

If it had been anything else, I might have simply bared with it or laughed it off. But they just had to involve Lin Fang with their jeers, and that was where my bottomline is. Setting my chopsticks down on the table, I turned my eyes to Chen Yuzhou.

Under the weight of my stare, Chen Yuzhou flinched and physically retracted a little.

A few of those who wanted to kiss up to his boot obvious don't sit well with that. Huang Hua got off his seat, walked over, then set a glass with alcohol down on the table in front of me. Laughing mockingly, he said, "Zhang Chao, it should be a while since the last time you saw our brother Zhou, come pay your respect."

Just about the entire Tong City knew what was going on between Chen Yuzhou and I. The fact that we're sitting together on the same table without a fistfight breaking out between was already a testament to the level of my self constraints. Telling me to pay my respect to him? No, what he really meant to say is "know your place and concede inferiority".

Everyone looked at me, Lin Fang in nervousness, and everyone else had a mocking smirk on their faces.

How dare a little part time security guard and driver like me defy the will of the all powerful

future heir of the Chen's? Was that silly man crazy? All around, are people looking at me, waiting for the moment that Chen Yuzhou would give the order to pounce on me.

Chu Xiaoxiao was a little distance away, but it was obvious from the look on her face that she was about to come to my aid and speak for me. I eyed at her, signaling with my eyes telling her to stay out if it, that I could handle something like this myself.

"But of course." Picking the cup up in my hand, I I clinked the edge of my cup lightly at the edge of Chen Yuzhou's cup, "Here, to Chen Yuzhou."

Perhaps because I had been so natural and sincere in my attitude, both Chen Yuzhou and Huang Hua sat there not knowing how to respond even as I took a sip out of courtesy as etiquette dictates.

Huang snapped out of it first, "Zhang Chao, do you really need me to say it out loud? Why don't you do yourself a favor and leave us alone? Everyone on this table wanted to catch up with our big bro Zhou here, and frankly, you're an eyesore. Since we were all once classmates I wasn't going to put it so bluntly, but you just don't seem to know your proper place. What are you even thinking, sitting beside our brother's Fangfang like you belonged there?"

Don't you know that you're in the way?"

Chu Xiaoxiao could hold it in anymore. She burst out in anger, "Huang Hua, what are you even saying..."

I didn't wait for Chu Xiaoxiao to finish what she was going to say and cut in with a laugh.

"You're right, I really don't belong here. See, not only was people like Chen Yuzhou here, you're also here fouling up this place. Really, looking at you, I've lost my appetite altogether. So why don't you do yourself a favor and disappear off somewhere where I couldn't see you?"

"You...!"

I held my hand up to show that I wasn't quite done speaking.

"It's alright, I know, you're probably only trying to be considerate of me getting me to leave. Obviously you know how disgusting Chen Yuzhou and yourself are. You know, I know, and the entire internet knows."

Their faces turned green with anger. Chen Yuzhou knows how difficult I am to deal with, and simply sat there quietly instead of coming at me either physically or verbally like he did before, but obvious no one but he knows that. In their hearts, I was still that same shut in kid

that won't do anything to retaliate no matter how hard they hit me, physically and verbally.

Huang Hua slammed the bottom of his cup onto the table, making a big noise.

Pushing the sleeves of his shirt up, he shoved at me, "You little bastard, since when did a little bastard like you even begin to think that you've manned up and grew a pair down there..."

The moment his hands touched my shirt collar, I already had his wrists in my grip. He couldn't even see it coming.

I pulled his hands down, seemingly slowly and nonchalantly, as if I was only playing with him, but he himself should know best. Right this moment, he should be screaming silently in his heart, in pain, as I twisted his wrist in a way that wrists weren't physiologically designed to bend.

"Now, I believe you were commenting that I have... manned up, I believe that was how you put it just then? Want to see for yourself what I'm capable now?" I smiled, and put a little more strength into my grip.

After graduating, Huang Hua ate himself to the size that he is right now, completely out of shape, and completely out of match against me. He tried to hold it in, but the pain was over

and above what he can bear. He squeaked, and tears fell from his face freely, along with his dignity, in front of all his old friends.

I let go of Huang Hua's hands, and he scurried off, not daring to speak another word.

I patted Chen Yuzhou's shoulders and sat back down. The corner of his mouth twitched nervously, but somehow, he was able to keep himself from flailing about in fear, and actually managed a weak smile.

"Zhang Chao, come on, we're all know each other here. Must you act like such a barbarian, and in front of my girlfriend too."

Was this man finally losing his mind? His girlfriend? On this table, apart from Lin Fang, everyone else were men, and all had stood up already, except for Liu Hu, who kept to himself and looked down when he saw what was happening.

Chen Yuzhou laughed mockingly, "Zhang Chao, look, I know that you've done your time in the forces, and I know that you liked Fangfang, but back here in society, we like to keep things civil. I'm not against you wanting to flex your muscles, but you can't just do that at the expense of our old friends."

"What did you say?" Something doesn't seem

right, “You called Fangfang your girlfriend?”

I looked at Fangfang, but she simply lowered her head even more, not daring to look at either me or Chen Yuzhou. Her face hidden behind her hair was red all over.

Suddenly, I had a bad feeling about this, and before I was able to say anything else, Chen Yuzhou said, “Of course. Everybody knows that Lin Fang is my girlfriend.”

“Yeah, I remember, isn’t Chen Yuzhou and Lin Fang always together?”

“They were engaged weren’t they? We’ve all been talking about when they are finally going to get married.”

“It’s true, I still have the invitation to their engagement party. They kept it small, but later on the party was cancelled, because Chen Yuzhou had other business arrangements that he couldn’t push away.”

“I thought it was odd, that Zhang Chao seemed rather intimate with Lin Fang. He didn’t really think he is Lin Fang’s boyfriend did he?”

“Heh, that just might be the case. Remember how when he used to be in high school, he stalked Lin Fang and was going to follow her back to her house, but Liu Hu found out and put

him back to his proper place with his fists?”



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