

Chapter 141 Lie

"Brother!"

Lu Zheng gasped, but it was too late. Lu Yu had already let the cat out of the bag.

I sucked in a breath. "You want to blackmail Chen Yuzhou with this video?"

These two were really daring. So young, yet willing to broker a deal with a murderer.

Having let the truth out, Lu Zheng went red with shame and fear.

"N—not exactly..."

"No wonder you didn't go to the police when you found the video, and even made the long journey to Tong City. Your goal was never to take revenge on him. You wanted to threaten him with the video and make him cough up money. But you're too cowardly, or rather, too calculative. You're afraid of retaliation from Chen Yuzhou, so you want me to be your broker."

Lu Zheng was red with shame due to my words. He clutched the straps of his backpack and looked as if he wanted to bury his head in the ground. Lu Yu did not seem to understand why his younger brother was so ashamed. It looked like the older brother was not as mature as the younger brother.

Lu Yu said to me, "Don't make it sound like we're that bad. We just want to uphold peace while getting some money."

I glanced at Lu Zheng. "What do you say?"

I thought he would storm off, but he squeezed the straps of his backpack and calmed himself down. "That's right, I just want money. So, are you willing to work with us?"

I met his eyes and held them for a moment. He remained determined and met my gaze head-on.

I sighed deeply. "Then at least tell me how much money you need."

Truthfully, these two kids were quite greedy. Otherwise, they would not have fallen prey to Chou Qi and Xiaomei'er's schemes. If they were trying to get as much as a million or two from Chen Yuzhou, I wanted no part in it.

Lu Yu looked confused and turned to Lu Zheng. "How much is it? I don't remember."

Oh my God, they did not even remember how much they wanted to blackmail him for.

Lu Zheng replied, "Eighty-two thousand five hundred."

They left me speechless.

Nervously, Lu Zheng said, "Nothing less than that."

I covered my head. "No, you're blackmailing and extorting. Why is the amount so specific? Are you comparing prices in the market? Is there even a market price for this?"

I observed their faces. Lu Yu looked like he really wanted to say something, but he held back when his brother remained silent.

"You might as well ask Chen Yuzhou for a hundred thousand. He can easily give you that amount. He's not lacking in money. If you're going to something so shameless, the small change doesn't matter," I told them.

"No! I don't want more, just that amount. Are you going to work with us?" Lu Zheng yelled at me, frowning.

I smiled at Lu Zheng's face twisted in anger.

"Alright, I won't ask you what you want with the money. I can work with you, but you need to promise me one thing."

"What is it?" Lu Zheng asked.

"After you leave this room, don't come look for me again. We never met before."

"What? What game are you playing?! If you won't want to work together, just say so!" Lu Yu shouted at me.

"Don't be impulsive, Bro. Zhang Chao, I agree to your condition. Thank you."

"Are you crazy? He's not working with us, why are you thanking him? Let's go."

"Bro, he's saying this because he's going to work with us."

I smiled. "Your younger brother is smart. If you keep being so impulsive, you'll be killed by Chen Yuzhou."

Lu Yu scratched his head. "What's going on? Can you stop speaking in riddles?"

"Zhang Chao is doing this to protect us. After this, we don't know who Zhang Chao is, and Chen Yuzhou won't be able to retaliate against us. Thank you."

I nodded. "Don't thank me so fast. Aren't you afraid I'll run away with the money?"

Lu Yu scratched his head again. "Yes, you can't run away with the money. We need the money urgently, very urgently."

Lu Zheng tugged at him furiously. "What are you talking about? Why would Zhang Chao run away with our money? If he was a greedy man, he wouldn't have helped us win our money back."

As expected, Lu Yu was easier to control than Lu Zheng.

Lu Yu kept quiet after getting scolded by his brother. He pouted silently in the corner.

After that, we sat on the sofa again and Lu Zheng passed me the laptop. I flipped it open and discovered that the screensaver was a beautiful young girl.

"This is Miss Lin," explained Lu Zheng, noticing me looking at the screensaver.

"The woman with her back to the camera in the video was her?" I clarified.

"Woah, you could tell just from her back? You're good." Lu Yu gave me an admiring look.

I smiled. These kids had no idea. This was part of special forces training.

According to the timeline the boys gave me, Miss Lin had witnessed Chen Yuzhou committing murder in Devil's Eye. After Chen Yuzhou discovered what she knew, he drugged and raped her, then had her killed.

Miss Lin had somehow gotten her hands on the surveillance footage and sent it to Lu Yu. Lu Yu and Lu Zheng had not taken revenge for her, but wanted to use the video for blackmail.

I asked them in detail if anyone had looked for them, followed, or threatened them after Miss Lin had sent them the video.

"No, of course not..." Lu Yu laughed. "Otherwise, we would already be dead. He's a heartless bastard."

Lu Zheng, on the other hand, did not look as sure as his brother. "I'm not sure. Maybe. There was one day when the piece of paper I had placed in the doorway had fallen before I got home."

"Could it be someone in your family?" I wondered.

Lu Zheng shook his head. "No. We go home together every day." Then, his eyes suddenly widened and he gave me a guilty look.

I pretended not to hear, and changed the topic. "Alright, I understand. Do you have backup copies of the video?"

They nodded at the same time, and Lu Zheng emphasized, "However, we will never send it out. Once we receive the money, we'll delete the video."

He was interrupted by Lu Yu, "Then we're not going to avenge Miss Lin?"

Lu Zheng only bit his lip.

I nodded. "I understand the situation now. Lu Zheng, can you do me a favor? Go to the next room and bring the old man Gan here."

Lu Yu was quick to stand up. "I'll go."

"Mr. Gan has a temper. You're too impulsive. If you say the wrong thing to him, he won't come."

Lu Zheng agreed. "That's right. I'll go."

I watched as Lu Zheng shut the door. Lu Yu slumped on the leather sofa and held it tightly. I stood up and barked at him, "Stand up!"

He jumped in fright and immediately stood at attention. This was what I used when training troops. Experienced soldiers were terrified of me, much less this kid.

"Big—big brother... I... I..."

"Tell me, why did you lie?"

"When did we lie? I... I... didn't..."