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Chapter 251: Favoritism

Smack, smack, smack—

A series of faint cracking sounds emerged, and Fang Kun's right fist was instantly rendered useless.

"Ah... my hand..."

The pain, tenfold, a hundredfold more intense than before, surged from his fist. Fang Kun screamed more piercingly than ever, and his vision darkened, almost causing him to faint on the spot.

Fang Kun's fair-weather friends behind him saw this and their faces drastically changed. They exchanged looks and all rushed towards Fang Bai together.

Li Hu and Fang Wu were ready to step forward and fight, but before they could, they saw figures flicker before them. Fang Kun's friends had been sent flying backward, landing on the ground and wailing for their parents, screaming non-stop, clearly having taken a harsh fall.

Li Hu and Fang Wu were stunned, looking at Fang Bai with eyes filled with disbelief.

"I've trained for a few years, and today it came in handy!"

Fang Bai said with a grin to the stunned Li Hu and Fang Wu, then launched a kick, sending Fang Kun flying.

Fang Kun's body flew back and crashed heavily onto one of his accomplices, causing him to cry out "wa wa" as tears and snot flowed freely.

Jiang Han's parents saw the town mayor's son being beaten up at their doorstep and feared it might affect them. They turned pale with fright, unsure of what to do.

What worried Jiang Han, however, was Fang Wu. She ran up to him and urged anxiously, "Brother Wu, you guys have hit Fang Kun, and the police will arrest you for it. Go quickly and lie low for a while! Don't worry, I... I would rather die than marry Fang Kun!"

Fang Wu shook his head firmly and said righteously, "I'm not leaving! Fang Kun struck first. If the police are going to arrest anyone, they should arrest him!"

Jiang Han stamped her foot in frustration and said, "My silly Brother Wu, Fang Kun's father is the town mayor, and the police will definitely side with him. In the end, it'll be you guys who suffer!"

"This..."

Thinking of the clout Fang Kun's family had in the town, Fang Wu started to hesitate, turning his gaze towards Fang Bai.

"You must be the elder sister-in-law, right? I'm called Fang Bai, Fang Hu's third cousin."

Fang Bai looked at Jiang Han with a smile and joked, "The elder sister-in-law is beautiful and has such poise, no wonder our elder cousin can't stop thinking about you and vows to marry no one but you! Together, you're a perfect match, a fine pair made in heaven!"

Jiang Han had felt some resentment towards Fang Bai for injuring Fang Kun and potentially getting Fang Wu in trouble, but hearing Fang Bai affectionately call her "elder sister-in-law" and complimenting her as "beautiful and poised," her resentment vanished instantly.

Nevertheless, the thought that this incident was not likely to end well and that Fang Wu and the others might face jail time weighed heavily on her.

Seeing Fang Bai indifferent, as if he didn't care in the least about injuring Fang Kun, Fang Wu felt emboldened and puffed out his chest. He said to Jiang Han, "Leave this matter to us—we'll shoulder it if the sky falls!"

While the three were talking, Fang Kun, struggling through the pain, stood up and fetched his phone. He rang Director Liu Yang of the Fang Temple Town Police Station, urging him to bring his men immediately.

"None of you can handle this! I've already called the police; wait to be arrested and locked up in jail!"

After the call to the police station, Fang Kun immediately regained his arrogant air. Wiping the sweat that had seeped out from his brow due to the agony, he glared at Fang Bai with eyes filled with hatred and said viciously, "You think you're tough? Let's see if you dare to touch me when the police get here!"

Fang Bai strode up to Fang Kun, grabbed his neck with his left hand, and raised his right hand, delivering several slaps. Fang Kun's face swelled so much that it became unrecognizable; he probably wouldn't even be recognized by his own parents when he got home.

"I hit you; what can you do about it? If you're not happy, fight back then!"

Fang Bai released his left hand, and with a smile on his face, looked at Fang Kun, who was dizzied from the slaps and sitting on the ground.

Being publicly slapped, and more than once at that, was an utter and humiliating disgrace. Fang Kun, both shocked and angry, felt as if his lungs were about to explode.

Fang Kun wanted to curse out loud and fight Fang Bai to the death, but the thought of Fang Bai's eerily fast movements sent a chill through his heart, and he stood there, not daring to move.

Fang Wu and Li Hu watched Fang Kun, his nose swollen and face bruised, in a sorry state, and couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction and relief. They admired Fang Bai immensely and simultaneously grew more worried.

With those slaps, Fang Bai had thoroughly offended Fang Kun. Given Fang Kun's fierce and vindictive nature, he would surely seek revenge.

Moreover, it was said that Fang Kun's father, the town mayor, was extremely protective. Knowing his son had been beaten so badly, he would hardly sit by and do nothing.

"Brother Wu, you three need to get out of here fast!"

Jiang Han was on the verge of tears, pushing Fang Wu, Fang Bai, and Li Hu while stamping her feet in urgency.

Although Fang Bai was the one who had struck the blows, Fang Wu and Li Hu stood alongside him, implicating them as accomplices. Fang Kun would surely hate them too.

"Leave? None of you can leave!"

Fang Kun heard the urgent sound of police sirens approaching and revealed a sinister smirk at the corner of his mouth.

Fang Qiang and Fang Ying also heard the sirens and started to panic.

Fang Xiong's family of three quietly moved further away, silently thankful they had not gotten involved in the matter. Otherwise, once the police arrived, they might be arrested as well.

"Brother Wu..."

Jiang Han knew that it was impossible for Fang Wu and the others to escape now. Her face turned pale in an instant, and tears swirled in her eyes.

Although Fang Gang's family was a bit nervous, seeing Fang Bai remain composed and remembering his close relationship with the powerful Su Family from Zhongzhou, they believed the police wouldn't dare to mistreat him, so they weren't too worried.

Soon, two police cars stopped in front of the Jiang Family's house. A middle-aged, plump police officer, around forty, led five or six subordinates quickly towards them.

Seeing the plump officer, Fang Kun limped up to meet him as if greeting a family member, whispered a few words to him, and then pointed back at Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu.

The plump officer, named Liu Yang, was the director of Fang Temple Town Police Station. He had a convoluted kinship with Fang Kun's family. After hearing Fang Kun's words, he immediately led his subordinates toward Fang Bai and the others with a ferocious presence.

"You three are suspected of intentional assault. Come with us to the station!"

Liu Yang, with a stern face, gave Fang Bai and the others a once-over without another word, waved his hand and ordered his subordinates to arrest them.

"Director Liu, as law enforcers, even if you have to arrest someone, shouldn't you first clarify what happened?"

Fang Wu stepped forward and loudly challenged.

Liu Yang kept a cold face and said, "I have been informed about what happened from Fang Kun. You injured Fang Kun's right hand with severe consequences. We will enforce the law impartially and deal with this gravely!"

His words were clearly biased towards Fang Kun, making Fang Wu and Li Hu furious upon hearing them.

Chapter 252: Raising an Army to Demand Justice

Just at that moment, a lean police officer, about twenty-five or twenty-six years old, walked up to Liu Yang's side and said solemnly, "Chief, Fang Kun does not have a good reputation in town, and there's definitely more to this situation than his account of events. We can't just take his word for it..."

The police officer speaking was named Wang Bin, and he had been classmates with Fang Wu in middle school. The two of them had maintained a good relationship to this day. Seeing that the chief was inclined to arrest Fang Wu and the others without further inquiry, Wang Bin felt he couldn't stand by and spoke up for fairness.

Wang Bin was upright in character, fond of getting to the truth, and not skilled at flattering superiors. Moreover, with no significant backing or connections, Liu Yang had never shown this subordinate any favor.

"Wang Bin, are you questioning my decision? Between the two of us, who is the chief here, you or me?"

When Liu Yang heard Wang Bin pointing out Fang Kun's faults, he was greatly displeased, glared at him, and sharply reprimanded him.

If it had been any other police officer reprimanded by the chief, they surely wouldn't dare to make another peep, but Wang Bin was stubborn. Once he was convinced he was in the right, he feared neither heaven nor earth.

"You are the chief! But what you are doing is against procedural justice, and it's not right!"

Wang Bin's face was filled with righteousness, and he stood up straight, confronting Liu Yang.

Fang Bai looked at Wang Bin somewhat surprised and filled with appreciation for the young officer who dared to speak out for justice.

"You... good for you, Wang Bin, not following the leader's arrangements, neglecting and slacking off in your duties! Just you wait, when we get back to the police station, I will report your behavior to the higher-ups, and you'll be waiting for your punishment!"

Liu Yang, feeling that his face had been lost by Wang Bin's public defiance, became furious and pointed at Wang Bin as he shouted angrily.

He no longer paid attention to Wang Bin, and pointing at Fang Wu, Fang Bai, and Li Hu, he ordered the other officers, "What are you waiting for? Handcuff these three and take them back to the police station for processing!"

The other officers didn't have Wang Bin's courage and confidence. Upon hearing the command, they quickly took out handcuffs and surrounded Fang Bai and the others.

A cold light flickered in Fang Bai's eyes, and a fierce energy surged within him. However, upon catching the worried looks of his parents, older sister, uncle, and aunt, he suppressed that energy forcefully.

If he had no family, relatives, or friends, Fang Bai could be fearless, free to act as he pleased. But now, bound by his ties, he had to be more cautious in his actions.

"Dad, Mom, we're going to the police station to cooperate with the investigation. You go to Uncle's house and wait for us. Don't worry, we'll be fine, and it won't be long before we return safe and sound!"

Fang Bai gave his parents a reassuring smile and said loudly.

"Thinking of returning safe and sound after getting into the police station? You crippled my hand; I won't rest until I've made you suffer a living hell, goddamn if I don't bear the Fang surname!"

Upon hearing Fang Bai's words, Fang Kun exchanged a look with Liu Yang and couldn't help but sneer.

Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu were handcuffed by several officers and placed into the police car, heading towards the town police station.

With his right hand in excruciating pain and in no state to argue with Jiang Han over her earlier support for Fang Wu, Fang Kun, accompanied by several close friends, went to the town hospital to have his injury examined.

"Older brother, third brother, you must find a way to save them quickly! That Fang Kun seems very familiar with the people at the police station. Once Li Hu and the others are detained, won't they just be bullied at will?"

Worried about the safety of her son and two nephews, Fang Ying felt tears welling up as she saw the police car drive away.

"Younger sister, don't worry, if Fang Bai said it will be okay, then it will definitely be okay! Let's go, we return and wait patiently!"

Fang Gang waved his hand and spoke to Fang Qiang, Fang Ying, and the others with a composed expression.

"Fang Bai has some friends in the city. If he can get in touch with those friends, he'll definitely be all right!"

Yang Mei, seeing Fang Qiang, Fang Ying, and others hesitating, smiled and added a sentence.

The "friends" referred to by Yang Mei were none other than the Su Family.

Fang Gang and his wife had learned from their son that the Su Family was influential not only in the Huaxia Business Community but also held significant sway in political circles. Although they weren't completely sure about the extent of this "influence," they believed it wouldn't be a big problem to get their son and two nephews out of a small town police station.

With this incident having occurred, Fang Qiang no longer had the heart to deal with his son's wedding the next day, and together with Fang Gang and Fang Ying, he returned home to sit and wait patiently in the courtyard.

A short while later, Fang Xiong's family of three also sneaked back to Fang Qiang's house. As soon as they entered the courtyard, they complained that Fang Bai had been too impulsive. Not only did he offend the real eldest son, but he also involved Fang Wu and Li Hu. This time, they feared it would be impossible to avoid prison.

"Xiao Juan, you work at the town government and know many people. Can you think of a way to get the police to release Fang Wu and the others? We're willing to spend money if necessary!"

Fang Qiang looked at Fang Xiaojuan with a face full of hope and asked.

"Uncle, it's not that I don't want to help you, but I've only started working recently and have no say in front of the leadership! Moreover, Fang truly wields a lot of power and influence; both in the county and the city, people are connected to him. Fang Bai hit his son—who would dare to plead on our behalf?"

Fang Xiaojuan was related to Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu. Now that Fang Bai had injured Fang Kun, she was worried she might be implicated herself. She wanted to avoid the situation entirely, let alone offer help.

Hearing Fang Xiaojuan's response, Fang Qiang sighed helplessly and fell silent.

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"Fang Bai, I won't let you three off the hook!"

Just as Fang Qiang and the others were sitting in the courtyard at a loss, a roar suddenly emanated from a ward in the town's central hospital.

That roar came from Fang Kun.

He had undergone a thorough medical examination at the hospital, which revealed multiple fractures in his right palm. Even if the bones could be properly set, it would likely leave lasting complications, making even holding chopsticks while eating a significant challenge.

Fang Kun, who had never suffered such pain or loss since childhood, lay in a hospital bed after being treated by a doctor and called his mother, Yang Ping, and his father, Fang Qun, one after another.

Fang Qun and Yang Ping, shocked and furious upon receiving their son's call and learning of his serious injuries, disregarded their work and rushed to the hospital to see him.

"Mom, my right hand is ruined, and it was that kid named Fang Bai who did it! You must get revenge for me!"

Fang Kun cried out heart-wrenchingly, clinging to his mother Yang Ping as soon as he saw his parents.

Seeing her son's hand wrapped like a sticky rice dumpling, Yang Ping was also heartbroken and cried along with him. After her tears, she screamed that she would not let the perpetrator who injured her son go unpunished.

Fang Qun, as well, wore an expression of dark fury. He couldn't believe that someone dared to hurt his son on his own turf—it was outrageous!

A moment later, the couple left the hospital and, taking a sedan, headed to the town's police station to demand justice.

After being brought to the police station, Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu were each detained in separate interrogation rooms, with two officers assigned to interrogate each of them.

Before the interrogation, all six officers received a hint from Officer Liu Yang—to give the three criminals a "good education" if they didn't come clean.

Chapter 253: Chenyu Arrives

The six officers knew in their hearts what Director Liu meant by "educate" was actually a lesson for Fang Bai and his two companions.

The interrogation of Fang Bai was carried out by two officers, one fat and one thin.

Since it was Fang Bai who had injured Fang Kun, Director Liu specifically reminded the fat and thin officers to give Fang Bai "special attention."

The two officers were Director Liu's trusted enforcers. Getting the hint, they locked the door behind them, handcuffed Fang Bai's hands behind him to a chair, took his cell phone and other items from his person, dropped them on a desk, and then stood in front of Fang Bai, each brandishing a police baton.

"What are you trying to do?"

Fang Bai looked up at the two men as if he had no idea that he was about to be struck with the batons.

"What are we going to do? Heh heh..."

The fat and thin officers exchanged a glance and burst into unrestrained laughter.

"You could've hit anyone, but you just had to hit the son of Elder Fang... You're really asking for it!"

"Our Director Liu is Fang Kun's uncle, do you think he would let you off for hitting his nephew?"

"Fang Kun just called our Director Liu and said you broke his right hand!"

"You crippled one of Fang Kun's hands, he wants you to pay double the price!"

"That means both of your hands are going to be crippled!"

"Bro, don't blame us for being ruthless. Blame yourself for offending the wrong person!"

The two officers were echoing each other as if Fang Bai was already fish on the chopping board, completely at their mercy.

"Are you two sure you want to do this?"

Seeing the officers raise their batons, ready to strike, a smirk appeared on Fang Bai's lips as he said leisurely, "I advise you to think it through before you act. Once your batons come down, there'll be no chance for regrets!"

Seeing Fang Bai remain composed at such a time, the officers hesitated for a moment. However, they quickly remembered that Director Liu was backing them, and behind Director Liu was the support of Elder Fang. Even if the sky fell, they would be covered, and all they had to do was carry out Director Liu's orders.

"Kid, trying to scare us?"

"You're still too green!"

The officers' eyes flashed fiercely as they swung their batons down towards Fang Bai.

The batons didn't hit Fang Bai, but landed in his hands instead.

Staring at the batons firmly grasped by Fang Bai, the fat and thin officers' mouths dropped open in disbelief.

They couldn't understand how Fang Bai's hands, clearly handcuffed behind him to a chair, had become free.

Moreover, where were the handcuffs that were supposedly on Fang Bai's hands?

The two officers no longer had the chance to ponder this question, for the batons that Fang Bai had grabbed suddenly sprang back, striking them squarely on their foreheads. Their vision darkened as they collapsed to the ground, unconscious.

Fang Bai stood up, glanced back at the handcuffs he had snapped open, and walked leisurely to the desk in front. He picked up his phone, found Lu Xinghe's number—the mayor of Zhongzhou City—and dialed it casually.

When Lu Xinghe received Fang Bai's call, he was inspecting work in a nearby township. He was shocked to learn that Fang Bai had been detained at the Fang Temple Town Police Station.

"Doctor Fang, please wait. I will arrive at the Fang Temple Town Police Station within half an hour, and I will handle this matter seriously to give you a satisfactory explanation," Lu Xinghe promised.

After understanding what had happened, Lu Xinghe could not contain his fury. He immediately interrupted his inspection and ordered his driver to head to Fang Temple Town.

Fang Bai had once saved the life of Lu Xingping's son, the elder brother of Lu Xinghe, and was also a sworn brother to the Old Master Lu, Lu Shengguo. With his divine medical skills and the status of a martial artist, he was considered a remarkable individual in the eyes of laypeople.

Lu Xinghe knew that if he didn't handle the situation properly, not only would it displease Fang Bai, but his own father would also scold him harshly, criticizing him for letting rascals like Fang Qun and Fang Kun run rampant under his watch.

After ending the conversation with Lu Xinghe, Fang Bai thought that Xia Chenyu might be on her way, so he called her and asked her to come directly to the police station.

Shortly afterward, the head of Fang Temple Town, Fang Qun, along with his wife Yang Ping, arrived at the Fang Temple Town Police Station, furious. They met with Liu Yang in his office.

"Fang Kun's right palm is severely fractured. Director Liu, I hope you deal swiftly and severely with the perpetrator," said Fang Qun, giving Liu Yang a piercing look filled with sinister intentions.

Liu Yang knew that, despite Fang Qun's harmless appearance, he was in fact a ruthless character. When Fang Qun said "deal swiftly and severely," it meant that he did not want to see Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu leave the police station unscathed.

"Please rest assured, Director Fang. Our men are currently interrogating the assailants and will certainly deliver justice for Fang Kun," Liu Yang said gravely, emphasizing the word "interrogation."

In the interrogation room, Liu Yang's subordinates could find many excuses to disable the hands or feet of Fang Bai's group, such as assaulting an officer or violently resisting the law, giving them grounds to deflect responsibility if there were any follow-up inquiries from above.

Fang Qun's expression softened slightly upon hearing this, and he nodded. He and his wife, Yang Ping, sat down in the office, waiting for the results of the "interrogation."

A few minutes later, a red sports car pulled up in front of the Fang Temple Town Police Station. Xia Chenyu, clad in a flowing red dress, stepped out of the car, her shapely, slender legs carrying her toward the office door. The sharp "tap tap" of her high heels echoed crisply on the floor.

Fang Qun and Liu Yang looked over at the sound and saw a breathtakingly beautiful woman of infinite charm and elegance standing before them. Their eyes lit up, and they stared intently at the charming woman, as if they had never seen a woman before.

Yang Ping had been a beauty in her younger days, and even in her forties, she still retained her charm. However, in front of Xia Chenyu, who was much younger, more beautiful, and had an air of refinement far surpassing her own, Yang Ping felt like a mere sparrow next to a Phoenix, incomparable in every way.

Ever since Xia Chenyu began practicing the "Redflame True Fire Technique" taught by Fang Bai and partook of the Marrow Cleansing Pill to undergo Marrow Cleansing, she'd undergone a transformation, exuding an ethereal and unworldly aura, radiating a natural fragrance that intoxicated those around her and made their heads spin.

Seeing the two men's eyes fixated on Xia Chenyu as if they were famished ghosts who couldn't stop staring at a woman, the already self-conscious Yang Ping felt even more displeased and let out a cold snort through her nostrils.

Her snort snapped Fang Qun and Liu Yang out of their trance, and they couldn't help but blush with embarrassment.

"Miss, may I ask whom you are looking for?" Liu Yang coughed and asked Xia Chenyu, who stood at the door, his usually stern and rigid face now full of smiles.

It was no wonder Liu Yang wore such an expression; facing a top-tier woman like Xia Chenyu, with her exquisite looks and noble demeanor, how many men could maintain their dignity and remain cold and detached?

Chapter 254: Is There a Possibility of Reconciliation?

"May I ask which of you is Director Liu?"

Xia Chenyu, with her graceful steps, entered the office, her gaze sweeping over Liu Yang, Fang Qun, and Zhou Ping, as she asked with a smile.

On her way to Fang Temple Town, Xia Chenyu had received a phone call from Fang Bai. After learning that Fang Bai had been taken into the town's police station, she was somewhat astonished; but she knew Fang Bai was strong and well-connected, so he was unlikely to suffer any loss, and thus she wasn't too worried.

Before reaching the Fang Temple Town Police Station, Xia Chenyu learned from a friend that the head of the station was named Liu Yang. So, once she arrived at the station, she went straight to the office to find Liu Yang, hoping to settle the matter with some money.

If money couldn't settle it, she would have no choice but to ask the Eldest Young Master Su for help.

In Zhongzhou City, the Su Family was a powerful clan that could summon the wind and rain. Su Yifei, designated heir by Old Master Su Su Hongyuan, held clout that even the city's mayor, Lu Xinghe, had to show some respect for, let alone a small police station director.

"I am! I am indeed! What can I do for you?"

At the sound of this supreme beauty looking for him, Liu Yang couldn't help but perk up.

"Director Liu, hello. One of my friends has been taken into custody by your station, and I would like to inquire about the situation with you," Xia Chenyu said, getting straight to the point without beating around the bush.

"What's your friend's name? And what was the reason for the arrest?"

Liu Yang straightened his back, putting on the airs of authority, while his gaze covertly swept over the snow-white, beautiful lower legs under Xia Chenyu's skirt hem, feeling a warmth in his heart.

Since taking up his position, Liu Yang had made use of his job's convenience to accept various bribes and even engaged in numerous transactions of power for sex. Initially cautious as if treading on thin ice, over the years he went unscathed and gradually became bolder.

Now, seeing the noble and enchanting Xia Chenyu, Liu Yang inevitably felt an itch in his heart, thinking that it would be worth several years of his life even if he could just have a taste of such a supreme beauty.

Fang Temple Town had tens of thousands of residents, and its police station dealt with several cases each day, people coming and going from custody. Liu Yang didn't know who Xia Chenyu's friend was.

"His name is Fang Bai. It seems he was arrested for fighting," Chenyu replied.

Women are naturally sensitive, especially one like Xia Chenyu who had cultivated a special cultivation technique and attained a high level of skill; her intuition was even sharper. She noticed Liu Yang's lustful gaze and couldn't help but sneer inwardly, knowing what dirty thoughts the man had.

Liu Yang's expression slightly changed when he heard the name "Fang Bai." He glanced at Fang Qun and Zhou Ping, who were sitting beside him, and then spoke formally, "Fang Bai and two others have indeed been detained at the police station. They are suspected of intentional injury; the situation is quite serious. We are going to handle it seriously in accordance with the law!"

Xia Chenyu pursed her lips and smiled. "Director Liu, may I see Fang Bai? And the other party involved in this matter, if possible, I would like to meet him as well. As the saying goes, it's better to settle disputes rather than to entrench them. I think both parties should sit down calmly and discuss how to resolve..."

"No way!"

Xia Chenyu had not finished her sentence when she was interrupted by the voice of Zhou Ping.

"Fang Bai injured my son. I'll make sure he rots in jail! There is nothing to discuss!"

Zhou Ping, like a cat whose tail had been stepped on, leapt up from her chair, screaming shrilly, her eyes full of hostility towards Xia Chenyu.

Chenyu frowned and glanced at Zhou Ping, asking indifferently, "Are you Fang Kun's mother?"

In her previous conversation with Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu had learned that the person who had clashed with Fang Bai was named Fang Kun, the son of Fang Qun, the town chief of Fang Temple Town.

Since the middle-aged woman before me is Fang Kun's mother, then the pot-bellied middle-aged man sitting beside her must be Fang Kun's father, the real power holder of Fang Temple Town, Fang Qun.

"That's right, I am Fang Kun's mother! I don't care who you are or whose connections you're relying on or whose doors you're walking through, don't expect to get Fang Bai out of the police station!"

Zhou Ping placed her hands on her hips, glaring at Xia Chenyu like a shrew.

"Director Liu, I heard that this incident started with Fang Kun provoking first, and Fang Bai and the others were forced to defend themselves. In other words, both parties involved in the fight should be held responsible to some degree, but what I don't understand is why your police station only arrested Fang Bai and his group, without arresting the other party involved? Is this consistent with the procedure of handling cases?"

Xia Chenyu paid no attention to Zhou Ping and turned to Liu Yang with a mocking tone.

Liu Yang had already prepared his response, saying sternly, "Fang Bai injured Fang Kun, and many people witnessed it at the scene. As the victim, Fang Kun is still lying in the hospital, while Fang Bai and the others are the offenders who carried out the violence. When arresting people, of course, we only arrest the offenders!"

"Fang Kun verbally abused Fang Bai and others and was the first to attack them, and there were also witnesses to this. Why doesn't Director Liu mention that?"

Xia Chenyu asked expressionlessly. Although she hadn't been present during the altercation, she had a rough understanding of the events after hearing from Fang Bai.

"Madam, our police station will handle the case of Fang Bai and others injuring Fang Kun fairly. I hope you will not cause a disturbance without reason!"

Liu Yang said with some indignation.

"Is this the real power holder of Fang Temple, Mr. Fang?"

Seeing Liu Yang frequently glancing at Fang Qun as he spoke, Xia Chenyu knew that Fang Qun was the key figure in this matter and asked, "I wonder what Mr. Fang thinks about this matter? Do you think there's any possibility of reconciliation?"

"May I know your esteemed name and where you are employed?"

Fang Qun, having been an official for many years, still had some discernment. Seeing that Xia Chenyu was no ordinary person, he did not reply to her question directly. Instead, he inquired about her name and background.

"My name is Xia Chenyu, and I currently run a small company."

Xia Chenyu answered indifferently, without revealing her true identity.

Although "Beauty Company" had recently launched three skincare products that became wildly popular in Huaxia, Xia Chenyu, as the CEO, was hardly known by anyone. Fang Qun also couldn't recall such a person in Zhongzhou City; he eased his mind and spoke gravely, "Not only does the offender need to make compensation, but they must also face legal sanctions!"

"So, you're saying there is no possibility of reconciliation?"

Xia Chenyu stood up with an indifferent expression on her face.

"None!"

Fang Qun shook his head, but for some reason, seeing Xia Chenyu's composed and calm face, he felt a hint of unease in his heart.

"Fine!"

Xia Chenyu nodded, about to call Su Yifei for help, when she suddenly sensed a familiar presence. With joy in her heart, she turned her head toward the source of the energy.

Three young men, one in front and two behind, appeared at the entrance of the office. The young man in the lead, wearing a white T-shirt and sky-blue jeans, with a sunny and handsome face and a tall, slender figure, was none other than Fang Bai.

Chapter 255: Don't Do Anything Stupid

Following behind Fang Bai were two individuals, one was the refined and handsome Fang Wu with a scholarly air about him, the other was the tall and slightly dark-skinned Li Hu.

"Fang Bai!"

Upon seeing Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu quickly approached with a delighted expression, exclaiming in surprise, "You...weren't you locked up? How come you're here?"

"Which bastard was so bold as to let you out?"

Liu Yang also noticed Fang Bai and his companions, he thought one of the subordinates in the police station had released them without authorization and started pounding the table and bellowing furiously.

Fang Qun and Zhou Ping, hearing the name "Fang Bai," immediately realized that this young man before them was the one who had injured their son, and their faces were filled with rage.

"Director Liu, is this what you call 'interrogating the assailant who assaulted someone'?"

Fang Qun glared at Liu Yang and asked coldly.

Liu Yang wiped the sweat from his forehead and said with a bitter smile, "Mr. Fang, please remain calm. I'll go out and see what's happened! Once I find out who released them without authorization, I'll strip him of his duties!"

"Director Liu, there's no need for you to go and see!"

As Liu Yang walked to the office door, he was stopped by Fang Bai with an outstretched hand.

"No one let us out, we walked out on our own."

Fang Bai said with a smile.

What Fang Bai said was true. He had knocked out the two police officers interrogating him, then went to the two adjacent interrogation rooms and subdued four more officers, casually walking to the station office with Fang Wu and Li Hu in tow.

Fang Bai had knocked out the police officers. Avoiding the charge of "assaulting a police officer" was inevitable, which could lead to a sentence. Fang Wu and Li Hu were initially a bit scared, but after hearing Fang Bai say that an official far more significant than the director would soon come to help them, they were reassured and followed Fang Bai into the station office.

Fang Bai had intended to wait for Xia Chenyu and Lu Xinghe in the station office; unexpectedly, Xia Chenyu arrived so quickly, reaching there before him.

"Impossible!"

Liu Yang shouted loudly, "Each interrogation room is guarded by two officers, and all of you were handcuffed. Without anyone letting you out, how could you possibly have walked out of the interrogation rooms?"

Fang Bai shrugged and said, "Your two subordinates locked me in the interrogation room and wanted to beat me with batons without a word. My life was threatened, so I had to fight back. Accidentally, I knocked out your two subordinates..."

He then pointed to Fang Wu and Li Hu and continued, "Their situation was similar to mine, they were also threatened and even took a few hits, so I had no choice but to knock out the officers who hit them as well."

Fang Bai spoke with an air of nonchalance, as if he had done something trivial, while Liu Yang and the others were all stunned.

"You...you're assaulting police officers! You're resisting the law with violence!"

Liu Yang pointed at Fang Bai and yelled, worried Fang Bai might suddenly attack him, he pulled a gun from the desk drawer, turned off the safety, and aimed it at Fang Bai and his companions.

"As dangerous individuals, we from the police are authorized to shoot to kill! If you don't want to die, put the handcuffs on yourselves quietly and stand against the wall!"

Liu Yang then took out three pairs of handcuffs from another drawer and tossed them at the feet of Fang Bai and his companions, snarling viciously.

"If you dare, then shoot!"

Facing the gun, Fang Wu and Li Hu's legs went a bit weak, but Fang Bai showed no sign of fear, he dismissively said.

Xia Chenyu saw that Liu Yang actually drew his gun to confront her, her pretty face covered in a frosty mask as she sternly said, "Director Liu, if the truth is thoroughly investigated and it is proven that the barrel of your gun was pointed at innocent bystanders, I have no idea what kind of consequences you'll face..."

Liu Yang glanced at Fang Qun, and saw a hint of viciousness in his gaze. Fang Qun kept giving him meaningful looks, seemingly encouraging him not to be afraid, to just fire away, that he would have his back if anything went south.

Liu Yang knew that Fang Qun had connections in the county and city, and if he didn't fire, he would definitely displease him, making it difficult to advance in his official career.

If he fired, though it would carry certain risks, the incident could later be reported to his superiors under the pretext of Fang Bai having committed "violence against police" or "violence against the law." Plus, with Fang Qun speaking up for him, this affair might just dissolve into nothing.

With this in mind, Liu Yang made up his mind, his face set with determination as he aimed the gun at Fang Bai's left shin and pulled the trigger.

In the instant Liu Yang pulled the trigger, Fang Bai sensed danger. With a slight raise of his right hand, two silvery flashes shot out soundlessly, one striking the hand Liu Yang held the gun with, and the other piercing through Liu Yang's police uniform, pinning to his chest.

Bang—

Thud—

The gunshot rang out, and the bullet from the gun hit the window two feet to the left of the three people, the glass shattering with a bursting noise, and then scattering onto the ground.

Liu Yang's shot missed, and seeing Fang Bai's eyes on him like twin swords, he shivered uncontrollably.

He instinctively wanted to shoot again, but found the hand that held the gun completely numb, not obeying his commands at all.

What terrified him even more was that he found himself completely unable to move, stuck in the position of holding the gun ready to fire.

The sudden gunshot had alarmed the other officers working in the police station. They drew their own guns and rushed towards the office, with Fang Wu's classmate Wang Bin among them.

"Fang Bai, what... what are you planning to do? This is... the police station... Don't do anything foolish..."

Seeing Fang Bai approaching step by step, and being stared at by his pair of ice-cold, merciless eyes, Liu Yang felt as if he had plunged into an icy cellar, his voice quivering as he spoke.

Liu Yang was no fool; he had already vaguely realized that the strange things happening to him must have been caused by Fang Bai's doing.

What Liu Yang couldn't understand was how, without Fang Bai touching him, he became immobilized. Could it be that Fang Bai possessed some kind of witchcraft?

Zhou Ping hadn't expected Liu Yang to actually shoot; when she heard the gunshot, she screamed in alarm and covered her ears tightly with her hands.

Fang Qun's face looked terrible. He couldn't imagine how Liu Yang, a criminal police officer, supposedly with decent shooting skills, had missed so badly this time. Even someone like him, who knew nothing about guns, wouldn't have shot so off target.

If it hadn't been for their years of mutual corruption and intertwined interests, Fang Qun might have even suspected that Liu Yang had intentionally missed.

When Xia Chenyu saw Liu Yang fire, she immediately became concerned.

Her concern wasn't for Fang Bai, but for Liu Yang.

Fang Bai was a Martial Artist, and all Martial Artists possess a certain pride. Liu Yang firing at Fang Bai was akin to an outright provocation. Xia Chenyu was worried that Fang Bai, enraged by this provocation, might act out violently and kill.

With Fang Bai's strength, killing Liu Yang would be easier than crushing an ant.

In Fang Bai's eyes, Liu Yang's gun was no different from a stick used for stoking a fire.

And if Fang Bai killed someone, the situation would escalate beyond control, no longer capable of being resolved.

Chapter 256: Good Person?

From Xia Chenyu's perspective, although Fang Bai was powerful, he was not yet powerful enough to be above everything. Once he killed someone, there were only two paths left for him.

One was to flee immediately, and the other was to turn himself in and await legal judgement.

Many thoughts flashed through Chenyu's mind in an instant. She wondered what she should do if Fang Bai killed someone.

"My life was saved by Fang Bai, without him, I would have died long ago. If he flees, I'll accompany him! If he turns himself in, I'll use all my family's wealth to help him hire a lawyer and fight the case!"

Xia Chenyu quickly made this decision, determination showing on her charming face.

The moment the shot rang out, Fang Wu and Li Hu were also stunned, thinking Fang Bai was done for. When they saw Liu Yang's shot go astray, they finally breathed a sigh of relief, but a cold sweat broke out on their backs.

However, what followed was that Fang Bai didn't run or hide; instead, he advanced towards the gun aimed by Liu Yang.

"Fang Bai!"

Both men exclaimed in unison.

Unexpectedly, Liu Yang didn't fire again. Instead, he remained in the shooting stance, watching in disbelief as Fang Bai approached him.

Those who paid close attention would notice that Liu Yang's gaze toward Fang Bai was full of fear, with cold sweat dripping constantly from his forehead.

"Director Liu, the criminal is violently resisting the law, what are you waiting for? Shoot him quickly and bring him to justice!"

Fang Qun, seeing Liu Yang as if he had been scared silly, became both angry and anxious, shouting fiercely.

Liu Yang opened his mouth, only to find that he was unable to speak. Looking at Fang Qun, who was gesticulating at him, he cursed inwardly, "I damn well want to shoot, but I can't move at all!"

When Wang Bin and the other officers arrived at Liu Yang's office, this was the scene they walked into.

They didn't know what had just happened. Seeing the Director pointing a gun at Fang Bai, they looked at each other in disbelief and with a look of astonishment.

"Director Liu, what is going on?"

Thinking of the gunshot heard before and seeing the shattered window glass all over the floor, Wang Bin's heart skipped a beat, and he asked loudly.

Liu Yang, unable to move or speak, was close to tears, frantically signaling with his eyes to Wang Bin and the others to subdue Fang Bai.

Now the distance between Fang Bai and him was less than a meter, and he was truly afraid that Fang Bai would suddenly attack him.

Seeing Director Liu not speaking, Wang Bin internally wondered, and noticing his old classmate Fang Wu was also present, he asked curiously, "Fang Wu? How did you guys get out?"

The reason he asked was that after Fang Wu and the others were brought back to the police station, they were immediately detained in the interrogation room for questioning.

As Wang Bin had a schoolmate relationship with Fang Wu, he was ordered not to get involved with the case and to stay away from Fang Wu and the others.

Although Wang Bin felt that things were certainly not as simple as they seemed on the surface, and he was eager to investigate and see justice served for his old classmate, he was powerless under the pressure exerted by Liu Yang.

"We... erm..."

Fang Wu didn't know how to answer his old classmate Wang Bin's question. Should he say that Fang Bai had subdued several of the police officers interrogating them and then staggered out? If he did, perhaps Wang Bin and the others would really start to choke.

Fang Bai knew that Wang Bin was his older cousin Fang Wu's classmate and highly appreciated his efforts to speak up for Fang Wu earlier. Turning around, he said, "You're Wang Bin, right? From what I see, you're the only good person in this police station!"

Good person?

Upon hearing these two words, Wang Bin couldn't help but smile bitterly to himself. He did want to be a good person, a police officer respected and beloved by all, but with a crooked leader like Liu Yang, the police station's atmosphere had gone bad.

Sometimes, Wang Bin would impractically imagine that if he were the leader, he would make great efforts to reform the police station, rejuvenate its spirit, and ensure every officer becomes one that the public would give a thumbs-up for being good.

Unfortunately, Wang Bin had neither money nor connections and was not the type to flatter superiors. Instead, his straightforward nature often led to clashes with the leader, resulting in him being overlooked for commendations and promotions.

Wang Bin was aware that his nature could offend people, but it was hard to change one's inherent character. Thus, he resigned himself to being an ordinary officer for life.

When Fang Bai mentioned "good person," Wang Bin's bitter smile was accompanied by a sense of warmth. He felt it was an affirmation and recognition of his work.

"Wang Bin, arrest these three murderers immediately!"

Although Fang Qun noticed something was off about Liu Yang, he never expected him to have fallen for Fang Bai's trick. Seeing him disobey his orders, Fang Qun was secretly irate and thus commanded Wang Bin, who had rushed into the office first.

Fang Qun had served as the chief priest of Fang Temple for many years, and the locals privately called him the "Five Poisons Chief Priest," meaning that the chief priest had all five vices and was up to no good.

Wang Bin had long disapproved of Fang Qun's actions, and since they were from different systems, he wasn't intimidated by Fang Qun's dominance over Fang Temple Town and therefore didn't carry out his order.

"Fang Wu, you still haven't answered me. How did you guys get out?"

Wang Bin looked at Fang Wu and the others and asked again.

Wang Bin knew very well what kind of person Liu Yang was. He didn't believe that Liu Yang suddenly had a change of heart and released the three of them. There had to be something fishy going on.

Just then, a police officer, drenched in sweat, burst in from outside, shouting, "Something's wrong! Sun Ming and the others were knocked out in the interrogation room!"

"What?"

Hearing the police officer's words, Wang Bin and the other officers were shocked.

Sun Ming's group of six were the officers responsible for interrogating Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu. With them being knocked out and the three suspects appearing in the office, even a fool would know the incident was related to them.

Wang Bin had initially wanted to help Fang Wu, but if it was true that the three of them had knocked out the officers and escaped the interrogation room, the crime was severe, and there would be no legal repercussions even if they were shot on the spot.

"Fang Wu, did you three really do this?"

Although Wang Bin was on good terms with Fang Wu, he couldn't show favoritism in this case and pointed at the three men, demanding an answer in a stern voice.

Fang Bai's assault on the interrogating officers was witnessed by Fang Wu himself, who already knew the consequences would be severe. Hearing Wang Bin's questioning, his heart panicked even more, and he struggled to find an answer.

"All six officers were knocked out by me!"

Fang Bai calmly took over and said, "They closed the door of the interrogation room and, without distinguishing right from wrong or innocence from guilt, began to beat us with batons. I had no choice but to take self-defense measures, and incidentally, I also brought out Fang Wu and Li Hu, who were receiving the same treatment."

Chapter 257: Big Shot Arrives

He paused, then Fang Bai continued, "The three of us came to see Director Liu because we wanted to ask him why the officer interrogating us was beating people. Unexpectedly, as soon as Director Liu saw us, he drew his gun... Luckily, his shot went astray, or I might already be dead! And I want to ask, why did Director Liu have to draw his gun on me, an innocent civilian?"

Liu Yang was desperate to defend himself but couldn't speak, and his eyes were red with anxiety.

Fang Qun pointed at Fang Bai and shouted angrily, "What innocent civilian? You injured my son and deserve to die, innocent my ass!"

Wang Bin and the other officers looked at Fang Qun with a hint of something strange in their eyes.

Fang Bai chuckled coldly, "I see now, no wonder you kept making eye contact with Director Liu just now, signaling him to draw his gun at me. It was all because of your son's issue, a case of mixing public and private interests! Your tactic of using someone else to do your dirty work is quite clever!"

"You... you're spouting nonsense!"

Fang Qun knew he had misspoken, and with a guilty conscience, his voice lacked its usual confidence.

Wang Bin had already guessed what had happened earlier and looked at Fang Qun with a mixture of disgust and contempt.

But no matter what, Fang Bai's assault on the police was a severe issue; it was very serious and he might really end up spending a long time in jail.

Wang Bin was about to join his colleagues in arresting Fang Bai and the other two men when he suddenly heard a burst of rapid footsteps. A group of people in white shirts briskly walked in.

The man at the front was in his forties, with a square face, thick eyebrows, and big eyes. He had a straight figure and exuded an undeniable air of authority.

The group following the square-faced man all moved with confidence and seriousness, giving off an aura of effortless command - clearly they were influential figures.

"Mayor... Mayor Lu?"

Seeing the square-faced man, Fang Qun's mouth fell open in disbelief.

Earlier in the year, Fang Qun had represented Fang Temple Town at a meeting in the city. That meeting was chaired by Mayor Lu, whom he recognized at a glance upon his arrival.

Rumor had it that Mayor Lu was inspecting the work in the nearby towns. What brought him to this place so suddenly?

Seeing Mayor Lu's stern face with a touch of anger, Fang Qun had an ominous feeling rising within him.

The square-faced man was, in fact, Zhongzhou City's Mayor Lu Xinghe. After receiving the call from Fang Bai, he had arrived at Fang Temple Town Police Station as quickly as he could.

Upon entering the police station office and seeing the drawn guns and the tense atmosphere with some officers still holding their guns pointed at three men in the office, Mayor Lu's heart sank.

When he recognized one of those under the gunpoint as Fang Bai, he immediately stepped forward and asked anxiously, "Doctor Fang, are you alright?"

Hearing Mayor Lu using such respectful terms as "you" when addressing Fang Bai, and the humble attitude he displayed, everyone in the office nearly dropped their jaws, struggling to believe what they were seeing.

Even Xia Chenyu was surprised, her beautiful eyes shining with curiosity as she wondered when Fang Bai had become involved with the city's mayor. And the mayor seemed to hold him in high respect.

"Thankfully, Mayor Lu arrived just in time. Had you been a bit later, I might have been shot by Director Liu!"

Although Fang Bai had a smile on his face, the annoyance in his tone was obvious to everyone.

After Mayor Lu's arrival, Wang Bin and the other officers put down their guns. Only Liu Yang still had his gun aimed at Fang Bai's chest.

"Liu Yang, that's outrageous! Put your gun down!"

An official who had come with Lu Xinghe stepped forward and bellowed loudly.

This official was Director Qian of the county police station and also Liu Yang's immediate superior. Today, he was accompanying Mayor Lu on an inspection tour of the county and had followed along when he heard that Mayor Lu was visiting his subordinate police station.

Having just heard the conversation between Mayor Lu and Fang Bai, Director Qian knew that their relationship was extraordinary. He couldn't believe that bastard Liu Yang actually pointed his gun at Fang Bai—this was nothing less than utter contempt and provocation towards the Mayor's authority.

Director Qian was so enraged inside that he wished he could rush over, snatch the gun from Liu Yang's hand, and shove it into Liu Yang's mouth.

"I fucking wish I could put down the gun! But my hands won't listen to me!"

Liu Yang was in a difficult position and seeing his immediate superior glaring with eyes that seemed to wish they could devour him, he knew his career was over and was silently weeping.

"Liu Yang, are you trying to stage a rebellion, huh?"

Seeing Liu Yang ignoring his own words, Director Qian was furious, charging forward to personally snatch the gun from his hand.

At that moment, Fang Bai flicked his two right-hand fingers lightly, and a sliver of silvery light shot toward Liu Yang. Suddenly, Liu Yang found himself able to move.

The first thing Liu Yang did after regaining the ability to move was to quickly throw away the gun in his hand.

Just as he threw the gun, Director Qian's hand was already reaching for it, resulting in him grasping at thin air.

Director Qian, having just ordered him to drop the gun and being disobeyed, and now when he tried to take it himself, Liu Yang threw it away—he took this as Liu Yang intentionally mocking him, and could no longer contain the rage in his chest.

"Liu Yang, you motherfucking bastard!"

Unable to contain his anger, Director Qian raised his hand and fiercely slapped Liu Yang across the face with a loud "smack".

Liu Yang spun around on the spot and fell to the ground on his rear.

He was stunned for a moment, and then like a madman, he clung to Director Qian's legs, howling, "Director Qian, this isn't my fault, it was Chief Fang who made me do it!"

"Liu Yang, you've gone mad! You were the one who captured him, and you fired the gun. What does that have to do with me?"

Seeing Liu Yang implicating him, Fang Qun's already pale face became even whiter, and cold sweat broke out instantly. Panicked and furious, he pointed at Liu Yang and vehemently retorted, desperate to clear his own name.

"What on earth is going on here? I want a clear explanation from you two today!"

Watching Liu Yang and Fang Qun go at each other like two mad dogs, Mayor Lu's face turned ashen. He walked over to the office desk, gesturing for Fang Bai to sit with him, ready to hear a clear account from Liu Yang and Fang Qun.

With Fang Bai, the person involved, present, Mayor Lu believed that the two of them would not dare to hide anything.

In the office filled with people, only Fang Bai and Mayor Lu sat while everyone else remained standing.

Fang Qun, guilty in his heart, hung his head low and didn't dare to make a sound, filled with despair.

"Mayor Lu, I... I say..."

Liu Yang knew he was finished, that his position was definitely unrecoverable. However, his greater worry wasn't about the position. It was the fact that he and Fang Qun had colluded and committed many misdeeds over the years. If these were to be uncovered, he couldn't avoid a prison sentence.

Hence, Liu Yang was preparing to confess all the wrongdoing Fang Qun had been involved in over the years, hoping to redeem himself and receive a more lenient punishment.

Chapter 258: Serious Handling

Liu Yang recounted how Fang Kun coveted Jiang Han, how he coerced and threatened the Jiang Family into cancelling the marriage with Fang Wu, and how after the conflict with Fang Bai and others, Fang Qun had demanded that Liu Yang give Fang Bai a severe punishment at the police station to avenge his son, and so on.

Upon hearing that Fang Qun had just insinuated that Liu Yang charge Fang Bai with "violent resistance to the law" and shoot to cripple one of Fang Bai's legs, Lu Xinghe's face turned unspeakably dark.

Fang Bai was a remarkable individual skilled in both Ancient Martial arts and medicine, highly esteemed by the Old Master of his own family. If Fang Bai were to be shot and injured in his jurisdiction, Old Master Lu would definitely berate him mercilessly.

After finishing the account of Fang Kun's deeds, Liu Yang non-stop began to expose the numerous crimes committed by Fang Qun.

With every crime Liu Yang mentioned, Fang Qun's face turned paler, and when it came to the allegation of a murder case involving Fang Kun, for which Fang Qun had covered up using a large sum of money, Fang Qun finally collapsed, slumping to the ground like a deflated ball.

Lu Xinghe had not expected that the town chief could have committed so many crimes. The more he listened, the angrier he became. Impatient for Liu Yang to finish, he slammed his palm down on the desk, stood up sharply, and pointed at Fang Qun as he yelled furiously, "Fang Qun, you deserve to die! You deserve a thousand deaths!"

Fang Qun stared blankly at the floor, his heart filled with despair.

Lu Xinghe turned his head and said sternly to Director Qian of the county police station, "Director Qian, take good care of these two men for me. An investigative team will come later to look into this matter."

Director Qian nodded his head and immediately ordered the officers present, including Wang Bin, to detain Fang Qun and Liu Yang, and to assign someone to guard them closely.

"Doctor Fang, I apologize to you solemnly for having overlooked this incident," Lu Xinghe said.

After Liu Yang and Fang Qun were taken away, Lu Xinghe stood up and, in front of everyone, bowed deeply to Fang Bai.

"Mayor Lu, this isn't your fault. Every place has one or two bad apples, and it's good that they can be removed in time."

Fang Bai smiled and waved his hand, a gentle force straightening Mayor Lu's bent waist.

Fang Wu and Li Hu looked at Fang Bai, their faces filled with excitement. They hadn't expected their brother to know such a high-ranking official like the mayor. Had they known this earlier, there would have been no need for the scare earlier.

After chatting with Lu Xinghe for a few moments, Fang Bai suddenly said, "Mayor Lu, there is something I'd like to ask for your help with..."

"Please tell me, Doctor Fang. As long as it doesn't violate any principles, I will do my best," replied Lu Xinghe earnestly.

Lu Xinghe knew that Fang Bai was an extraordinary person and thought that such a person wouldn't make a trivial request. He was worried that Fang Bai might ask him to do something difficult, so he preemptively mentioned the "not violating principles" to assert his stance.

Of course, Fang Bai understood Lu Xinghe's thoughts. He smiled, called Fang Wu over, and said, "It's like this. My elder cousin has always been teaching at a local primary school, but he bought his marital home in the city, so he hopes that, after preparing, he could transfer to a school in the city to work..."

Fang Bai stopped speaking there, trusting that with Lu Xinghe's wisdom, he would surely understand his meaning.

Lu Xinghe quietly breathed a sigh of relief. To him, the transfer of a teacher was a trivial matter, simply requiring a few words. Fortunately, on this inspection trip, he was accompanied by a deputy director from the city's Education Bureau who oversaw educational work.

Right then, Lu Xinghe quietly instructed the vice director of the education department to follow up on Fang Wu's job transfer, urging him to ensure the matter was settled as soon as possible.

Given it was a task personally assigned by Mayor Lu, the vice director naturally didn't dare to delay and immediately nodded in agreement to handle it as quickly as possible.

Afterward, Fang Bai inquired about Lu Xinghe's father, Lu Shengguo's health condition. Lu Xinghe expressed that his father was in good health and also relayed his father's wish that Fang Bai would visit their home more often to, incidentally, offer some guidance on his boxing techniques, which Fang Bai gladly accepted with a smile.

Lu Xinghe's father, Lu Shengguo, was a formidable Old General Tie Xue who wielded significant influence in both the military and political realms of Huaxia. Some of the political figures present overheard the conversation between Fang Bai and Lu Xinghe and were astonished to learn that Fang Bai was actually friends with Old Master Lu.

The Lu Family was a prominent and distinguished clan in Huaxia, and Old Master Lu was the Lu Family Patriarch whose words were taken as commands. The implications of being friends with Old Master Lu were self-evident.

Including Director Qian and other political figures, those who looked at Fang Bai now did so with eager eyes, thinking that a young man in good favor with Old Master Lu must have an extraordinary background and shouldn't be offended at any cost.

Lu Xinghe, due to his busy schedule, bid farewell after chatting with Fang Bai for about fifteen minutes. Before leaving, he tasked Director Qian of the county police station to stay behind to deal with the case involving Fang Qun and Liu Yang, insisting that the case must be handled severely without any leniency.

After Lu Xinghe and others had left, Fang Bai departed with Fang Wu, Li Hu, and Xia Chenyu to visit his uncle's house so they wouldn't keep them waiting anxiously.

"Director Qian, when we had the conflict with Fang Kun, Comrade Wang Bin righteously spoke up and refused to collude with Liu Yang and Fang Qun, proving himself to be a good comrade! It would be a great loss for your department not to have such a good comrade in a leadership position," Fang Bai said, patting Director Qian's shoulder with a meaningful tone.

"Indeed... indeed..."

Old enough to be Fang Bai's father, Director Qian felt light as a feather having been patted by Fang Bai and appeared pleasantly surprised.

After Fang Bai and the others had left, Director Qian immediately called for Wang Bin, clapped him on the shoulder with a chuckle, and said earnestly, "Comrade Wang Bin, you did very well in the case involving Fang Kun; you're a good comrade! Not having such a good comrade in a leadership position would indeed be a great loss for us!"

He paused, then added, "The position of chief at Fang Temple Town Police Station will be temporarily yours. In a few days, the county will hold a meeting, and your official appointment will come through! Comrade Wang Bin, you must do your best, don't let down my expectations of you!"

Wang Bin had thought he would remain a lowly officer for the rest of his life, but to his astonishment, his fortunes had suddenly changed for the better. Upon reflection, he faintly sensed that this fortunate turn might be related to Fang Bai.

Soon, the news that town chief Fang Qun and police chief Liu Yang were dismissed and investigated spread throughout Fang Temple Town.

Upon hearing the news, the townspeople clapped their hands in delight.

Of course, apart from a very few individuals, the vast majority of the townspeople were unaware of the reasons behind the downfall of Fang Qun and Liu Yang.

After leaving the police station, Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu, Fang Wu, and Li Hu headed towards the home of Fang Bai's uncle, Fang Qiang.

With Fang Wu and Li Hu trailing behind, Fang Bai walked ahead, followed by Xia Chenyu in her red sports car.

Along the way, Fang Wu and Li Hu looked up to Fang Bai with admiration, staying half a step behind him.

Chapter 259: The Shy Xia Chenyu

Especially Fang Wu, who had always wished to transfer to a school in the city, never expected that his years-long wish would come true just because of a word from Fang Bai. Even now, he still felt like he was dreaming.

Li Hu, upon learning from Fang Bai that the beauty in the sports car following them was the CEO of the company they were about to join, felt both nervous and exhilarated.

After Fang Bai, Fang Wu, and Li Hu were taken into police custody at the town police station, Fang Qiang and others were extremely anxious but helpless. In the end, they heeded Fang Gang's advice and returned to Fang Qiang's home to wait patiently.

Out of everyone, it was Fang Yun who was the least worried about the trio of Fang Bai.

Fang Yun possessed an Innate Fire Spirit Root and had undergone the Marrow Cleansing with the Marrow Cleansing Pill. She cultivated the Redflame True Fire Technique taught by Fang Bai, and her cultivation level progressed incredibly quickly. Her strength had already reached that of a mid-tier Yellow Level Martial Artist in the Ancient Martial World.

Ever since she started cultivating the technique taught by Fang Bai, Fang Yun realized just how resplendent and mystical, profound and unpredictable the path of Martial Dao was.

Now that Fang Yun had the ability to split bricks and walk on walls, she was considered an extraordinary master in the eyes of ordinary people. However, Fang Bai had told her that what she had learned was mere basics. With the advancement of her cultivation level, she might one day possess divine abilities such as flying and earth-shifting.

Fang Yun was full of longing and aspiration for such feats.

Others might not know Fang Bai's strength, but Fang Yun did. Therefore, she wasn't worried at all that Fang Bai and the others would suffer at the police station.

On the contrary, Fang Yun felt sorry for the police officers. She thought if they dared to lay a hand on Fang Bai, they would surely end up crying for their parents and searching for their teeth on the ground.

While Fang Qiang, Fang Gang, and others sat in the courtyard discussing strategies and racking their brains, Fang Yun placed a stool at the entrance and looked out into the distance, claiming she was waiting for the return of Fang Bai and the others.

While Fang Qiang and others believed that the trio detained at the police station would surely endure hardships and torment, making their release soon an unlikely event, Fang Yun was confident that it wouldn't be long before they returned.

Indeed, before much time had passed, Fang Bai and the others appeared within Fang Yun's sight.

"They're back! They've returned! My little brother and the others have come back!"

Upon seeing Fang Bai and the others return safely, Fang Yun cheered and went to greet them.

Inside the courtyard, Fang Qiang, Fang Gang, and the others, upon hearing this, were first stunned, then their faces lit up with joy as they all walked out to meet them.

Watching Fang Bai and the others walking over, laughing and talking, Fang Xiong, Sun Xiuzhen, and Sun Xiaojuan were puzzled and in disbelief.

In their view, Fang Bai, having injured the Town Mayor's son and being arrested, wouldn't be able to get out in less than ten days or half a month. Worse, he could even face a prison sentence. Yet, they had returned in less than an hour, seeming not to have been mistreated at the police station at all.

"Fang Wu, Li Hu, Fang Bai, how... how did you three get out?"

Fang Qiang approached Fang Bai and the others, looked them up and down, and seeing that they were all fine, breathed a sigh of relief while also filled with questions.

"Dad, we have to thank Fang Bai for this..."

Fang Wu, both excited and thrilled, recounted the events that had taken place at the police station, and wherever there were omissions, Li Hu immediately interjected and supplemented.

"What? Fang Bai knows the Mayor? And your job transfer is resolved too? Is... is this for real?"

Upon hearing his son and Li Hu's account, Fang Qiang was struck with shock and disbelief.

In Fang Qiang's eyes, the Town Mayor, who governed tens of thousands of people, was already an incredibly important official — let alone the Mayor who managed millions in the city?

Especially having heard that the Mayor was polite and respectful toward Fang Bai, treating him as a distinguished guest, this completely overturned Fang Qiang's understanding, leaving him struggling to accept it for a moment.

Not even Fang Qiang, let alone Fang Gang and Yang Mei, could quite believe their son was acquainted with the mayor.

Fang Xiong's family of three was even more dumbfounded, unable to believe that what Fang Wu said was true.

But if it wasn't true, how could the police possibly have released them so easily? Would the Town Mayor simply let things be?

Plus, Fang Wu had always been steady and wouldn't bother to deceive them with something as serious as a job transfer.

"Dad, this is the absolute truth! If you don't believe me, you can ask my old classmate Wang Bin!"

Fang Qiang knew that Wang Bin worked at the town police station and was his son's old classmate, and upon hearing this, he did believe it somewhat.

Li Hu, excited, rubbed his hands together and said in a simple tone, "What's more, Town Chief Fang Qun and the head of the town police station Liu Yang have been dismissed and are under investigation. They'll probably end up in prison. It won't be long before the news is everywhere! Heh heh..."

"If Town Chief Fang falls, his son Fang Kun will lose his backer, then wouldn't there be a chance for your marriage with Jiang Han?"

Fang Qiang asked excitedly.

Fang Wu nodded and said, "Fang Kun has been acting like a tyrant around the town, relying entirely on his father's power. Once his father is finished, he'll surely have to tuck his tail between his legs! To tell you the truth, I think Fang Kun has done plenty of bad stuff too; he might end up in prison along with his father!"

Thinking about his own marriage, Fang Wu became excited and added, "Without Fang Kun causing trouble, my transfer to a city school has also been resolved. This time, Jiang Han's parents definitely won't object anymore! Dad, I'm going to find Jiang Han right now to tell her all this!"

"I'll go with you! If there's no problem on the Jiang Family's side, we'll proceed with the wedding tomorrow as planned!"

Fang Qiang, nearly dancing with joy, grabbed his son's hand, ready to leave.

"Dad, wait a moment, we have a guest at home... It's a friend of Fang Bai's!"

As he said this, Fang Wu pointed towards the red sports car parked in front of their house.

With that gesture, everyone's gaze shifted to the red sports car.

The sports car door opened, and Xia Chenyu, dressed in a red gown, radiating brilliance, and stunningly beautiful, appeared before everyone.

What caught Fang Bai off guard was that at this moment, Xia Chenyu didn't glance around; she wore a subtle smile on her face, lacked her usual enchanting charm and flirtatious style, but instead, she exuded an air of noble grace and dignified elegance, like a well-educated lady from a reputable family.

"What is this woman up to?"

The sudden change in Xia Chenyu's style left Fang Bai somewhat confused. Watching her approach with the poise and grace of a lady, he couldn't help but stare in amazement.

"Xia..."

"Fang Bai, are these all your family members? Introduce me, please!"

Fang Bai was about to speak when Xia Chenyu cut him off. Her cheeks flushed attractively, and her slightly shy gaze swept over the faces of Fang Qiang and the others standing behind him.

"..."

The Xia Chenyu before him was so different from the one he had met before that Fang Bai began to wonder if the woman standing before him was really Xia Chenyu, or if perhaps Xia Chenyu had a twin sister with a completely different personality.

Chapter 260: President Xia Gives a Gift (Part 1)

In front of everyone, Fang Bai couldn't ask Xia Chenyu outright what she was up to, so he had to start by introducing his own parents and relatives.

"This is my eldest uncle, this is my second uncle, this is my youngest aunt... This is my eldest cousin brother, this is my second cousin sister, this is my cousin brother..."

As Fang Bai introduced each of his relatives present, Xia Chenyu smiled, nodded, and said a polite "hello."

Driving an expensive car and dressed in designer brands, plus her stunning looks and her extraordinary aura, Xia Chenyu clearly appeared to come from a wealthy and prestigious family. Her simple "hello" left people like Fang Qiang feeling flattered and slightly awed.

"This is my dad, my mom, my little sister..."

After introducing the relatives, Fang Bai finally pointed to his own family and introduced them.

When Xia Chenyu greeted Fang Bai's uncles, aunts, and such, she maintained a courteous and ritualistic politeness that was neither too distant nor overly enthusiastic—a perfect balance.

However, her demeanor changed completely when she faced Fang Bai's immediate family.

"Hi, uncle, hi auntie! My name is Xia Chenyu, and I am Fang Bai's good friend. You can just call me Chenyu from now on."

What really surprised Fang Bai was that not only was Xia Chenyu extremely warm to his family, but after greeting them, she even went up to Yang Mei, Fang Bai's mother, took her hands in hers, and said, "Auntie, Fang Bai told me that you're just over forty, but I think you look no older than in your early thirties... It turns out Fang Bai has been lying to me!"

Women like to be complimented, especially older women who are more concerned about their appearance and health. Xia Chenyu's remark delighted Yang Mei, who beamed with joy.

"Chenyu, Fang Bai didn't lie to you, auntie is indeed over forty years old. Hehe, it would be great if I were as young as you say!"

Xia Chenyu, beautiful and dignified, with a sweet tongue, won over Yang Mei's affection immediately. In her mind, she started guessing what the beautiful and elegant girl's relationship with her son might be.

Hearing Xia Chenyu's words, Fang Bai couldn't help but roll his eyes and thought, when did I ever tell you my mom's age? If you want to please my mom, do you have to involve me?

"Uncle and auntie, since this is our first meeting, I brought some gifts for you. I hope you like them... Fang Bai, could you come and help me, please?"

Xia Chenyu said this with pleading eyes to Fang Bai, then turned around and walked towards her sports car parked not too far away.

Although Fang Bai didn't understand what Xia Chenyu was up to, since she asked him to help, it wouldn't look good if he just stood there, so he quickly followed her.

"Sister Xia, what are you up to?"

Walking side by side with Xia Chenyu, Fang Bai asked softly.

"I'm not up to anything!"

A look of feigned innocence flashed across Xia Chenyu's face.

"Not right! You are way too enthusiastic, and what's with the gifts? There must be something up."

Xia Chenyu chuckled and said, "Can't I try to please your family?"

"Why would you bother to please them if you're neither blood nor kin?"

Fang Bai was puzzled.

"To please them is to please you!"

With a sideways glance filled with charm, Xia Chenyu softly laughed, "Now you're our secret weapon at Beauty Company. With you on board, Beauty Company can continue to grow and expand! We can go beyond Huaxia and reach out to the world! So I must do everything in my power to retain you!"

Fang Bai laughed wryly and finally realized Xia Chenyu's cordial behavior towards his family was because she was worried he might stop helping Beauty Company in the future. She wanted to use this roundabout method of "winning over the people to win the prince" to keep him at Beauty Company.

"Here, help me with these!"

Xia Chenyu arrived beside her sports car, took several gift boxes of varying sizes out of it, and had Fang Bai help carry them.

From the box, Fang Bai sensed a faint trace of Essence Energy and knew there must be a valuable gemstone inside, thinking that Xia Chenyu was really going all out to please his family.

However, Fang Bai didn't say anything, after all, the three secret recipes he had provided not only saved Xia Chenyu's "Beauty Company" from the brink of disaster but also helped her make a fortune, generating astonishing profits. It was reasonable for her to give some gifts to his family members.

"Mom, I don't think the relationship between that Xia Chenyu and my little brother is as simple as friendship!"

Fang Yun leaned in close to her mother, Yang Mei, and whispered with a giggle while looking at Xia Chenyu, who was busy getting things from her car not far away.

"If not friends, what is it?"

Yang Mei's heart stirred, and she asked with a smiling face.

"If not friends, of course, they are lovers! Haven't you noticed that Xia Chenyu looks at my brother with eyes full of tender affection!" Fang Yun said.

"Xiao Yun, don't talk nonsense about things without proof, it wouldn't be good if that girl heard you!"

Fang Gang glared at his daughter.

"Hmm, Xiao Yun is right, I also feel that Xia Chenyu seems to have a soft spot for our son."

The more Yang Mei watched Xia Chenyu, the more she liked her, smiling and saying, "That girl is not only beautiful but also has temperament, standing together with our son, they really match well! I will ask our son carefully later, to see what's really going on between them."

While they were speaking, Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu returned, each holding a gift box.

"Uncle, I bought this watch in Hong Kong Island, I hope you will like it!"

Xia Chenyu approached Fang Gang, took out a watch from one of the gift boxes, and handed it to Fang Gang with a beaming smile.

"This..."

Fang Gang hesitated, unsure if he should accept the gift, and turned his gaze toward his son, Fang Bai, seeking his opinion.

"Dad, this is Sister Xia's sincere gesture, please accept it," Fang Bai said with a smile.

Fang Gang nodded and then thanked Xia Chenyu before taking the watch she had given.

Fang Gang liked to wear watches and the one he had on his wrist was a common watch he had bought for a few hundred dollars several years ago, which now looked somewhat old, but he had always been reluctant to replace it.

Although he wasn't knowledgeable about watches, Fang Gang saw that the watch Xia Chenyu gave him was exquisitely made, beautiful and extraordinary, and knew it must be pricey.

"Vacheron Constantin!"

Fang Xiaojuan had approached Fang Gang at some point and exclaimed out loud after glancing at the watch in his hands.

"What's the matter, Xiao Juan? Do you recognize this watch?"

Yang Mei turned her head to ask.

"I've seen this model in a watch shop in Zhongzhou City, it's worth four or five hundred thousand!"

Fang Xiaojuan's gaze fixated on the Vacheron Constantin watch in Fang Gang's hands, her face full of envy, and she became even more curious about Xia Chenyu's identity.

Xia Chenyu, who drove a luxury car worth a million, was clearly wealthy, but to casually gift a luxury watch worth several hundred thousand was not something an ordinarily rich person could afford to do.

In Fang Xiaojuan's eyes, Xia Chenyu was a super-rich and beautiful woman. If she were indeed Fang Bai's girlfriend, then their uncle's family was set to soar to great heights.