

Chapter 77 Hidden Affection

Suddenly, it all dawned on me. Of course Chu Xiaoxiao wouldn't want Lin Fang and I to be together. She liked me, but at the same time, she was also Lin Fang's best friend, and she would never do anything that would hurt her friends.

I sighed, at how dumb and insensitive I had been, pressing Chu Xiaoxiao over this issue over and over.

Originally, I should still be hospitalized for one more week, but after lying in bed for an entire day, I really couldn't stay in bed anymore. During the hospital staff break time, I slipped out of the hospital without anyone noticing.

After slipping outside, I called a cab home, but it was only after I reached my place that I remembered that my landlord had threw me out already.

“Shoot!”

As I was about to leave, I suddenly remembered something very important that I had forgotten all this time.

That gun that Chun Tang swiped off that Thai assassin, it was still inside the house.

Back then, Chun Tang gave me the killer's gun. It was too dangerous to just leave it lying around the house in the open, so I had it locked up inside a safe that I hid in the house. When the landlord came and threw out my things, he must have missed it. Otherwise, I don't think someone like him would be kind enough to return the things in the safe to me.

But this in itself would cause complications. If the landlord found out one day, he would definitely report it to the police. Alerting the police is fine. I could get the police off my back easily enough, but this might also alert the firearm smugglers, and compromise the operation altogether. I must get that gun back at all costs.

I considered simply breaking in, but there were alarms installed on the door. Even if I were to manage to get in, triggering the alarm in the process would defeat the purpose of doing it in the first place.

Without better options, I had no choice but to call the landlord. Seeing my number, the landlord hung up my call without even picking it up.

Fine, be like that, it wasn't as if I don't know how to deal with these types.

I called the number again, and again, and again, and again...

After perhaps the 20th time, the landlord finally couldn't take it anymore, and took my call reluctantly. When I told her that I left something in the house, she gave me only two words, “Get lost.” Then hung up on me again.

I called back again, and that bastard actually turned off her phone. She took the Black Dragon's money and threw me out without even giving me any prior notice, and now, she wouldn't even let me back inside to take what was rightfully mine.

That just went too far!

She really think that I was someone that she could write off that easily?

I thought about it for a while, and decided to give her one final call before getting Junran to step in. With the public phone downstairs, I gave her one last call.

“Hello, Zhang Chao here.”

“You again!? Just how annoying can you be? I told you, over and over again, that house no longer belonged to you anymore, and so was whatever that was in it then. I have new tenants living in it now, I couldn't possibly let you in.”

If she was standing in front of me right now, I'm confident that I would definitely smash her face in. She was so obnoxious that I could almost forget having ever sworn to never hit women. But now, with she on the other side of the phone, I could do nothing but bear with the rising urge to do so.

“It's just one thing from the safe. The new tenants can even watch me while I do it. I would never take something that didn't belong to me.”

“Whoa, whoa, and just what does any of it has to do with me? Just listen, like, really really carefully. You are no longer the tenant of the house, you had your chance to take your things then. And, guess what, you can't anymore. You no longer have any rights to any of the things there anymore.”

I could barely contain my anger, “Bullshit. I still have the lease contract that says that I'm the rightful tenant of that house until the contract is up. Plus, you're the one who threw me out against the lease contract. You're the one who threw all my belongings out onto the street, without even refunding my rent!”

And she had the gall to speak rules and legalities with me!? I've never seen anyone as shameless as that woman before in my entire life.

“So what if I did? What can you even do to me? Like I said, get lost, I don't want your business. No one in Tong City wants any of your business.”

“Look, is being a decent human being too much for you to handle? We got no grudges between us. I had always paid my rent on time. I get it that you no longer want to rent me the place, but if this is all because of Chen Yuzhou, don't you think that you're going too far?”

“As I give a rat's ass what you think.” Then she hung my call again.

This woman, seeing how I don't seem to be as powerful as Chen Yuzhou, she scorned and humiliated me, thinking that I wouldn't be able to even fight back with Chen Yuzhou on my back.

So I walked over to the next public phone and called her again. When she realized that it was me again, she was going to hang the call on me again, but I simply said coldly into the phone, “Just a second.”

“What else do you have to say? For the last time, I won't rent my house to your kinds, so do both of us a favor, and buzz off. If you call me one more time, I'm calling the cops on you.”

“Just one thing.” I said, “Just telling you, don't come crawling to me later.”

Then I hung the call on her, and gave Junran's Administration Section a call.

“This is Zhang Chao. I need you to do something for me...”

I briefly described the situation to the section manager, and he immediately got to work.

“As you requested, we will get right on it. Though, I do wonder, why didn't you tell her who you are? If you did, I'm sure that she would be more than cooperative with your requests.”

“I was just about to tell you. My identity must never be made known.”

“Understood.”

Junran's section heads and managers are all professionals. They all knew to refrain from asking too many questions.

After the call, I waited outside my door. The gun inside that safe was just too important. Before I could get my hands on it again, I couldn't afford to even move away from this spot.

Not that I had anything else to do anyway. Besides, as a soldier, waiting and staking out are like a walk in the park for me.

So I simply waited, and about half an hour later, the elevator stopped on this floor. As far as I know, only two people lived on this floor. One was me, and the other was Lin Fang. So when the elevator door opened on this floor, I was curious as to who would come out. And as I looked, out came a furious Chu Xiaoxiao. Seeing me waiting beside my door, she quickened her steps into a run towards me.

“So this is where you are! Zhang Chao, why have you run off out of the hospital again? What are you even doing here? Fangfang couldn't find you, and she was so worried that she might cry! You're coming back to the hospital with me right now! No, actually, what are you even doing just waiting here? Standing out here in the cold is not good for your wound! Quick, get inside first and warm yourself up, I'll call Fangfang to tell her not to worry...”

I chuckled weakly, “Look here, sister, you just went on nonstop like a machine gun, will you just stop for a second and let me say something? I can't get into the house. My landlord kicked me out and refused to let me live here anymore.”

“What!? How could she!? Your lease isn't up yet is it? Give me her number, let me give her a call!”

I smiled, “No need, she'll be coming here to apologize to us soon enough.”

Chu Xiaoxiao looked at me, her eyes full of doubts. I told her to wait patiently, and that in just a few moments that landlord would come crawling back to me and beg me move back in.

“I call bullshit. I don't believe you.” Chu Xiaoxiao said.

“Then how about we bet something on it?” I said, “Just saying, you're definitely going to lose.”

“Your butt. I'm the gambler queen of Tong City, the Lady Luck herself. What are you betting?”

“If you lose, you tell me what Lin Fang wouldn't let you tell me.”

Chu Xiaoxiao's face changed color, and she ignored me and stomped away to the side.

“Chickening out?”

“You're not worth my time. I'm going to win this anyone, and I don't think you have anything valuable enough to make this bet with me.”

From her tone, I could see that she really didn't want to say it. In other words, what she was keeping a secret from me was definitely not that she had hidden feelings for me like Lin Fang had said, or that Lin Fang had been in close contact with other men like what she had let slip before.