

Chapter 152 Exhaustion

"If that gossip gets out, let's not talk about how Junran's stocks will be affected—hundreds of millions could easily disappear. Let's say Chen Ruhai decides to work with Liu Rong—they'll probably work together to kill me."

Lin Fang sucked in a breath. "That won't happen. Chen Yuzhou isn't a good guy, but he won't commit murder."

"You think he hasn't done it before? Or do you trust him?"

Lin Fang could tell that my tone was unfriendly, and refused to answer.

In the next few days, Lutong Advertisements became busier and busier. Tsai came by to look for me, but I was not there. He left a message with Qingqing, and when I called back, he left me a message saying that these few days were too busy for him.

I contacted the old man and asked him to get in touch with some trustworthy mercenaries in Europe. They were to find Han Kun as soon as possible. I needed either proof of life or proof of death.

Lin Fang was also caught up in her work and did not have the time to bother me every day. However, she still did whenever she was free. I realized that she had not given up on me and would find any opportunity to saunter in front of me.

Life was really strange. Five years ago, I would never have thought that the noble and glamorous school beauty had her eye on me?

More inexplicable was that I even declined her jokes, I must be nuts.

It was good that Lin Fang did not bother me, because I was already very irritable. I thought about Chu Xiaoxiao all the time, and made a daily drive to her home. I wished I could storm in and steal her out of it.

After that, an exasperated Chu Xiaoxiao told me via the housekeeper to give her a few more days. Her father seemed to be wavering, and I was not to look for her during this time.

I did not dare disobey my wifey. Excited at the thought of seeing Chu Xiaoxiao again, I almost jumped for joy on the spot.

With renewed peace of mind, I began to investigate the video on the laptop that Lu Yu and Lu Zheng had given me. I had nothing else to do in the office in the daytime.

I watched the video a few more times, and something stood out to me.

After the victim was strangled, the video showed Miss Lin running away. It looked like Miss Lin managed to escape undetected.

So how did Chen Yuzhou discover that Miss Lin knew about his murderous secret?

The source of the leak could not be this video. Miss Lin managed to get her hands on this, so it must not have ended up in Chen Yuzhou's possession.

Had there been another eyewitness?

I pondered for a while, then called Xia Genghuai. Perhaps he could help me check last year's surveillance footage from Devil's Eye.

"Bro, don't give me trouble. How can I get this for you? Surveillance footage from such venues is kept for six months maximum. Do you think they're a museum? What do you expect? They keep one year's worth of footage for cultural research?"

Xia Genghuai roasted me in one breath. This meant a dead end. I chatted with him for a while, asking him if he had been busy lately.

"No, it's odd. The vice squad used to get up earlier than chickens, sleep later than dogs, and work harder than donkeys. However, it's been quiet recently. It's like the gangs in Tong City have decided to turn over a new leaf. All is peaceful. Don't you think it's weird?" Xia Genghuai said in a joking manner.

I thoughtfully nodded, though Xia Genghuai could not see my expression through the phone.

Due to my busy schedule, I had not contacted Zhao Zichen for some time. He did not contact me either, and it seemed as though he had disappeared into thin air.

Of course, his lack of presence was great for me. I had been so busy that I had no time for him.

But the conflict between the Black Dragons and the Red Lanterns could not be resolved so easily. I knew very well that the Black Dragons and the Red Lanterns were simply incompatible. Someone had once mediated a reconciliation, but with Zhao Zichen's single-mindedness in wanting to defeat the Black Dragons, how could he give up the fight so easily?

This ceasefire might not be because Zhao Zichen wanted to make peace with the Black Dragons, but it could just be the calm before the storm.

"Then help me find someone. Lin Yue'er, female, roughly twenty-three years of age, quite beautiful, tall, and slim."

"What? Chu Xiaoxiao not enough for you? You want another woman? Where's the humanity! Leave some for us single men. Also, I heard that Lin Fang dumped Chen Yuzhou and came back to you, you stud! Even the great beauty Lin Fang can't forget you. What kind of aphrodisiac are you bathing in?"

I awkwardly listened to him rattle on. "What are you blabbering on about? There's nothing between Lin Fang and me. I only have Chu Xiaoxiao."

"Come on! Do you know what my nickname was in high school? Informant! I've already pretty much found out everything about what's going on with you. I heard that Chen Yuzhou's nose is out of joint. He's hiding in his house and is unwilling to see anyone. He must be so angry. Back in high school, he was always the one to steal someone else's girlfriend, when did the tables turn and his girlfriend run off with another man? He must be fuming! Haha, Zhang Chao, you've become a legend. You didn't check the school's forum. There are pages of posts regarding the loser who fought back and stole the rich man's girlfriend."

I did not know whether to laugh or cry. "You're more suited to be local police. This kind of gossip is right up your alley."

Xia Genghuai replied, "I'm here to serve the people no matter the position. I wouldn't mind being local police, but my abilities are clearly outstanding and the country can't help but nurture me. I had no choice but to leave the basic level and join the vice squad."

The thickness of his skin exasperated me. "Alright, that's enough. Help me find this person, Lin Yue'er. Inform me when you do."

Intuition told me that something had happened to Lin Yue'er. I had not seen her at the reception desk, and from the new receptionist's hesitation, something had probably happened to Lin Yue'er.

I believed that Liu Rong would not kill Lin Yue'er. Liu Rong was a proud man. He would not bother to hire an assassin for someone like Lin Yue'er. He would only resort to hiring an assassin as a last resort when all else failed against someone as powerful as him. It would be as simple as killing an ant for him to kill Lin Yue'er. He would not resort to an assassin.

Then where had Lin Yue'er gone?

I needed to save her. She had offended Liu Rong because of me.

"Don't worry, as long as they're in Tong City, I'll find them."

"As quick as you can."

After hanging up with Xia Genghuai, I slipped back into exhaustion. The video was sufficient to hang a capital offense on Chen Yuzhou. But I still needed to know who saw Miss Lin.

I felt that there had to be another eyewitness at the scene, and this person must be extremely important.