

"Xu Jing, you're really home!" Tears filled Du Meng's eyes and she was so overwrought—she was from the country and not used to expressing her emotions—that she couldn't find the words to express her feelings and turned her head to call into the house instead. "Zhengyi, Jing is here!"

Xu Zhengyi and Xu Rong were left speechless with emotion when they rushed out of the house and saw Xu Jing standing just outside the yard.

"As long as you're back, safe and sound," Xu Zhengyi rejoiced with a voice choked by emotion.

Meanwhile, Xu Rong discreetly took off her glasses and dabbed at the tears at the corners of her eyes.

Just then, the crackling of firecrackers broke out behind them, set off by Liu Pingan who had just retrieved several strings from the trunk of the car.

The setting off of fireworks after a bout of misfortune was a village custom called "Bringing in Joy".

The Xu Family entered the house with beaming faces followed by Lu Chen and his companions, and Du Meng beckoned for them to begin their lunch.

When they realized that one chicken wasn't enough to share, Xu Zhengyi instructed Du Meng to slaughter and braise another.

Their merrymaking alarmed their next-door neighbors, the Tan Family, who immediately sent someone to find out what had happened.

Taken aback when they heard the news that Xu Jing had been released, the Tan Family Brothers prepared to pull the same stunt again.

Although they were hooligans, even they knew that the four of them put together were no match for Xu Jing in a real fight.

The eldest Tan Family Brother made a call to Tan Tailun before they all thronged to the Xu Family home.

"Xu Jing, you b*stard, you actually escaped from the lockup; how is that different from breaking out of jail?!" The eldest Tan

Family Brother kicked open the door to the Xu Family's home and hollered as he pointed straight at Xu Jing's face.

Xu Jing's face contorted and he was just about to lunge when Lu Chen threw a look at Song Hai, who got up to haul the eldest Tan Family Brother out into the yard by his collar.

"Help! Someone come help! The Xu Family is beating me up!" The eldest Tan Family Brother screamed at the top of his lungs.

However, the other three Tan Family Brothers didn't try to come to their brother's aid and started screaming and shouting loudly instead.

"It's terrible! The Xu Family is going to murder my brother! Help, help!"

The Xu Family members' faces flushed, not having expected the Tan Family Brothers to be so shameless as to pull the same stunt again.

Just as Xu Zhengyi and his family were at a loss, Lu Chen gave Song Hai an order. "Break his legs."

Xu Zhengyi and his family's faces blanched at Lu Chen's orders. The Tan Family Brothers were screaming murder when they hadn't even done anything yet; it stood to reason that they would give the Xu Family hell if Lu Chen actually broke the eldest Tan Family Brother's legs.

Before Xu Zhengyi could dissuade Lu Chen, however, Song Hai stomped hard on the eldest Tan Family Brother's knees and a resounding crack rang out in the yard.

Anyone with an iota of sense knew that it was the sound of breaking bones.

The other Tan Family Brothers watched with wide eyes, unable to believe that the Xu Family had really dared to do it.

Xu Zhengyi and his family's eyes popped out and their hearts sank to rock-bottom.

Only after a moment's pause did the eldest Tan Family Brother begin to scream like a stuck pig. Song Hai released him, letting him collapse to the ground, where he rolled around while clasping his left knee and moaning in pain.

Lu Chen exchanged a look with Shi Jin and

Lin Tong, who got the message immediately and rushed out wielding the stools they had previously been sitting on.

A chill ran up the spines of the other Tan Family Brothers at the sight and they turned tail to run.

But the Three Marquises of the Water Margin had fought their way through countless battles since childhood to the position of head honchos of the underground forces, and there was no way they were letting the other Tan Family Brothers escape.

The Three Marquises of the Water Margin caught up to the three Tan Family Brothers in the blink of an eye and bashed them to the ground with three loud thumps, causing them to drop to the ground with one blow each. However, the Three Marquises of the Water Margin didn't stop there; they snapped a leg on each of the Tan Family Brothers.

Barely a minute had passed since the Tan Family Brothers had barged into the house, yet they already lay crippled and groaning on the ground.

Fear and anxiety cloaked the faces of all the Xu Family members besides Xu Jing.

"Mr. Lu, go home quickly! None of you will be able to leave once the local police station sends their men. Oh yes... Jing, quickly send Mr. Lu back to the city and don't come back for a while!" Xu Zhengyi gave Xu Jing a light push as he spoke with fear, worry brimming in his eyes.

"Uncle Xu, don't worry. The local police station won't send anyone and there won't be any problems because even if they do, because I'll take care of it," Lu Chen consoled Xu Zhengyi with a smile.

It was true that Tan Tailun no longer dared to send his men; and in his opinion, nothing serious would happen anyway. Besides, his superiors were on their way to deal with him, so he hadn't the time to bother with the Tan Family and neither did he have any inclination to do so.

Nor did he have the guts.

So when the eldest Tan Family Brother had given him a call, he had only given him noncommittal answers. Unfortunately, the Tan Family Brothers had misunderstood

and believed that he still would come though he might arrive later, and so the brothers had proceeded to create trouble though later than they had originally planned.

The Tan Family Brothers were now sweating profusely from the excruciating pain.

What's more, the Xu Family had used lots of water to slaughter and clean the chickens, so the Tan Family Brothers were now covered in mud from rolling on the ground.

Stirred up by the commotion, the people in the village formed a crowd that just kept growing larger and larger.

They were all amazed to see that the Tan Family Brothers all sported broken legs.

All this time, the Tan Family Brothers had been the ones beating others up, so it came as a pleasant surprise to most that the Tan Family Brothers had got their just deserts and had their legs broken.

Remarkably, the general majority of the crowd looked pleased with their

predicament and not a single man came forward to protest on their behalf.

At that moment, a middle-aged woman with droopy eyes charged through the crowd and at the sight of the Tan Family Brothers moaning and groaning on the ground, plopped herself down in the Xu Family yard before wailing and screaming at the top of her lungs.

Xu Zhengyi and his family all frowned, but they couldn't very well say anything if the Tan Family Brothers' mother caused a scene especially since Lu Chen had broken her sons' legs.

"Xu Jing, who is this woman?" Song Hai inquired.

"She's the Tan Family Brothers' mother." Xu Jing scrunched his eyebrows; they may have beaten up the Tan Family Brothers, but there was no way they would stoop so low as to raise their hand against a woman, so he wasn't worried about that. Having said that, there was nothing they could do about the Tan Family Brothers' mother throwing a tantrum in his family's yard.

"W-what are you doing?" the eldest Tan Family Brother stammered when Lin Tong grabbed hold of his collar.

By now, the Tan Family's mother had also stopped her caterwauling and looked at Lin Tong worriedly.

"Old hag, if you don't get lost by the count of 3, I'll stab your son once for every 5 seconds you dally," Lin Tong threatened, brandishing the dagger he held.



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"Leave this to me," Lin Tong threw down as he walked out and quickly returned with a dagger in his hand.

The crowd paled and backed off, barely daring to breathe when they saw the gleaming blade that Lin Tong held.

The Tan Family's Mother also saw the dagger in Lin Tong's hand, but she only hesitated for a moment before continuing to wail and cry.

Lin Tong walked to the eldest Tan Family Brother's side and squatted down next to him.

The eldest Tan Family Brother was so alarmed by the sight of the dagger in Lin Tong's hand that he held back his grunts of pain and so did his three brothers; fear welled up in their eyes.

The Tan Family Brothers might be the village bullies, but they had never seen anyone as ruthless as the Three Marquises of the Water Margin who had broken their legs without hesitation; the brothers weren't even sure whether their legs could heal or if crutches would be permanent fixtures in their lives.

"Mr. Lu, please don't kill anyone, because once you do, any good reason you might have had will be moot," Xu Zhengyi pleaded with Lu Chen when he saw that Lin Tong was serious.

"Uncle Xu, relax. Lin Tong knows where to draw a line. Our actions won't incriminate the Xu Family. Oh yes, Xu Jing, make a call to the police to tell them that there was a robbery and that you've already caught the robbers." Lu Chen turned around and ordered Xu Jing to call the police.

He was sure that the Tan Family had already contacted Tan Tailun, but it would be a long time before the police came.

Breaking the Tan Family Brothers' legs was only the beginning; he needed Tan Tailun's cooperation to draw the incident to his intended end.

"Okay." Xu Jing nodded. It just so happened that his father, Xu Zhengyi, had Tan Tailun's phone number and so Xu Jing made a direct call to Tan Tailun.

In the Xu Family yard, the Tan Family's mother knew that her sons' legs had been broken and wasn't afraid of Lin Tong's

threat. Naturally, she knew that her sons had contacted Tan Tailun before this, and so she doubted that Lin Tong and his companions would still be as brave when Tan Tailun arrived with his police officers.

In fact, she wished that Lin Tong would beat her up so that she could claim compensation for her injuries.

When Lin Tong saw that the Tan Family's mother had ignored his warning and resumed her wailing, a ruthless gleam flashed through his eyes and the dagger in his hand plunged into the eldest Tan Family Brother's thigh without hesitation.

"Aaaagh!" the eldest Tan Family Brother squealed like a pig up for slaughter, yet the Tan Family's mother only paused for a second before continuing her antics.

Lin Tong's face hardened; few men had tried to challenge him, so he flicked out the dagger and gave eldest Tan Family Brother's thigh another hard stab.

"Mum, are you mad?! Do you want to see your son dead?!" the second Tan Family Brother was resentful and beside himself when he saw that his mother still dared to

continue making a scene.

Only now did the Tan Family's mother begin to feel afraid. In the beginning, she had been gambling on her belief that Lin Tong wouldn't dare to kill anyone, but the sight of her son wracked with pain after being stabbed twice struck fear into her.

'Old hag, go on and see whether I'll go easy on your sons,' Lin Tong sneered before he stabbed the eldest Tan Family Brother's thigh for the third time.

This time, the eldest Tan Family Brother passed out straight from the pain.

The Tan Family's mother was shaken to her core. "Stop! I'll stop, I'll stop!" she screamed hysterically.

Despite her screams, Lin Tong just left the eldest Tan Family Brother and stalked toward her second son whose eyes bulged with terror and rolled off in an attempt to get away, but Lin Tong just grabbed hold of his collar and buried the dagger into his thigh.

The second Tan Family Brother shrieked like a banshee. The remaining Tan Family

brothers, now afraid, growled at their dazed-looking mother. "You blo*dy old hag, are you trying to get all of us killed? ! "

The Tan Family's mother reeled and nearly spat blood in her anger and disbelief that her son had actually said such a thing of her, but now that she had just seen Lin Tong bury the dagger in her second son's thigh, she was truly and deeply afraid, so she picked herself up and ran out of the Xu Family's yard without saying another word.

The crowd hastily made way for the Tan Family's mother; they might have felt glee at the Tan Family Brothers' downfall earlier, but the fear they felt at Lin Tong's viciousness showed on the faces of each and every one of them.

They had never seen such a vicious, ruthless man before. Some of the more timid fellows among the crowd almost slumped to the ground in fear when they accidentally caught Lin Tong's cold, emotionless gaze.

Now that he'd seen the Tan Family's mother run out of the Xu Family's yard, Lin Tong wiped the dagger clean on the second Tan Family brother's clothes

before keeping it.

He was the manifestation of a grim reaper in their eyes. Even Xu Zhengyi and his family were scared of him.

Xu Zhengyi and his family didn't dare to make a sound since Lin Tong's actions had unnerved them to the point where they wondered if Lu Chen really was a businessman and not some mafia head.

"Let's get on with lunch. The police station will be sending their forces to arrest them in a while," Lu Chen announced to the Xu Family without a backward glance at the Tan Family Brothers.

At that moment, the crowd stirred, seeing two vans pull up outside the Xu Family's yard and unload a crowd of 20-odd men.

The men were covered in dirt and held hoes, iron sticks and even spades. They were obviously workers pulled from a construction site.

"Qibing, you're finally here! Our sons would be dead if you had come any later," the Tan Family's mother whined at a middle-aged man in his fifties among the crowd once

she saw the newcomers.

The middle-aged man, whose face was full of dirt, was the head of the Tan Family, Tan Qibing. He had been mining gravel in the pits with his men when he had gotten a call that his four sons had all had their legs broken by an outsider who was with the Xu Family.

Enraged, he had gathered all his workers and brought them here, prepared to give the outsider and the entire Xu Family a proper beating that would end with them being put in the hospital.

Worried that they would get caught in the crossfire but unwilling to give up a good show, the surrounding crowd backed away when they saw Tan Qibing arrive and advance on the Xu Family menacingly

Xu Zhengyi and his family started and knew that the events of the day would not end well when they saw Tan Qibing storming into their yard with more than twenty men in tow.

"Jing, take Mr. Lu and his companions and escape from the back. We're old and frail; they wouldn't dare to beat us." Du Meng

nudged her son, full of concern for him.

They were old now, the Tan Family wouldn't dare to lift a finger to them. Right now, she was only concerned for her son.

Xu Jing was the only son of the Xu Family and they had to rely on him to continue the line, so they were done for if anything happened to him today.

"Mum, don't worry! Those people don't scare me; just watch as I chase them all out of here," Xu Jing declared. He was just about to rush out when Lu Chen's words cut in. "Hang on. Wait until they're all in the yard," Lu Chen instructed.

Xu Jing understood; Lu Chen meant to wait until the men were all creating a ruckus on Xu Family home so that he and the Three Marquises of the Water Margin would have a good excuse for beating them up.

Frankly, Xu Jing had underestimated the brutality of Lu Chen's plans; since he knew he could, he didn't just want to beat them up, he wanted them to fester in jail for months if not years!

What's more, Lu Chen had pulled his phone out and started recording again. This video and the video that he'd taken of the Tan Family Brothers looting the Xu Family's piglet, was the reason he had dared to order the Three Marquises of the Water Margin to break the Tan Family Brothers' legs.

As long as the Dadukou District Police Headquarters were involved, whether it was the Tan Family Brothers or the men creating a ruckus in the Xu Family's yard, none of them would go scot-free.

"Dad, you're finally here! Quick, avenge us!" the second Tan Family Brother yelled toward Tan Qibing and his men.

Tan Qibing took in the pitiful appearance of his four sons and his anger boiled inside. "Beat them, beat them hard! Break the Xu Family's legs!" he bellowed.

The workers roared as they charged toward Lu Chen, his companions, and the Xu Family.

Chapter 221 The Tan Family's Wrath



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