

Ice Age 76

Chapter 76: The Tianhe Gang from Building 26

Zhang Yi recounted the events that had just transpired to Zhou Ke'er. "It was those workers from Building 26!"

"There's a new development nearby, so many workers have rented places around here."

Zhou Ke'er was curious. "Our neighborhood is considered middle to upper-class. Would they really spend that much money?"

Zhang Yi replied, "Ten people crammed into one room. How expensive do you think that is?"

Zhou Ke'er nodded in understanding. Then, a look of concern appeared on her face. "So, these guys are actually more dangerous than Chen Zhenghao!"

Zhang Yi nodded in agreement. "Chen Zhenghao was just a common thug. In peaceful times, ordinary people were afraid of him because they didn't want trouble. But now, everyone's survival is uncertain. If not for his gun, he'd have been beaten to death long ago."

"But these workers are different. They do physical labor every day, so they're much stronger than ordinary people. Their combat abilities are also more formidable."

"Moreover, they know each other well and work in groups, making them more coordinated and dangerous."

Zhang Yi took a deep breath. "Luckily, I killed that demolition expert last night. Otherwise, I wouldn't sleep well."

Zhou Ke'er asked, "So what's our next move? Do we retaliate?"

Zhang Yi's eyebrows furrowed. "Of course we retaliate!"

"But I'm not going over there. It's unwise to step onto their turf. Look what happened—half of them got killed by me."

Zhou Ke'er rolled her eyes. "But you have a gun!"

"Even with a gun, it's not wise," Zhang Yi said firmly. "Even if I kill them all, getting hit with a shovel would be a huge loss for me."

Zhou Ke'er shook her head. "You're really... cautious."

"But if you don't go out and find them, how will you retaliate? They don't seem afraid to die; they act like desperados!"

Indeed, who would play with explosives in an apartment building? One wrong move, and they could bury themselves alive.

Zhang Yi rubbed his chin, already formulating a plan. "It seems like if we want to live peacefully, we'll need to find some cannon fodder."

He picked up his phone and opened the Building 25 group chat.

Due to the recent explosion, the neighbors were all awake and chatting frantically in the group.

"What was that noise just now? An earthquake? Or a bomb?"

"The sound came from upstairs. Could it have been a meteorite?"

"Quite possibly. Why else would the temperature be so strange? Maybe humanity will go extinct like the dinosaurs."

The chat was filled with wild speculations.

Zhang Yi typed, "The workers from Building 26 broke into our building and tried to kill and rob us. I discovered them in time and drove them away."

"Zhang Meng from the 16th floor was killed."

"And the noise was from the explosives they used."

The neighbors were immediately on edge upon hearing Zhang Yi's words.

"What? We just dealt with Chen Zhenghao, and now those laborers are coming after us!"

"They're ruthless. I heard there were frequent fights at their construction site."

"How did the people from Building 26 get here?"

Zhang Yi replied, "They dug a tunnel through the snow on the first floor and attacked us."

Someone quickly responded, "Collapse that tunnel and lock the door!"

Zhang Yi countered, "That won't work. Such doors can be easily broken. Even if you block it, they can climb in through the fourth-floor windows."

The neighbors were terrified.

"If Zhang Yi hadn't driven them away, they might have broken into our homes and killed us!"

"What do we do? How can we fight those laborers?"

"Half the people in our building are dead. Most of the survivors are the elderly, women, and children."

Most able-bodied people had died near Zhang Yi's home earlier.

"Thank goodness we have Zhang Yi!"

"Zhang Yi, you're amazing! You drove away so many of them alone."

"With you here, we feel safe. You're our hero!"

After some initial panic, people started praising Zhang Yi, realizing he was their strongest defense. They started calling him a hero, hoping he would continue to protect them.

Zhang Yi found it amusing.

Previously, they had cursed him in the group chat, calling him selfish and despicable. Many had lost family members to him and hated him deeply.

But now that they needed him, they called him a hero. Did they really think he was an idiot?

Zhang Yi smirked and typed, "Fighting them used up a lot of my weapons. Now, it's hard for me to even protect myself. You'll have to fend for yourselves."

Laughable. Why should he protect them? Whether they lived or died had nothing to do with him.

After sending the message, Zhang Yi fell silent, ignoring the increasingly desperate pleas from the neighbors.

"Zhang Yi, you can't just let us die!"

"If we all die, it'll be just you two left. Won't you feel lonely?"

"If we all die, you'll become a target. Who knows how many people are watching you!"

Zhang Yi's eyes grew cold.

That last point was true. Many people were likely eyeing him, especially after the video he had posted in the group chat. His neighbors would have forwarded it, and now other residents knew about his well-stocked home.

The people outside might just be envious, but the nearby buildings could make a move to seize everything from him.

Uncle You sent Zhang Yi a private message, expressing his concern. "I know those scumbags from Building 26. I've had drinks with them before!"

"The bastards came to target you? I won't let them get away with it."

"Zhang Yi, if you need help, tell me. I'll help you deal with them."

Zhang Yi smiled. "Uncle You, how many of them are there?"

Uncle You replied, "They had over thirty people initially, but about ten have died recently. There are around twenty left."

"I know their leader, Huang Tianfang. We chatted before. But those bastards caused a lot of trouble in Building 26."

"Spit! I'll never team up with those scumbags."

Uncle You and the workers both came from rural backgrounds, but while the workers had mixed in society, Uncle You had spent many years in the military. Their mindsets were completely different.