

“Oh, in the mood of playing dead are we? Xiaoxiao, get me some facial tissues, and a jar of water if you will.”

“What are you doing?” Chu Xiaoxiao asked, “You’d wipe his face clean after you wake him up with water? I didn’t know you’re this nice of a person.”

“Don’t ask, just go get it. You’ll see in just a few minutes.”

Chu Xiaoxiao went to the receptionist’s desk and got everything.

Opening up a packet of facial tissues, I pulled out a few pieces and held them against Chen Yuzhou’s face, over his mouth and nose, and said nice and slowly, “In the special ops, they taught us one particularly inhumane interrogation technique. It’s a form of water torture. This one was particularly cruel. Did you know, when we humans are about to drown, our trachea would secrete a large amount of mucus fluid, in an attempt to block out the invading water. Very soon, you’d have a mix of snot and saliva clogging up your throat entirely. And when you’re about to die, every muscle in your body would spasm, and you’d lose all control of them. You’d urinate, fart, and even defecate. Except, you’re not actually drowning, but your body won’t know that. Eventually, you’ll die of suffocation, killed by your body’s very own defense mechanism. You want a taste of it?”

I’ve got about seven layers of tissue over his mouth and nose already, and yet Chen Yuzhou still

played dead. I shrugged, and began pouring water onto his face, wetting the tissues over his nose and mouth.

After a while, all of a sudden, Chen Yuzhou's body spasmed about as if he had been shocked by electricity, and wriggled and struggled about desperately, like a fish hung by its tail waiting for the slaughter. He spasmed about so much that even Chu Xiaoxiao got frightened by him.

Keeping an eye on the time, I pulled the wet tissues off his face, and he immediately gasped for air, and a mix of fluids dripped from the corner of his mouth. Breathing in air as hard as he could, he hung loose in the air, limp and out of strength.

"You should feel honored. We reserve special treatments like this only for those really important 'guests' from the opposition."

"Zhang Chao, you sick bastard..."

I smiled, not waiting for him to finish, I began laying wet tissues over his face again. This time, he immediately blew it off his face the moment I laid one layer on. I continued laying tissues on, and each time he desperate blew them away as if his life depends on it.

"I have a lot more where these comes from."

"Just what... just what do you want from me? Please, please I beg you, please don't do this to me and let me go."

“That won’t do. You said so yourself. Until the day you die, you’ll hunt me down forever. And, I guess I don’t want to die just yet, so I had no choice but to take the other option and let you die instead.”

“Zhang Chao, you dare to even...!”

I waved the jar of water in front of his face, “What is it? You were saying something?”

“I’m wrong. I’m sorry. I was wrong, what I did was all wrong. You can have Lin Fang, I’ll give you Lin Fang, and whatever else you want... just don’t do this to me anymore and let me live, and I promise I’ll give you everything you want. I won’t come after you anymore, and I’ll forgive everything that you’ve done to me, just let me go...”

Chu Xiaoxiao said, “And since when have you kept your words!? You’re just going to go back on your words and forget all this after we let you go!”

“I won’t forget! I won’t go back on my words! I swear!” Chen Yuzhou said, trembling all over, with fear in his eyes.

Chu Xiaoxiao seemed satisfied with his answer, but was still unsure. Chen Yuzhou has never been particularly good in keeping his promises. His words mean nothing.

Chu Xiaoxiao whispered to me, “And is this where we let him go? I’m worried that he won’t keep his words.”

“Whoever said that we’re letting him go?” I laughed, mercilessly, “I know his types too well. With people like him, everything they say is worthless. The instant you let him walk, he’d turn around and bite you in the arm. “

“Zhang Chao, I’ll... I’ll forgive everything that you’ve done to me, just let me go...”

He’d forgive me? Didn’t know he was such a comedian. So I guess I should be thanking him for being such a generous and forgiving person over all of this?

I laughed, “If I hear that from you when I was still in school, I’d be overjoyed. But see, I don’t need your mercy now, Rather, you need mine. I wasn’t planning to do this, since I know I won’t get the chance, but you just had to come and deliver that chance right into my hands. Right now, if I kill you right here and now, who’d even know? Who’d even know that I had anything to do with any of this? Are you telling me that I should let such a good chance go to waste?”

Chen Yuzhou screamed and yelled desperately, but he already instructed the security guards stationed behind to ignore everything that happens on this floor. He put himself right into his current predicament.

I grabbed his jaw, and before he could ask what I was going to do, I dislocated it. He must be in pain, but he could no longer open his mouth, and could only let out a muffled cry.

I said to Chu Xiaoxiao, “Do me a favor will you?”

Chu Xiaoxiao was still in shock over the sudden turn of events, and only when I addressed her did she come to, “Huh... huh? Oh... yes, of course, what do you want me to do?”

I gave her a smile. This girl really is kind to her friends. She’d help me even when it looked like I was about to kill someone. “Do me a favor and stand back away from us a little bit more.”

Chen Yuzhou couldn’t open his mouth to scream, and kept making muffled noises. I felt around his clothes, and as I had expected, he had a switchblade with him. I whipped the blade out, and cut the rope that dangled him from the ceiling. He fell face first onto the floor, and was in too much pain to even scream.

Immediately Chu Xiaoxiao went to get the door for me. Dragging him by the rope that tied his legs together, I dragged Chen Yuzhou across the floor and into Lu Tong’s office.

He kept making muffled noises, befitting of the situation like a pig waiting to be slaughtered.

Chu Xiaoxiao’s face whitened, as she looked at me in terrified askance.

“Are... are you really going to... kill him?” Chu Xiaoxiao said, stammering and trembling, “It’s against the law to kill...”