

Chapter 115 A Promotion and Pay Raise

After I gave it some more thought, I felt as though Chu Xiaoxiao and I were a little too hasty. And she was the one who confessed her feelings first. How could I let a girl take the lead on something like that? I should buy her a diamond ring to make it up to her.

But on second thought, maybe a diamond ring was not really up to Chu Xiaoxiao's taste. I should grab the opportunity and marry a wonderful lady like that. I sort of impressed myself, I was already thinking about marriage when it hadn't been too long since we got together. If Chu Xiaoxiao found out about this, she would definitely say that I was old-fashioned.

That night, all I could think about was Chu Xiaoxiao. I imagined the blanket that I was hugging was her, even in my dreams I saw her flushed beautiful face.

I received a call from Han Kun early the next morning. He wanted to know if I was going to work at Junran now that I have exposed my identity publicly. But because I already purchased Lutong Advertisements, I had to turn Han Kun down seeing as my priority was now Lutong Advertisements.

As long we didn't talk about Jiang Ming, Han Kun was an amicable guy who never stuffed his nose into my private business. He never asked any questions but is always there when I needed to contact him. He needed to stay back in Denmark for a little while longer.

"Uncle Han, I have a question," I asked, "Did you ever suspect that Lin Fang would do that to me?"

Han Kun was speechless for a while but he came to, he replied in a matter-of-fact way, "You are trying to figure out why I agreed to let you give that money to Lin Fang right?"

Even though three hundred thousand didn't mean that much to me, it is not a small amount to the average person. Han Kun was a shrewd person, was it possible that he missed Lin Fang's hidden agenda? I would never believe it even if he did.

Han Kun was unfazed, he simply laughed and said, "That's a good question, the fact that I knew she was that kind of person was the exact reason why I agreed to let you give her that money. When you called me then, you were talking about her so animatedly that I knew you were hopelessly in love with her. You would not have listened to me anyway and it was also a chance to allow you to learn a tiny lesson."

I laughed and replied, "It was not a tiny lesson. I never even knew that she was playing me from the start."

Han Kun said, "I never wanted to tell you this but even if I don't, you would've found out on your own. After you loaned Lin Fang the three hundred thousand, her brother deliberately said that he would not pay it back. She had no choice but to go to Chen Yuzhou. She had no money so Chen Yuzhou was her only chance."

"I never expected her to pay the money back, I should have made it clear to her. Maybe then she would not have acted that way."

Han Kun replied, "You really are too soft. Women like her cannot withstand any pressure, nor can they get anything done. Beautiful girls like that are always protected since birth and she is used to being protected by other people so she has never taken any responsibilities for her own actions. Chao, all these years I have known and understood you, tell me, do you think Lin Fang is that kind of girl?"

I was not blind to all this, but Han Kun's sharp words left a nasty taste in my mouth.

She would dump all responsibilities in my lap even when we were in high school. If she was willing to tell the truth back then, I would not have been forced to drop out of school.

"But she is a woman and it is a man's responsibility to protect women." I replied him.

"That's right, you are exactly like your dad in that regard. But Chao, is Chu Xiaoxiao a man then? All these years, Lin Fang has been enjoying her time under Chu Xiaoxiao's protection, but she has not shown an ounce of gratitude. Can you not see the kind of person she is?"

The words could not come out of my mouth. When I thought about what Lin Fang said to Chu Xiaoxiao the other day, every shred of pity I had toward her disappeared completely.

Han Kun continued on and said, "If I did not allow you to lend her that money, Lin Fang would have worn that mask forever. And just like the way it is now, Chu Xiaoxiao and you would still be thinking back and wondering if you were the ones who did something wrong. If it was just you, I would never have borrowed you that money. Human nature cannot withstand being tested. But you are not just Zhang Chao, you are also the son of Zhang Jun and Ji Yanran and the young master of Junran Group. She had no right to pull you along like that."

Han Kun's words made my ears throb, I didn't know what to say.

Han Kun switched his topic in an instant and said, "Please don't think that I am being too heartless..."

"Of course not, I know that you only think about what is best for me. Now I not only see her in a clearer light, but I got to learn something about myself as well. I thought I would be devastated but I surprisingly am not..."

Han Kun laughed and said, "I know, Chu Xiaoxiao is a good girl. But Chu Huaïen is not a good person."

I nodded my head and replied, "I heard of that as well, her father gambled and lost a huge sum of money."

"If it was just losing money it would have been on him, but what he did instead was utterly devoid of any conscience. I have some work to do so I have to go, but you need to remember to be careful of Chu Huaïen."

"Han..."

He hung up even before I finished talking. But the weird thing was that Chu Huaïen looked like a stand up guy, what happened there?

I knew that you should never judge a book by its cover and he has always been stern with Chu Xiaoxiao, but to the extent of being utterly heartless? Was it that serious? Han Kun even said that it had nothing to do with the gambling which contradicted the rumors, could it be that Han Kun knows something that other people don't?

If something really did happen behind the scenes then maybe even Chu Xiaoxiao would not know what happened. Han Kun did not mentioned anything about Chu Xiaoxiao being involved with any of it.

When I meet with Chu Xiaoxiao again, I need to remind her that her father was not someone prone to showing mercy.

I washed my face and after careful consideration, I shaved as well. I even styled my hair like how the most stylish of all my comrades usually did his hair. Only then did I went to work filled with excitement.

When I reached the entrance of the company, I saw Chu Xiaoxiao's car was already parked there. Of course she would already be here.

"Good morning, Mr Zhang."

I heard someone call for me the second I stepped out of the car. When I turned to look, it was Qingqing from the front desk wearing a flowery skirt.

"Good morning, why are you so nice to me today?"

"You're so funny Mr. Zhang, I failed to recognize greatness right in front of me in the past. You then again I wasn't wrong, was I? Lin Fang about something that happened in the past agenda? But then again I wasn't wrong, was I? Lin Fang was not a good person, she had a hidden agenda after all. I was right to report it to you back then."

I may not like Lin Fang anymore, but I did not want to gossip about her behind her back.

I laughed and said, "Alright, I should asked Mr. Lu not to put you at the front desk. With skills like that, you should just run the business.

Qingqing laughed gleefully and replied, "That's great, I'll hold you to your word. You said it yourself, you are going to give me a raise and a promotion."

It was like my head was filled with fog, who knew she was the kind of person who would flip the tables back on me. Qingqing would never give me the chance to take back my words either.

Qingqing said, "Mr. Zhang, I am not going to take advantage of you. In a short while you can send Lin Fang packing, she used you to help someone else. No one in the company is going to let her get away with it."