

Chapter 156 Tears

I sucked in a rough breath. My mind was spinning a mile a minute. It would be shameless of me to say that everything that happened today was entirely Lin Fang's fault. However, I really could not stand her. She kept trying, again and again, to seduce me and play Chu Xiaoxiao and I off each other. How many men could fend off seduction? Such control only existed in books.

I completely regretted letting Lin Fang back in. How could I have believed that she had changed? The chances of a person changing their character after the age of twenty were next to zero. How could I have hoped she would change!

I was also at fault for what happened today. I could not be so shameless as to put all the blame on Lin Fang.

I sighed deeply. "Don't cry. It's wrong for us to do this. I have a good relationship with Chu Xiaoxiao and I don't want to lose her..."

Lin Fang was trembling with the effort of holding back her tears. Her shoulders were shaking and her hands were clenched tightly.

"Zhang Chao, how can you be so cruel? You tried to pursue me when I didn't like you, and not that I like you, you're just playing with me. Is it fun?"

These words seemed to take all her resolve, and her tears started falling like rain. It looked like she was really hurt this time. After she spoke, she choked up and did not say anything else.

I felt bad for her, and seeing that I was guilty too, I told her nicely, "I'm not playing with you, I—"

"You're still saying you're not playing with me? Then why did you just watch me pursue you? Why can't you forgive me? Zhang Chao, I now really believe when you said that maybe you never liked me from the start. I was just something for you to show off. You just wanted the glory of winning the school beauty!"

I really did not know whether to laugh or cry. How did she come up with such childish allegations?

"Then what do you want?" I countered, "Do you still want me to marry you? Lin Fang, we might have dated a while, but I never took advantage of you. I've always been a gentleman to you and treated you like a goddess. I was always afraid of offending you in fear that you would leave me. Now you're telling me that I only pursued you to show off? Fine, at least I'm never going to regret breaking up with you."

"So it's because I didn't let you sleep with me? Chu Xiaoxiao's a bitch! She must have climbed into your bed."

I was so tired of listening to her say bad things about Chu Xiaoxiao.

"Don't slander Xiaoxiao."

"What? I can't talk about her? You're really protecting that bitch. Zhang Chao, in what way am I inferior to her? Why are you treating me like this..."

"Stop slandering her! Even if you're better than her in every way, I won't like you. I'm in the wrong, my feelings changed. Can you stop slandering your former best friend?! Lin Fang, ask your conscience why I won't like you. I admit I was wrong, but how is Xiaoxiao to blame? She really cared about you, but you've only used her and mocked her! Did you know, besides yourself, other people have feelings too? You hurt others when you treat them like that!"

Lin Fang was rendered speechless by my diatribe.

I felt entirely disgusted by her now. Just looking at her made my stomach turn. How could my childhood classmate turn into such a selfish person?

Lin Fang covered her face and wept bitterly, and my heart broke for her.

When she was done crying, she started smiling very creepily.

I did not know how to comfort her. When we broke up, I did not actually hate her or want revenge. Perhaps it was because I had met Chu Xiaoxiao. I had lost something but gained something else, so I did not hold much resentment towards Lin Fang.

To say that I had not taken advantage of her when we were dating was a lie. I had kissed her and I had touched her, and it was irresponsible of me to say such things.

However, Lin Fang kept trying to get back together to me. I really did not want to, and I refused to break up with Chu Xiaoxiao. Besides the fact that Chu Xiaoxiao was better than her on all fronts, even if there was someone better than Chu Xiaoxiao, I would not break up with her. There were plenty of amazing people in the world. Was I going to change girlfriends like I changed clothes?

I had better keep my distance from her in the future. I had reached my limit with her. Even if she wanted to pay me back the three hundred thousand she owed me, I did not want it.

Lin Fang wiped her tears, and stubbornly met my eyes.

"You asked me what I want. I'm asking you how you will compensate me."

I felt a bit disgusted. In matters of love, once compensation came into play, it became a transaction.

However, it was not like I lacked money. If it would make her stop for a few days, I would be glad to.

I nodded. "What is it? I'll agree as long as it's reasonable."

"Go on a date with me," Lin Fang requested.

"What?" I thought I heard wrong.

"You heard me right. Go on a date with me. We never went on a proper date when we were together. I want to be your girlfriend for a day. After that, I'll stay away from you," she clarified.

"Are you joking? Of course not." This was ridiculous. How was I going to explain this to Chu Xiaoxiao when she came back?

Lin Fang added, "Just one day. After that day, I'll disappear from your life. I won't bother you or Chu Xiaoxiao ever again."

I was stunned. "You're going to quit your job? Where will you work? You said that you can't find a job in Tong City."

She smiled sadly. "Yes. How did I lead my life? I'm the joke of the whole high school now. My parents blame me for not getting the money back. When I was fired, I couldn't pay rent and now I'm living at home. Lin Kang's creditors came to our door every day. They've even threatened to sell me off on the black market. I'm going to leave this place. I can't stay here any longer. You can rest assured that I just want one day. I've always been so competitive, but I never expected to lose so badly one day. I really just want you, but I missed out on you. Zhang Chao, just let me have my final wish..."

She did not shed tears, but I had never seen her so despondent.

My greatest weakness was being too nice to women.

"Alright then, tomorrow. It's better that you leave Tong City. You shouldn't be taking responsibility for so many things. Now, put your clothes on properly."

I thought Lin Fang would be happy to hear my response, but the despair in her eyes turned poisonous. If looks could kill, I would be dead!

The look disappeared, and she smiled. She wiped her tears with both hands, and held my jacket around her.

As she was about to leave, she suddenly turned around and told me sincerely, "I really wronged you in the past, but I really did love you too."