

Chapter 82 Ridiculed

“Su Xiaoqiang, stop with all these false accusations already, I didn’t...”

Su Xiaoqiang. As soon as I heard that name, I turned around and immediately began walking away. As soon as I did, Chu Xiaoxiao grabbed hold of me and stopped me short, and eyed me suspiciously, “Where are you going?”

I replied, not wanting to dwell too much on this, “I’m... not the best person to deal with that woman. I’ll go get the security guards.”

“Bullshit. Best person or no, you’re going back on your words? I’m so telling Lin Fang on you after this.”

“I’m not going back on any words! I’m... I’ll explain it to you later...”

But it was too late already. I didn’t make good of my escape. Su Xiaoqiang saw me, and called out in surprise, with a touch of vicious playfulness, “Zhang Chao? So it’s you. You work here?”

I had no place to run. At this point, I was beginning to suspect that perhaps God had me in one of his cruel jokes. Somehow, the more I hide myself from this lot, the more I keep on running into them.

“Yes. It’s me. Let Lin Fang go.”

Looking at the face that had grown so fat that I almost couldn’t recognize anymore, painful memories of my past came flooding into my heart. From when I was 7, to finally being kicked out of my own house when I was 17, all the cruelties, torments, and traumas that I received from these inhuman monsters, I thought I had either forgotten about them, or had put them behind and looked ahead already. But now, seeing her again, I realized that I hadn’t. I still remember them, all of them, as vividly as if they had happened only yesterday.

Chu Xiaoxiao was surprised at the turn of events, and asked me in a low voice, “You know her?”

I gave her a cold snort, “My cousin. My aunt’s daughter.”

None of them knew about my past with my aunt’s family, and thought that we were normal relatives. Lutong was firmly on Lin Fang’s side at first, but after knowing that Su Xiaoqiang was my cousin, he looked lost as to which side he should be standing on.

Su Xiaoqiang was my cousin. My aunt’s daughter, her second child.

Ever since she was young, she had always been an ill mannered spoiled brat. Though she wasn’t nearly as cruel and vicious as her mother and brother, but she was definitely not what people would call a good person, not by a long shot. When we were little, she pranked me and did all sorts of horrible things to me, like pouring salt onto my food and making me eat it against my will.

Su Xiaoqiang had been thoroughly spoilt by her mother. When I was thrown out of my house, she was 14. Back then, she was a spoiled little girl. But now, five years later, she became a big spoiled girl, in all manners of the phrase.

Chu Xiaoxiao asked, “Is your aunt also rich and powerful?”

“They were an average family back then, but my aunt had forcibly occupied the house my parents left me since they passed away, and she was good with making connections with the rich neighbors around the neighborhood. Because, how else would Chen Yuzhou even want to lay his eyes on someone like Su Xiaoqiang?”

I walked over to Lin Fang. Looking at her eyes, full of tears and frustration, all my resentments simply vanished, replaced by a renewed determination to look after her well from now on.

“It’s alright, don’t cry, I’m here now.” I said, caressing her hair. Lin Fang threw herself against my chest and cried, finally letting out all her frustrations.

Su Xiaoqiang saw everything, but she paid no mind to it at all. Right now, all her attentions were focused on me.

“Cousin, haven’t seen you for so many years, you changed so much. Mother said that the military were nice enough to pick you up from the slums and let you stay with them, and you got yourself kicked out already? Got nowhere else to go again? Let me give you a piece of advice, as your cousin, don’t lot yourself together with that filthy whore, she’ll be the end of you one day.”

Though Lin Fang was soft spoken, but what Su Xiaoqiang said infuriated even her, “And since when was what anyone said to me any of your business? Chen Yuzhou has been my classmate since school, and yes I did talked with him, but there was nothing between us! What rights do you have to say any of these things to me?”

Su Xiaoqiang sneered, “As if I’d believe there would be nothing between a tramp like you and any other men you see. I saw it with my own eyes, you were in my boyfriend’s car, with my boyfriend’s rose bouquet in your hands. Are you going to deny that even now? Just how shameless are you?”

What she said stabbed into my heart, and I winced inside, unable to say anything.

Lin Fang on the other hand was the picture of hellish fury, like that of a woman scorned, “Then why don’t you call Chen Yuzhou over right now and we can get this over with once and for all? He was the one who stuffed those roses into my hands. I didn’t want to get in his car, but he threatened me that if I don’t, he’ll get the hospital to throw my father out. If he really is your boyfriend, why didn’t you keep him on a leash and make him behave?”

I was shocked, “Was that what happened?”

Lin Fang wiped her tears off her face, “I know I can’t hide it from you anymore. Zhang Chao, I really didn’t do anything unfaithful to you. Don’t just listen to whatever other people may say, please? If even you don’t want me... then I really truly have nothing left.”

Hearing Lin Fang, more or less everyone at the company either saw or heard about how Chen Yuzhou had been coming on to Lin Fang, and nobody believed a word Su Xiaoqiang said anymore. Instead, people began commenting amongst themselves about how unreasonable Su Xiaoqiang is.

In the past, people had always went out of their ways to accommodate Su Xiaoqiang, and she never had to suffer being slighted like she is right now. Hearing what people around her says about her, she was infuriated.

“Lin Fang, this is all your fault! I’ll get you!” Su Xiaoqiang swiped a cup by her hand, and threw it at Lin Fang’s head along with the liquid contents still inside the cup.

All around us, people screamed. Subconsciously, I stepped forward and shielded Lin Fang with my body. The cup hit me squarely in the head and shattered, and before long I felt a warmth trickle down my face, which I knew definitely wasn’t water or tea.

I cursed under my breath, and wiped the blood clear of my face, “Su Xiaoqiang, just what do you want?”

Su Xiaoqiang was terrified by the blood, and stammered, “L... I didn’t mean too... but this is your fault. You’re my cousin. Why are you helping that tramp?”

“Who are you calling cousin? You sure likes imagining things for your own convenience. In case you’ve forgotten, you and your family cut ties with me and kicked me out of my own house when I turned 17. Are you sure you didn’t imagine your relationship with Chen Yuzhou either?”

Laughter roared all around us, much to Su Xiaoqiang’s shame and embarrassment.

“Since you did acknowledge me as your cousin just then, so let me offer you a piece of advice in return. Nothing Chen Yuzhou says can be believed. You claim that you’re his girlfriend, but have you ever asked anyone just how many girlfriends he has, or had, out there? You’re only embarrassing yourself here.”

I can bet on my very own head that Chen Yuzhou would never even want to look at Su Xiaoqiang.

To be fair, my aunt was a pretty woman. Su Xiaoqiang was once a cute girl, but she just couldn’t control her mouth. Looking at her now, I’ll bet that she must weigh over 200 kg, at least.

With people like Chen Yuzhou, who also had been rich for all of his life, I’d swallow my own shoe before believing that he had such an open and avant garde sense of beauty. With Su Xiaoqiang as she is right now, it was impossible that he actually had any feelings for her at all. That bastard probably only got close to her and tricked her with some other motives in mind, and she actually believed his lies.

Su Xiaoqiang was in a state of shock, unable to do or say anything.

Lin Fang said, wiping the tears off her face, “What Zhang Chao said is true. I had been classmates with Chen Yuzhou ever since elementary school, we grew up together. By now, he must have went through over a hundred girlfriends already.”

Chu Xiaoxiao added, “Though I’m sure that you are the only one he had of your... calibre.”

Again, laughter roared all around.

Su Xiaoqiang gradually came to. She was young, and nobody liked being ridiculed like that.

“You’re all lying, I’m Chen Yuzhou’s fiance! Chen Yuzhou’s father said so to me himself! Cousin, though, my family weren’t the perfect relatives to you, but at least we raised you to be an outsider adult. How could you just discount all that we’ve done for you and turn on us to help an outsider just like that?”