

Initially, Chen Hao had promised to have lunch with Zhang Min. But now, Chen Hao decided to have lunch with Meng Kang instead as he wanted to learn more information from Meng Kang. So, Chen Hao called Zhang Min to cancel the date.

“So, how is it? Is he coming?” Zhu Lili asked anxiously.

“He’s not coming. Maybe he’s afraid to meet you guys!” Zhang Min answered with a slight disappointment in her tone.

“Luckily he’s not coming. As Wang suggested, we shall have our lunch at the Grand Hotel of Long Jiang straight away and take this opportunity to experience what the best hotel in Long Jiang has to offer!” Zhu Lili was thrilled at the idea, while Zhang Min simply nodded in a sulky mood. Later, all of them headed toward the Grand Hotel of Long Jiang.

“I’m sorry but the hotel is completely booked today. Ladies and gentlemen, perhaps you can go to another hotel instead. I’m really sorry for the inconvenience!”

Surprisingly, they were stopped by the staff when they arrived at the entrance of the hotel. This really disappointed the enthusiastic Zhu Lili. She even had her cell phone ready for some great photographs once she was in the hotel. But, now, she could not even enter the premises.

“Well, there must be a lot of people inside to have the hotel fully booked. But, it’s such a big hotel, are you sure there’s not even a single place for us?” Zhu Lili questioned.

The staff shook his head.

“Oh, damn!” Zhu Lili angrily stomped her feet on the ground.

“Forget about it then. Let’s just go someplace else instead. It won’t make any difference anyway,” Zhang Min advised.

They decided to leave the hotel. The reluctant Zhu Lili, however, kept glancing over at the place.

At the same time, several luxurious cars drove toward the hotel and halted at the

entrance. Many notables of Long Jiang came out of their cars. They smoothed out their suits and stood in front of the entrance. They seemed to be waiting for someone in front of the hotel.

“Hey guys, come quick, see this! Isn’t that Mr. Lu Zongyuan, the Head of the Lu Family?” Zhu Lili exclaimed in surprise.

Zhang Min nodded. “Yeah, that is Mr. Lu. It turned out that the whole Grand Hotel of Long Jiang was booked by Mr. Lu. No wonder!”

“But Mr. Lu had never organized such a grand arrangement for any of the previous exchange conventions. There’s only one possibility—he’s expecting some really important guests this time!” Zhang Min speculated.

“Important guests?” Zhu Lili and the others watched the crowd curiously.

Suddenly, doors of a car in the middle of the motorcade sprang open. An elderly man came out of the car. The man then politely invited a young man out of the car.

Mr. Lu stepped forward and shook the young man's hand with respect.

When Zhu Lili saw the young man, she was completely dumbfounded. "Ah! Isn't... that Chen Hao?"

Zhang Min, too, covered her mouth in surprise. "Yes. It is Chen Hao. He said he couldn't come because he had some important business to attend to. It turned out he came to the Grand Hotel of Long Jiang to meet Lu Zongyuan!"

"But Zhang Min, look, Mr. Lu and the others treat him well with respect. Why did they treat a loser like Chen Hao with such respect?"

Zhu Lili was in a daze; seeing Chen Hao receiving such treatment from Lu Zongyuan and other notables in Long Jiang was a real slap to her face. It was unbelievable that the person she had looked down on would be so well-connected. She was unsure whether it was an illusion, but she suddenly thought Chen Hao—though still in his simple and plain clothes—looked rather dashing when he

stood among those wealthy notables. Zhu Lili bit her lips, regretting her previous perception of Chen Hao.

Meanwhile, Chen Hao, who was oblivious to Zhu Lili's dreamy stare of admiration, had entered the hotel with Lu Zongyuan, the Head of the Lu Family, Meng Kang and the others. Chen Hao thought that it would be just a simple lunch with Meng Kang; he did not expect that Meng Kang would invite Lu Zongyuan too!

"Meng, are you sure the young man is a martial arts practitioner with extraordinary ability? He looks like an ordinary young man to me!" Lu Zongyuan whispered to Meng Kang while following behind the crowd.

"Zongyuan, have I ever lied to you before? Don't underestimate Mr. Chen. His capability is beyond us!" Meng Kang reassured.

"It'll be great if he is what you said he is. I'm sure we'll be able to overcome the Lu Family's crisis with ease. If we manage to survive this time, the Lu Family will be

indebted to you and we'll honor you with great respect!"

"Ha! Honor me with great respect? Well, I suggest you use that effort of yours to think of how to plead for Mr. Chen's assistance in overcoming the family's crisis. I'm sure the problem will be solved if you can have Mr. Chen on our side!"

As they talked, the crowd entered a private dining room. At the banquet, the crowd exchanged some brief greetings. After some drinks and toasts, Meng Kang touched his wine glass, signaling Lu Zongyuan to talk to Chen Hao.

Lu Zongyuan, however, still thought Chen Hao was an inexperienced young lad; he simply could not bring himself to swallow his pride and ask for the help of an unknown young man.

Bang! Suddenly, a middle-aged man who sat beside Lu Zongyuan put down his wine glass heavily. "Mr. Lu, I don't understand. What is the purpose of today's lunch banquet? To whom do you want to show hospitality?"

The middle-aged man was unhappy because Chen Hao was stealing the limelight by being in the VIP seat. Besides, he felt offended by the excessive flatteries in Lu Zongyuan's words when the latter was conversing with Chen Hao.

"Well, Mr. Zhang, today's lunch banquet, of course, is for our guest, Mr. Chen right here!" Meng Kang said with a faint smile.

"Mr. Chen? Ha! Excuse my ignorance but I've never heard of any Mr. Chen or Mr. Li before in my whole life! We have you, Mr. Meng, the strongest practitioner of all time, and me, Zhang Tie, here to help the Lu Family in the exchange convention. I don't understand why you still need a punk like him?" Zhang Tie smirked.

"Zhang Tie, don't be rude!" Meng Kang rebuked immediately, feeling nervous.

On the other hand, Lu Zongyuan, who sat in the middle between Meng Kang and Zhang Tie, remained silent; he obviously agreed with Zhang Tie's opinion.

Chen Hao heard them too. Finally, he

realized Meng Kang invited him for lunch with a purpose! Chen Hao stared at Meng Kang.

Meng Kang lowered his head apologetically. "Mister, allow me to explain. The truth is Zongyuan and I are friends and I owed him a favor years ago. I promised I'll return the favor if he needs any help in future. And now, the Lu Family is in danger, so I have come to honor my promise. But unfortunately, our opponents are too strong and I'm afraid we are no match for them. So, I'm wondering if you could help us." Meng Kang went straight to the point.

"I'm sorry, but I do not wish to be a part of your business!" Chen Hao rejected coldly.

Lu Zongyuan frowned and put down his wine glass. Sitting beside him, Zhang Tie shouted, "Hey punk, what do you mean, you don't want to be a part of our business? That's rubbish! I think you're just scared! Come on, I challenge you to a fight! Just show me everything you got and let Mr. Lu see what you're capable of!"

“A fight? Forget about it, I’m not interested!” Chen Hao refused.

Lu Zongyuan crossed his legs. I thought he’s really an expert! Looks like he’s a fraud after all!

“Ha! Mr. Meng Kang, I think it’s pointless to continue our lunch now. I better go. Thank you for your hospitality!” Chen Hao smiled at Meng Kang after throwing a glance at the other people.

“Mister, please don’t go!” Meng Kang grabbed Chen Hao when the latter rose from his seat.

“Mr. Chen, it’s my fault that I didn’t tell you the truth about today’s lunch. You told me that you want to find the Spiritual Fox. In order to find it, I believe you need this item. So, to show my apology, I’ve asked my men to prepare the item.” Meng Kang waved his hand and his man came in with a map.

“Mister, this is a map on the An Ling Primeval Forest. Since the history of mankind, not many people were able to

fully explore the Primeval Forest. But my great-grandparents had trained in the forest before and they drew this map. I doubt the map will be of great help to you, but I still think it might come in handy sometimes. Here, I want you to have it!”

“Meng, your family needs the map to find —” Lu Zongyuan goggled at Meng Kang in disbelief, but he was interrupted by Meng Kang when the latter raised his hand.

“Mister, please take it!” Meng Kang said sincerely.

Chen Hao took the map and thought it would be easier for him to explore the forest with the help of this map.

At the same time, Zhang Tie snatched the map from Chen Hao and yelled, “Give me that! Hey you, Chen, it seems the map is really important to you. But look, the map is here in my hand. If you want it, then come and take it!” Zhang Tie smirked.

Chen Hao, however, shook his head and sat down.

“What’s the meaning of this?”Zhang Tie asked coldly.

Without replying, Chen Hao took some vegetables from a dish on the table with a pair of chopsticks. He twisted his wrist fiercely. Whoosh! The vegetables were shot out from his hand and hit the door with a loud bang. The heavy wooden door of the private dining room exploded with a loud blast...



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“What?” Zhang Tie stood up in shock.

Everyone in the room was skilled.

Right at the door, a waiter who was about to enter the room with food in his hand stood rooted to the ground.

Lu Zongyuan lowered his foot to the ground slowly.

The atmosphere in the room froze.

Initially, everyone thought Chen Hao was just an immature young man without any skills.

But the technique he displayed just now—using a leaf to destroy the wooden door—was of very intricate skills and force.

“A single flower or leaf can also be a weapon!” Zhang Tie mumbled as cold sweat trickled down from his forehead.

In order to lighten up the awkward atmosphere, a man from the Lu Family smiled and asked, “M-Master Zhang, what did you just say?”

A bead of cold sweat dropped from his chin and he had a vacant expression on his face.

“A single flower or leaf can also be a weapon!” he repeated.

“I’ve never known that such kung fu existed. It is eye-opening indeed!” Zhang Tie shivered.

The way he looked at Chen Hao had completely changed.

“M-Mr. Chen, I’m sorry for being too ignorant to recognize you. This is the map that you wanted!” Zhang Tie passed the map to Chen Hao respectfully.

Lu Zongyuan exchanged glances with the members of his family, and everyone in the Lu Family stood up.

“Mr. Chen, I am deeply sorry for the disrespectful behavior just now. I sincerely ask you to save the Lu Family from the current predicament! Take it as a favor from Master Meng as well!” Lu Zongyuan bowed deeply.

Chen Hao kept the map and asked coolly, "What's going on? Even Master Meng can't solve it?"

After all, he had to help to solve their problems after taking their money.

If it weren't for the map which was very useful to him, Chen Hao couldn't be bothered to know the affairs of the Lu Family, even if Meng Kang asked him to.

"Mr. Chen, this is what happened..." Lu Zongyuan quickly told him what exactly happened.

In the past, the Lu Family had an enemy who went to other countries and had somehow learned some extremely menacing skills.

Even the top bodyguards in their family were not a match for him.

He announced that he would kill a descendant from the Lu Family every ten days until everyone was dead.

Up to this day, two younger members of

the Lu Family were already murdered.

Lu Zongyuan had forbidden anyone to leave the family, and everyone hid at their homes.

The name of their enemy was Wang Dahai. His ultimate goal was simple—to let the Lu Family perish in anxiety and fear.

Hence, Lu Zongyuan invited many skilled people and organized the exchange convention a month in advance so that many people were gathered.

They could give the Lu Family some encouragement.

Chen Hao thought, No wonder Lu Han and a few others sneaked out to have some fun.

“Wang Dahai was one of the descendants of a big family in Long Jiang, but both Wang Dahai and his father were guilty of all kinds of crimes. They were banned and boycotted by the companies in Long Jiang. Because of them, their family fell and perished. Hence, Wang Dahai bore

grudges against the companies. I'm afraid that after taking revenge against the Lu Family, he will hunt down the rest of the families one after another!" Meng Kang added.

"We'd made a promise to fight Wang Dahai tomorrow, once and for all. However, he is greatly skilled. I'm ashamed to say that I'm not a match for him!" Meng Kang shook his head and sighed.

"If you're willing to lend us a hand, that would be a blessing to our Lu Family!" Lu Zongyuan said respectfully.

Lu Zongyuan did not leave a good impression on Chen Hao.

Chen Hao then turned to Meng Kang and replied, "Alright, I will accompany Master Meng to the duel tomorrow."

"That's great!"

After dinner, Chen Hao and Lu Zongyuan left the hotel.

Just then, a butler walked toward them

and said, "Mr. Lu, someone from the Long Family came to pay you a visit."

"The Long Family? What are they doing here? Who is coming to meet me?" With Chen Hao's help, Lu Zongyuan's confidence rose quite significantly.

"The second mistress of the Long Family is waiting for you. She brought some extravagant gifts as well," the butler continued.

The second mistress of the Long Family? Chen Hao raised his eyebrows and asked, "Is her family name Yang?"

The butler replied, "Yes, that's right, Mr. Chen."

Seems like it is Yang Xia after all.

Chen Hao had a peculiar feeling when he heard Yang Xia came to the Lu Family as well.

He had forgotten about her for the past year. With the passing of time, what had happened between them was no longer

relevant.

However, Chen Hao could never forget that she saved his life when the Mo Family and the Long Family were trying to hunt him down a year ago.

Chen Hao thought, It's been a year. I wonder how she's doing now?

He snorted bitterly, it's better we don't meet if she wants to live her life peacefully.

"Mr. Chen? Mr. Chen?" Lu Zongyuan gently asked.

"Yeah?" Chen Hao was absorbed in his thoughts.

"I have no idea where you are staying right now, but if you like to, you are most welcome to come stay with us. I'll ask the servants to prepare the best room for you!" Lu Zongyuan offered.

"Sure!" Chen Hao nodded and moved into the Lu Family.

Lu Zongyuan went to the meeting room to meet the visitor from the Long Family.

“Greetings, Miss Yang. I saw your gifts—they are too spectacular. How could we accept such gifts from you?” Lu Zongyuan said politely.

“Oh, you’re being too humble, Mr. Lu. It’s an honor for the Long Family to meet you—you’re a busy man after all!” Yang Xia replied.

Lu Zongyuan smiled at Yang Xia.

This lady, at such a young age, is able to represent the Long Family in business. She must be skilled in certain expertise. When we chatted, her reply was formal and serious as well.

Lu Zongyuan automatically held her in high regard.

“Mr. Lu, since you’re a busy man, I will go straight to the topic. I wonder if you’ve looked through the business proposal? If possible, the Long Family would like to work together with the Lu Family. To show

our sincerity, the project that costs ten billion will be taken charge by the Lu Family.”

Lu Zongyuan’s eyelids fluttered as he was tempted at the offer.

But he did not show any emotions on his face.

“Thank you for placing your trust in us. There’s no rush about collaboration—we can discuss it later. I heard that you have a few cousins here in Long Jiang. I guess you are familiar with the way we do things here? Perhaps you’ve heard your cousins mention it?”

In the business circle, everyone knew that the Long Family and the Mo Family were close.

The relationship between the Mo Family and the Lu Family, however, was just average.

As the Long Family suddenly sent a representative here, Lu Zongyuan had to do some detailed research on them.

When he heard that Yang Xia was coming, he immediately asked his people to look into her background.

“Mr. Lu, you sure know a lot of details. It’s true that I have some relatives here as this is my parents’ hometown, but we haven’t been keeping in touch for years.

Technically speaking, this is my first time here in Long Jiang. Hence, I’m unaware of the way you do things here.” Yang Xia smiled. “All I can confirm is—if we agree to collaborate, the Lu Family will profit from the project, and the relationship between Long and Lu Family will deepen. Isn’t that right, Mr. Lu?”

Lu Zongyuan nodded.

Just then, a butler walked into the room and reported, “Mr. Lu, everything is well prepared for Mr. Chen. Is there anything else that you would like me to do?”

Lu Zongyuan replied, “That’s all. Make sure that Mr. Chen is well served here. He is our top priority right now!”

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