

## Chapter 122 Heartache

Lin Fang was panting as though she was trying to hold something back. Her eyes were bloodshot but there were no tears in her eyes. Maybe she had cried herself out and there were no more tears left to cry.

"Zhang Chao, I am begging you, let me come back to Lutong Advertisements."

I frowned and replied, "But you were the one who wanted to leave this morning."

I had to explain myself clearly otherwise Chu Xiaoxiao would misunderstand. She might even think that I was the one who chased Lin Fang away. I did not want Chu Xiaoxiao to think that I was a heartless guy.

Lin Fang gripped her hands together so tightly that it was starting to turn blue, "I regret it, I have nowhere to go if I leave this place."

"How is that possible? You can still go to Juen and find a job there."

Lin Fang shivered and reluctantly said, "Chen, Chen Yuzhou's father said that they wanted nothing to do with me and refused to give me a job."

"Why did Chen Yuzhou not put in a good word for you then?" Chu Xiaoxiao could not help add in.

Lin Fang replied, "He dare not go against his father."

I had an uneasy feeling, even though I knew the kind of person Chen Yuzhou was from the start. But now I see the amount of trouble that Lin Fang is in, I still felt very sorry for her. Even though it was because of the choices that she made.

Chu Xiaoxiao let out a long sigh but said nothing, instead she looked to me.

I was worried that Chu Xiaoxiao would be the one who made the hard decision, but instead Lin Fang skipped over Chu Xiaoxiao and came straight to me.

"Xiaoxiao, can I speak to Zhang Chao in private?"

She looked at me earnestly, with repentance and despair in her eyes. Chu Xiaoxiao was moved by her and did not know how to reject her and in that moment she hesitated.

"There is no need, whatever you have to say, you can say it in front of Xiaoxiao."

Chu Xiaoxiao and Lin Fang never thought that I would say those words.

Lin Fang was tongue-tied, as though she could not believe what I just said. But I had no intentions of letting Chu Xiaoxiao leave at all, only then would she know that I was not joking around with her.

Lin Fang nodded her head and said, "Maybe it is a good idea for Chu Xiaoxiao to be around, after all the three of us have to be open with one another. I wanted to apologize to you in front of Chu Xiaoxiao. I know that even though I have my own problems, what I did last night betrayed your trust. I know that you are angry with me and it is my fault. But Zhang Chao, could you give me another chance? You said before that you liked me. If you give me another chance, I promise that I would not betray you again."

I did not reply Lin Fang immediately but took a glance at Chu Xiaoxiao. Chu Xiaoxiao rolled her eyes and stared back at me. Maybe this was a new low for me but when I saw that jealous unhappy look on her face, it made me so happy on the inside.

"I'm sorry Fang Fang, I, don't think that..."

Lin Fang widened her eyes as stared at me disbelievingly, "Why? I know that you truly love me, I was not very sure before but I am now. You are the only one who loves me. Chen Yuzhou only liked my body but you were the one who was truly good to me. Zhang Chao, I'll admit that it is my fault before for not knowing your true intentions, I will definitely treat you better from now on..."

"Enough." I cut her off mid-sentence. Then I pulled Chu Xiaoxiao's hand close and kissed the back of her hand.

Chu Xiaoxiao was angry before but she was speechless from shock at my actions.

But Lin Fang was even more surprised, she stared to me holding onto Chu Xiaoxiao's hand and slowly shook her head.

I replied, "It would be a lie to say that I do not blame you. I don't think I could ever forget what you did to me yesterday but I am not the kind of person who holds grudges. The reason why I can't promise you anything is because I have finally realized whom I truly love."

"Impossible..." Lin Fang shook her head in shock, her red bloodshot eyes stared unblinkingly. She even stared unneringly at Chu Xiaoxiao's hand in mine, "but you were the one who said clearly that you love me."

"I am truly sorry, I thought that I loved you before. But I recently realized that I could have just been in love with your looks and body. I am no different from the other guy. The person that I truly love is Chu Xiaoxiao..."

Lin Fang had no more tears left to cry but at my words suddenly she pressed both her hands to her chest, her throat bobbed quickly as she swallowed. Tears fell uncontrollably down her face and brushed against her cheeks.

She held on tightly to the fabric over her heart as though she was holding on to something. She gritted her teeth and the facial muscles in her jaw jumped at her twisted expression.

After her soundless tears which came on suddenly, Lin Fang groaned. She forced the words out and said, "Why are you doing this to me?"

I had an uneasy feeling in my heart at her words. Even though Lin Fang lied and betrayed me before, but the hurt on her face was not something that could be faked. I felt as though Lin Fang's spirit and body was twisted by the excruciating pain that she felt in her heart. And the source of all of that pain, was me.

Chu Xiaoxiao still felt bad for Lin Fang, she choked out, "We did not want to do this to you, don't embarrass yourself."

"You did not want to?! I have seen that you liked Zhang Chao even from the start! Admit it!" Lin Fang was suddenly triggered by Chu Xiaoxiao's words and yelled at Chu Xiaoxiao.

I answered, "Lin Fang, this has nothing to do with Xiaoxiao."

"Even now you are still speaking for her? She liked you from the start. She was my close friend and confidante; how could she fall in love with the guy who liked me?! Give Zhang Chao back to me!"

Suddenly Lin Fang rushed towards Chu Xiaoxiao, her hands stretched out to Chu Xiaoxiao's neck. But Chu Xiaoxiao was not someone to be trifled with, she definitely had more experience about things like this compared to Lin Fang. She just reacted and unwittingly pushed causing Lin Fang to stagger back.

Any other girl would not have fought with Chu Xiaoxiao. If it was just about presence and nothing else, Lin Fang would not be a match for Chu Xiaoxiao.

But in that moment, Lin Fang was already angry and anxious. After she landed on the ground, she felt about behind her for a rock and wanted to throw it towards Chu Xiaoxiao's face.

She may be thin and not very strong. But when someone was extremely pissed off, they would have this surge of strength. Chu Xiaoxiao was so shocked that she could not dodge it.

I grabbed onto Lin Fang's wrist and she cried out in pain, the stone fell from her hand. I was covered in cold sweat as I pushed her away from me.

Lin Fang rubbed her wrist and sobbed profusely, "Zhang Chao, why are you doing this to me?"

I replied her and said, "You ask yourself that question, did I not treat you right before? Why are you so mean to me?"

"I knew that you loved me, I was so stupid before. But truly I love you now and you told me you loved me before, then why did you change your mind so quickly? It was just one night and now you are with someone else. Tell me you are messing with me. The both of you are only together to piss me off. I know that Xiaoxiao only said that last night because she wanted to help save your pride. You love me so much, can't you just give me another chance? Xiaoxiao was the one who grabbed the opportunity to seduce you. Zhang Chao, you said you loved me..."

I truly could not believe that this was the woman whom I once loved. I thought she was kind and innocent and I needed to protect her. But I never thought that she would want to hurt the person who was her best friend. Did this woman even have a heart?!

I dare not think of what would happen if she really did hit Chu Xiaoxiao with that rock. When I thought about it, I got so angry that I shuddered.

"Lin Fang, I can give you a straight answer now. What you did yesterday crossed the line but I don't blame you. Instead I want to thank you. If you did not do what you did last night, I would not have realized that the person I love is Chu Xiaoxiao."

Chu Xiaoxiao stared at me and her eyes lit up, her hand covered her mouth in disbelief at my words.