Chapter 263 Restraint

"What's this all about?" Chu Huai'en was still controlling his rage.

"I—I really don't know. It's a mistake, maybe it's a prank."

"He knew your name. How could it be so coincidental? Someone who looks like you and has the same name as you?"

"Yes, yes. Zhang Chao must have arranged it." Li Ge accused me.

Chu Huai'en flung a napkin onto the table. "Zhang Chao would never let anyone pour water on my daughter!"

Li Ge sat there in shock. He was completely dazed and clueless.

He was done for. Today's matter would spread like wildfire. Good news stayed indoors, but bad news traveled fast. Tomorrow, the streets would be buzzing about Mayor Li's son's sexual orientation.

I had nothing against anyone who was gay, but I thought it was odd. If he really liked men, there was no need for him to keep bothering Chu Xiaoxiao.

Chu Xiaoxiao's family used to be very rich, but they had fallen from grace and were now poor. Why was he still trying to pursue her?

Could this really be a set up?

Who could be so... mischievous...

I wanted to laugh when I thought about it. This was a ruthless move. I would never have come up with such a masterful move myself.

Li Ge knew that he was not going to be able to clear his name. He murmured an apology and left with his tail between his legs.

There were only three of us at the table now. Chu Huai'en did not even try to pretend. He asked me directly, "Zhang Chao, did you do this?"

"Uncle Chu, you've got more secrets than me. It's not in my character to do something like this."

"Hmph." He had nothing to say and stood up to leave.

"Uncle, you already owe so much debt. How do you still have the money for new investments? What business are you doing?" I pressed.

I actually knew that Chu Huai'en's debt troubles were false and that he had taken that money and was collaborating with Han Kun.

I did not know what the two of them were up to, but one thing was clear. They did not want anyone to know about it.

As I thought, Chu Huai'en paused and glanced back at me suspiciously. "How is it your business?"

"I'm curious. I've been studying business administration and I couldn't help but remember your company, Uncle. Business has always been good and you didn't leave the country for a year, but there were nonsense rumors about you gambling in Macau. How could the company suddenly be facing bankruptcy? It's very strange."

I had hit a pain point, and Chu Huai'en stormed off unhappily.

Chu Xiaoxiao only heaved a sigh of relief after he left.

"What happened to your mother?" I asked gently, "You've never mentioned her up to me."

Chu Xiaoxiao was in a very low mood. "I don't want to talk about this yet. I'll tell you after I've thought it through."

I was not sure why Chu Huai'en would use his own wife to threaten his daughter. It was not right.

Chu Xiaoxiao did not want to talk about it. It hurt me to see her sad even at the mention of it.

I did not ask again, but I swore that I could get to the bottom of the matter. I could not leave any hidden threats to our relationship lying around.

The meal was dull. Even though Chu Xiaoxiao tried her best to cheer up, I could tell that she was not happy.

After we finished eating, we went downstairs to get a ride from Qingqing. In the car, we encountered someone who left us astonished.

"You!"

Chu Xiaoxiao and I cried out in unison when we saw the young man in the passenger's seat.

This was not just any young man, this was the young man who had poured water on Chu Xiaoxiao.

Qingqing winked at us. "Let me introduce you. This is my good friend, Ma Dazhuang."

"Ugh, you're not allowed to call me that. My name is Tony."

Chu Xiaoxiao and I were stunned. She nudged me before I remembered to shake hands with Ma Dazhuang.

"It was spectacular, hahaha. I almost died laughing at Li Ge's expression," Qingqing crowed.

"Damn it, it wasn't just spectacular. Xiaoxiao and I were so shocked. Qingqing, you're ruthless."

Qingqing rolled her eyes. "That's because he's so shameless. Boss, I said it before. You can't be so nice to such people. You need to be ruthless to take on ruthless people. He had better retreat after today. If he tries again, I'll show him my full power."

I shook my head and laughed helplessly. "You don't know who Li Ge is, so you aren't afraid of him. He might be ostentatious, but he's Mayor Li's son. He's got good backing. You seem to not be afraid of getting into trouble."

"Huh, does he know I did it? Can he find Dazhuang?"

"Aiyah, stop that. Call me Tony."

Qingqing continued, "Besides, even if he wants revenge, you'll protect us, won't you, Boss? Heehee. Xiaoxiao also takes loyalty very seriously. If you dare to leave us to the wolves, she'll make you suffer."

Damn, she really hit the nail on the head. Even if I left them alone, Chu Xiaoxiao would not let me. Chu Xiaoxiao wrapped her hands around Qingqing's face and said intimately, "How could we leave you alone? Thanks for saving us today."

However, Chu Xiaoxiao asked, "Tony, why did you splash that glass of water on me?"

Ma Dazhuang rolled his eyes and replied in an exaggerated manner, "Of course, how could I splash it on the mayor's son?"

I gaped at him. "So you know that Li Ge is the mayor's son."

I had to give it to them. This was what being fearless really was like.

Qingqing asked me where to now. I wanted to send Chu Xiaoxiao home first. She was not in a good mood and needed to rest.

But when I brought it up, Chu Xiaoxiao said, "No, I don't want to go home. Find a hotel. Zhang Chao, did you bring your ID?"

The atmosphere in the car became quiet. My heart thumped crazily. Was she saying what I think she was?

I nodded and she sighed. "Alright, come with me to the hotel."

I barely dared to breathe. Qingqing and Ma Dazhuang were the same. No one wanted to be mistaken about Chu Xiaoxiao's intentions. She looked very imposing just then.

Qingqing dropped us off at a five-star hotel. Chu Xiaoxiao got off first. I hurried after her but turned back to get my jacket when Qingqing suddenly called out to me.

I thought something big had happened, but she was hanging out of the window with Ma Dazhuang, staring at me.

"Boss," Qingqing said, "Hold on to this."

She shoved something in my pocket. While I was wondering what to reply her, I fished it out. It was a condom.

"What..."

Qingqing gave me a thumbs up. "You can do it. Get rid of your virgin status."

"What..." How did she even know about this.

"Go, go."

I really did not know what to say. It seemed as though I had to do something today to thank them for the atmosphere they had provided. With Qingqing's gossipy mouth, the whole of Lutong Advertisements would hear about it by tomorrow.

I walked faster to catch up with Chu Xiaoxiao. My heart was pattering in anticipation. We were a proper couple. It would not be surprising if something happened.

But when I caught up with Chu Xiaoxiao and spied her sad profile, my wicked thoughts disappeared. I felt like a terrible person. My girlfriend was in an awful mood and I was thinking of...

I took a deep breath and decided to restrain myself. At least until Chu Xiaoxiao was in a better mood.