

Chapter 60 Price

“You’re... serious?” Lin Fang asked suspiciously, “Then what are you going to do next?”

I drove and parked the car into the restaurant car park. Stopping the engine, I yawned and stretched, “First thing, find myself a job that pays good enough so I can look after you for the rest of my life.”

Lin Fang lowered her eyes, “Sorry Zhang Chao, if it weren’t for me, you won’t be in this mess in the first place. But now, where are you going to get a job? It won’t be easy, trying to find a job in Tong City for you now.”

“Just you relax. I’ll have a job soon enough.”

Lin Fang couldn’t understand my confidence, which was understandable. She had no idea as to who I actually am. I don’t blame her for that. Or rather, knowing that she fell in love with me despite that brought a warmth to my heart like nothing else. I silently reaffirmed my resolve that I must treat her even better in the days to come.

At the restaurant, Lin Fang also called a few of my old friends, including Xia Genghuai. I never knew that Lin Fang knew that much about me before.

“Not bad, Zhang Chao, not bad at all. You even got our childhood goddess handled! Drink!” Xia Genghuai shoved a cup at my face and made me drink.

Apart from our physique, my times in the forces also trained my guts and my ability to hold alcohol. But even then, it was still no easy task when each of them decided to drink with me. After a whole round of drinks, I excused myself for a restroom break.

Not too long after I walked out, Lin Fang followed me outside.

“What’s wrong? You looked concerned.” Lin Fang asked.

I encircled my arms around her, “With you around, what could I possibly be concerned about?”

“I thought you might be worried about what Chen Yuzhou or the rest of the Chen’s would do. Don’t worry, they really got scared this time. I don’t think they would do pull anything on us anymore. At least for now.”

I shook my head, “I just feel a bit odd that Xiaoxiao isn’t here.”

I was going to thank Chu Xiaoxiao for doing such a big favor for me. But as Lin Fang’s best friend and someone who went through this ordeal together with us, it just seemed odd that she wasn’t here right now.

Lin Fang averted her gaze, “Xiaoxiao said that she made her father angry by helping us, and that she didn’t want to see us anymore.”

I could tell from Lin Fang’s expression that she was hiding something, but I didn’t point that out. I couldn’t understand why she would lie about something like this.

Since she doesn’t want to say it, I won’t be a bother and bug her about it. I could always ask Chu Xiaoxiao myself.

And even if Chu Xiaoxiao didn’t want to see me, I still need to thank her for all that she has done.

Then a bold laughter roared, “Brother! Didn’t expect to see you here!” Cutting through our chat was a loud and familiar voice from a distance.

I turned my head and saw a large man like a walking mountain of flesh quickening his steps to me. The back of his hair was tied into a tiny pigtail, like a comedy singer on variety shows. He came over to me in obvious excitement.

“Big Chou!”

“Little Zhang!”

I never thought that I’d see Chou again so soon. This man that I met in the prison was a surprisingly nice guy.

A group of people followed behind Chou. They asked Chou who I was.

“Everyone, he is also our brother! He is Zhang Chao, the one that made the Chen’s slip up so badly at court a few days ago! That’s how good my brother is! He didn’t even need to lift a little finger to put the Chen’s in their place!”

These people were obviously Chou’s people. When they heard that, every one of them rushed around me to shake my hand and call me brother, all the while Lin Fang stared wide eyed at what was happening.

“Big Chou, here, let me introduce you. My girlfriend, Lin Fang.”

“My brother sure is lucky, to be able to have such a pretty girl like you. Pretty and elegant!”

In front of someone as pretty as Lin Fang, even street thugs like them kept their swearing and vulgar words down a notch. Their praises made Lin Fang’s pretty little face blush, and she looked admiringly at me in her excitement.

“Chou Laogou, you’re here today too?”

Another voice cut in curtly as we chatted.

I turned around, and saw a sharp eyed young man wearing a baseball cap standing behind me. He looked up and down at me in contempt, “Your brother? More like your wiener.”

Chou Laogou shoved at him, but somehow this thin looking young man simply shifted his stance and shrugged it off, and stood his ground as stable as a daruma doll.

I’ve dabbled a little in martial arts as well in close quarter combat training while I was in the forces. But I must say, I’ve never seen anyone brush off an attack that fluently and skillfully.

Almost all who practiced martial arts regularly were reasonably strong. Of course, not all of them have bulking muscles, but none of them are weak.

But this young man was so thin that it almost seemed as if it was some kind of sickness.

He didn’t fight back as Chou Laogou came at him. Like a blade of leaf dancing in the winds, he kept floating around and away from Chou Laogou’s hands as Chou Laogou waved his arms and tried to catch him, and never once did Chou Laogou’s hands land on him.

I stared speechless at him.

When I came to, he already went inside one of the dining rooms.

“Who is he?”

Chou Laogou said, a touch of exasperation in his eyes, “Everyone called him Baldie. That guy’s eyes were grown on the top of his head, just because he knows some sort of kung fu and fights better than anyone else. Just ignore whatever he says.”

“Brother, let me tell you, last fight when us Red Lanterns took over the Black Alley, it was Baldie and Meng who took the lead alongside with Boss. Meng was alright, but Baldie, he said to Boss that we don’t deserve our share of the cut, because we didn’t go. But back then, Chou was still behind bars, and it was all for the Red Lantern no less! We’re all in this together for the Red Lantern, so how could he even try kicking us out when it was time to share the cut!?”

“You shut that trap of yours. He may say whatever he wants, that’s his business. But do you think that Boss would be swayed just like that? Have some faith in Boss.”

Big Chou said that, but I could see his eyes drifting to the room that Baldie went into involuntarily, so I told him to never mind about me and hurry inside. We parted ways soon after.

Lin Fang asked, “Since when did you come to know so many people?”

Thinking about it, I actually didn’t know when I befriended so many powerful people. They all just happened naturally.

After the meal, I took Lin Fang and drove to the Mr. Lu’s advertisement company. Seeing that I had drove us here, Lin Fang looked at me in surprise and asked me what I wanted to do here.

“Didn’t I say before? I need a job so I can feed you.”

“How would he hire you again? He was nice enough to us already by not firing me as well.”

I smiled at her, but didn’t say anything else. I took her hand and went inside the building.

However I was immediately stopped at the front desk before I was even able to see Mr. Lu.

“Zhang Chao! Who told you to come again? Mr. Lu already specifically said that you of all people are banned from entering this place ever again!”

Lin Fang said, “Qingqing, please, just let Zhang Chao in to see Mr. Lu.”

Qingqing laughed and snorted, “You think I’m like one of those useless men that just let you walk all over them because you had ‘asked so nicely’, Lin Fang? Let me tell you, it may work on Mr. Lu, but it won’t work on me. Just get out of here already. I don’t want either of your poor man’s bad luck rubbing off in this place.”

Just because she said those terrible things to Lin Fang, I’ll make her pay.