

Chapter 65 Fortunate

“Please, don’t leave me!”

“Just wait for me here, I’ll clear this up with Chu Xiaoxiao. You can count on me, I’ll never betray your trust.”

I had no choice but to gently, but firmly, pry open Lin Fang’s hand from mine. The way she looked at me as I did, made my heart ache like nothing else.

Steeling myself, I turned around and ran after Chu Xiaoxiao. By now, it’ll be too late if I were to take the elevator down. So instead, I ran down the stairway as fast as I could.

Coming out into the car park of the shopping plaza, Chu Xiaoxiao was already in her car, driving towards the exit. I ran to the front of her car and tried to stop her, but she only gave me a glare, and instead of stopping, she accelerated.

Of all things I thought she might do, I didn’t expect she’d do that! Out of other options, I slapped my hands down on the front of her car and jumped with all I had as her car rammmed at me, and somehow managed to get myself onto her engine cover. If I had been any other untrained person, that would have hit me head on. Though by the speed that she drove, it couldn’t have either killed me or crippled me, but if it really did hit me, I’d still be in a world of pain.

Since she drove with her windows open, before she could react, I climbed in through her window. When she finally screamed from the shock, I already reached over and forcibly took control of the steering wheel and turned it to one side as hard as I could. Her car swerved and turned, and was now headed straight for the wall. Finally, she let go of the accelerator and slammed the brakes before it hit the wall.

I reached over and took her key out of the ignition, “Oh, so the brakes on your car is still functional. If I didn’t know any better, I could have sworn that you were trying to run into me just then.”

Chu Xiaoxiao snapped her head to look in the other direction, “And it would have been worth it, if not for the fact that you’re probably too poor to afford the repairs on my car.”

I chuckled, “Spoken like a rich girl through and through. Lin Fang said that you liked me, but somehow I just couldn’t see it.”

Chu Xiaoxiao didn’t even look at me, “I’m... no, I don’t want to lie. Don’t ask me anything.”

A chill ran down my spine. When Lin Fang told me just then, I didn’t quite believe what she said, but now that I caught up to Chu Xiaoxiao, the first thing she said to me was that she didn’t want to lie...

For all of my life, I never knew how to deal with women. Right now, I felt like a homeless bum who just picked up a winning lottery ticket from the neighborhood trash dump. It was only a few weeks ago that I had began to talk with a girl, and now all of a sudden I had two...

Honestly, put any men in my shoes, if any one of them said that their heart never wavered even once, I’d call them a straight up liar. Chu Xiaoxiao really was that beautiful of a woman. No one could resist her charms as if they were nothing.

I couldn’t help but let my mind wander, that if both of them were mine...

Immediately I shook my head and got rid of that thought. I’m already thankful that Lin Fang was willing to have me. I couldn’t do this to myself, and to her.

I sighed, long and hard, “I really like Lin Fang, a lot. To you, the only thing I can say is, I’m sorry.”

Chu Xiaoxiao looked intently at me, “You really do like her? Really really like her? You won’t leave her no matter what?”

It would be better for both of us if I get it cleared up between us, sooner rather than later. I nodded intently.

Unexpectedly, Chu Xiaoxiao laughed instead, “Good. Then, the two of you have my blessings. Zhang Chao, just let me go home. I really don’t want to see either of you right now.”

“Wait, this is about the advertisement company that I wanted to...”

Chu Xiaoxiao still shook her head, “There’s no need. Really, we shouldn’t see each other again. Especially after this. Please, get off of my car and let me go home.”

“But...”

Before I finished, I saw from the corner of my sight that a car was coming towards us at an alarming speed.

“Look out!” I yelled, and threw myself at Chu Xiaoxiao in an attempt to cushion her from the impact.

Then the car hit us, and I blacked out.

“... Zhang Chao, Zhang Chao! Zhang Chao are you alright!?”

When I opened my eyes, the world was slightly tinted with pink. I guess that would be my blood, dripping from my forehead into my eyes.

Chu Xiaoxiao’s car was hit and was completely deformed, likely beyond repair, though Chu Xiaoxiao herself seemed fine. In my arms, she looked at me with worried eyes. It seemed that I was able to shield her from the danger in time.

“Thank goodness you’re awake! How do you... how do you feel? Just hold on for a little bit longer, they’re doing all they can do to get us out of here.”

“You’re hurt.” I moved, struggled, and wiped at the droplets of blood on her face with my fingers. My hand felt heavier than usual.

Chu Xiaoxiao suddenly teared up, “Those aren’t my blood. It’s yours. You’re hurt, because you protected me.”

Her car was severely deformed. I tried moving around, only to find that my left foot has been lodged in place by the deformed steel plates.

Then I looked down at myself. Another steel plate protruded inside the car at a sharp angle, and cut deeply into my belly, though it seems like I was lucky enough that the steel plate was also lodged inside the wound, so it didn’t bleed much at all.

This all happened in the car park of a populated shopping plaza, so help came very promptly. Right now, the rescue team outside were discussing how to cut the car open to get us out of here.

“Our people are already on their way to get the metal cutter, and the doctors are coming as soon as they can. Just hold on, and remember, whatever you do, don’t fall asleep!”

“Zhang Chao, did you hear that, don’t fall asleep. Talk to me.”

I nodded, but already my sight was becoming blurry, and all the voices around me began muddling into a drone. I knew this feeling well, severe lack of blood, if I sleep now, I might not wake up again...

“Zhang Chao... Zhang Chao, Zhang Chao!”

Then I felt it on my face, twice. Chu Xiaoxiao slapped me across my face. It almost made me want to swear at her. Doesn’t she know what I’ve just done for her? Couldn’t she have done it in a gentler way?

“Look here, sister, I just saved your life back then, and this is how you repay me?”

“Don’t sleep! If you’re going to sleep again, I’ll hit you even harder! Zhang Chao, please... I’m begging you, don’t sleep...”

I tried to keep awake, but it really wasn’t up to me to decide. My eyelids felt heavier and heavier, as if they had been injected with lead, and so was my brain...

“I’m not... sleeping, just... resting my eyes for a bit...”

I leaned my head on her shoulder, and then I felt her nudging at me, but I was already too tired to respond to her.

Then suddenly, Chu Xiaoxiao grabbed my hand, and pressed it against herself. Subconsciously, I squeezed a little, and immediately realized just what was it that she was letting my hand hold.

Though I was still unable to push myself off her, what she did worked wonders. The soft yet firm feel on my hand kept me wide awake all throughout. I really didn’t know what I should say to her at all. This woman really was something.

About 20 minutes later, the rescue team managed to get us out. As soon as they pried me out of the car, they put me into an ambulance and took us straight to the hospital. As for Chu Xiaoxiao, though she wasn’t visibly hurt, the doctors also ran a complete check up on her as well, just in case.

I passed out the moment they put me on the ambulance. By the time I woke up, it was three days later already. When I opened my eyes, the first thing that came into my eyes was Chu Xiaoxiao, sitting beside me, looking at me with unblinking eyes. When she saw that I had woken up, she jumped and yelped like a rabbit, not even giving me any time to ask her for a cup of water.

“You really are a lucky one. That steel plate that cut into you, it missed your liver just by a tiny fraction, so none of your organs were hurt. Young man, be thankful that Lady Luck is on your side today.”

After the doctor examined me, he instructed me to get some rests in, and that I was not walk about freely on my own, so as to not leave any permanent injuries.

After the doctor left, I took a look at my ward, and couldn’t help but feel a strong and growing disappointment.

“Fangfang was upstairs looking after her father. Don’t blame her. She couldn’t handle looking after both of you at the same time.” Chu Xiaoxiao said.

I scratched my nose awkwardly at that. I didn’t think that Chu Xiaoxiao could see through even my little selfish resentments.

“Of course, I know that. Thanks for looking after me these few days.”

“What are you even thanking me for? I should be the one thanking you. You really are a good person, though your appearance doesn’t look so.” Chu Xiaoxiao muttered, “The police came sometime ago, they said that the one who hit us was a drunk driver, and that he had been arrested already.”

“Drunk driving?” I subconsciously tightened my grip, “Who are they even trying to fool? Who could possibly be drunk driving inside a car park of a shopping plaza? And with that speed, that car was headed straight for us right from the very beginning. It was meant for us.”