

I proceeded to tying Chen Yuzhou's hands and feet together, and raised my head to look at Chu Xiaoxiao in the eyes, "And if I did that, you would testify against me in court?"

Chu Xiaoxiao's reply was immediate, "I'll never betray you! But if... if it had to be done... I... I will do it, and you just..."

I stopped what my hands were doing, surprised, "You'd kill in my stead?"

"Not for you! I'm doing it for Fangfang. My father won't let me be taken away by the police so easily, and I'll have the best lawyers defending me, and... oh, I almost forgot, you could also..."

Looking at her expression caught halfway between worry and desperation, I said from the bottom of my heart, "It's alright, don't worry, I was just asking a hypothetical question anyway. Though, thank you for saying what you said. You truly are my friend."

"Zhang Chao, you mustn't kill people. It'd ruin you for the rest of your life!" Seeing that I didn't give her a straight answer, she said worriedly, stomping her feet.

"If I don't kill him, he'll come and take vengeance on us. Honestly, I can't say that I'm afraid of him, whatever stunts he might pull, but what about you?"

Chu Xiaoxiao's face turned red as she became

more desperate and worried, “Whatever he might do is his business alone. We’re different than him. We have standards. I’m not afraid of... afraid of him.”

She really looked genuinely concerned that I might do something I’d regret for the rest of my life. It was rather interesting, to see such a bold and daring person act so prudently.

I smiled but didn’t say either yes or no. After tying Chen Yuzhou up completely, I snapped his jawbone back into its socket.

Tonight must be one of the most memorable nights in Chen Yuzhou’s life. I can say for certain that before this point, he definitely hadn’t had the experience of having his jaws dislocated and unable to control himself as he simply lied limp and let his saliva drool all over his own face. This would hurt his pride much more than having been physically beaten up.

Chen Yuzhou no longer had the strength to struggle. Though he could see that Chu Xiaoxiao was more inclined towards letting him go, so he looked feebly at her, beggin her with his eyes.

Of course, I saw that too. Laughing coldly, I said, “Chen Yuzhou, don’t be looking at anyone else. Today is the day you die.”

“You can’t... you can’t kill me...” Chen Yuzhou sobbed, “My father, my father would avenge me if you even dare to touch me!”

I said, "Come now, you and I both know what kind of person Chen Ruhai is, careful careful and even more careful. The moment when he saw the Porsche that I drove, he chickened out and didn't dare do anything to me until he was clear how I came by it. Or was I wrong?"

Chen Yuzhou closed his eyes, as hopelessness settled over him. He sobbed painfully, shuddering with every gasp. Looks like I was right.

"I knew I should have killed you when I had the chance! If my father would just listen to me and just killed you clean off, this would have never happened!"

I snorted at him, "You think your father had guts like that? He is a chicken and a coward through and through. Under his guidance, Juen must be thanking every gods there is just for the sheer dumb luck that it actually survived for as long as it has."

Chen Yuzhou didn't talk back. He couldn't.

I said, "The most that your father could ever do was probably getting that Jiang Ming from Black Dragon to take revenge for you. What? Does that Jiang Ming still bother with you Chen's these days?"

Chen Yuzhou looked at me, alarmed, "How did you know Ming?"

So Chen Yuzhou also refers to Jiang Ming by

Ming. Looks like the “Ming” who called Jin the other day really was none other than Jiang Ming himself.

“How could anyone not know about Black Dragon’s leader?”

Chen Yuzhou didn’t believe my words. He looked at me silently, not in fear like he was a moment ago, but out of suspicion.

“So you’re one of them Red Lanterns? You did a pretty good job hiding your identity all this time. Very few people even knew about Ming outside the Black Dragon, and the only ones who would know anything about it are the Red Lanterns.”

He doesn’t look like he was lying. Was this perhaps a false information they released specifically to the Red Lanterns?

Thinking back, everything I knew about Jiang Ming did in fact came from people that belonged to Red Lantern.

I said, “how I knew about it should be the last of your worries. Just think, would he even care about you enough to take revenge over a little shrimp like you?”

I slapped the back of his head, then I popped the cap of the petrol container that he brought over open, and began pouring its contents on his head. Chen Yuzhou cried and swore, and was promptly choked when he breathed in the intense petrol

fumes.

Chu Xiaoxiao was frightened out of her wits already. She simply stood by and looked at me dumbfounded.

“Zhang Chao! Just what do you want!? Just say it. Just say it! Whatever you say, I’ll give it to you! If you kill me, you won’t do yourself any good, my father will never forgive you!”

“Honestly, Chen Yuzhou, you and the rest of you Chen’s are nothing to me. I’ve wanted to do away with you since a long time ago. If it weren’t for Black Dragon, if it weren’t for Jiang Ming, I would have sent you to your maker already. It’s obvious to me now that you never knew anything about Ming, and that he’d never care if you live or die. So, die.”

I flicked my finger over the lighter, and it lit a bright yellow flame. Chen Yuzhou yelled a deafening scream, “Of course he would! Though Ming isn’t Black Dragon’s head now, but he will... he will be one day! And... and... and you know my father, though he was a little... very shrewd and oppressive towards people beneath him, but we’ve always respected Ming! Please, please let me go, on the account of Ming!”

I waved the lighter across his face, and he tried to blow it out with everything he had. He cried and begged, and told me that Jiang Ming was in a tough spot in the Black Dragon right now. Many people wanted to drive him out and take the power

for their own, and so these people would intentionally leak out the information that Jiang Ming is the head of the Black Dragon to anyone they can find, and hopefully that will draw all of the Red Lantern's firepower onto Jiang Ming, to burden him and hopefully get rid of him. He also promised me that the Chen's had always supported Jiang Ming, and had never done anything behind his back.

I thought for a while, "Tell me more about this Jiang Ming."



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