

Chapter 491: Pursue

The crowd, hearing that the occupants of the office had chased the Divine Doctor away, sighed. A lost opportunity.

Mrs. Du could not believe what had just happened. Her breathing quickened, and just as suddenly, she fainted.

Du Shihua stood flabbergasted, not even a single sound escaped his mouth.

With an expression full of regret, Mrs. Zhou mumbled, "I really cannot believe the Divine Doctor is actually so young!"

"I'll go after her, even if I have to kneel down and beg for her help!" Du Shihua dashed out.

The Divine Doctor and her companion were already miles away, what else could he do?

"Are you okay, Cousin Chen?" Zhou Ning saw the muted Du Chen and pushed her mother. "Mom, is he going insane?"

"I'm fine." Du Chen finally spoke. He chuckled, "Perhaps this is my fate."

He did not expect the Divine Doctor to be a young lady too!

"Auntie, this my fate. It's fine, I'm used to being in a wheelchair anyway. Can you tell father and mother to just let it go?" Du Chen said in a soft voice, his eyelids hid the emotions behind his eyes.

Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao returned to Kin City after their trip to the farmer's market. Zhou Weiqi and Chen Xuyao came over after work too with Zhou Weiqi taking over Lu Xingzhi's responsibility as the chef. He was in a good mood it seemed, as he whistled while preparing dinner.

"Well, well. The Dus and the Zhous have done it again." Chen Xuyao was speechless hearing Jiang Yao's recount of what happened back at the hospital. "If only they were a little more well-mannered; knowing that you're not the real deal, they could have rejected you politely or even questioned your credibility. There are so many ways out, and they chose the most irrational one."

"The Zhous are truly the scum of the society." Zhou Weiqi added. He did not have to hold back anymore after severing ties with the Zhou family.

Lu Xingzhi thought that his comment was well-said. "Did you submit your resignation letter?"

"Just did, Brother Liang kept urging me to do it. I'll officially resign once I handle all the formalities at work." Zhou Weiqi exclaimed. "I don't mind a break, you know. Uncle Liang's really pushing me!"

"There are open positions in the city council of Jin City, and I believe the city council at Xihang City has a few openings too. Your wish is not granted." Lu Xingzhi rained on Zhou Weiqi's parade.

Old General Liang was the one that told Lu Xingzhi about the news. The Liang family had always been very efficient at getting things done; getting Zhou Weiqi a position in the city council was an easy job.

Chapter 492: Go Back to Where You Came From

Zhou Weiqi did not expect the reply. He was a little startled and resumed his cooking; his cheerful whistling replaced by a heavy silence.

Chen Xuyao chuckled, "Weiqi seems to think that he'll have a few more months to have fun and go after the girl he likes."

Before he could add more to Zhou Weiqi's misery, Lu Xingzhi's cell phone rang.

Liang Yueze called. He wanted to know about the happenings at the hospital; as both Mr. and Mrs. Du, along with Mrs. Zhou and Zhou Ning were right outside their house wanting to see Lu Xingzhi and apologize for what happened in the afternoon.

"Ask them to go back to where they came from, I don't care for their apologies," Lu Xingzhi said. His eyes were fixated on Jiang Yao's hand as he was speaking. She was sitting right next to him and was in a conversation with Chen Xuyao regarding architectural designs.

"I got it." Liang Yueze understood that Lu Xingzhi did not want to see these people at all.

Hanging up the call, Lu Xingzhi casually tossed his cell phone onto the bed.

Moments after they left the hospital, Lu Xingzhi received a call from Du Shihua; he was not in the mood and turned his cell phone off. He did not expect the Du family to actually look for the Liang family.

It seemed to be the most logical outcome though, as they did not know where Lu Xingzhi lived. The only way to reach him was through Liang Yueze.

"Brother Liang?" Chen Xuyao casually asked. "Is he coming over with Ruoran?"

"Nah, they're busy tonight." Lu Xingzhi repeated what was told to him over the phone.

Chen Xuyao was delighted. "I wonder which wise person inspired the Dus to apologize again?"

He turned his attention back to the conversation with Jiang Yao after Lu Xingzhi ignored his remark.

The Liang family did things quickly. Zhou Weiqi's resignation letter was rejected. Instead, he received a letter of transfer to work in the public relations department of the Jin City City Council. He was shocked to receive the news, only to return to his senses amidst his co-workers' congratulations and well-wishes.

Lu Xingzhi initially planned to return to the platoon with Jiang Yao early in the morning. After receiving the update from Zhou Weiqi, he took a turn and arrived at Zhou Weiqi's workplace.

"Isn't that Mr. Zhou and the Dus?" Jiang Yao saw the people from afar just as Lu Xingzhi was looking for a parking space for his car.

"Wait in the car, I'll go first," Lu Xingzhi said. He opened the door and strutted over toward the visitors.

They did not enter Zhou Weiqi's workplace for the entire Jindo City knew that they had nothing to do with Zhou Weiqi anymore. Mr. Zhou did not want to be here at all in the first place.

He was forced to come by Du Shihua!

"Master Lu!"

Zhou Ning saw Lu Xingzhi first. Perhaps still traumatized by what happened the other day—kneeling down and begging for forgiveness in humiliating fashion, she instinctively searched for Jiang Yao while shielding herself behind Mrs. Zhou.

“Master Lu, it was our mistake yesterday at the hospital. Please help us and tell the Divine Doctor that we are genuinely sorry for what we did. Du Chen’s fate is now in her hands, only she can mend his leg!” Mrs. Du suddenly fell on her knees in front of Lu Xingzhi and started pleading.

Chapter 493: Your Eyes

Even if Lu Xingzhi wanted her life in exchange for his son’s leg, she would not hesitate at all. This was the love of a mother.

She spent the entire night before crying, regretting, and lamenting her actions earlier. Why did she upset the Divine Doctor?

It was entirely her fault; she had only herself to blame if Du Chen could never stand up again.

Lu Xingzhi took a step back, and dodged Mrs. Du advances.

He frowned. “The Divine Doctor just left Jindo City.”

“Master Lu, you know the Divine Doctor very well, can you please ask her if she’s coming to Jindo City anytime soon? We can go look for her as well, wherever she may be!” Mrs. Du was at her limits. She looked at Lu Xingzhi teary-eyed and knew full well that the prospects of seeing the Divine Doctor was close to none.

Lu Xingzhi was famed for his cold-heartedness, with the nickname “Hades Lu” well-known in the platoon. During his time in military school, rarely anyone could bring about a change to his expression. Mrs. Du finally understood that Lu Xingzhi would not change his mind however much she begged and pleaded.

“Master Lu, don’t forget we paid five hundred thousand dollars...” This was her last resort, other than that, she had nothing else up her sleeves.

“The two conditions I said, including the money, were only to help facilitate your meeting with the Divine Doctor. I brought her over yesterday, but she left in anger after what you all did to her. That was your fault, I’ve already done my job.” Lu Xingzhi called out to Zhou Weiqi, who was hiding behind the crowd, “Get out here once you’re done packing, we’re gonna wait for you in the car.”

Hearing that, Zhou Weiqi chuckled and retraced his steps back to the office building. “Give me five minutes, Brother Lu, I’ll be right back!”

Jiang Yao was in the car waiting when she saw Mrs. Du falling onto her knees pleading for Lu Xingzhi’s help; to say she was unmoved was a lie.

As a mother, she was as dutiful as she could be, throwing her dignity away for her son.

However, Jiang Yao would not change her stance.

Not all apologies had to be accepted, not all mistakes had to be forgiven.

She genuinely wanted to help the Du family. Yet, all she got was their disrespect and insult.

Someone lightly knocked on the side window of the car. Jiang Yao turned to see Du Chen in a wheelchair waving at her.

She lowered the window and asked, "Yes?"

Du Chen smiled. "I am very sorry for what happened at the hospital yesterday. Doubting your capabilities just because of your age was our mistake. You were right, the Divine Doctor can be a young lady."

Jiang Yao was stunned. She could not understand why Du Chen was able to see through her disguise.

"How did you..." Instinctively, she tugged at her scarf, covering half of her face.

"It was your eyes. I knew it was you the moment I saw you in the office," Du Chen conceded. "When both you and Master Lu went to the Zhou family to pick up Zhou Weiqi, I was present as well, you might not have noticed me, but I saw you. Just like today, you were dressed up covered from head to toe, only your eyes were exposed. I suppose you've been complimented on your eyes. They're really beautiful! I've only seen you once, but I remembered how stunning your eyes were."

Jiang Yao could not believe what she just heard. Du Chen broke into a smile. "Once again, I'm sorry for what happened yesterday. Your anger is valid and totally reasonable. Even before the Assistant Director's confirmation, I, too, doubted your authenticity. Anyway, make sure to wear a pair of sunglasses the next time you're out and about as the Divine Doctor."

Chapter 494: Strange Man

Du Chen took a long hard look at the passenger in the car before wheeling himself away.

"Get up, Mom! Look at me! I'm fine!" Du Chen stopped beside Mrs. Du and helped her up before looking at Lu Xingzhi. "Master Lu, I am sorry for all the trouble caused for the past few days. I promise it will never happen again."

"I am so sorry, my baby boy, it's all Mom's fault!" Mrs. Du clutched onto Du Chen's leg, her voice hoarse from all the crying.

Zhou Weiqi exited the building with his belongings and stood next to Lu Xingzhi. Looking at the two people who used to be his relatives, he said nonchalantly, "Let's go, Brother Lu."

Delighted to see Zhou Weiqi leaving with his personal properties, Zhou Ning remarked, "Dad, look! Without us, he's immediately fired by his boss!"

Mr. Zhou glared at his daughter. "Shut up!"

He was not foolish, for he knew that Zhou Weiqi had a strong support system pulling strings for him behind his back.

"I call this a promotion! Hear it? A promotion!" Zhou Weiqi waved a document file under Zhou Ning's nose.

Mr. Zhou squinted trying to get a good look on the file waving around in the air. It was a document from the Department of Public Relations for the Jin City City Council.

Before he could find out the job position listed on the document, Zhou Weiqi had already stuffed the file back into his bag and left.

The Department of Public Relations for the Jin City City Council!

He did not expect the Liang family to treat Zhou Weiqi with such good care and effort. They immediately arranged for a position for him in the Department of Public Relations for the Jin City City Council!

Even starting off working as a lowly clerk, with the support and endorsement of the Liang family and Lu Xingzhi, climbing the bureaucratic ladder was only a matter of time for Zhou Weiqi.

“How did he deserve this?! Changkang could not even get this position, how could he be so lucky!” Mrs. Zhou kept repeating this sentence, like a person under a spell. She clutched her chest, trying very hard to breathe, only to faint moments later.

Jiang Yao sat in the car during the entire exchange with Du Chen. She watched him finish his sentence without any requests or threats before he left.

To say she was surprised was an understatement. She could not believe that Du Chen was willing to accept the fact that he would never stand up again. The opportunity was right in front of him, but he let it go without even trying.

“Jiang Yao, what are you looking at?” Zhou Weiqi was in a chummy mood, having one-upped the Zhou family at last. He sat in the rear seat and patted Jiang Yao’s shoulder after noticing she was staring off into the distance in silence.

Lu Xingzhi noticed it as well, but seeing that she was not willing to talk, he kept quiet and started the car.

They were halfway when Jiang Yao realized that they were heading for the Liang family’s house. After some mental debate, she decided to spill the beans.

“Du Chen knew I was the Divine Doctor. Strangely enough, he had no intentions to expose me and seemed to not care that he can never stand again. While you were dealing with the Zhou family, he came up to me. He even reminded me to wear a pair of sunglasses next time to protect my identity.”

Chapter 495: Du Chen’s Reason

All Jiang Yao could think of, on the way to the Liangs, was Du Chen’s action. Was he genuinely indifferent, or was he scheming behind her back?

Liang Yuekai gave Jiang Yao the answer she was looking for.

“What Du Chen wants the most now is his grandfather, Old Man Du, to feel guilty. He’d preferred that over being able to stand up again.” Liang Yuekai added after hearing the conversation in the living room. Coincidentally, he knew Du Chen’s full backstory, albeit unwittingly.

“Brother Liang, you know?” Jiang Yao was startled. “I don’t really get it; what do you mean by he wants Old Man Du to feel guilty?”

Liang Yuekai smiled at Jiang Yao. “That’s fair, you don’t know the story about Du Chen’s accident.”

He sat down in the middle of the living room and continued, "Du Chen's car accident was the talk of Jindo City when it happened way back then. Before the accident, Du Chen could be described with the word exemplary. Everything changed after the accident. With his injury, he fell into a deep slump, only getting back on his feet recently. Back then, weren't you all betting that Du Shixian was the mastermind behind the accident?"

Jiang Yao understood the words between the lines spoken by Liang Yuekai.

"So, you're saying that he really is the one behind Du Chen's accident?" Chen Xuyao shivered. "That's scary! We were just speculating and didn't really believe that Du Shixian did it. I can't believe it! Du Chen is still Du Shixian's nephew after all!"

"Well, it's not that surprising actually." Luo Ruoran shrugged. "Du Shihua and Du Shixian are brothers from different mothers. Du Chen was only younger than Du Shihua by a few years. He was the star of the family, overshadowing everything Du Shihua did. The greater the achievements of Du Chen, the more Du Shihua was portrayed as an incapable man. The more affection Du Chen received from Old Man Du, the less Du Shihua was loved by his father."

In a family with historically weak kinship and ties, there was always a rift between siblings from different mothers. Moreover, Du Shixian's mother was a cruel and greedy woman, was there anything else her son would not do?

The accident almost took away Du Chen's life; being on a wheelchair was a miracle.

Lu Xingzhi's brain was in overdrive. Listening to Liang Yuekai, he seemed to have come up with an inkling of the situation.

"Du Chen possesses evidence that Du Shixian was the one behind the accident?" That was all he could think of. "That's why he's not in a hurry to stand up, no, he's fine not being able to stand up again. As long as he's bound to the wheelchair for the rest of his life, Old Man Du's guilt will never go away, and the misdoings of Du Shixian and Mrs. Du even far worse."

"Exactly." Liang Yuekai nodded. "It doesn't matter if Du Chen knows who the Divine Doctor is. Don't worry, he will not and dare not expose Jiang Yao. The time for vengeance is coming, he cannot risk revealing the Divine Doctor's true identity."

Chapter 496: Count Me In

After the exchange, Liang Yuekai and Zhou Weiqi went upstairs to the study for a private chat. In a few days, Zhou Weiqi would have to report to his new position in Jin City and Liang Yuekai wanted to make sure he was ready.

Jiang Yao remarked, "That's why Du Chen did not stop Mrs. Du and Mrs. Zhou from driving me away yesterday even though he was right there. That's also why he could come to me calmly, even after all the commotion."

"One more thing." Liang Yuezhe looked at everyone present before continuing, "The Li family just broke off their marriage engagement with the Zhou family."

“Called it. I’m still happy to hear it finally happened though.” Chen Xuyao was delighted. “Things are not going well at all in the Zhou family, eh?”

The rest chuckled. First, the Zhou family lost Zhou Weiqi, then came the news that Du Chen’s leg was unsavable, the third blow came when the engagement was broken off. The Zhou family was the talk of the town, for vastly unpopular reasons of course.

Since Zhou Weiqi was going to Jin City in a few days’ time, Lu Xingzhi and Jiang Yao decided to stay a few more days in Jindo City.

The day before their return to Jin City, Lu Xingzhi went to Mr. Liang’s office. After dropping him off, Jiang Yao drove to Golden Harbor and gave Zhou Weiqi a ride to Chen Xuyao’s company.

For the past few days, Jiang Yao had been busy asking for advice and opinions from Chen Xuyao since she was planning to start her research lab and pharmaceutical manufacturing company. Chen Xuyao was the perfect person for Jiang Yao to inquire, as he would be able to provide his advice on factory and office designs.

What about the costs? She would figure it out when the time came.

Jiang Yao did not plan to put much effort into the research lab as it was only a smokescreen; her focus was still on the pharmaceutical manufacturing company.

While Jiang Yao and Chen Xuyao were talking, Zhou Weiqi stood aside listening to their discussion. Only after they finished talking did Zhou Weiqi chime in, with a smile on his face, “You’re opening a pharmaceutical manufacturing company? Count me in! I’ll put in some money and be a small shareholder. You’ll handle the company, I’m just in for the ride!”

“You smart brat, knowing that a well-run pharmaceutical manufacturing company is a cash cow.” Chen Xuyao kicked Zhou Weiqi in the shins. It was obvious that with four hundred thousand dollars to his name, Zhou Weiqi was raring to do something with it.

Making medicine had always been a lucrative business.

After all, humans would fall sick, and medicine was needed to treat it.

Even Chen Xuyao was tempted. If Jiang Yao were looking for seed funding, he would be more than happy to contribute.

“Sure.” Jiang Yao nodded; it was best having partners she could trust.

“Count me in too!” Chen Xuyao added, and smiled at Jiang Yao. “Just like Weiqi, I’m not involving myself in any of the company’s decision-making too!”

Jiang Yao nodded approvingly and explained her plans for the company. As a doctor with a decade of experience, she understood the market very well, knew what medicine was lucrative to produce and what could only be produced in controlled quantities.

Chapter 497: Try My Best

“That’s enough, Jiang Yao! Have mercy on us! We don’t understand a single word you’re saying. Whatever you say is the final decision!” Zhou Weiqi raised his hands.

Jiang Yao rolled her eyes. Well, if he said so...

“Seems like we still have some time. I’m going to do some grocery shopping with Jiang Yao at the market, come over for dinner later at Golden Harbor. We’re celebrating my first day of work tomorrow, the omen of more great things to come!”

Worried that the duo would engage in an endless discussion if left alone, Zhou Weiqi quickly remarked before dragging Jiang Yao out of Chen Xuyao’s office.

Zhou Weiqi became the chauffeur of the day, ferrying Jiang Yao to the destination of her want. He sang on the top of his lungs while driving, beating his fingers on the steering wheel to the beat itself. Suddenly, he stopped and turned to Jiang Yao asking what she wanted to eat for dinner.

Jiang Yao earnestly pondered upon the question. “Hot Pot? The perfect food for warm weather!”

Zhou Weiqi suddenly screamed. His body tensed up, and he looked at the rear of the car, his voice betraying a slight panic.

“Jiang Yao! Someone’s following us!” He blurted out. “See that van behind us? I saw it when we exited the junction at Golden Harbor! We were at Xuyao’s office for quite some time, they’re still here!”

Jiang Yao was frightened by Zhou Weiqi’s sudden exclamation, she was about to turn her head when Zhou Weiqi stopped her.

“Don’t look back! This is a very secluded road, if they realize we know that they are following us, they might rush forward and block our way!” Words came speeding out of his mouth, he was talking in a very hurried tone. “Give Xuyao and Brother Lu a call! Call Xuyao first, he’s closer to us!”

As a graduate of the military academy, his keen observation skills were finally put to good use. It initially slipped his mind that the van was stalking them out, but after seeing it again after exiting Chen Xuyao’s company, Zhou Weiqi knew for sure that they were being followed.

Nobody knew why, but they were definitely not there with the best intentions.

A van could hold up to a dozen burly guys, with only Jiang Yao and him in the car, fighting them head-on was not the smartest way.

He did not care if he was injured, or worse, killed; yet, if anything were to happen to Jiang Yao, he could never forgive himself.

Jiang Yao panicked, but held herself well. She gave Chen Xuyao a call first, informing him that Weiqi and her were being followed. She also divulged their current location and places they would pass by later. After that, she called Lu Xingzhi.

When he received the call, Lu Xingzhi was in a meeting with Mr. Liang at his office. He was petrified to find out that Jiang Yao was being followed.

“Try to drag it out and buy some time! I’ll come here with some people from Uncle Liang’s, the quickest twenty minutes.” Lu Xingzhi gestured at Mr. Liang before asking, “Is that alright?”

“Yes!” Jiang Yao could not determine who these stalkers were, she did not know how many people were in the van, nor who was their intended target.

With only Zhou Weiqi and her in the car, she was not sure if she could delay twenty minutes if the stalkers decided to assault them.

Yet, she would try her best to.

Chapter 498: Assaulted

No matter how calm Zhou Weiqi looked, or how much he was trying to hide the fact that he had noticed the followers, the van behind suddenly overtook their car and blocked their way out.

“Sit tight, Jiang Yao! I’m turning back!” Seeing a couple of big burly guys exiting the van, he decided to make a turn and drive toward the opposite direction.

However, it was a narrow street. No matter how fast Zhou Weiqi was, his car was swiftly surrounded by the people from the van.

“Get out of the car!” The thugs warned, hitting the car with a wooden baton. “Don’t make me turn your car into scrap metal!”

“Stay inside!” Zhou Weiqi said. “I don’t think they’re here for our lives!”

“Who are they here for?” Jiang Yao was puzzled.

Zhou Weiqi shook his head. He gestured at the thugs, expressing his willingness to not cause any more trouble.

“I think they’re here for you!” Jiang Yao saw the head thug holding a photograph and looking long and hard at Zhou Weiqi, seemingly to confirm if he was the person they were looking for.

Zhou Weiqi breathed a sigh of relief hearing that he was the target, which meant Jiang Yao’s safety was a little more assured.

He unbuckled his seat belt but kept the keys in the ignition and whispered, “Wait till I distract them, then you drive away!”

Just as swiftly, he opened the doors, jumped out, and immediately locked it behind him.

“Zhou Weiqi! It is you! I was right!” The head thug flung the photograph away and turned his attention toward the lady in the car, his expression turned vulgar for a moment.

“Boss, what about the lady in the car?”

The rest immediately seized Zhou Weiqi as he exited the car. They also noticed a lady, a very pretty one, sitting in the car.

“Just come at me, why do you have to involve her?” Zhou Weiqi winked at Jiang Yao, motioning for her to make an escape.

She sat in the car instead and studied the band of thugs. They seemed like your common street hooligans, not too threatening. Who was the one ordering the kidnap of Zhou Weiqi though?

Jiang Yao noticed Zhou Weiqi's wink, but she sat still, thinking how many of these thugs she could defeat on her own.

"Get her out of the car! We don't want her to go to the police!" The head thug ordered.

Jiang Yao was a step quicker; she exited the car herself.

She did not know how long it would take for Chen Xuyao to arrive. Anyway, with Zhou Weiqi a military school graduate, no matter how weak he was, he definitely could hold the situation for some time.

In her palms were some itchy powder she retrieved from the Medical System; this was her trump card. She gave Zhou Weiqi a look, to which he responded with a smile, and she went off, kicking the head thug standing closest to him, sending him flying a few meters away!

"Amazing!" Zhou Weiqi exclaimed before overpowering a skinny guy, who was holding him down, and sent another man crashing over him.

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"Damn it, you violent woman!"

The head thug, sent crashing through the air, doubled down in pain.

Jiang Yao's kick confounded the thugs, for they stopped dead in their tracks and looked at their boss lying on the ground, none wanted to help him up.

"B... boss! What should we do? Are we still seizing them?" Somebody asked in a trembling voice, his frightened eyes looking at the duo in front of him.

"Well, of course! Where do I get my cash if we don't!" The man on the ground blurted out angrily.

Yet, as his mates went up and surrounded their targets, he was crawling backward, hauling himself away from the danger.

Who would have thought a seemingly thin and frail woman would have such prowess?

And the other person! Was he not an abandoned son of the Zhou family who knew nothing other than to drink and waste his life away?

He was nothing like they were told, his physical dexterity and martial arts skills were frightening to see.

"Get behind me, Jiang Yao!" Zhou Weiqi wedged himself in between Jiang Yao and the thugs after setting himself free. "What a bunch of toothless tigers!"

The panic and dread disappeared.

Zhou Weiqi almost laughed when he heard the head thug call Jiang Yao a violent woman.

Were these thugs not the same too? Or more precisely, kidnapers.

"I'm fine, I'm stronger than you think." Jiang Yao shook her head, a faint smile on her face.

More than the exclamation by the head thug, who tasted Jiang Yao's prowess first-hand, she wanted to take this opportunity to find out how good she actually was.

Zhou Weiqi was suddenly reminded of the time back at the hospital, where Jiang Yao could leap through a wall easily and run off after a snatch thief.

"Sounds good! What say you take four of them, and I'll take six of them! Be careful, they may have knives and weapons on them." Zhou Weiqi did not want to waste anymore time.

Jiang Yao nodded and moved the moment Zhou Weiqi moved.

Even though she had never taken any martial arts lessons, the techniques came naturally to her as she moved. It was as if she knew them all along.

In less than a minute, Jiang Yao had all the thugs on her side lying on the ground in pain. She looked at Zhou Weiqi, who was dealing with more people, and wanted to join in on the fight.

"Don't come here!" Zhou Weiqi noticed Jiang Yao's intention and stopped her, for he knew that one of the thugs carried a knife with him.

Chapter 500: He Has A Gun!

Jiang Yao noticed the man with a fruit knife in his hand. Beaten up by Zhou Weiqi, his face was a gnarly mess of blood and bruises, and looked the part of an uncivilized pirate.

Seeing that Zhou Weiqi was not actually overwhelmed, she stood at the side watching the fight unfold instead.

Suddenly, a cry of pain pierced the air behind her, and a wooden stick flew by, brushing her face before falling on to the ground. Jiang Yao immediately took a few steps back in horror and turned her eyes toward where the sound originated.

"Jiang Yao! This guy was trying to assault you from behind!" Chen Xuyao stood erected, one foot on the fallen assailant's hand and another foot on his back. The man wailed in pain.

Chen Xuyao's office was only a ten-minute drive from this location. After receiving the call from Jiang Yao, he rushed over to the site, bringing two security guards from his company and saw, just in time, the thug creeping up to Jiang Yao.

"Protect her!" Chen Xuyao instructed his two security guards before joining in on the fight with Zhou Weiqi. It took barely ten seconds for both to put everyone on the ground.

The thugs got on to their feet and wanted to escape.

"Nobody runs away from Zhou Weiqi!" As he said so, Zhou Weiqi caught up with the escapees and booted one in the knees; the rest immediately dropped to their knees begging for mercy.

While the trio had their attention fixated on the escapees, the head thug silently crept back to his van. Only the sound of the engine starting drawing their attention over.

The thugs on the ground shouted, "Lin Fulian! You can't leave us here!"

Chen Xuyao sighed and took out a black pistol from his pocket, firing twice at the wheels of the van. The driver lost control and crashed the van onto an electricity pole on the side.

“Drag him over.” Chen Xuyao instructed his security guards before turning toward the rest and said, “If anyone here tries to escape, the next shot fired from my pistol will be a headshot.”

Jiang Yao, along with the thugs, was startled to see the pistol on Chen Xuyao’s hand.

The head thug only had some minor injuries on his head from the crash, other than that he was fine physically. Mentally, not so much.

His mates burst into tears seeing their boss captured.

“Boss! He has a gun! I thought we were going for a good-for-nothing spoiled brat. Nobody said anything about a gun. Did we just get ourselves involved with the mob?” The man on the floor under Chen Xuyao’s feet was trembling in fear.

“Aren’t you the gangsters yourselves?” Jiang Yao returned to her senses. It really was not uncommon for Chen Xuyao to possess a gun, given his status and ability. She turned her attention toward the failed kidnappers who actually looked ridiculous.

Lu Xingzhi and Mr. Liang, with their men, arrived twenty minutes later.

“Uncle Liang, I’ll see what’s going on. You can return with your men.” Lu Xingzhi was relieved seeing the trio safe.