

Chapter 81 Match

I said to her, “Fangfang didn’t know that. Don’t tell her yet, for now.”

“Why? If she knew that you’re Junran’s inheritor, she’ll definitely follow you for the rest of your life...! Don’t tell me that you dares to even suspect for just a little bit that Lin Fang was only in it for your money...”

“No, of course not.” I chose my words carefully, “I just wanted to give her a surprise. Didn’t I just tell you that I wanted to give her a confession? I want to tell her about everything that day, along with the confession.”

“Oh, that’s good! Then when are you going to confess? I really can’t wait. I wish that you two can get married as soon as possible, like tomorrow soon! Lin Fang is so lucky to be able to have someone like you. With you around, she’ll never have to live another day being bullied again!”

Chu Xiaoxiao’s outburst of praises were music to my ears.

I laughed, “And that’s why, I want to get rid of Chen Yuzhou sooner rather than later. When I’m done making sure that no one would be able to hurt Lin Fang anymore, I’ll tell her about everything and confess to her.”

Thinking about Lin Fang, and thinking about her smiles, it was as if my heart was filled with a blissful warmth.

But just as I was thinking that, what I didn’t know was that someone was giving Lin Fang a hard time, at Lutong. All of a sudden, my phone rang.

I picked it up, it was from Lutong, “Zhang Chao? Where are you? Quickly, come to the company, someone came in and hit Lin Fang!”

“What? Who did it!?”

“A woman, she came in and she... she said that Lin Fang seduced her husband. Just come quick!”

Still holding my phone, I was shocked. How was this even possible?

When Chu Xiaoxiao and I rushed to Lutong, Mr. Lu was already waiting for us outside the front door. It was a bright and sunny day, and judging by the amount of sweat on his head, he must have been waiting for a while.

Seeing our car, Mr. Lu ran and hurried over to us.

“You’re finally here. Quick, Lin Fang was boxed in inside.”

“Just what’s going on?” I asked.

Mr. Lu didn’t turn around, but simply kept walking and dragging me inside, “I don’t know either. Isn’t she your girlfriend? I can’t make sense of this either. It’s probably best that you see it for yourself.”

Mr. Lu looked didn’t say anything more, obvious careful to avoid accidentally saying something that might trigger me.

Chu Xiaoxiao lowered her head, and had a strange expression on her face. When I looked at her, she averted my eyes almost as if it was out of reflex and only said, “Let’s go and see what’s going on first.”

She was obviously hiding something from me. Why? Just what was it that she knew?

“Mr. Lu, you go on in first, I’ll be there in just a bit. I need to have a few words with Chu Xiaoxiao.”

“But... that woman is already up there...!” Seeing that I won’t change my mind, he slapped his side and said, “Alright, but just be quick about it. It’s your girlfriend up there!”

Chu Xiaoxiao was going to slip away with Lutong, but I grabbed her wrist and stopped her.

“Don’t ask me. I really can’t say it. I don’t lie, I never lie, so don’t make me start now.”

I considered my words, then asked, “Tell me the truth. Was Fangfang unfaithful to me?”

“No. I swear to God, she wasn’t.” Chu Xiaoxiao had no way out, and said in resignation, “Alright, I’ll tell you. When they put you in jail, Chen Yuzhou came onto her and asked her out like crazy. And Fangfang... Fangfang went out with him a number of times.”

Inside, I felt as if my head was blown to bits. My vision dimmed a little, at the revelation. I can’t... I don’t want to believe that this was real.

“That’s not what you told me last time.” I said, in weak and coarse voice.

Chu Xiaoxiao put her hands together and looked at me apologetically, “I really, really didn’t mean to keep it a secret from you...”

I opened my mouth to speak, but I could only feel pain in my chest, as if someone just stabbed and gouged at it with a knife.

I’ve been in the forces for many years. I was no stranger to pain and injuries. I’ve wandered the thin boundary between life and death many times, but never once did it feel this painful.

Chu Xiaoxiao grabbed my shoulders and shook it, “Just think. Don’t forget, back then, you were put inside the jail, with the entire Tong City turned against you. What would you have Lin Fang do? She is only a normal and frail girl.”

But what I wanted to say to her is, under the same stress, why was it that you pulled through, and yet she can’t.

As if she had read my thoughts, Chu Xiaoxiao said, “Don’t compare Lin Fang with me. Though our family business isn’t doing so well now, and my father and I are at odds against each other, but still, no one really dared to do anything too drastic to me. But Fangfang? She couldn’t turn to you then, you were jailed up back then. She couldn’t turn to me, I was grounded by my father. Who is there for her back then at that time?”

What Chu Xiaoxiao said made sense, and yet it still feels painful inside...

Chu Xiaoxiao shook my shoulders again, and straightened me to look at her in the eyes. “Zhang Chao, I asked you many times already, whether or not you really liked Lin Fang. Fangfang needs someone to constantly protect her and look after her. Maybe at times you’d feel bothered...”

I shrugged her off pushed her hands away, “It wasn’t as if I feel bothered...”

“Then, don’t, dwell, on, this, so, much, like, what, you, are, doing, now. She has lived a hard enough life already. Can you promise to look after her and make sure that she won’t ever have to again?”

“I...” I began to speak, then sighed, “If I don’t say no to that, I won’t ever be able to call myself a man again.”

A smile broke out on Chu Xiaoxiao’s face. She walked on inside, pulling me along as she did, “Stop thinking about all the unnecessary things. She needs you, and you’ve fallen for her so much that you’ve already wound yourself around her little finger. The two of you are made for each other. Let’s go.”

I said, “Lin Fang really is lucky to have such a good friend like you.”

“Of course. She was like a little sister to me. Of course I’d look out for her from time to time.”

I added, “One more thing. I need to keep my identity a secret just for a while longer. When you go inside, you’ll go in as the new manager of this company. Originally, you were already good enough to be able to strike a deal with Junran as you were, so I got Junran to purchase a company to be put under your name, and I believe you are more than capable for it.”

Chu Xiaoxiao startled briefly, and her eyes glittered and reddened.

“You’re not going to go all teary and whiny now are you?”

Chu Xiaoxiao broke out her curses, “Teary your butt! I was just a little moved that you weren’t a complete heartless bastard after all!”

She really was a good girl. Though she has quite a mouth on her, but she had a kind and gentle heart. No wonder she and Lin Fang had been good friends for so long.

Heading inside, we asked around a little as we went in, and knew roughly just what had happened.

In the morning, a woman who claimed to be Chen Yuzhou’s girlfriend busted in through the front door and singled out Lin Fang, then began cursing at her and accusing Lin Fang for seducing her boyfriend.

Lin Fang had always been a little slow with words. When attacked with such coarse language and harsh accusation, her face and neck reddened with anger, but she didn’t know what to do.

When Chu Xiaoxiao and I entered, we heard a series of curses.

“You little bitch, do you even know what the word ‘shame’ means!?! How dare you even come after my man! Are you so drunk in your own hormones that you just couldn’t think of anything other than just plastering yourself to any men!?! And you, you, and all of you! How did you even stand working alongside with someone like that!?! I swear to God...!”

Lin Fang’s face was blushing furiously with anger. She wanted to cut in through the woman’s words to say something for herself, but she was no match for the woman.

In the general office was a large woman, a really large woman, pointing and yelling curses at Lin Fang. When I first saw her, I was astonished at how large she was, and instinctively thought of the hippopotamus.

Chu Xiaoxiao even gasped subconsciously, then shook her head after a brief silence, “My God, I don’t believe this, I’m actually beginning to feel sorry for Chen Yuzhou. That little body of his... under all that bulking mass... no wonder he had been looking more and more frail these days!”