Dad, Mum." Dong Xuebing greeted them and looked at Qu Yunxuan. "Are you feeling better?"

"I am much better." Qu Yunxuan smiled. "How did Wan Sizhao die? What happened?"

Qu Yunxuan's mother also asked. "That's right. Why did Wan Sizhao die suddenly?"

Wan Sizhao died around 1 pm, and they just heard about it.

Dong Xuebing smiled. "You said it earlier. It was karma. Wan Sizhao had done too many evil deeds, and it was time for him to pay the price. Li Taibo and Xu Dabing, who had conspired with him, were also arrested. They will be charged with murder a few days later." He did not want them to know he did all these.

Qu Yunxuan's mother clapped. "This is fantastic!"

Qu Yunxuan's father was relieved. "These people should be punished earlier!"

Qu Yunxuan looked at Dong Xuebing and beckoned him over. "Xiao Bing, come here. I got something to ask you."

Dong Xuebing went over to the bed. "What is it?"

"Tell me the truth. Do you have anything to do with Wan Sizhao's death?" Qu Yunxuan looked at Dong Xuebing. "You said leave this matter to you yesterday, and Wan Sizhao died this afternoon. Li Taibo and Xu Dabing were also arrested. How can this be coincidental?"

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat. "Err.... I don't know."

Qu Yunxuan looked at him in his eyes. "Tell me the truth. Are you asking for a beating?"

Qu Yunxuan's parents were shocked and looked at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing thought to himself. Aunt Xuan knew him too well. He stuttered. "I do have something to do with this incident, but not I am not involved."

Qu Yunxuan gave Dong Xuebing a stare. "Why are you doing this again?! I asked you to leave it to the Police."

"Sigh.... It would be great if the Police could handle it, but they can't handle it. So, I offered some help. You are seriously injured in this incident. How can I not be concerned?"

Qu Yunxuan was about to scold Dong Xuebing, and her mother interrupted. "Xiao Bing had done well! These bad guys should be put in place by someone worse than them. They deserve it!"

Dong Xuebing was speechless. Since when did I become a bad guy?

"You had done well." Qu Yunxuan's mother patted Dong Xuebing's hand. "We will not bring up your marriage with Xie Huilan, but don't forget about the five-year agreement. Yunxuan had given birth to your daughter, and I will kill you if you don't marry her! You must have a conscience. Do you agree?"

Dong Xuebing was sweating. "Yes... yes.... Err.... You said yesterday...."

Qu Yunxuan's mother feigned ignorance. "What did I say?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "Nothing."

Qu Yunxuan's mother had said she would allow Qu Yunxuan to be Dong Xuebing's mistress if he could bring Wan Sizhao down. But she had said it in anger and could not be treated seriously. Of course, Dong Xuebing did not expect her to stick to her words, and having her agree to their five-

year agreement was good enough. He would not be scolded by Qu Yunxuan's parents and his mother again in the future.

Ring... ring... ring.... Dong Xuebing's phone rang.

Dong Xuebing saw it was Xie Huilan's number, and he excused himself to the corridor away from the ward to answer.

"Hello, Huilan."

"What have you done?"

"Nothing...."

"Nothing? Then why did Wan Sizhao fall off the building and Li Taibo arrested?"

"This had nothing to do with me. I...."

"Save your explanation. Do you think I don't know my husband? Qu Yunxuan was forced to jump out of the window, and Wan Sizhao did the same a few days later. You always like to do the same thing as revenge. Do you think I will believe this has nothing to do with you?"

Dong Xuebing was speechless. How come you all know me so well?

"Was it so obvious?" Dong Xuebing had no choice but to admit it. "I thought I had covered my tracks well."

Xie Huilan giggled. "You would have covered your tracks well if you did not tell the Police you went out to buy alcohol. Who asked you to speak without thinking and tried to show off?"

Dong Xuebing argued. "What show off? I was trying to spite them!"

"I told you many times to wait for me. You never listen."

"Yunxuan almost died, and it was a miracle that I had waited for one day. I can't wait anymore."

"You are always so rash. You saved me on impulse during the time bomb incident in Yan Tai County. If you were not rash, we would not be husband and wife now. Haha.... There are two sides to everything. Alright. You had done well, and I don't need to rush back."

Dong Xuebing smiled. "There's no rush. Just come back after you finish your work. Everything is fine here."

Xie Huilan laughed. "You don't want me to be back because of Yunxuan."

Dong Xuebing quickly explained. "What are you saying? I am concerned about your work and want you to return earlier. I miss you badly."

"Haha.... Are you telling the truth?"

“Of course.”

“Not bad. Kiss me.”

Dong Xuebing kissed his phone. “Ok?”

“Haha.... I am hanging up. Bye.”

After hanging up the call with Xie Huilan, Dong Xuebing noticed something. Most people would not know he was behind this incident, but intelligent people would suspect he was involved. They would not think he had killed Wan Sizhao because of the evidence, but they know he played a critical role in it. Wan Sizhao’s death might create more problems for him.

Secretary Wan, Wan Sizhao’s family, and the people who had dealings with Wan Sizhao should hate Dong Xuebing now.

However, Dong Xuebing did not care.

There is always a solution to a problem.

Chapter 886: The nickname is back

Hospital.

Dong Xuebing returned to the ward after the call and noticed one more person. It was his mother, Luan Xiaoping. She was carrying the three-month-old Xiao Qianqian.

“Mum.” Dong Xuebing greeted her. “Why are you here?”

Luan Xiaoping replied angrily. “How can I don’t visit Yunxuan after what happened to her?”

Dong Xuebing explained. “I don’t want to be worried. She is fine now.”

Luan Xiaoping was still angry. “How can you hide this from me?!”

Qu Yunxuan held Luan Xiaoping’s hand. “Mum, I asked Xiao Bing not to tell you. You have high blood pressure, and we don’t want you to get worried.”

Luan Xiaoping held Yunxuan’s hand. “I was so scared. Luckily, you are fine.”

Qu Yunxuan’s mother sighed. “Yunxuan is lucky to be alive.”

They chatted for a while.

A doctor entered the ward to check Qu Yunxuan and concluded her condition had stabilized. She can transfer to another hospital tomorrow.

Everyone was relieved.

Qu Yunxuan’s mother said to her husband. “We came out in a rush and did not switch off the TV or close the windows. Our daughter is fine now, and I will stay with her. You should go home first.”

Qu Yunxuan’s father shook his head. “You should go back. You had not been taking your medication for two days.”

“I will be fine and will not die if I do not take my medicine for a few days.” Qu Yunxuan’s mother replied, but she looked tired.

Qu Yunxuan was worried for her parents. "Dad, Mum, you two should go back and rest. I am fine by myself."

Luan Xiaoping added. "That's right. You all should go back and rest. You two did not get much sleep these two days. Don't worry about Yunxuan. I told Old Yang I was not returning to the neighboring City. I can take care of her."

Qu Yunxuan's father hesitated. "This will be too troublesome for you."

Luan Xiaoping replied. "Yunxuan is my daughter-in-law, and it's not troublesome."

"We...." Qu Yunxuan's mother also hesitated.

"I will take care of her." Luan Xiaoping said.

Qu Yunxuan's mother looked at her. "Alright. Thank you, Sister Luan."

Luan Xiaoping waved her hand. "We are a family. Stop saying this."

"Dad, Mum." Dong Xuebing grabbed his keys. "My car is downstairs. I will send you all back to Beijing."

Luan Xiaoping nodded. "Yes. Let Xiao Bing send you all back. His car is fast."

Qu Yunxuan's mother replied. "No need. We will take the long-distance bus. Xiao Bing can send us to the bus station."

Qu Yunxuan's father added. "That's right. It's too far, and you all got a baby to look after."

Dong Xuebing agreed. His mother had to stay in the hospital to take care of Yunxuan, and they should not let Little Qianqian stay with her. The hospital is full of germs, and Qianqian might fall sick. "Alright. I will send you all to the bus station."

Luan Xiaoping passed Little Qianqian to Dong Xuebing. "Bring the baby with you. Hospitals are not clean and don't come back after sending Yunxuan's parents."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Alright."

Qu Yunxuan was worried. "Xiao Bing doesn't know how to take care of babies. Are you sure?"

Dong Xuebing laughed. "Just leave her to me. She is my daughter, and I can take care of her. It's just changing diapers and feeding her. Anyone can do it."

Qu Yunxuan laughed. "Stop boasting. Don't come running back to us with her."

"Impossible." Dong Xuebing retorted. "I will show you."

Everyone laughed.

Luan Xiaoping looked at her son. "I am leaving my precious granddaughter to you. You better watch out if you make her starve."

"I know...." Dong Xuebing replied. "Mum, Dad, let's go."

"Ok." Qu Yunxuan's mother looked at her daughter. "Rest well and call us if you need anything. We will come and visit you."

At the same time.

As Dong Xuebing thought, the impact of Wan Sizhao's death has grown bigger. Many leaders in Fen Zhou City felt Dong Xuebing was involved in his death.

Dong Xuebing's background was dug up for the first time in Fen Zhou City. Everyone might not be interested if he was an Investment Promotion Agency leader and a Sub-District Director. However, he is the Inspection First Office's Director, and he can be considered one of the high executives in the City. His wife is the City's Deputy Mayor, and everyone started asking about his background.

Some leaders asked their friends in Nan Shan District.

Some leaders asked the staff in Yan Tai County.

Everyone was shocked when they heard about Dong Xuebing's past deeds.

The City Leaders' impression of Dong Xuebing was righteous and upright because he had saved countless lives during the earthquake and landslide. The news reports had reported all positive news about him.

After asking around, the Leaders found out they were wrong.

Most people were fooled by Dong Xuebing's outstanding achievements and image.

News of what happened in Yan Tai County after Dong Xuebing was appointed spread to the Leaders.

Because of Dong Xuebing, Yan Tai County's former Party Secretary, was transferred away to a powerless position. Yan Tai County's former Publicity Department Chief was arrested for corruption because of him. A person with a grudge against him was hit by a falling flowerpot and became an idiot. A staff member who had clashed with him was in an elevator accident and forced to retire because of health issues. The accident happened in front of him. Nan Shan District's Party Secretary Wan Anshi was dismissed, and the Organization Department Chief was arrested. Many other leaders were punished and fired from the government service because of him.

God damn....

What the hell had happened?

Everyone was shocked. This was the first time they discovered Dong Xuebing's true nature behind the earthquake hero image.

Wan Sizhao had died this time.

All of Dong Xuebing's enemies did not end well.

What is wrong with this person?

This person is bad luck!

Finally, Dong Xuebing's nickname from Yan Tai County and Nan Shan District returned to Fen Zhou City.

The God of Plagues!

No wonder Dong Xuebing was given this nickname. It fit him perfectly.

Chapter 887: Bringing a baby to work

Dong Xuebing woke up early in the morning because of a baby crying. Little Qianqian was crying loudly.

“Wa... wa... wa....”

“Mum! The baby is crying....”

“Wa... wa... wa....”

“Yunxuan! Bring the baby out....”

“Wa... wa... wa... wa....”

“Yunxuan.... Yunxuan.... Can you hear me?”

Little Qianqian was crying louder.

Dong Xuebing rubbed his eyes and got up. He looked at the baby girl beside him. He remembered Yunxuan was hospitalized, and his mother was taking care of her at the hospital. They had left his daughter with him. Xie Huilan had left for the south a few days ago, and they were the only ones at home.

Dong Xuebing quickly carried his daughter. She had wet herself, and her diaper was soaked. He quickly threw away the soiled diaper and changed it to a new one.

“Don’t cry....”

“Wa... wa... wa....”

“Ah.... What’s wrong with you?”

“Wa... wa... wa....”

“Are you hungry? Don’t cry.... I will make milk for you.”

Dong Xuebing put down Little Qianqian and rushed out to prepare milk for her. He made a big bottle and stuck it into her mouth. “Here... here....”

Little Qianqian was starving and started sucking the bottle.

Little Qianqian drank the milk for a while and started crying again.

Dong Xuebing panicked. “What’s wrong? Why did you stop drinking your milk? Are you not hungry?”

Little Qianqian kept swinging her little hands and hitting her milk bottle. She just refused to drink and continued crying.

Dong Xuebing touched the milk bottle and realized the milk was too hot. Little Qianqian was burned, and he quickly opened the bottle to cool it. After the milk had cooled, he put it into her mouth. “This should be fine.”

Little Qianqian stopped crying and started drinking.

Dong Xuebing sighed and looked at the time. He went to the bathroom to brush his teeth and bathe. When he was bathing, Little Qianqian started crying again. He immediately rushed out to check on her. She had wet herself again. He wiped her with wet wipes and changed her diapers. After that, he put on a new set of clothes for her, and she looked cute.

Little Qianqian started waving her arms, smiling.

Dong Xuebing yawned. He still wanted to sleep more.

Qu Yunxuan took care of their daughter, and his mother, Luan Xiaoping, helped. Dong Xuebing had never done anything. At most, he helped to change her diaper once in a while. He did not find it challenging to look after a baby, and he agreed to look after Qianqian last night. Just this morning, he was exhausted. He did not know it was so tiring. Babies cry often, and he does not know what they want.

8 am.

It was time to work. What about my daughter?

Dong Xuebing could not send his daughter back to his mother and Qu Yunxuan at the hospital. He also could not leave her alone at home.

Dong Xuebing thought for a while and carried his daughter up. He kissed her forehead and said. "My precious girl, do you want to come to work with Daddy?"

Little Qianqian waved her tiny hands about.

"Oh, you want to come to work with Daddy? You must be a good girl, and don't be naughty."

"Ooh... ahh...."

"Haha.... Let's go!"

Dong Xuebing carried Little Qianqian to his car and drove to work.

The City Party Committee Building. Many people were on their way to work and saw Dong Xuebing's Porsche. They were from the City Party Committee and City Government, and they started talking among themselves. Dong Xuebing felt weird as he saw everybody looking at him. The doors were closed, and the baby was making noises. He could not hear them from inside the car.

Are they talking about me?

Why is everyone talking about me?

Although Dong Xuebing was used to such looks, he still felt uncomfortable. He got out of his car and went to his office.

It was still early, and not many Discipline Inspection staff were around.

Dong Xuebing gave Little Qianqian a doll and put her on the sofa. "Play by yourself, and don't put it into your mouth. Daddy is going to have breakfast."

Inspection First Office Zhu Zhu walked past Dong Xuebing's office.

Dong Xuebing saw her and called her. "Xiao Zhu, ask Director Luo to see me when she comes."

"Ok." Zhu Zhu acknowledged and saw the baby on the sofa. She smiled and blinked at the baby. "Director, is this your child?"

Dong Xuebing smiled and nodded. "It's my cousin's child and also my daughter. My god-daughter."

Zhu Zhu thought to herself. Cousin's child and also your god-daughter? Why is your relationship so messy?

But Zhu Zhu did not ask anything. "Oh, she is a princess. So cute...."

"Haha.... She is naughty and kept crying."

Zhu Zhu looked at Qianqian and played with her. "Babies are all naughty. I have never seen such a beautiful baby girl. She makes me want to have a baby too. She will be a pretty woman when she grows up."

Dong Xuebing felt good when he heard others praising his daughter.

Zhu Zhu left, and Dong Xuebing took out the breakfast he had bought.

A few minutes later, someone knocked on the door. Luo Haiting entered with a smile. "Director, are you looking for me?"

Dong Xuebing nodded and asked her to sit after she closed the door. "I bought you tiao and soy bean drink. It's still hot. Let's eat together."

Luo Haiting smiled. "I got up later today and still did not have breakfast. Thank you."

"Sit. Here." Dong Xuebing gave her some of his breakfast.

"Wait.... I will just drink the soy bean drink."

"I bought your share and cannot finish all the food."

Both sat at Dong Xuebing's desk to eat their breakfast.

"Sister Luo." Dong Xuebing looked at Luo Haiting. "Thanks for your help yesterday. Did that incident cause any trouble for you?"

"No." Luo Haiting waved her hand and smiled. "It was nothing."

Dong Xuebing thought for a while. "Actually, I asked you to invite...."

Other people might not know Dong Xuebing was involved in this incident, but Luo Haiting knows. She was the one who asked Li Taibo out for lunch, and she also asked Xu Dabing to join them. Wan Sizhao's incident happened immediately after she went to the bathroom. How can she not know about it? Dong Xuebing would have no way to punish Wan Sizhao, Li Taibo, and Xu Dabing without her help and statement. That's why Dong Xuebing was very grateful to her.

Luo Haiting interrupted. "Xuebing, even if you don't ask me to help, I would invite Li Taibo and Xu Dabing to lunch."

Sister Luo is smart and does not want to know what happened.

Dong Xuebing nodded and raised his cup of Soybean drink. "Anyway, thank you. Here... this is a toast to thank you."

"Wait.... you are my superior. I should be the one offering a toast." Luo Haiting smiled.

This incident was over, and since Luo Haiting did not want to know, Dong Xuebing would not make any explanation.

"Here, have a You Tiao."

"You should also have some."

"Ok. Ah...."

"Huh? What happened?"

"Nothing. I cut my hand." Dong Xuebing was using a pair of disposable chopsticks provided by the restaurant. He was cut by the splinters when he gave Luo Haiting a You Tiao.

Luo Haiting held Dong Xuebing's wrist. "Let me see. Ah, you are bleeding."

"It's nothing." Dong Xuebing thought nothing about it and smiled. This small cut was nothing to him.

Luo Haiting bent over and sucked Dong Xuebing's finger.

Dong Xuebing was shocked. "Stop...."

Luo Haiting took out his finger. "This is to disinfect your wound." She said and sucked his finger again.

Dong Xuebing blushed as he felt her finger's warm and wet sensation. Suddenly, he felt Luo Haiting's tongue against his finger. She did not only lick his wound. She licked his whole finger, from the tip to his knuckle. It was ticklish, and he cleared his throat because of his embarrassment. But he did not stop her as it felt good.

Luo Haiting sucked and licked Dong Xuebing's finger for a few minutes. Both did not say a word, and it felt awkward.

"Sister Luo, thank you." Dong Xuebing said.

Luo Haiting looked at Dong Xuebing and smiled. "It's alright. Stop using that pair of chopsticks. Just use mine. We can share."

The bleeding had stopped after Luo Haiting's 'treatment,' and Dong Xuebing's finger was covered with her saliva.

Chapter 888: Little Qianqian became a star

Inspection First Office, Dong Xuebing's office.

Dong Xuebing pulled back his finger and wiped it secretly with a tissue. It was awkward, and he changed the topic. "Oh, Sister Liu. I noticed many people talking about me on my way to work. What happened?"

Luo Haiting smiled. "Can I don't say it?"

"Tell me." Dong Xuebing looked at Luo Haiting. "There's nothing to hide between us."

Luo Haiting hesitated for a second and giggled. "I heard they call you the God of Plagues behind your back."

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "God of Plagues?" Why did my nickname come back again?

Dong Xuebing knew this was because of Wan Sizhao and Li Taibo's incident. It made him notorious again. Many people must have asked about him during his time in Yan Tai County and Nan Shan District. He was frustrated and felt this nickname would stick to him for life.

Dong Xuebing replied helplessly. "No wonder everyone was looking at me this morning."

Luo Haiting looked at Dong Xuebing, "They are spreading rumors about you. You should understand the people in the Government Service well. They will exaggerate the rumors."

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. "Let them be. This is not the first time I am called the God of Plagues."

Luo Haiting tried her best not to laugh and was about to say something when she heard a baby cry. She was surprised and saw a baby on the sofa. "Eh? Xuebing, this...."

"My god-daughter." Dong Xuebing took out a diaper from his bag and walked over. "I think she wet herself again. Sigh.... She can't let me have a moment of peace."

"Let me do it."

"No need."

"It's fine. I like babies. Haha...."

Luo Haiting took the diaper from Dong Xuebing and helped Little Qianqian change it. "How old is she? What's her name?"

"She is around 100 days old. Her name is Qu Qian."

"It's a nice name, and she is pretty."

"Haha.... She is cute and looks like Yunxuan."

"Why are you looking after her? It's tiring to look after a baby."

"Yes. Yunxuan is hospitalized, and she doesn't have any relatives here. I got to look after her baby as I can't leave her at home alone."

Luo Haiting seemed to like Little Qianqian and started playing with her. She teased her with her doll. "Do you want this?"

Little Qianqian reached out for her doll and shouted anxiously.

Luo Haiting gave the doll back to Little Qianqian and kissed her cheeks. "You are so pretty. Do you want to come with me?"

"Aah... ya...."

"This means you agree? Do you want me to bring you home?"

"Ahh... ooh...."

Little Qianqian was playful and liked to grab Luo Haiting's clothes when she carried her.

Luo Haiting kissed Little Qianqian again. "This little fellow is so cute."

Dong Xuebing laughed. "She is not afraid of strangers."

Luo Haiting smiled. "I can tell. She will be a beauty when she grows up. Haha.... Xuebing, I can help if you are tired from looking after her. I brought up my son alone, and I am more experienced than you."

Dong Xuebing replied. "Sure. I will trouble you if I can't handle her."

Luo Haiting continued playing with Little Qianqian and did not want to leave Dong Xuebing's office.

News of Inspection First Office's Director Dong brings a cute baby to work spread across the Discipline Inspection. Other people would never bring a child to work as it would affect others. The Leaders would not like it too. But Dong Xuebing was different. He was one of the Leaders in Discipline Inspection, and leaders have special privileges. They can be late or leave early and bring their children to work. This was not possible for staff members.

Noon.

Lunchtime.

Dong Xuebing returned to his office after lunch and was about to prepare milk for Little Qianqian. Someone knocked on his door, and Complain Department Director Liang Xuan entered.

"Director Liang." Dong Xuebing smiled. "Are you looking for me?"

Liang Xuan smiled. "I heard you had brought your god-daughter to work, and she is adorable. Haha.... I am here to see her."

Dong Xuebing was amused. "Sister Luan, do you like children too?"

"I love them, and I wish I could have another child. Ah.... This must be Little Qianqian." Liang Xuan looked at the baby on the sofa. "Director Dong, can I carry her for a while?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "Of course."

Liang Xuan carried Little Qianqian in her arms carefully. She smiled. "She is so cute, and she got big eyes. She would be sweeping men off their feet when she grows up."

Little Qianqian made baby noises as she tried to grab Liang Xuan's hair.

Liang Xuan avoided Little Qianqian's hand. "Hehe... you want to grab my hair?"

Dong Xuebing finished preparing Little Qianqian's milk. "Little fellow, your milk is ready."

"Let me do it." Liang Xuan took the milk bottle from Dong Xuebing and tested the temperature. "It's too hot. You got to let it cool by a few degrees first."

Dong Xuebing asked. "What should be the right temperature?"

Liang Xuan replied. "It should feel warm and not hot when you hold it during winter. The milk cannot be too hot as babies cannot take it."

Dong Xuebing nodded and remembered it.

After lunchtime.

Dong Xuebing carried his daughter out for a walk to get some sun.

When Dong Xuebing appeared in the corridor, he was surrounded by Discipline Inspection Leaders and staff members. Most of them are female, and they want to play with Qianqian. Some might be doing this as an excuse to talk to the leaders or suck up to him.

Regardless, Dong Xuebing felt good when he saw Little Qianqian was popular among his colleagues. He smiled and chatted with everyone.

Little Qianqian was overjoyed as she played with everyone.

Dong Xuebing let Little Qianqian play until she got tired and brought her back to his office. He stroked her head and smiled. "Look at you. You are so popular. Just like a movie star. Haha...."

Chapter 889: Daughter was missing

Dong Xuebing stretched as he put down a document. He stuck out his hand from the window to feel the temperature. It was cold. He wore his coat and carried his sleeping baby under it before walking to his car.

On Dong Xuebing's way home, Little Qianqian woke up and started shouting.

It wasn't easy to drive while carrying a baby.

"Why are you calling Daddy?"

"Aah... ahh..."

"Haha.... Are you hungry?"

"Ooh... ahh...."

"Daddy will bring you to the supermarket to buy you some treats."

Little Qianqian seemed to understand and started giggling. She reached out to grab Dong Xuebing's hair excitedly.

Dong Xuebing was amused by his cute daughter and kissed her chubby cheeks. Although it was tiring today, it was worth it.

City Party Committee family quarters.

It was warm at home because of the heater.

Dong Xuebing was cooking his dinner when his phone rang.

“Hello, Mum.” Dong Xuebing answered while cutting vegetables. “Are you still at the hospital?”

Luan Xiaoping replied. “Yes. I had dinner with Yunxuan. How is Qianqian?”

Dong Xuebing laughed. “She is in her pram waiting for me to feed her.”

Luan Xiaoping instructed. “Just give her milk. Don’t give her anything spicy or salty if she wants to eat something else. Remember to smash the food first, or she will get indigestion.”

“I know.”

“You cannot give her too much solid food; she must drink her milk first.”

“I know... I know.... Don’t worry. I know what to do.”

“Are you getting impatient?! Huh? Put the phone closer to my granddaughter. I want to speak to her.”

Dong Xuebing laughed. “Mum, I am preparing dinner. You can see her after Yunxuan is discharged. Alright. I am hanging up.”

Dinner was ready, and Dong Xuebing sat at the dining dinner with his daughter on his lap.

Little Qianqian got excited when she saw the food on the table. She waved her arms wildly and tried to grab the food.

“You greedy girl. Your granny doesn’t allow you to eat other food, and I can only give you a little.” Dong Xuebing picked up a small piece of meat and chewed it before putting a little into Qianqian’s mouth. She smacked her lips and swallowed her food.

Dong Xuebing looked at Qianqian. “Is it delicious? Do you want more?”

“Yaa... Yaa... Aah....” The baby got anxious and started making noises.

Dong Xuebing was amused. “I cannot give you any more. You will get indigestion. You got to wait until you are more than six months old.”

Little Qianqian started waving her arms wildly, but Dong Xuebing did not give in. She got mad, and her big eyes turned red.

“Ahh.... Don’t cry....” Dong Xuebing quickly grabbed the milk bottle and stuck it into Little Qianqian’s mouth.

The baby was easily contented, and she quickly stopped crying. Dong Xuebing looked at her and felt blessed. Having a child is the greatest joy in his life.

Dong Xuebing seldom had the chance to accompany Qianqian since she was born, and he felt he could not leave her now. She was so adorable, and he wanted to take care of her instead of asking his Mum to help. He might not have the chance to see her once a week in the future.

Around 8 pm.

Dong Xuebing took a shower and bathed Little Qianqian. After that, he tucked her into bed and played with her.

“Do you want to live with Daddy in the future?”

“Ahh....”

“Oh, you want? Good girl....”

“Ooh... yaa....”

“Haha.... Play with me.”

Little Qianqian still did not know how to crawl and tried to grab the doll Dong Xuebing was holding. She laid on her back and waved her arms.

They played for a while when Dong Xuebing’s phone, which was on the table, rang.

Dong Xuebing gave the doll to Little Qianqian. “Play by yourself. Daddy is going to answer the call.”

Little Qianqian was giggling as she grabbed and pulled her doll.

Dong Xuebing smiled and kissed her cheeks before walking out to the living room to get his phone.

“Hello, this is Dong Xuebing.”

Luo Haiting said. “Xuebing, have you heard about it?”

Dong Xuebing asked. “Heard about what?”

Luo Haiting replied. “Li Taibo had escaped.”

“What?” Dong Xuebing frowned. “How did it happen?”

“I just returned from the Public Security Bureau. They had found new evidence and asked me to go there for further statements. The Bureau was in chaos when I reached there. I heard from one of the officers that Li Taibo had escaped. They should be blocking the news of his escape now.”

“How did he escape? He should be in the detention center.”

“I don’t know about the details. I heard he had used a loophole in the detention center and had beaten up a few officers to escape. His whereabouts are unknown now. Oh, there might be people helping him. After all, he was the Investigation Team Leader, and many people owed him favors. He managed to uncuff himself and is on the run now. The Public Security Bureau is investigating who helped him escape now.”

Dong Xuebing replied. "I know."

"Director, you got to be careful. I am afraid Li Taibo might...." Luo Haiting stopped and said. "But I don't think he would be so stupid to look for you. He should have heard about your skills. Checkpoints had been set up on all major roads and highways. He should be arrested soon."

"Hope so." Dong Xuebing looked terrible after hanging up.

What were the guards at the detention center doing?! How can they let him escape?

Dong Xuebing opened the windows and lit a cigarette. He thought about what had happened. Li Taibo... Li Taibo.... This person had given false statements and fabricated evidence several times. He is not fit to be a Police Officer. He had harmed several victims, and he should have been executed. Someone from the detention center must have helped him to escape.

Dong Xuebing snubbed his cigarette and returned to his room angrily.

Little Qianqian saw Dong Xuebing and started crying.

Dong Xuebing quickly composed himself and hugged her. "What's wrong? Why are you crying? Did you pee again?" He touched her diapers, but it was not wet.

Little Qianqian continued to cry.

Dong Xuebing suddenly remembered Xie Huilan's words. His mood would affect his daughter, and he put on a smiling face. "Stop crying.... Daddy is not angry.... I am not angry with you.... Alright.... Don't cry...."

Little Qianqian blinked, and her tears stopped.

Dong Xuebing kissed Little Qianqian's forehead. "You are so sensitive. Other than sleeping and eating, what else do you know? Huh?"

Little Qianqian played with her doll for a while and lost interest. She was tired and was about to fall asleep.

Dong Xuebing smiled and put her into the baby cot. "You must be sleepy. Today must be a happy and tiring day for you. You played with many people and received so many praises. Sleep well."

Little Qianqian seemed to be exhausted and fell asleep the moment Dong Xuebing put her into the baby cot.

Dong Xuebing smiled and shook his head. He lay on the bed and fell asleep too.

One hour....

Three hours....

Five hours....

Dong Xuebing woke up at 5 am. He had gone to bed early and could not go back to sleep. He looked at the baby in the baby cot and smiled. She should not wake up soon. He walked out of the room to wash up and get dressed. He grabbed his keys and left for the Public Security Bureau. He

wanted to know the progress of catching Li Taibo, as he was worried he might harm his family. This guy must be captured soon and will help at the right moment.

But things were not looking good after he got to the Bureau.

Li Taibo was the former Investigation Team Leader and knew how the Police operate. The Public Security Bureau tried to arrest him last night. Two eyewitnesses saw him, but he disappeared when the Police arrived. He was too cunning.

Dong Xuebing did not find out anything at 6 am.

Dong Xuebing shook his head and drove back, as his daughter should be waking up soon. It was a Saturday, and he did not need to work. He can accompany her the whole day. He could not do anything about Li Taibo and got to leave it to the relevant departments. Li Taibo should not have the guts to look for him.

City Party Committee family quarters.

It was still dark when Dong Xuebing walked up the stairs.

When Dong Xuebing reached his apartment, he was stunned. The door was half opened. He remembered he had closed the door earlier and looked at the lock. It was forced open with a tool. There were scratches around the keyhole.

Damn!

Someone had come.

Dong Xuebing rushed into the apartment.

“Qianqian! Qianqian!” Dong Xuebing panicked.

Dong Xuebing rushed into his bedroom, and Little Qianqian was gone. The baby cot was empty!

“Qianqian!” Dong Xuebing shouted.

Dong Xuebing’s daughter was missing!

Dong Xuebing clenched his teeth and turned pale immediately.

Chapter 890: 100 million RMB ransom

Dong Xuebing stood in front of the baby cot in despair. He touched the blanket, and his face turned cold.

What happened?

How did Little Qianqian disappear?

Dong Xuebing took a deep breath and wondered who had taken his daughter away. He had too many enemies and had offended too many people. However, not many of his enemies would dare to abduct his daughter unless it was deep hatred. The only person who would do this was Li Taibo.

It must be Li Taibo.

He had abducted my daughter.

Dong Xuebing was sure it was Li Taibo. He had put him behind bars as a murderer. Also, Wan Sizhao was involved in Yunxuan's case, and he brought her daughter to work yesterday. Li Taibo knew it would be tough for Dong Xuebing to look after Little Qianqian himself, and he waited for an opportunity to abduct her after he escaped. He knew he was no match for Dong Xuebing and chose to use Qianqian as revenge.

Bastard!

You are seeking your death!

Dong Xuebing was raging! He had never been so angry before!

Dong Xuebing's breathing got faster, and he took out his phone to call the Police. But he doesn't dare to let Aunt Xuan and his Mum know.

Li Taibo!

I will let you die a terrible death if you dare to harm my daughter!

The Public Security Bureau acted fast when they heard Dong Xuebing's goddaughter was abducted, which might be committed by Li Taibo. They found it hard to believe. Li Taibo should be on the run after escaping from the detention center. Why did he dare go to the City Party Committee family quarters to abduct Director Dong's goddaughter? He dared to do this because he had worked as a Police Officer for years. He knew how the Police pursue criminals.

The Public Security Bureau Officers arrived quickly and searched the house for fingerprints.

Dong Xuebing did not say anything and stood by the windows with his eyes closed.

A Public Security Bureau Officer walked over. "Don't worry, Director Dong. We will do our best to look for your goddaughter. We had sealed all the major roads. He cannot escape."

Dong Xuebing looked at that Officer. "Are you sure?"

The Officer was surprised by Dong Xuebing's question and kept quiet.

Sure?! How can that Officer be sure? He was only trying to comfort Dong Xuebing. Other criminals might not escape, but not Li Taibo. He was the Investigation Team Leader and understood the Police search methods well. He also had lots of connections helping him to escape.

This matter had blown up.

Wan Sizhao's death had caused a significant impact. The City Party Secretary Wan was furious and wanted the killer to be punished. One day later, the suspect, Li Taibo, escaped and went to the City Party Committee family quarters. He abducted Dong Xuebing's goddaughter as revenge from the family quarters and held her hostage.

What Li Taibo did was challenging the City's authority.

All the City Leaders were shocked and furious. The Public Security Bureau Chief Cao Hai ordered to close this case and get Qu Qian back safely.

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

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

Dong Xuebing's phone kept ringing. Many Leaders heard what happened and called to check on him. But he was not in the mood to talk and hung up after saying a few words. He continued to look out of the windows.

Qianqian, you will be safe....

Daddy will come and save you once I get any clues.

Morning 10 am.

The Public Security Bureau Officer told Dong Xuebing their latest finding. They found Li Taibo's fingerprints on his door and the baby cot. They can confirm he had abducted Little Qianqian when he was away.

It was him!

Dong Xuebing almost exploded from his anger.

The search for Li Taibo was ongoing, and there was no progress. He seemed to have an insider helping him. He managed to escape from the Public Security Bureau checks. No one knows where he is now and doesn't know if Little Qianqian is still alive. Dong Xuebing's lips quivered when he thought his daughter might be killed.

Around 11 am.

Dong Xuebing's phone rang again. It was an unknown number, and it seemed to be calling from a public phone.

Dong Xuebing thought it was his colleague or friend, and he answered. "Hello?"

"Hello, Dong Xuebing?" The background was noisy, and Dong Xuebing immediately recognized this voice. It was Li Taibo.

Dong Xuebing shouted. "It's you! Li Taibo!"

The officers, who were still in Dong Xuebing's apartment collecting evidence, heard it and gathered around him.

Li Taibo calmly replied. "The Police are still at your house, right? Don't waste time trying to track me down. I am no longer in Fen Zhou City."

"Where is Qianqian?"

"Your goddaughter? Don't worry, she is fine. I did not change her diaper, and she kept crying nonstop."

"What do you want?"

"You were the winner of the case two days ago. Although I don't know how you framed me, I admit I lost to you. The things I had done were enough to get me executed twice. It's no different for me. Haha.... You live up to your name. I had thought too lightly of you."

"Come at me if you dare!"

“I am not stupid. Everyone in the Public Security Bureau knows about you. I can never win against you if I clash with you head-on. I am leaving now. Maybe I will go overseas, and I need a sum of money. You can start preparing now. I want 100 million RMB, and I will contact you again when I feel it is safe. Transfer the money to the account I appointed, and I will return your goddaughter to you.”