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Chapter 448 Provocation

No one was around, and the vast mansion was devoid of even a shadow of that man known as Master Wei.

"Commander Qi, there's no one here."

Report after report came in, and Qi Taiguo muttered in dismay. As he walked out of the mansion, he tried to call the commander, but there was no response from the other end.

What to do?

For the encirclement of this location, besides Qi Taiguo's team, there were two other teams from another province. Unable to find Master Wei's people, Qi Taiguo had reason to believe that he had indeed fled.

Qi Taiguo instantly made a decision and called over two other team leaders. "The news of the encirclement might have leaked, Master Wei has escaped, I'm going to track him. Can you handle the wrap-up here?"

The two team leaders exchanged a glance, somewhat hesitant: "Commander..."

"I can't get in touch with the commander right now, and there's no time to lose. I'll report back to him afterwards," Qi Taiguo said firmly.

"Well, all right."

Qi Taiguo quickly selected a few men, jumped into a jeep, and the vehicle shot out like an arrow.

After he left, someone in the village suddenly shouted, "No good, they have homemade guns and bombs!"

Boom—a blast sounded, startling every local dog, as barking filled the air.

Qi Taiguo vaguely heard the explosion and looked back instinctively, but he could see nothing in the pitch-black night sky.

"Drive faster, faster!" With his heart growing impatient, Qi Taiguo kept calling the commander.

Suddenly, the commander's voice was heard. After questioning, many households in the village were found to be harboring firearms and homemade bombs. He was warned to be on alert for people resisting to death and to prevent injury to the villagers.

"Make sure to control the situation and minimize casualties."

Qi Taiguo was stunned. What was that explosion just now?

He dared not think too deeply and merely reported his current direction. Upon hearing that Master Wei had fled, the commander was furious and said, "He must be captured and brought to justice!"

"Yes!"

At Aozi Bay, the place was also in chaos. Ning Ge was vigilant, thinking to himself, damn Old Qi, it's already this late and he still hasn't showed up. Could it be that he truly didn't believe his message?

Watching Master Wei's men getting taken down one after the other, Master Wei and Jin Hong scrambled towards the scrapyard to escape. Ning Ge gritted his teeth and charged after them.

"Master Wei."

"You..." Master Wei was startled upon seeing Ning Ge.

"Be careful, Master Wei." Suddenly, Ning Ge tackled Master Wei to the ground as Jin Hong was taken out by a sniper's bullet.

Ning Ge crawled with him until they found cover behind a scrapped car chassis.

"How come you're here, and who are you exactly?" Master Wei's heart was pounding, his sharp eyes locked tightly on Ning Ge.

"I knew long ago that you were dealing in big business, Master Wei. Juanjuan absolutely refused to introduce me to you, so I had no choice. Without her taking me, I came on my own. Who would have thought I'd see Master Hong protecting you, so I followed. Master Wei, have you offended someone? It looks like they want you dead."

Just as he suspected, someone didn't want Zhao Wei to leave, or at least, they didn't want him alive with his secrets, for a dead man tells no tales.

Master Wei's thoughts were a whirlwind, he neither dared to trust Ning Ge nor to make a snap judgment, especially since Jin Hong had just been shot for real.

Who was after his life?

Meanwhile, a kid surnamed Ling prattled on nearby, "I've seen those Hong Kong movies at the cinema, and dead men don't keep secrets. Kill a man and everything ends, and no secrets will spill out..."

A chill ran through Master Wei—could it be someone higher up wanting him to forever hold his tongue?

Damn it, he'd contributed so much, and now when things went awry, they wanted to throw him to the wolves as a scapegoat? Not so easy!

"Kid, as long as you protect me and get me out of this. The sky's the limit—I can give you gold, silver, beauties, anything you want!" Master Wei glared at Ning Ge and said.

At this moment, he had no choice but to tentatively trust him.