

Chapter 83 Gentleman

Before I even opened my mouth to reply, Chu Xiaoxiao already did, “You’re joking right, or had Chen Ruhai finally gone senile?”

It was as if Chu Xiaoxiao was possessed today, by the god of comedy and retorts, every replies from her sent all the onlookers laughing clutching their stomachs.

The grim and heavy air lifted and the atmosphere in the office once again returned to normal, and all Chu Xiaoxiao did to achieve that was a few offhanded comments.

I said, “Since you’re his fiance, then I’d say that you’d better go back and keep Chen Yuzhou in line. Tell him to stop going after all his other girls, or you’ll break his legs. After all, there’s just too many women out there, it’s impossible to keep all of them in check, so keeping a tight rein on Chen Yuzhou is the only practical way.”

Chu Xiaoxiao added, “Yes, break his legs, all three of them.”

With my hand on the wound on my head, I couldn’t stifle my laugh in time.

Su Xiaoqiang felt so humiliated that she ran off out of the door, crying.

After she left, once again a heaviness set itself back into my heart.

A few days ago it was my aunt, and this time it was Su Xiaoqiang. Though I tried all I could to stay away from them, but was it really possible or practical? After all, this is how big Tong City is, and it isn’t getting any bigger. So where could I go to hide from them? As long as I stay in this place, I’m bound to run into them eventually.

I just hope, that by then, I’d have enough grounds to stand on and stand against them tall and proud. I must get to the bottom of what happened that night 15 years ago. My father didn’t drink any alcohol, the accident didn’t happen because of him, and he certainly didn’t cause my uncle to die. My father shouldn’t be blamed for all of this, and neither should I be blamed and shunned and tormented for what my father never committed.

Lin Fang was distressed, and her eyes were all red and puffed up from all the cryings. After introducing Chu Xiaoxiao to Lu Tong, I took Lin Fang back home to rest.

All along the way, Lin Fang was silent, and only stared outside the window, lost in her thoughts and worries. My heart felt for her, but I didn’t know how I could help her in any way.

I tried making small talks with her, but her heart and mind was obviously on something else, and only gave me simple replies, sometimes only nods and shakes from her head.

I couldn’t help but remembering what Chu Xiaoxiao said. Lin Fang had went through so much in her life already. If at all possible, I want to protect her from all the bad things that hurts her, for the rest of her life.

A bell chime sounded from my phone, and my phone screen screen lit up.

A message came in. I glanced over it, and a smile crept up to the corner of my lips.

“Who is it?” Lin Fang asked.

“It’s from Chu Xiaoxiao...” I began to answer, keeping my eyes on the shops at the side of the road.

Lin Fang went on to ask, “She is the one who told you about me and Chen Yuzhou isn’t she?”

“Not quite. She didn’t want to say it. I had to force her to make her say it. Don’t blame her, this really isn’t her fault.”

Since before Chu Xiaoxiao even said anything, Qingqing the receptionist at Lutong’s front desk already told me, I just didn’t want to believe her. But now, since it already happened, I didn’t want to dwell on it too much. Nothing can change what has already happened, so I might as well just let it go.

Since, after all, I liked Lin Fang, a lot. Chu Xiaoxiao was right. Since I liked her so much, why should I keep letting what happened in the past get in my way of loving her?

But unexpectedly, after hearing what I said, Lin Fang winced painfully and clenched her fists tight. From the reflection in the mirror, I saw that her pretty little face was once again filled with tears.

“What’s wrong?” I hurriedly pulled over at the side of the road and stopped the car.

Lin Fang only sobbed, unable to say anything. She reached and clasped one of my hands in hers, and hugged it tight against her chest, and simply cried. After a while, she finally said to me, “No matter what anyone else may say, please don’t leave me. I really don’t want to lose you.”

“Of course, I would never leave you.” I pulled Lin Fang into my embrace, and hugged her tightly in my arms. Having Lin Fang as my girlfriend was the best thing that happened to me in my life, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything else.

Lin Fang sobbed in my arms. She rested her head against my neck, and her tears fell from her face, and trickled down my shirt, and onto my heart. She didn’t complain or share her pain with me often, but I can understand her pains.

Chu Xiaoxiao was right. How could a lone frail girl possibly stand her ground against someone as powerful as Chen Yuzhou? She did her best already, holding on to her last line of defense and keeping herself from being defiled by Chen Yuzhou.

I caressed over her hair, and said softly, “You don’t have to be afraid anymore. From now on, I’ll protect you. Me and Chu Xiaoxiao both, we’ll protect you.”

Lin Fang grabbed my shirt tightly in her hands, like a little girl holding onto her most precious thing in the world. My heart went out to her.

Lin Fang cried for a long time, and her face was covered in tears. Suddenly, she raised her head and kissed me on the cheek, then looked at me in the eyes, “You’re so good to me. I regret it so much.”

“What’s there to regret about?” I wiped her tears. Pretty girls sure have it easy. If it had been Su Xiaoqiang’s face that was covered in tears and so close to me, my first reaction would be to push her face away from me as far as possible. But with Lin Fang, even her tear filled face looked cute and beautiful.

“I regret not being with you back in high school.” She frowned and scrunched her nose, “It’s all your fault. Where were you all these years?”

I playfully gave myself a few pretend slaps, “It’s all my fault. From now on, I’ll stay by your side forever. I won’t go anywhere else.”

She gave me a big nod, but my eyes were fixed on her puffy lips. She just cried, and she has been biting her lips, so right now, it was all red with all the blood that rushed there, like a bright and inviting cherry waiting for me to swallow it whole.

I fidgeted in nervousness. When Lin Fang found that I wasn’t giving her my undivided attention, she pinched my chin and asked what I was thinking about, that was more important than listening to her.

At her words, I tried to pull my thoughts back into focus and looked down back at her. She wore her usual business suit, and had her shirt buttoned up to a dignified and respectable height without the risk of showing anything, normally. But as a soldier, I was trained to always sit up straight, and I was a head taller than her already, so looking down from where my eyes were, all that I could see in my eyes is a beautiful scenery of white down the top of her shirt.

She still sobbed occasionally, and with each sob, the whiteness in front of her chest shook and wobbled slightly. It was as if there was a small ball of fire burning in my throat, and at some place inside of me a little bit lower than where my stomach is.

She is my girlfriend after all, so it should be alright if I give her a kiss here right? It wasn’t as if we had never kissed before, but in my heart, she was like a goddess to me, and I didn’t dare do anything that might displease her.

But after all that’s said and done, I’m still a man, and there are no men that doesn’t think about those things at all. I can rein myself in from acting on my impulses and desires, but I still have all the normal physiological responses that a man would have in this situation.

Besides, if I continue to be as gentleman as I had been, would Lin Fang take it as Chu Xiaoxiao had and assumed that I’m... not capable down there?

Thoughts raced and bounced about in my head, all so that I could find myself an excuse to work up the courage and give Lin Fang a kiss.

So what if I kiss her a little? I’m her boyfriend, she is my girlfriend, and we’ve openly announced our relationship to others already.

Just as I psyched myself up and worked up enough courage to kiss her, suddenly Lin Fang’s phone rang. She turned to her bag to fish out her phone.

I cursed and scorned at my own cowardice for wasting my time thinking about all the unnecessary things, but that moment was already gone.

From her tone of voice, Lin Fang was obviously disturbed by the call. She responded half heartedly, obviously wanting to end the call, but whoever that called her on the other side of the phone won’t let up.

Until in the end, Lin Fang yelled into the phone in exasperation, “Chen Yuzhou, you’re already engaged, your fiance even came looking for me today, so can you please just stay away from me!?”

So Chen Yuzhou was the one who called her!? He had the gall to come bothering her even now!