

Hidden 1701

Chapter 1701: I'm Afraid They're Already...

"Where are they?"

The small leader shivered as he said, "Uncle Qiao got people to deal with them directly... I'm afraid they're already..."

Before he could finish, he was knocked out with a kick.

Lu Tingxiao, Yun Shen, and Tang Lang swiftly ran in.

They had just stepped into the ruins of the building when Yun Shen, who was taking big strides ahead, seemed to have thought of something. He suddenly stopped mid-step as his trembling fingers balled into tight fists.

Lu Tingxiao did not stay. He just walked past him and pressed forward. While he had already walked far ahead, Yun Shen remained there unmoved.

Tang Lang turned to look pensively at the man behind him. He seemed to have noticed vaguely that there was a flash of emotions of fear and helplessness in his usually careless eyes.

Was he... afraid?

Afraid that he might see... Little Junior's body?

Previously, when Yun Shen had just immediately given Lu Tingxiao the address, Tang Lang was very shocked, but now he seemed to have realized that Yun Shen might not have known about Little Treasure and Ning Xi's kidnapping at all.

Even though there was the possibility that Qiao Yi had done all of this behind his back, how did Lu Tingxiao know it for sure, and was even certain that Yun Shen would help them?

He had known this man for a long time, yet he did not dare say he completely understood him, or was sure of what he would or would not do.

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Finally, they reached the ruins seen in the video. The air was filled with a mix of gunpowder and blood.

When they reached the place, everyone was stunned.

The ruined city was extremely quiet. Apart from the sound of the wind hurtling by, there was no superfluous noise.

What was even weirder was that on the way, they saw that some of the guards and mercenaries had fallen to the ground disorderly.

Tang Lang went closer to inspect and was dumbstruck.

"All these people are dead..."

Initially, they thought that they had just passed out since there were no wounds or traces of blood on them. However, after closer inspection, they noticed that all of them had stopped breathing.

Not only that, these people had all died the same way. They had all suffered severe internal injuries. Their insides were destroyed to pieces and they had died on the spot.

At this moment, Lu Tingxiao ran swiftly to the pile of rubble.

Beside the rubble also lay two bodies of mercenaries. Their guns were lying on the ground, and there was still a large area of dark red bloodstains that had yet to dry up.

"What's going on?" Tang Lang vigilantly looked around.

At this moment, Yun Shen caught up too. He stared at the bloodstains on that rubble, then glanced at those mercenaries' bodies. His expression turned even more dreary.

He hinted at his subordinate, then someone immediately brought the small leader over.

"Where did they go?" Yun Shen asked with a darkened expression.

The leader peered around, then looked at the dead mercenaries strewn around. In shock, he remarked, "Earlier, they were still... How did this happen? Uncle Qiao had even especially ordered them to bring the body back after they were done..."

The leader sneaked a look at Lu Tingxiao. "Send the body to the Lu residence..."

"Did someone enter earlier?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

The leader looked at Lu Tingxiao and did not answer. He felt that he could not answer the rival's questions truthfully in front of his boss, yet in the next second his own boss gave him a boot in the shins. "He's asking you a question! Apart from us, did anyone else enter?"

The leader quickly answered, "No! Apart from you guys, no one else has entered! And no one else has left either! Our people are guarding in a radius of dozens of miles. If anyone has gone out, I'd definitely know!"

Chapter 1702: Unknown Whereabouts

\Although there were people guarding all around, no one had noticed that someone had entered and left?

When they heard this, Lu Tingxiao, Yun Shen, and Tang Lang's expressions changed.

"From the traces here and the way that all these mercenaries had died, the other party is acting solo. This person actually evaded so many guards and even killed all of these mercenaries hush-hush without anyone noticing?"

As Tang Lang stated his observation, he frowned. "Little Junior Sister and Little Treasure have most likely been taken away by him... but is the other person friend or foe? Why did they take them away?"

"There's no such person that I remember..." Yun Shen muttered to himself.

Tang Lang solemnly said, "That's why I'm curious as to where he suddenly appeared from. Even if Tang Ye and I worked together, we wouldn't be able to come and go without a trace with such tight security, and also take two people away!"

"These mercenaries haven't died for long. They must be still within the borders of Country F. Let's search separately. We can conduct an inch-by-inch search," Lu Tingxiao immediately ordered the subordinates he brought with him.

"Gather everyone. Search the entire city for me inside and out!" Yun Shen's had also ordered with a determined fury.

"Pass," Lu Tingxiao looked at the silver-haired man and said coldly.

If they did not have a pass and they met Yun Shen's people in the process of their search, the two parties would definitely get into conflict and waste time.

Yun Shen looked at the leader. "Give them a pass!"

The leader did not dare to disobey. He quickly gave all of Lu Tingxiao's people a pass though he was now utterly confused. Were these two not rivals? Why was the Boss obeying Lu Tingxiao's words?

Forget this little leader. Even Tang Lang could not help but feel the space between his eyebrows twitch at this odd scene.

After they received the passes, Lu Tingxiao did not delay another moment longer. He led his people and quickly left.

The two teams of manpower had very quickly filled up every corner of the city.

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At the Lu family's old residence in China.

At that moment, Lu Chongshan was lying weakly on the bed with an intravenous drip to his hand.

Xing Wu rushed in through the door. "Master..."

"Does Tingxiao have news?" Lu Chongshan sat up with difficulty.

"Master, the doctor says you can't get up!" Xing Wu quickly went over to help him.

"Enough crap. Quickly tell me how's it now?" Lu Chongshan pressed.

Xing Wu seemed like he did not know how to report to him as he hesitated.

As Lu Chongshan watched Xing Wu's expression, he felt a chill in his heart and his body started to tremble vigorously. "Are they... Are they already..."

When Xing Wu saw that Lu Chongshan had misunderstood, he quickly explained, "No, Little Master and Miss Xiao Xi seemed to have gone missing..."

"Miss... missing? How could they have gone missing!?"

"I'm not quite sure about the concrete situation either. That's the news from them. They said that Master has found the location where Little Master and Miss Xiao Xi were kidnapped, but when they rushed over, they didn't find them. Now, they're looking for them in Country F..." Xing Wu shared.

Xing Wu then quickly comforted, "Actually, it's considered positive news that they can't find them. At least... at least, there's a huge possibility that they might still be alive! Master, don't worry anymore. Otherwise, if anything happens on your end, Master will be distracted from the other end."

"Where's Little Treasure?! Where's Little Treasure?! Is Little Treasure back yet? Has Little Treasure been rescued yet?" Xing Wu was speaking to Lu Chongshan when Yan Ruyi, who had just regained consciousness, pushed the door to enter as she demanded urgently.

Chapter 1703: My Little Treasure Is Dead

Xing Wu suddenly felt a headache coming on when he saw who it was. They were screwed!

"Madam..."

"Xing Wu, Chongshan... Where's Little Treasure? Where is he? Didn't you guys already get Little Treasure back?" Yan Ruyi seized Xing Wu and looked to Lu Chongshan who lay on the bed. There was suddenly immense horror across her face. "Did something happen to Little Treasure? Tell me! Did something happen to Little Treasure?!"

Otherwise, why would Chongshan have fallen ill?

Lu Chongshan's face was full of fatigue as he quickly tried to console her, "Ruyi, calm down! Nothing has happened to Little Treasure... Tingxiao has already gone to save them..."

Then, he looked at Xing Wu on the side.

Xing Wu understood Lu Chongshan's reminding gaze and quickly followed up, "That's right, Madam. Master has already gone to save him! Very soon, we'll be able to bring them back!"

"Really?" Yan Ruyi was pacified a little, then she reached her hand out to her chest. "Then, why... Why do I feel like I still can't be at ease? This is exactly what I felt the last time Little Treasure was kidnapped. Can Tingxiao save Little Treasure? Little Treasure will be okay, won't he?"

"Of course, he'll be okay! Since the other party has stated their conditions for an exchange, as long as we fulfill their requests, the Little Master will definitely be okay! Madam, please wait patiently! Don't you trust Master?" Xing Wu's tone held a degree of certainty.

"Okay, okay... I'll go recite some chants... I'll go pray for the Buddha to protect our Little Treasure... and that girl..." Yan Ruyi nodded, then she left the room in a daze.

Xing Wu and Lu Chongshan let out a sigh of relief.

After Yan Ruyi left, Lu Chongshan picked up the phone and played the video again. He was trying to see if he could find any clues he might have missed out on previously. Unfortunately, he still came up with nothing.

A while later, Yan Ruyi knocked on the door and entered again. She held a cup of ginseng tea in her hands. "Chongshan, drink some ginseng tea."

Lu Chongshan quickly put the phone down. "Okay, don't busy yourself. Rest more!"

"I'm fine... I can't stay idle..." Yan Ruyi still looked panic-stricken as she answered Lu Chongshan. "Chongshan, do you still remember? Master Xuan Jing said that the girl would bring good luck. She could turn misfortunes into blessings! That girl has gone along too! Her good fortune will shade our Little Treasure! So, this time, our Little Treasure will definitely be okay, right? Don't dismiss all of this. Sometimes it really works!"

Lu Chongshan agreed with her, "Yes, he'll definitely be okay! I didn't dismiss it! I do believe in it!"

Probably because she had some spiritual support, Yan Ruyi felt slightly better. She walked out with Lu Chongshan's empty cup in her hands.

Lu Chongshan did not notice that when Yan Ruyi left with the cup, she had silently taken his handphone...

It was too late when Lu Chongshan realized his phone had gone missing.

At that second, his wife's frightened shriek was heard outside the door, then bam! There was no further sound.

Lu Chongshan quickly pulled out the drip and staggered out, then he saw that his wife had fainted with the phone still playing the video recording in her hand.

Yan Ruyi had not believed them after all. It was probably because she saw that he was looking at his phone that she sneaked it away for a look...

"Madam! Madam, wake up!" Xing Wu nipped Yan Ruyi's philtrum .

Yan Ruyi gradually regained consciousness and she sat blankly on the cold floor. Her jet black eyes were filled with a coldness that sent chills up one's spine. "Little Treasure is dead... My Little Treasure is dead, isn't he?"

Chapter 1704: I Want To Kill You

"No, no, Madam... It's not like what you saw. Even though... We can't say that they're definitely... dead..." Xing Wu could not continue anymore.

Anyone knew that in such a horrible situation as that, there was a very low likelihood of the two of them surviving, especially the girl.

"My Little Treasure is dead... My good grandson... Little Treasure is dead..." Yan Ruyi stared blankly, muttering this over and over again until her panic-stricken helplessness reached its peak.

"My fault... It's my fault... I killed Little Treasure! Why did I take Little Treasure from Ning Xi? If it had been Ning Xi who carried Little Treasure, then he definitely wouldn't have been snatched away... I didn't carry Little Treasure tightly... I let him get taken away... I killed Little Treasure... I killed my grandson... It was me... Ahhhh!!!"

Yan Ruyi broke down and wailed out loud as she kept hitting her own chest. She almost could not catch her breath from choking on her sobs. "Grandmother killed you... It was Grandmother who killed you, my Little Treasure..."

Lu Chongshan pulled his collapsing wife into his arms. "Ruyi! Ruyi! It's not your fault! It's not your fault, you hear me? It's me... Everything started because of me... If someone's to be at fault, it would be me... I'm sorry... Sorry... I've let all of you down... let Little Treasure down..."

"Uncle Lu, Aunt Lu... What's wrong?" At the door came Guan Ziyao's voice and behind her was Father Guan, Mother Guan, and Guan Ziyao's older brother, Guan Zihao.

When Yan Ruyi saw Guan Ziyao, there was suddenly an immense hatred that exploded out of her. She ran to Guan Ziyao all of a sudden and slapped her hard on the face. She yanked her hair and pushed her to the floor.

"You evil woman! Give me back Little Treasure! Give me back Little Treasure! Ning Xi already rescued Little Treasure, then passed him to you! Why didn't you start driving to get Little Treasure away? Why didn't you save Little Treasure? Why did you hand my grandson over to those gangsters?! Why did you kill my Little Treasure?!"

"No, Aunt Lu, I didn't... I was just too frightened to respond then. It really wasn't intentional... Aunt, you have to believe me..."

"I want to kill you... Kill you!"

Yan Ruyi's grace and grandeur had vanished at this point. She was like a mad woman, pulling on Guan Ziyao and not letting go.

It was a while before everyone else returned to their senses from the sudden turn of events. They quickly consoled her and it was terribly chaotic.

"Doctor! Quickly call the doctor over! Inject Madam with a tranquilizer!" Lu Chongshan shouted.

The torment went on for a long time before Yan Ruyi was finally pulled away. She was held down for the doctor to inject her with a tranquilizer, then all became quiet again.

Guan Ziyao's cheeks were swollen and her hair messy. There were bloody scratches on her skin where it was exposed. Mother Guan supported her up as she stood there in a daze. "I'm sorry, Uncle Lu... I'm sorry... It really wasn't intentional... It's all my fault..."

Lu Chongshan had no energy to comfort Guan Ziyao. He looked weary as he said, "Something's happened to Little Treasure, so Ruyi is emotionally very stirred up."

Guan Rui's eyes shifted and he quickly went up to ask, "Earlier, she said that Little Treasure has been killed. What did she mean? Could Little Treasure already be..."

Chapter 1705: Wait To Become The Lady of The Lu House

Could Little Treasure be dead?!

When they heard this, Guan Ziyao, Guan Zihao, and Mother Guan all looked at Lu Chongshan.

Lu Chongshan seemed horrible as he vaguely answered, "Little Treasure's current situation is still unclear. Tingxiao has already gone to look for them."

Still unclear?

That included... whether life or death was unpredictable, and everything pointed to disaster?

Something flashed in Guan Rui's eyes and he said with a sorrowful expression, "It's all because our Ziyao is a girl, and a timid one at that. She couldn't help then, so she's been blaming herself for a long time since she returned home. She's been really worried that's why she came over to check on this. We're really sorry!"

Guan Zihao comforted, "Uncle Lu, we're very sad about Little Treasure's mishap too. Please take care of yourself. The entire Lu family and company is still counting on you! If there's anything you need our help with, feel free to let us know, Uncle Lu. We'll definitely do all we can if it's something we can help with!"

"Thank you, but we don't need it for now. Our apologies that we're unable to tend to guests today. Please return home first," Lu Chongshan simply said, indicating for them to leave.

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Outside the Lu residence.

When they got into the car, Mother Guan's expression immediately changed. Her heart ached as she checked the injuries on Guan Ziyao. "Damn it! Isn't that Yan Ruyi an heiress from a prestigious family? How is she a dame? She's practically a shrew! Look at how she hit our Ziyao! She was so vicious with the hits!"

"Forget it. Their only beloved grandson has died. It's normal to become a little crazy," said Guan Rui, sounding like he was in a very good mood.

"Didn't they say it was still unclear? How do you know he's dead?" Mother Guan asked.

"Don't you know Lu Chongshan by now? He must've delayed and hidden it from Lu Tingxiao to protect the company. Then, he compelled the other end until they killed the hostage. Otherwise, why do you think Yan Ruyi was so stirred up? Something must've happened, and everything points to disaster!" Guan Rui analyzed.

"Then... what about Ning Xi?" Guan Ziyao's expression was gloomy as she touched her swollen cheeks to ask.

On the side, Guan Ziyao said, "The little prince has died. She's just an unimportant person. Do you think she'd live? Obviously, she would have died sooner!"

"But that woman's pretty skilled... Wouldn't she ruin their plans?" Guan Ziyao asked worriedly.

Guan Zihao raised his brows. "Are you kidding? As skilled as that woman may be, she's just a woman. What could she possibly do facing the group of kidnappers? You should just wait to become the lady of the Lu house!"

"Sadly, this incident has caused Aunt Lu to misunderstand me..." Guan Ziyao was concerned.

Mother Guan said without being concerned in the least, "Silly girl, she's just grieving right now from losing her grandson. Wait till you give birth to another one for her. Then, how could she not like you? She'll still cup you in her hands like a treasure! A mother's honor increases with her son. These words will work anywhere!"

"That was why I said that Lu Tingxiao's illegitimate child must not be kept! The Lu family values this child so much that they'd leave all their family property to him in the future. Then, wouldn't our marriage connection with the Lu family be a huge loss? Even if nothing happens to the child this time, we must think of ways to get rid of him in the future. This time, we managed to save ourselves the trouble. In fact, we killed two birds with one stone -- even that woman has been disposed of!"

Guan Zihao laughed, "Mother is right, Sister! Don't worry too much. Let's go home and celebrate tonight! Tomorrow, we should be able to hear the 'good news' about that little child!"

Chapter 1706: Do You Deserve The Surname Yun As Well?

In Country F.

With Lu Tingxiao and Yun Shen's combined forces, they sealed Country F and turned the country upside down, yet they still could not find Ning Xi and Little Treasure.

Rationally, the other person had a woman and child with him, so the target was relatively huge. There was no way they could disappear so quietly.

Time passed by the second. With every second of delay, Ning Xi and the child would be in more danger.

Another half an hour passed. Lu Tingxiao and Yun Shen gathered in the city. The two of them exchanged a glance and knew that the other had not found them.

Instantly, the atmosphere stagnated to a tensed peak.

Country F was very small and was not as big as certain cities in China. Such a long amount of time was enough for them to search the entire country and look through each area a few times, yet there were no traces at all as if they had vanished into thin air.

Annie had already been summoned by Yun Shen. At this moment, she followed closely behind him in order to treat Ning Xi and Little Treasure immediately after they found them.

Lu Tingxiao looked at Annie. "How much longer can they hold on for?"

Annie's expression turned solemn when she heard this. "Bro Xi embraced Little Treasure. I couldn't see how injured he was, so I have no way of judging. As for Bro Xi, her calf, arm, abdomen, and many other parts had been shot. The most fatal one was the last attack. I speculate that... her internal organs are definitely severely harmed... I'm afraid that she sustained some terrible head injuries too..."

When she said this, Annie almost could not continue, "Even if she got lucky and didn't die on the spot, if she wasn't immediately treated in time... she definitely... won't be able to hold on for long..."

Annie did not answer Lu Tingxiao how long she could last because based on Ning Xi's severe injuries, with so much time delayed... she might have already...

After Annie finished, there was a deathly stillness in the air. The two men looked ghastly as well.

After a moment of tormenting silence later, Lu Tingxiao suddenly said, "Return to the place earlier."

Something flashed in Yun Shen's eyes. "The place earlier? You mean?"

Tang Lang suddenly cried out, "Right! We couldn't find them after searching for so long. Could it be that they hadn't even left that place?"

Thus, the group rushed towards the place that Ning Xi and Little Treasure had gone missing. They started to comb every inch of the abandoned building and its ruins...

"Ah Shen!"

Just as Lu Tingxiao, Yun Shen, and everyone else was racing against time to search for them, there was suddenly an angry voice behind them.

When he heard this voice, Yun Shen's eyes squinted as he turned around and his gaze chilled them to the bone.

Qiao Yi was furious as he walked right up to the man. "Ah Shen! Are you crazy? How are you not keeping watch in the company?! Why did you come here? This is complete nonsense!"

"Uncle Qiao, don't you know the reason why I've come?" The man asked in a distant tone.

"Ah Shen! I didn't tell you about this because I didn't want to affect you. Everything I do is for your own good! And you're now ruining all of our plans! I'm ordering you to immediately return to the company right now!" Qiao Yi rebuked angrily.

Yun Shen laughed under his breath, "Huh, ordering me? Qiao Yi... who do you think you are? My uncle? Do you deserve to? Do you even deserve the surname Yun as well?"

"Yun Shen!" Qiao Yi's expression changed drastically as he flew into a rage.

When both Tang Lang, who was beside Yun Shen, and Tang Ye, who was beside Qiao Yi, heard their conversation, they had incredibly flabbergasted expressions on their faces.

What?

Qiao Yi was... Yun Shen's uncle?

Chapter 1707: I'd Like To See Who Dares To Touch Him

Qiao Yi used the name Tang Yi in public. Only their own people knew that his real name was Qiao Yi.

However, now as they listened to their conversation, they were shocked to find out that Qiao Yi actually had another name, another layer of identity!

He and Yun Shen actually shared this shocking layer of identity...

Qiao Yi did not look too happy either. His expression was incredibly gloomy. "Yun Shen! Just for a woman, you actually speak to me like this! Just for a woman, you want to just look on as our years of efforts fall through! Did you forget how your mother died? Do you not want her to rest in peace!?"

Opposite them, Tang Lang was picking at his ears and internally mocking him.

Tsk, this line again! He had heard it so many times that there were calluses on his ears. Could he not say something different?

When Yun Shen heard Qiao Yi's words, he laughed, "Right... That's right... All for a woman..."

He suddenly stopped smiling, and his usually indifferent eyes were covered in ruthlessness and tyranny. "I already warned you long ago not to touch her!"

As Qiao Yi watched the expression on Yun Shen's face, he felt a thud in his heart. Actually, he had already regretted it.

He knew Yun Shen too well. It was hard for anyone to get to his heart, but once someone did, he would completely integrate them to his limits, and would not allow anyone else to touch them even for a second.

This time, he had really gone too far. However, whenever he remembered the incident back then, whenever he saw Lu Chongshan's face, he really could not hold back. He had even disposed of that girl who had turned on them.

He did not expect Yun Shen's reaction to be even more intense than he imagined. This time, even his mother could not constrain him.

"Yun Shen, it's just a woman. You can have as many as you want in the future! A traitor isn't even worth what you're doing for her! Return with me right now... We..."

Qiao Yi was speaking halfway when Lu Tingxiao had just walked out after completing a search of the building.

Qiao Yi's expression instantly changed. He immediately ordered all his subordinates, "Capture Lu Tingxiao!"

Lu Tingxiao's expression did not change at all as he walked right up to Qiao Yi and stopped in front of him.

Qiao Yi sneered, "CEO Lu, you're pretty gutsy! You don't want to take the road to heaven, but you barge into hell where there isn't a door!"

In between speaking, Lu Tingxiao and his subordinates were already surrounded by Qiao Yi's people.

Damn it! Since he could not move Yun Shen, he would just get rid of Lu Tingxiao. Get it over once and for all!

At this moment, Yun Shen took two unhurried steps towards Lu Tingxiao. He skimmed the crowd lazily and said, "I'd like to see who dares to touch him!"

"You! Yun Shen! Have you really gone mad?! Do you know what you're doing?" When he saw the two of them stand together before him, Qiao Yi was in disbelief.

Why the heck would Yun Shen actually be helping Lu Tingxiao!?

Now that Lu Tingxiao had stepped on his turf, he did not want to let go of such an extremely rare opportunity. Qiao Yi had no time to think, so he immediately commanded, "Everyone, go!"

All around, the subordinates looked at each other. Suddenly, no one dared to move.

"How dare you people not follow my orders!?" Qiao Yi roared.

The people he had brought over were all his trusted aides. Even Country F was controlled by him, yet now all of these people were not following his orders!

Chapter 1708: Who The Mysterious Person Was

Qiao Yi's chest was heaving, and his face was covered in incredulity.

To prevent such an uncontrollable situation like how Yun Shen was acting today, he had secretly controlled the most important batch of forces. While Yun Shen looked like he could not care less about these things usually, he never had any objections on this and had exhibited extreme trust towards him, leaving everything for him to handle.

He thought that he had gained control of everything all these years. Unfortunately, it was only now that he realized he had really underestimated this person in front of him.

Yun Shen fixed his sleeves. There was an impatience in his eyes as he said faintly, "Send Uncle Qiao back to rest. He's old. It's not good to be staying up so late at night!"

When he saw Qiao Yi being forcefully taken away, Feng Jin lowered his head and kept quiet, trying his best to remain as low profile as possible. He was one of Qiao Yi's most important confidants. If Qiao Yi and Yun Shen fell out, the first person whom Yun Shen would go after was him.

Even though Tang Ye wanted to say something, he knew that the current situation could not be reversed by him alone. Saying too much would infuriate Yun Shen instead, so he just remained silent.

At this moment, the man before them had torn apart that layer of the harmless and carefree facade he wore. His inner ruthless, blood-thirsty, and morbid side was all out to wreak havoc akin to a time bomb that could explode anytime...

"Continue searching! Within three minutes, if we still don't find them, all of you will die with me!"

Three minutes?

They had looked for so long and still could not find any traces. How could they find anything in three minutes?

The place was suddenly depressing...

As they looked at the tyrant before them, all those who had joined this kidnapping mission started to regret it horribly, but they just followed orders...

Just as everyone was overcast by the shadow of death, Lu Tingxiao, who was rapidly working on a laptop, had said to the man, "Come over."

"Do you think you're calling a dog?" A certain tyrant's eyes flashed with ire, but he still walked over.

"What's the password?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

Yun Shen looked at Lu Tingxiao's screen, and a shock crossed his face. "You even managed to find this..."

City F was more or less an abandoned city. The surveillance systems in the city had been destroyed to close to nothing, but Lu Tingxiao had found the only monitoring node in this city of ruins. When they had first taken over Country F, Yun Shen had reset the node password.

"Password!" Lu Tingxiao urged impatiently.

Yun Shen pouted. "The girl's birthday."

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.

So were Tang Lang and Tang Ye.

Such an important password, yet he had used such simple digits such as a birthday?

Wait, no... That was not the point...

The point was that this guy had actually used Little Junior Sister's birthday as the password!

"Pfft! I really couldn't tell that this pervert would have such boyish moments!" Tang Lang crossed his arms and muttered into Tang Ye's ears to taunt.

Lu Tingxiao had just paused for a moment, then he very quickly entered Ning Xi's birthday and obtained the historical surveillance footage.

Compared to the fuzzy video in Lu Chongshan's phone, this surveillance camera overlooked the entire abandoned city below. The facility was quite high-end too, so it was still a very clear shot at night. The effect was clearly much better than the video, and even their expressions could be seen clearly.

Lu Tingxiao immediately fast-forwarded the surveillance to when those people were about to deal with Ning Xi to see what had happened, and who that mysterious person who had suddenly appeared was...

Chapter 1709: Is She Going To Run Off?

In the footage, Ning Xi was dragged out from under the rubble by two mercenaries.

The girl was beaten black and blue, and drenched in blood. You could not tell if she was dead or alive. Little Treasure, who was in her embrace, had his face covered in blood too. No one could not tell if it was his or Ning Xi's blood.

One of the mercenaries kicked Ning Xi and cursed, "Slut! You caused two of our bros to die!"

Beside him, the other mercenary said impatiently, "Enough crap! The higher-ups have ordered us to cut her up into pieces! Quickly do it! Avoid any undue delay that may bring trouble!"

"Tsk, tsk! The most interesting part about cutting them up is when they wake up... when it's still happening, and to let them watch helplessly as their flesh gets sliced piece by piece until only the bone is left... until they die. Now, it's really boring... but what do you think Lu Chongshan's reaction will be when he sees his grandson become a pile of ground meat?"

These atrocious mercenaries were mostly mentally morbid. They were crazy and blood-thirsty. Torturing people for fun was a sport to them. At this moment, they looked very excited.

"Sadly, this one's a beauty. With her skills, if she had left this child behind, she would've had a chance to escape. Tsk, tsk... Ladies first, we'll start with you first..." The mercenary held a knife that flashed in the cool light and smiled grimly as he moved closer to the girl.

Lu Tingxiao and Yun Shen, who were staring at the screen, suddenly changed in expression when they saw this scene. They could not hear the sound from the surveillance footages, but once they zoomed into the footage, they could roughly understand their conversation by reading their lips.

The mercenary inched closer to Ning Xi and revealed a sinister and elated expression. He casually slit Ning Xi's arm with a knife and blood instantly gushed out.

As he was about to continue, he suddenly thought of something and temporarily stopped what he was doing. Then, he took out an item from his pocket.

It was a silver whistle the size of a thumb, and it had a simple design carved on it.

He had found this whistle on the woman previously, and because he recognized this design bore weight of some important connections, he had secretly kept it.

The mercenary looked at the totem, then at the woman. He hesitated.

Why would this woman have such an item? Could she be... related to that legendary family?

But this was not possible...

Then, how would this thing have appeared on her then?

There were extremely few people who knew the symbol of this totem. It would not have randomly appeared on a whistle. Also, what was it used for?

The mercenary became more and more curious. He tried to hold the whistle up and lightly blow it. It seemed to be made like a whistle that was solid instead, yet there was no sound at all.

Then, he fumbled with the whistle and continued to carefully examine it...

"Hey! What are you dilly-dallying for?!"

It was only when someone urged him that the mercenary put the whistle back into his pocket. "Pfft! What's the rush? Like seriously! Is she going to run off?!"

Forget it! Whatever background this girl had or whichever family she was related to, she had to die that day! Besides, that family only existed in the myth. How could it be real?

After the brief interlude, the mercenary picked up his knife again and closed in on the girl...

Right at that moment, the eyes of the mercenary with the bloody-thirsty smile suddenly widened before he fell forward with glazed eyes.

"Who is it?!"

"What's happening?!"

All around, the other mercenaries started to hold up their weapons at this weird phenomenon. They looked around vigilantly, yet before they could even get a proper look at the figure, they had quietly fallen one after another. Soon, the entire abandoned city was dead silent...

Chapter 1710: Which One of You Is This Girl's Man?

Then, a person appeared on the screen.

There was a man with long, black hair, who looked as beautiful as a demon.

The man took out the whistle from one of the mercenaries' pocket, then walked up to Ning Xi. His thin lips started to mouth, "You lucky devil..."

Then, he bent over and carried the girl, disappearing after a few leaps.

The instant they saw this person, Tang Lang and Tang Ye cried out at the same time—

"What the hell?! How is it this guy?!"

"It's him!"

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"You know him?" Yun Shen asked.

Lu Tingxiao frowned too. He had seen that whistle with Ning Xi before. Ning Xi had told him that a skilled master had given it to her because he owed her a favor. Whenever she blew it, the master would come to save her. However, it looked like something had happened, and Ning Xi did not remember the whistle in time to blow it for help before it was taken away by those mercenaries.

It was only at the very last moment when that mercenary had curiously blown it by coincidence, and that master was probably just nearby, that he could have rushed over so quickly.

No wonder that person would say something like "you lucky devil".

Lu Tingxiao was already extremely disturbed as he imagined this.

The master Ning Xi had mentioned back then was probably this man who appeared on the screen, and since the other person owed Ning Xi a favor, he must be a friend and not a foe.

Tang Lang spoke emotionally, "That guy was the one who disrupted my fight with Tang Lang, and had even..."

Beaten us up till we were scared witless...

"Back then, even with Tang Ye and I combining forces, we couldn't get close to him. He's a monster! Why did this dude appear here and save Little Junior Sister, and how do they know each other?"

"This isn't the main point. He seemed to have walked towards the cemetery," said Tang Ye.

"The cemetery?"

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They did not have time to think further. Immediately, they brought everyone to rush towards the cemetery.

They were very close to the cemetery and their people had already patrolled that area, yet they did not find any traces at all!

The group finally made it to the cemetery and walked the grounds one more time. Unfortunately, they still came up with nothing.

Right at that moment, in the eerie cemetery, there were suddenly creaking sounds that made one's blood run cold.

Everyone felt their backs tense up as they looked to see where the sound was coming from.

It sounded like Hell's door was being opened. There was suddenly a man's faint voice in the cemetery. "Hey, you people, which of you is this girl's man?"

Lu Tingxiao, Yun Shen, Tang Lang, Tang Ye, and the group of subordinates all rushed to the man. When they got closer, they realized that he was indeed the man from the surveillance camera.

When he heard the man's question, Yun Shen frowned. "That would be me. Who are you? Where's Tang Xi?"

The man's brows knitted, then he said in all seriousness, "I hate being lied to."

Yun Shen looked like he was about to choke. On what basis did this dude claim that he was lying?

The man did not care about Yun Shen's terrible expression. His eagle eyes gazed at Lu Tingxiao. "It's you, isn't it? You look exactly the same as that little guy."

"It is I." Lu Tingxiao could not care how Yun Shen felt. He walked quickly towards the man.

At that moment, an underground palace of an old tomb suddenly appeared behind the man. Both sides were lit up with oil lamps, and it was so deep that no bottom could be seen.

"Follow me." The long-haired man started to walk down.

Lu Tingxiao followed him and that door immediately shut seamlessly. Buried in the grass, there was not a single trace that there had once been an entrance.