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Under the watchful gazes of the students, Walter got on the bus. He looked around and saw the scene in the bus. He frowned and said in a deep voice, "What's going on? So much noise—"

Seeing this, Magnum quickly stood up with a smile on his face. He walked up to Mr. Loh and said, "Hi Mr. Loh. I am Magnum, a year four student of the business school. I am the person in charge of this bus transportation. We just met a scammer on the bus, so—"

Just as Magnum was about to claim credit for his work, Walter's eyes fell on Fade. He paused, then proceeded to take out his phone. He then looked up at Fade again, seeming to have confirmed that it was the person he had been looking for.

Walter's expression immediately changed. Without waiting for Magnum to finish his explanation, he rushed over and said to Fade enthusiastically, "Are you Mr. Chen? Mr. Fade Chen?"

Fade nodded and said, "Yes, I am and you are—"

Walter extended his hands and said hospitably, "Mr. Chen, I am Walter Loh, Director of the Educational Administration at Capital University. I was informed that you had arrived in Capital City, so I came to escort you to the school. There was traffic on the road, so I got here a little late. Do forgive me, Mr. Chen."

"Oh, Mr. Loh! It's alright. I can go to school by myself. I don't have to trouble you, Mr. Loh," Fade replied calmly.

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Upon hearing this, Mr. Loh quickly shook his head and said, "It's no trouble to pick you up, Mr. Chen. Initially, the Principal wanted to come together, but something came up. So, I came alone. So sorry for making you wait."

"Don't be, Mr. Loh!" Fade said with a light nod. He knew that the old man must have used his connections to get him this position, and had learned something about him which was why he was being so respectful and welcoming.

Just then, the students looked at the two in shock and disbelief.

They hadn't expected Fade to really be a teacher from Capital university, and Mr. Ho had even come to greet him personally. They were all stunned, unable to think clearly.

Magnum was also shocked. He looked at Walter and then at Fade. He still found it hard to believe as he said, "Mr. Loh, about the scammer, we—"

Walter looked at Magnum and impatiently said, "Yes, I've been made aware of it. You should report it to the police, there's no need to tell me about it."

"Uh..." Magnum fell speechless.

Walter grew even more impatient when he saw this. "What, you can't even do something this simple? Do you need me to do it?"

"No, Mr. Loh, that's not what I meant—" Magnum shook his hand in panic.

At this moment, Fade stated calmly, "Mr. Loh, the scammer that Magnum was referring to is me."

Upon hearing this, Walter was so shocked then he glared at Magnum and questioned, "What? What did you do to Mr. Chen—"

Magnum's face paled. "Mr. Loh, this, this was just a misunderstanding. I accidentally—"

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"You accidentally threw my appointment letter on the floor and stepped on it?" Fade pointed to the book lying on the floor of the bus corridor.

Walter looked down and grew even more furious. "Magnum, what have you done?"

Magnum quickly bent down, picked up the appointment letter, and wiped the book clean using his clothes. Then he handed it to Fade, bowed and said, "Mr. Chen, I'm sorry. I was wrong. I shouldn't have doubted you. I—"

Fade took the letter and stuffed it into his luggage. He then cut him off blandly, "I told you that you were going to regret it if you stepped on my booklet."

Hearing this, Magnum bowed his head even lower and his voice trembled. "Mr. Chen, I am sorry, I was wrong."

Walter also said quickly, "Mr. Chen, I will punish him when we go back to school. Please get off the bus with me and I'll escort you to school."

"Forget about the punishment, it wasn't a big mistake, he was just trying to show off," Fade answered coldly.

While speaking, Fade stood up, picked up his luggage and got out of the bus with Walter. As he walked passed Jasmine, he glanced at her coldly.

Jasmine felt his gaze burning into her. She immediately lowered her head.

After all, she was indeed the one who had misunderstood Fade's intentions. She had thought that he was here to talk to her, but it turned out that he was indeed a teacher and was uninterested in her. She had been overconfident about the matter.

Fade and Walter got off the school bus, and Fade was led into Mr. Ho's Mercedes respectfully before the car drove away.

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Sighs of relief echoed in the bus. Then, the students started chatting about it.

"I really didn't expect him to be a teacher at Capital University."

"Yeah, he barely looks 25! Normally, people at this age would still be studying for a masters degree. How could he be a teacher?"

"It's not that surprising for him to be a teacher. What's even more shocking is that, as an ordinary teacher, he was able to receive such a warm welcome from Mr. Loh. There must be something extraordinary about him."

"Definitely. You know, the last time Walter came to greet someone like this, was when a Nobel Prize winner came to our university."

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The discussions of the students caused Magnum to feel like his face was burning. The discussions made Magnum's face burn in embarrassment and humiliation. He lowered his head and didn't say a single word, his expression grim.

Jasmine bit her lips, her expression a grim shade as well.

One and a half hour later, Fade and Walter arrived at Capital University.

With Walter personally welcoming him, Fade finished the admissions quick and received his pass. He had officially become a distinguished professor at the Chinese Medicine School in Capital University.

After completing the process, Walter sent Fade to the staff's apartment personally and arranged a place for Fade to live in. "Mr. Chen, due to the lack of time in preparing for the things you need, the apartment condition is subpar. We will arrange better accommodation for you later on."

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Fade looked at the apartment. It was an average single apartment. A small room sat next to a bathroom, a kitchen, and a small balcony. Although the area was small, it was quite convenient for him as he lived alone.

So, Fade didn't really mind. He waved his hand and said, "There's no need for that. This apartment is great, I'll live here!"

"Mr. Chen, but you are a big shot. Our school—" Walter continued.

Fade interrupted him and said, "I'm here to teach, and not for leisure purposes. You don't have to treat me differently in terms of material conditions."

"Yes, yes. Then we'll do it as you please." Walter quickly nodded. "If you have any requests in the future, you can call me anytime."

"Yes, thank you for the trouble." Fade nodded, then sent Walter away. After putting away his luggage, he settled down in the apartment.

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After tidying up the apartment, Fade gave Joey, his junior, a call to tell her that he had arrived, and that he was going to go meet her.

Fade then walked out of the apartment and went to the campus.

As one of the top two universities in the country, Capital University had excellent facilities, and the campus was huge. As Fade was not familiar with the campus, he got lost and couldn't find the way to where he wanted to go for a long while.

He flagged down a girl by the side of the road and asked, "Excuse me, could you point me towards the Archeology Department?"

Joey majored in archaeology, which was not the most popular major at the university. When Fade first heard about the major she was taking, he was surprised to hear that Capital University even offered such a major.

Fade had thought that the girl would point him towards where he needed to go, but to his surprise, she glared at him. "Men are all the same," she muttered before turning to leave. His question had been left unanswered.

Fade was confused. Wasn't he just asking for directions? He didn't think that he was being rude. Why did this girl seem to hold a grudge against him?

Were all the girls from prestigious universities this arrogant?

Fade thought of Jasmine, the girl he had met on the bus, and this girl whom he had just met, and immediately had the

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impression that all girls from Capital University were arrogant.

Shaking his head, Fade put his doubt aside. He then asked for directions from a boy. "Excuse me, can you tell me where the Archaeology Department is?"

Fade expected the guy to not help him either.

To his surprise, the boy smiled excitedly after hearing Fade's question and responded, "The department's right over there. Just take a turn at the end of this road and you'll get there."

"Thank you, I—" Fade expressed his gratitude and was about to leave.

However, the boy looked very enthusiastic as he walked over to Fade's side, winked and said, "I'll walk you there, dude."

"There's no need, I can go alone." Fade was surprised by his enthusiasm.

The boy replied, "It's no trouble at all. I'm heading there too, so let's go together!"

"Oh, you're going to the Archeology Department too!" Fade was a little surprised.

The boy winked, pointed to the boys who were hurriedly walking along the road, and said to Fade, "See, they're going to the department of archaeology too."

"Oh, so many people go to the Department of Archaeology! When did Capital City's Department of Archaeology become such a popular major?" Fade asked in surprise.

The guy patted Fade on the shoulder and told him with a smile, "Dude, we're all in the same gang. So, you don't have to cover for yourself anymore. Don't you know the reason why we're going to the Archeology Department?"

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"Huh? What are you talking about?" Fade asked, puzzled.

The boy looked at Fade and said, "Dude, there's no need to hide. We're all men. We all go to the Department of Archeology to see Joey Chen, the campus sweetheart. It's nothing to be embarrassed about."

"Oh!" This time, Fade was really shocked. He didn't expect Joey to be the campus sweetheart of Capital University, and to be on the receiving end of so much attention from the boys.

However, when he thought about his junior's appearance and figure, it made sense that she was the campus sweetheart. Thinking of this, Fade felt relieved and could not help sighing. "We haven't seen each other for more than a year. How is Joey now?"

When the boy heard this, he looked at Fade in surprise and asked. "Dude, do you know Joey?"

Fade nodded and replied, "Of course I do. I watched her grow up. We often played together when we were young!"

"Ah, so you're Joey's childhood sweetheart?" asked the boy.

Fade nodded, "I guess you could say so."

The boy looked at Fade's serious face. Unable to hold back his laughter, he finally let out a laugh. "Bro," he said, "It seems you are more obsessed about Joey than we are! We only fantasized about being friends with Joey but you straight up fantasized about being her childhood sweetheart. I admire your imagination!"

"I wasn't imagining, what I just told you is true," Fade replied seriously.

The boy, however, did not believe it and smiled, "Alright bro, there's no need to explain any further. I believe you."

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Upon seeing this, Fade knew that the guy did not believe him, but he did not explain any further. He changed the topic and asked about Joey. "Is Joey really popular in Capital University?"

"Are you serious right now? She's the campus sweetheart. She has been famous ever since she entered the university. All the students and teachers have fallen for her. Over the span of a single semester, the trash cans in the Archeology Department are filled to the top with the love letters she received."

"Beside this, Joey is often the talk of the campus. Her reputation in school has been known for a long time, and even in the community college of Capital City."

"The talk of the campus? Her reputation?" Fade asked. He couldn't help but think of the naughty and mischievous junior on Tianwu Mountain. He then mourned for the guys of the Capital University for a few minutes.

The boy looked at Fade, shook his head, and said, "You don't even know about her reputation, and you dare say that you are her childhood sweetheart? Your bluff has been called, my friend."

Fade chuckled and didn't explain any further.

The boy continued, "When Joey first registered at our school, there was a rich kid in school who was interested in her. One evening, he drove a luxury car with flowers in hand and went downstairs to her dorm to confess to her. You know what happened next? Joey poured a basin of water on him, drenching the rich kid. But the key element of the story is that she had poured hot water on him, scalding him in the process. He was wailing in pain on the floor."

"Once, the campus hunk of Capital University had brought flowers, a guitar, and a collection of poems to woo her. On a night of the full moon, he played a song, and romantically confessed his love to Joey. Instead of getting swept off her feet, Joey found a

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group of middle-aged women and began to dance awkwardly to the tune of Little Apple, which obviously ruined the romantic atmosphere the campus hunk worked so hard to create."

"Then, there was a very rich businessman who stopped Joey at the school gate and said that he wanted to make Joey his sugar baby. As a response, Joey immediately kicked him, and had him rolling on the ground in pain. He was then brought away by an ambulance, and that was that."

"In short, Joey, our campus sweetheart has had countless adventures."

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The boy went on endlessly about Joey's stories. It was obvious that he was Joey's hardcore admirer.

Fade, who had been listening all this time, fell speechless. He thought to himself, "As expected, my junior's personality hasn't changed at all! She's so lively, and she must have made a lot of people suffer because of her."

They went on chatting, and it didn't take long until they reached an old school building.

The boy said to Fade, "Here we are. This is the Department of Archeology. Joey should be right inside."

Fade looked at the old building crowded with boys, and the numbers looked to be gradually growing. Fade instantly understood the kind of attention Joey was getting at Capital University.

"There are so many people here. Is there a special event today?" Fade asked.

The boy looked at Fade and said, "Bro, it seems you are not a good fan! You don't even know that today is the day that Joey is going to publicly accept confessions."

"Accepting a confession in public? What?" Fade felt that he could not even keep up with his thoughts.

The boy said, "Too many people try to go after Joey. They would send her flowers every day to express their love for her which annoyed her a lot. So, to avoid this trouble, Joey had announced last semester that she would find a venue to publicly receive everyone's confession starting from this semester onwards. If you can impress her, maybe she will accept your confession."

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"What—" Fade was rendered speechless for a moment.

The boy said, "After Joey announced the news, countless boys have been secretly preparing during this winter holiday. They are all looking to give Joey a surprise today. Even some outsiders are coming over to try and woo her after hearing the news. In short, people are using this opportunity to win her over. Those who are rich will be throwing their money at this while those who aren't will be using other efforts to court her."

"Wow!"

Just then, the crowd cheered. A man's voice rang out, "Joey Chen, I like you, I really do. Ever since I first met you, I have already fallen for you. I—"

It seemed that someone had started to confess his love for her.

However, before the boy could finish his words, a cold female voice sounded. "That's it? Next!"

The confession was immediately halted, followed by booing from the rest of the crowd.

The boys who stood a distance away from the center of the event were not able to see everything unfold. They could not help but feel a little anxious about things and kept jumping into the air to find out what was going on.

Seeing this, Fade took the lead and squeezed into the crowd and said, "Follow me."

When the boy saw that Fade had easily squeezed into the crowd, he was delighted and quickly followed him. Following Fade to the inner circle of the event location, he patted Fade on the shoulder and said with a smile, "Bro, I didn't expect you to be so strong! You don't look very buff!"

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Fade smiled and examined the situation around him.

There was an old desk in front of the old building. Behind the desk, a girl whose hair was up in a ponytail, and looked to be around eighteen years old, was sitting on a stool.

The girl was beautiful without any makeup on her, but she looked extremely exquisite, like the fresh lotus on a pond of water. She had caught everyone's attention.

The girl placed hands on the desk, her face blank as she looked at the boy who stood in front of her and confessed his love to her. She didn't seem like she was on the receiving end of a love confession—instead, she looked like the invigilator of an exam.

After the boy who confessed left, another boy stood out. He looked at Joey and seemed to be anxious. He took out a piece of paper, took a deep breath and read, "Joey, I regret not doing more for you in the past. If God gave me another chance, I want to say three words to you, I love you. If I have to set a deadline to my love for you, I hope—"

Before he finished his confession, Joey frowned and knocked on the table, interrupting the boy's confession. "How old are you? Why are you confessing to me using such an outdated style? You are so lame. Besides, you should be able to memorize such a short paragraph. Reading your confession from a piece of paper? Where's your sincerity?"

The boy who was confessing his feelings felt so ashamed that he blushed. He then left in disgrace under the sound of the crowd's booing and laughter.

Joey frowned and knocked on the table. She said in disdain, "What's wrong? I've given you all a chance. Is this all that you've prepared? How disappointing."

Upon hearing that, the crowd roared with noise and many stepped forward to confess to her.

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Compared to the two just now, the remaining men who confessed were more well prepared. Some had prepared gifts, and some had thoughtfully collected various items related to Joey's interests. Although they were attentive, her heart remained unmoved. Joey immediately rejected them.

Fade couldn't help but smile as he witnessed the scene before him. He thought to himself, "Joey is still the same. Wherever she goes, excitement follows."

After the confession were consecutively rejected by Joey, the crowd grew nervous. At one point, no one dared to go up.

Fade looked at the boy beside him, who was excited and anxious. He asked with a smile, "Aren't you her fanatical admirer? Why don't you go up and have a try?"

The boy shook his head and nervously said, "My love for Joey is hidden at the bottom of my heart. I'm only willing to convey my love for her through secretly watching over her. I would rather be a big tree beside Joey, silently protecting her by her side."

Fade instantly understood what he meant. This was just another guy whose head was muddled with fantasies, but when it truly counted, he was nothing but a coward who was too afraid to act.

The atmosphere grew tense as no one had the courage to go into the spotlight for another confession. Joey drummed her fingers against the table as she announced, "There's no one else? Alright then, let's call it a day. I'm going to leave—"

"Wait, Joey, I'm here!" Just as Joey was about to leave, a loud voice sounded.

Then, a well-dressed young man in a designer suit emerged from the crowd.

As soon as the man came forward, people started cheering him on. People from the crowd began to discuss who he was.


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Fade looked at the boy next to him with curiosity and said, "He is—"

The boy looked like he was gnashing his teeth as he said, "This guy is LeBron Zhu. His family is in the trading business in the southern area, and his family property is over several billion yuan. He is the rich kid who has been actively pursuing Joey."

Lebron stood up with a confident smile and walked towards Joey.

Seeing this, Joey said, "Oh, it's you, Lebron. You may start now."

Hearing this, Lebron dived his right hand into his jacket pocket and took out a small gift box, flashing it to the crowd with a confident smile. 

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Seeing this, another uproar broke out amongst the crowd.

"What is Lebron going to do?"

"This gift looks pretty special!"

"What's so special? Isn't it just a ring or something like that?"

"Haha, you are so naive. A diamond ring like that is at least a few thousands or ten thousands of yuan. Can you afford it?"

"So what if I can't afford it? Isn't this too old-fashioned? Using a ring for confession. How can Joey accept this?"

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In the midst of the discussion, Lebron smiled confidently. He then opened the small gift box in his hand, revealing a sparkling ring. He confessed to Joey in a loud voice, "Joey, this is a heartfelt gift I have prepared for you."

Joey looked over and saw that there was a sparkling diamond ring in the gift box, which looked extremely gorgeous. However, Joey wasn't really interested in it. She asked blandly, "A diamond ring? This is so old-fashioned. Do you think I will accept it? Besides, we are not close enough for me to accept this diamond ring!"

As soon as she finished speaking, many students started to cheer.

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"Well done, Joey. Don't get induced by the wealth of the rich kid."

"I told you, Joey is not materialistic. Money is not a problem to her at all."

"That's right. Lebron didn't think this through at all. His diamond ring can't even be compared to the thoughtfulness of the others who had prepared drawings of Joey."

"Haha, stop thinking that you are better than others just because you have money. There are some things that you still can't achieve even if you have money."

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Under the crowd's discussion and ridicule, Lebron glanced at them with disdain and despise. Then he continued with confidence, "Joey, don't reject me yet. Let me introduce my gift to you."

"This diamond ring is called the 'Tear of the Ocean'. It was mined from Africa more than two hundred years ago. Later, it was bought and made into this exquisite piece by a European businessman."

"A Belgium princess liked this diamond ring so much that she bought it and wore it as her wedding ring. Since then, the diamond ring has been donned on the fingers of many European royal families and aristocrats. The last time anybody saw this diamond ring was 30 years ago at an Earlington banquet of the royal family."

"But through a connection, my family had located this ring and spent 100 million yuan to buy it."

"This represents my feelings for you. It also represents how important you are to our family, Joey."

"Joey, please be my girlfriend!"

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Lebron held the diamond ring up, with a smile on his face, and confidently knelt with one knee in front of Joey as he spoke.

The students were stunned after hearing Lebron's speech. They stared at the sparkling ring, which seemed to emit the aura of the sea. It looked like a refined antique from the old European dynasties.

Just then, the students who had been mocking Lebron were immediately let out heavy sighs.

"A diamond ring that is worth 100 million yuan. That's so generous!"

"It's not about the price, but the story of this diamond ring. It's too magnificent! This is the jewelry that has been worn by the European royal family. It's priceless!"

"It seems that Lebron really put in a lot of effort into this. Bravo."

The boys were all shocked by Lebron's gesture, and their faces were full of helplessness, while the girls had almost gone feral.

"Tears of the Ocean! How romantic."

"If a man did this for me, I would surely accept his confession."

"Joey, what are you still hesitating about? Hurry up and accept his love!"

"No matter how much Joey didn't care about money, she won't be able to hold out on something like this!"

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Amidst the noisy discussion, Lebron looked at Joey again and assuredly confessed his feelings, "Joey, please accept my love!"

At this moment, many students who were watching also shouted, "Say yes, say yes, say yes!"

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However, Joey still felt indifferent in the moment, and her tone was tinged with mockery as she inquired, "Lebron, is this your so-called sincerity?"

Lebron was caught off guard by this. After a moment, he said in astonishment. "Joey, this is the Tear of the Ocean, I..."

Joey waved her hand. She interrupted him with a frown and told Lebron, "I don't care if your diamond ring is called the 'Tear of the Ocean' or the 'Rock of the Yellow Earth'. It doesn't make any difference to me."

"But, the Tear of the Ocean is from the European royal family—" Lebron continued to explain.

Joey said, "The royal family of Europe? What does that have to do with me? Are you saying that just because this ring was used by the royal family, it's more superior to everything else? So, in the end, you're still using money as a measure for your feelings."

"In my eyes, this gift of yours lacks sincerity. Next!" With a wave of her hand, Joey motioned for Lebron to step away.

Everyone fell into a state of shock.

They didn't expect Joey to actually reject Lebron's confession. After all, it was a diamond ring worth 100 million yuan. For a moment, everyone was astonished.

Lebron stood rooted to his spot as his face fell.

He glared at Joey as he clenched his fists and gritted his teeth in anger.. "Joey, I've been so nice to you, but you've humiliated me in public. I'm going to kill you, you b*tch—"

As he shouted, Lebron took out a dagger and rushed towards Joey, face full of fury and rage.

Everyone paused in shock at this unexpected scene. When they came back to their senses, they staggered back in fright,

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shouting at the scene in front of them..

Fade glanced coldly at Lebron, and was about to step forward to stop him.

However, just as Fade was about to take action, someone else yelled.

"Kill him!"

"Go stop him."

Almost instantly, the students saw two shadows approaching Lebron at an incredibly high speed.

Before Lebron could react to this, a muscular man punched Lebron in the stomach and knocked him down to the ground. The other skinny man grabbed Lebron's right hand and snatched the dagger from him.

Lebron was immediately knocked down to the ground by the two. He held his stomach in pain. He looked at the two people in front of him and said fiercely, "How dare you hit me? Do you know who I am? I'm going to kill you. I—"

Before Lebron finished speaking, the crowd separated, and a young man with yellow hair, dressed in expensive clothing stepped out.

The man walked up to Lebron, raised his right foot and gave Lebron a hard kick. Immediately, Lebron rolled over on the ground, wailing in pain.

The man snorted and chided at Lebron, "Did you just say that you want to kill me?"

"F*ck you—" Lebron cursed in pain as he lifted his head. Once he had a good look of the man, he immediately stopped and said, "Young Master Chung, y-you— I didn't know that it was you, I'm sorry—"

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Just then, a thin and poised-looking young man in a plain gray suit walked over.

Although the outfit brands on the man's body could not be identified, judging from the design and quality, it was obviously not the average mall apparel brand. Their value may not be any lesser than the luxury clothes donned by Young Master Chung.

The poised man looked at Lebron and said softly, "It's okay to express your feelings. But if you get angry and hurt people, then you have crossed the line."

Upon hearing this, Lebron looked at the man and shivered again. He said in a hurry, "Young Master Luo, I've realized my mistake. I won't ever do that again."

"Hah! Are you expecting something like this to happen again!" Wilton snorted coldly and turned to the burly men beside him, "Finish him and drag him out."

The muscular man was about to do as told, but Gentro, who was next to him, motioned something to him. The skinny man then stepped forward and stopped the muscular man.

Upon seeing this, Wilton frowned and looked at Gentro unhappily. "Gentro, what do you mean by this? This guy treated Joey like that, and yet you're stopping me from finishing him off? Are you guys colluding with one another?"

Gentro looked at him without much expression on his face, and replied softly, "Though he is guilty, your punishment is too much."

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Moreover, today is Joey's confession day. It's not appropriate to shed blood at this event."

"What if I think that it is appropriate?" Wilton looked at Gentro, tit for tat.

Gentro looked calm and answered softly, "Well, I don't think it's appropriate."

For a moment, the two stared each other down, as if they were about to fight.

Just then, Joey knocked on the table and said impatiently, "If you want to fight, go somewhere else. Don't stay here and waste my time."

Upon hearing this, both Wilton and Gentro looked over at Joey, and their expressions changed.

Wilton glanced at Lebron and said coldly, "Joey has spoken. You got lucky today. Leave!"

Gentro also took a look at Lebron and said blandly, "Off you go!"

"Thank you, Young Master Chung, Young Master Luo. Thank you—" Lebron left hurriedly. He was so embarrassed and left in a state so different from how he first appeared at the event.

Both Wilton and Gentro turned around and looked at Joey with smiles on their face.

When the students around saw this, they grew excited, and the discussion got louder once again.

The boy next to Fade glared at the two men with a look of envy, jealousy, and hatred.

Seeing this, Fade could not help but ask, "What's wrong? Who are these two guys?"

The boy gritted his teeth and answered, "They are the most popular campus hunks of Capital University. They are also well-

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known for being the rich kids at our University. More importantly, they are both admirers of Joey."

"The narcissist is called Wilton Chung. He's the young master of the Chung family in Capital City. He's known as 'Mr. Wild', noted for his high-profile character."

"The superficial one is Gentro Luo, the young master of the Luo family in Capital City. He looks polite, but I think that he's fake. His nickname is 'Mr. Gentle'."

"Both of them have been trying to woo Joey for a long time now."

After hearing this, Fade finally understood. Wilton and Gentro seemed to be men in Capital University with the highest chance of scoring it with Joey.

Lebron appeared to be inferior compared to their family background and who they were individually. No wonder Lebron was so vulnerable in front of them. As for other college boys in Capital University, they were even less comparable to the two men. No wonder most of the boys looked like they were about to kill the two men.

Fade sort of understood what was going on here.

Wilton then took a step forward and said with a smile, "Joey, I have been prepping for months for today. This is how I feel about you, and I hope you can see it."

After that, Wilton clapped his hands.

Then, everyone heard an engine roar. The crowd started to separate.

Everyone looked over. They were surprised to see that there was a line of sports cars driving in their direction. There were all

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kinds of luxury cars - Maybach, Lamborghini, Rolls-Royce...and there were more than a dozen of them lined up.

"Wow, there are so many luxury cars—"

"My God, there are like 20 of them. I think these might be worth more than 100 million yuan!"

"You can't just look at the price. Some of these luxury cars are limited edition. You can't even get it with money!"

All the students were shocked.

However, Wilton was not done yet. He continued to clap with a smile on his face. Suddenly, someone appeared with a stack of documents.

Everyone took a good look and found that the documents were property ownership documents, and they exclaimed again.

"One house in Spring Garden is about ten million yuan."

"That's not a big deal. Look at that, the cheapest villa in Stealth Bay is worth more than 50 million yuan."

"And that's the document of ownership of commercial buildings. That's a hot spot shop in the second-tier area of the Capital City, and it costs at least ten million yuan."

"All these real estate and stores, they must be worth hundreds of millions, right?"

"Are these the gifts that Wilton has prepared for Joey?"

"These are more than enough to marry a top tier actress! Wilton is spending such a huge sum of money on these gifts for Joey."

"Is she really worth all this?"

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All of the students were shocked to the point of speechlessness. They didn't expect Wilton to be this generous. Compared to this, Lebron's Tears of Ocean was pathetic and lame.

Even Fade was a little surprised. He didn't expect that Wilton would spend hundreds of millions for Joey. It seemed like he had underestimated Joey's charm.

However, unlike the surprised crowd, Joey looked calm. She glanced at everything Wilton had prepared and didn't show any interest in them. She asked in return, "Wilton, do you think there is any difference between your behavior and Lebron's?"

Wilton was stunned for a moment, and then he replied with a smile, "Joey, my love for you is much greater than Lebron's. My love for you is evidently —"

Before Wilton could finish his sentence, Joey waved her hand and said impatiently, "Stop being cringy. Next!"

Upon hearing this, Wilton's face fell, and he looked a little displeased. However, at this instance, Gentro stepped up.

Everyone's gaze then shifted to Gentro. They wanted to see how Gentro would confess his feelings to Joey.

The girls at the scene were especially curious about this. Their eyes shimmered as they looked at Gentro while some girls had even started to yell in excitement.

Evidently, compared to the arrogant and condescending Wilton, Gentro was more quiet, elegant, and composed which interested the girls more. ⁴

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Under everyone's watchful gaze, Gentro walked over to Joey, looked at her softly, and said, "Joey, there's nothing that could represent my feelings for you, so I didn't prepare anything. The only thing I can give you is my love. Please believe me, I really love you, I—"

Gentro's expression was sincere, his tone gentle, and he was extremely refined and handsome. Many girls were about to fall for him as they witnessed his confession.

However, Joey was not touched at all and even seemed a little frustrated. She waved her hand to interrupt Gentro and said coldly, "Sorry. I can't feel your love."

"Joey, I..." Gentro was a little anxious and wanted to explain himself.

But before he could, Joey started to get up and said, "And that's a wrap. I'm leaving."

At that, Joey began to take her leave. The students were disappointed, but not surprised. After all, Joey had already rejected admirers such as Wilton and Gentro. Who else would still dare confess their love to her?

After hearing Joey's words, Wilton's face darkened and he looked a little unhappy. His body moved slightly, and he felt like he wanted to approach Joey and stop her right there.

As for Gentro, he slightly lowered his head and seemed to be thinking about something.

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Fade noticed Wilton's actions, and he tensed his body, ready to defend Joey in case Wilton decided to attack her.

Just then, someone shouted, "Joey Chen, I love you, marry me!"

When everyone heard this, they couldn't help but feel startled. They looked over to the source of the voice at the same time to see who was the guy that wasn't afraid of failure and still had the guts to confess his love even after Mr. Wild and Mr. Gentle's failed confession.

Under everyone's persistent gazed, a handsome short-haired guy rushed toward Joey. He then hugged Joey in front of everyone.

The short-haired guy even gave Joey a kiss on her cheek in public.

"Ah — this —" The crowd was shocked and angry. Wilton and Gentro's jaw dropped at the same time, and they almost couldn't control the urge to rush forward.

"Who on earth is this guy? How could he be so intimate with Joey?"

"He, he kissed Joey! I'm going to kill someone."

"Kill this fellow!"

The scene quickly turned into a chaotic, angry mess.

Just as everyone was about to lose control, someone suddenly yelled, "Look at that person' Adam's Apple and chest."

Hearing this, everyone fixed their eyes and realized that the short-haired and handsome person who was holding Joey in their arms turned out to be a woman.

When everyone saw this, they started calming down even as they watched the scene before them in shock.

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"What, what's going on?"

"A girl confessed her love to Joey."

"They are so intimate. Is Joey a lesbian?"

"No, I can't accept this. My campus sweetheart, my Joey..."

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Everyone was stunned. Even Fade staggered and almost fell to the ground. He looked at Joey with a puzzled look and said in his heart, "We were together for so many many years, yet I didn't know she had this preference. How did I not know about this?"

"Joey!" Fade couldn't help but shout out.

Joey, who was hugging the short-haired girl, could not help but look over when she heard the voice. Her gaze fell on Fade within the crowd. A look of astonishment immediately appeared on her face, before she ran towards him. "Fade, you're here!"

After that, Joey threw herself into Fade's arms and gave him a big hug while smiling ear to ear.

When the people around saw this, they were again shocked to their core and felt their scalps turn numb again.

"What is this? Is she hugging a short-haired person again?"

"Could it be another woman?"

"No, that's not right. Look, this time it's a man, it's really a man."

"D*mn, Joey hugged a man that tightly. I'm about to go crazy."

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"Look, that man just rubbed Joey's head with his hand. I'm going to kill him. Don't stop me."

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Everyone was close to losing it when they saw the two embracing one another. Even Wilton and Gentro, who were calm just now, had turned their gaze to Fade and glared at him.

"Who are you? Get away from her!" Wilton rushed forward and bellowed at Fade.

Gentro also came over and said, "Joey, I really don't understand your choice."

Upon seeing this, Fade glanced at the two people and was ready to speak. However, Joey took the initiative and looked at the two people as she said, "What does his identity have anything to do with you? And what does it matter to you, what kind of person I choose?"

"Don't waste your breath on them. Let's go, Fade!" Joey held Fade's arm close and led him away.

Behind them, everyone stared daggers at Fade, fighting the urge to kill him.

"H-he is so intimate with Joey!"

"Joey calls him so affectionately. Could he be her brother?"

"Are you stupid? Why would anyone address or refer to their brother this affectionately?"

"I can feel my heart breaking. Joey has been stolen by this guy."

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Wilton looked at them, gritting his teeth. He wanted to go and beat Fade up. But at the moment, Gentro turned and left. Seeing this, Wilton stamped his foot hard and then turned away too.

When they arrived at a quiet, secluded corner, Joey reached up and embraced Fade tightly. She asked happily, "Fade, why are you here?"

Fade smiled and replied, "I've just arrived today. Master called me personally, so how dare I not to come? Besides, I haven't seen you in such a long time. I miss you so much!"

"Really? You're not lying, are you!" Joey pouted her cute little mouth and looked at Fade.

Fade gently scratched Joey's nose and said with a smile, "How would I lie to my Little Joey!"

On the other side, the handsome, short-haired girl who followed them saw the intimate act between the two, gently coughed and said, "Joey, I'll take my leave first if you have something else to do."

"Yankee, hold on, let me introduce him to you!" Joey stopped the short-haired girl and pulled her back, and put her arms around her back intimately.

This made Fade look curiously at the two. "Joey, this is—you guys can't really be—"

Joey looked at Fade's startled expression and laughed. She said, "Fade, you have misunderstood. This is Yankee Meng, my roommate and senior."

"Roommate, senior, just now you guys—" Fade was confused and surprised at the same time.

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Joey explained, "We don't have many students in archaeology, let alone female students. Across four batches, Yankee and I make up the entire female student demographic. Therefore, we live in the same dormitory. As for what happened just now, it was all an act. I asked Yankee to do that on purpose, just to make those annoying boys give up."

"Oh, I see!" Upon hearing this, Fade finally understood. At the same time, he couldn't help to think that Joey's mischievous character still hadn't changed at all!

Yankee looked at Fade with curiosity, appraising him from head to toe.

Joey then explained to Yankee, "Yankee, this is Fade Chen, my senior, and also my older brother."

"Oh!" Upon hearing this, Yankee was confused. "You guys—"

Joey simply explained, "Fade and I grew up and studied at the same place, that's why we're close."

"Oh, I see." Yankee nodded, then naturally stretched out her right hand to Fade, and greeted, "Hello, Mr. Chen."

Fade shook hands with Yankee with a smile and said, "You need not be so formal. You are a friend of Joey's. You can address me by my name. If you don't mind, you think of me as a brother too, just like Joey."

Yankee smiled and said, "I'd better call you Fade. then."

"Okay! Then I'll call you Yankee." Fade said with a smile, and Yankee nodded in agreement.

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"Fade, stop flirting." Joey held Fade's arm and said with a smile, "I's not often that you'd drop by for a visit. Let's go. Dinner's on me."

"Nice!" Fade nodded, then looked at Yankee and said, "Yankee, join us!"

"Of course. Let's not forget that Yankee is my 'boyfriend' now!" While she spoke, Joey held Yankee with one hand as the three of them walked out together.

Fade was not familiar with Capital University, so he let Joey lead the way. Soon, the three of them walked out of the school gate and came to a well-decorated hotel. Yankee pointed to the hotel and said, "Let's dine here."

Fade looked at the five-star hotel rating, and then at Joey in surprise. "Joey, since when have you become so generous? You're inviting me to dinner at a five-star hotel. I still remember that when you were a child, you wouldn't even let me take a bite out of your sweet potato!"

"Don't be silly!" Joey glared at Fade, and then shot him a smile. "It's my treat, but you're footing the bill."

Hearing this, Fade was momentarily stunned. He then laughed and said, "So, that's what you mean by 'treat'! It's your treat but I'll be paying."

"Don't be so stingy! Master already told me that you have made a lot of money. Can't you spare some change and treat your own sister to a meal?" Joey held Fade's arm and began acting like a spoiled child.

Fade was speechless.

Joey pulled Yankee before Fade. She winked at Fade and said, "Yankee is not bad, right?"

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"Umm, yeah, she is pretty great!" Fade looked at Yankee and then nodded his head.

Although Yankee had short hair and could easily be mistaken for a boy from afar, her features were actually very delicate up close. She was a very handsome girl of about 172 centimeters with a slender figure. It could be said that Yankee was definitely beautiful.

Hearing Fade's response, Joey blinked and said, "Fade, if you treat us to dinner, I'll let Yankee be your girlfriend. How about that?"

"Ah, this—" Fade was shocked for a moment.

"Didn't you say that Yankee is pretty great? Let me tell you, Yankee is not only pretty, but also has a great figure. I saw it myself when we were sleeping together. Fade, let me tell you—" The petite girl rambled on, pouring out every single thought on her mind for all to hear.

Despite being open-minded, Yankee's face became slightly hot with embarrassment. She covered Joey's mouth and glared at her, saying, "Joey, stop talking nonsense!"

Joey didn't think anything was wrong. She continued to talking about Fade to Yankee. "Yankee, let me tell you, Fade's pretty decent as well. Don't be deceived by his current appearance. If he dresses up, he can be quite the charming fellow."

"Besides, Fade is a man of power, with the riches to match up to it. He would surely meet your criteria for a boyfriend. Last time, didn't you say that you wanted to find a handsome, rich and masculine boyfriend? Fade is the best choice, I..."

Fade knew that if he didn't agree to treat them to dinner, who knew what else was going to come out of Joey's mouth. He quickly stopped her and said, "I'll treat you to dinner."

"Thank you, Fade!" Joey smiled sweetly and then waltzed happily into the hotel with Yankee.

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Fade laughed out loud behind them. He shook his head and then entered the hotel.

The three of them found a seat by the window, and ordered a lot of food that they wanted to eat. Then, they began to chat while eating.

Joey and Yankee's conversation naturally revolved around the events of Capital University, while Fade told them what had happened after he left the mountain. He told them stories of some of his experiences with much exaggeration, sending the two girls into throes of laughter.

Fade ate and continued with a smile, "I'm not bluffing. I'm definitely a big boss at Dragonville City. Over there, I can say that my words are all that matters in the city. If I so much as stomp my foot, the entire Dragonville City will shake. I've fought every martial artist there, and none of them dare raise a finger in protest of me."

"And, let me tell you, in Dragonville, people don't dare to call me by name, they refer to me as Master Chen."

Upon hearing that, the two girls laughed even more heartily.


Yankee covered her mouth while her throat erupted in laughter. Then she talked to Joey in a low voice, "Joey, I wasn't expecting your brother to be so funny. When I first laid eyes on him, he seemed like a boring guy to me. I didn't expect him to be so outgoing and talkative. Even his tall tales are amusing."

Joey blinked her eyes, and she understood what Yankee meant.

After all, to the ordinary layman, Fade's story, such as challenging the whole of Dragonville, sending tremors across the city with a stomp, would sound like utter exaggeration. It wasn't something easy to believe.

However, Joey knew the extent of Fade's power, and that the stories are nothing short of the truth. However, it wasn't the kind of

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thing that could easily be explained, so she could only reply vaguely, "Yankee, while Fade may come off as boring and lame, you will find that he is actually kind of friendly and charming once you get to know him. You will get it after spending more time with him." 

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Yankee blinked her eyes, held Joey's arm and leaned over. She joked, "Joey, I am now your 'boyfriend'. Are you going to ditch me?"

"Fine, fine, I won't ditch you, Yankee. I will let my brother stay single and lonely!" Joey said with a smile as she held Yankee.

Seeing this, Fade laughed, "Joey, how can you do this to me?"

"However, there's one thing you are wrong about. Your brother is not single and lonely. I'm Master Chen, a famous man in Dragonville. You won't believe how many beautiful women are chasing after me there..."

"Joey, here comes another tall tale!" Yankee guffawed while covering her mouth with her hand, and Joey followed suit.

Just as the three of them were conversing merrily, a person came over suddenly and said in a disdainful tone, "Is there even a Master Chen within the circle of martial arts? Why haven't I heard of him? Miss Chen, please beware of swindlers."

The newcomer's words were like a bucket of ice poured over their merry mood, and they turned to face the intruder.

It was a young man around the age of 26 or 27 years old. He had short-hair, thick eyebrows, big eyes and a stocky build.

The man had a smile on his face, which seemed both confident and disdainful. Although he was by no means an ugly man, his presence gave off an uneasy vibe. Fade frowned and asked, "Who are you? Is something the matter?"

The young man glanced at Fade and ignored him. He looked straight at Joey and forced a smile. He addressed, "Miss Joey, my

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name is Ladarius Szeto. I would like to invite you to dinner."

"Ladarius Szeto?" Joey repeated the name, and the sound of it did not ring any bells for her. Then she replied coldly, "Thanks for your kind offer, but as you can see, I am already eating. There's no need to invite me to dinner.."

Upon hearing this, Ladarius did not leave. He stared at the dishes on the table and said with disdain, "Miss Joey is extremely gorgeous! She is like an angel descending from heaven. It's a low-blow for you to be treated to such shabby food."

"I specially requested for the head chef of the hotel to prepare a feast. So, I would like to invite Mis Joey to dine with me." Ladarius extended yet another invitation.

Hearing this, Joey grew a little unhappy and impatient. She frowned slightly and said, "I'm sorry, I don't know you, and there's no reason for you to invite me to dinner. Also, I don't think this meal is shabby."

Hearing this, Ladarius paused for a moment and then explained, "I think you still don't get it, Miss Chen. Let me briefly introduce myself. I'm a student of Szeto Academy in the western suburbs of the Capital City. I came to the Capital City a week ago and heard of your name, so I came here today to invite you to have dine with me. I hope Miss Chen can grant me the honor of accepting my invitation."

"Szeto Academy!" Hearing this name, Joey's expression changed slightly, but she immediately rejected Ladarius coldly. "Regardless of where you came from, I'm not interested.."

After saying that, Joey took a piece of meat and handed it to Fade intimately. She smiled and said, "Fade, this meat is delicious. Have some."

Fade opened his mouth and ate the meat. He chewed it and smiled, "Yes, it sure is good."

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Seeing the two being so intimate, Ladarius's expression turned grim. He looked at Fade and said in a deep voice, "You, scram!"

Fade lowered his dining utensils, looked up at Ladarius and asked coldly, "Excuse me?"

"Leave, I say! You don't deserve to dine with Miss Chen!" Ladarius said arrogantly.

Fade's demeanor darkened, and he said in a frigid tone, "Who do you think you are? Who are you to say whether or not I deserve to dine with Joey?"

Joey was also furious now. She lowered her bowl and utensils with force, looked at Ladarius and said, "Ladarius, I don't know you. You have no say in my personal matters. Please leave."

Ladarius did not leave. Instead, he continued to provoke Fade. "Miss Chen, you may not know this, but this guy is a conman. All he said earlier was ridiculous and fake. How dare a weak a*s like him claim to be a martial artist."

"Miss Chen, I'm doing this for your own good. I don't want you to be cheated by some conman."

Joey replied coldly, "I can judge for myself whether he is a conman or not. There is no cause for you to worry. Moreover, I have no need for outsiders interfering with my matters."

Hearing this, Ladarius's expression darkened and anger arose within him. He began exuding the aura of a warrior, "Miss Chen, you have been so deeply deluded that you can't even tell what's real from fake anymore. I can't let you fall into his trap. Thus, even at the cost of your happiness, I have to expose his scheme today and teach him a lesson."

Ladarius carried himself with an air of importance as he spoke. He approached Fade and shouted, "Conman, didn't you claim to be an invincible martial artist from Dragonville? I'll give you a chance to prove yourself. Spar with me."

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Immediately, Ladarius's aura heightened in ferocity. The imposing aura extended throughout the restaurant, blanketing the area in an inexplicable pressure.

Seeing this, Yankee began to worry. She held Joey's arm and said, "Joey, this guy wants to beat your brother up. Let's call the police!"

Joey, however, remained as calm as the eye of a storm. She sat Yankee down and reassured her softly, "Yankee, don't worry. This guy is a clown if picks a fight with my brother."

"But Joey, this Ladarius seems quite powerful! On the other hand, Fade, he..." Yankee replied worriedly.

Joey remained relaxed. She even added jokingly, "Yankee, you care so much about Fade's safety. Have you fallen for him? Would you like me to play matchmaker for the two of you?"

"Joey, please make sense of the situation! How can you still be in the mood to joke? This is a serious!" Yankee replied worriedly.

"Don't worry, nothing bad can possibly come of it." Joey smiled and calmed Yankee down. Then, she continued to enjoy her meal.

Fade looked at Ladarius and said placidly, "Are you positive that you want to raise a hand against me?"

Ladarius said arrogantly, "Conman, do you want to surrender now, or do you want me to expose your fake stories later?"

As he spoke, Ladarius clenched his fists so tightly that the crackling of his knuckles were as loud as fireworks. The corners of his mouth curled into a devious sneer.

Fade shook his head lightly and replied coldly, "Today is my first day in Capital City. It's not often that I get to dine with my sister,

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and yet you have shown up to put a damper on our mood. What a killjoy."

"For the simple act of ruining my mood, you must face punishment." Fade's eyes narrowed as he looked at Ladarius.

Ladarius was shocked at Fade's abrupt change in expression, but he came to his senses and asked coldly, "Punishment? I'd like to see what exactly you have in mind for me."

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As he spoke, Ladarius charged forward with his burly figure. With his boulder-like fist, he aimed a punch at Fade's chest with an air of ferocity.

The punch was intimidating, and it sliced through the air with such speed that the air around his fist screeched in agony. The colour drained from the face of the patrons dining in the restaurant, as they lowered their utensils involuntarily, fixating on the events unfolding before them.

Even the martial artists among the guests let out exclamations of surprise.

"Judging from his momentum, his mastery must at the very least be of the Black Level!"

"And for him to be at the Middle stage of the Black Level at such a young age. So young, yet so powerful!"

"How incorrigible must that guy be to pick a fight with such a master of the martial arts!"

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The crowd's chatter was heard by Yankee, which made her even more worried. She held Joey's hand tightly and said, "Joey, did you hear that? Ladarius is a martial artist at the Middle stage of the Black Level. He is very powerful. Fade is in danger. You should stop them now."

Joey's face remained indifferent. She pinched Yankee's cheek with a smile and calmed her, "Yankee, don't worry. He's only at the

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Middle-stage of the Black Level. Fade can beat ten of them with one hand tied behind his back. It's no big deal."

After that, Joey continued to enjoy her food as if nothing was going on.

As her words reached the ears of the guests in the hotel, it incited yet another round of discussions. Many diners, especially those who had just spoken, began chatting amongst themselves while shaking their heads.

"She is still too young to understand the might of the martial artist standing before them!"

"She must be a spoilt, rich kid. She doesn't even know how to keep a low profile in Capital City. She is simply causing trouble for herself!"

"Heh, she's just a kid. She probably has a narrow view of the world. Bullsh*tting is probably all that she knows. Beating ten Middle stage Black Level martial artists with one hand? Does she really think her brother is an Earth level master? Haha!"

"Let's just keep an eye on things. They will probably learn their lesson after having a taste of that man's abilities for themselves."

"Nowadays, young people truly live in their own bubble. They should really go through some hardships to learn their place in the world."

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As the cacophony of opinions cascaded around them, Yankee's brows became tightly knit, and she grew increasingly worried.

Joey, however, pursed her lips. She turned towards the gossiping diners and uttered, "What makes you think I don't know what I'm talking about? The way I see it, you lot are the ones living in your own bubble! Keep your traps shut if you don't know what you're talking about, hmph!"

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"Little girl, what's with that attitude?"

"We're doing this for your own good. You are the one in denial!"

"I'm a martial artist who runs a martial arts center. I have been in contact with no less than hundreds of martial artists. If you think I don't know what's real, don't you think you're being ridiculous?"

"It's okay, she will learn her lesson once they've been beaten up by that guy."

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At that moment, Ladarius was also listening to the crowd's discussion, which fueled the rage and dissent within him. He glared at Fade as he placed more power behind the swing of his punch. His fist roared, rushing towards Fade with gravitas. "You b*stard. Now, go to hell!"

Seeing as Ladarius' fist was about to connect with Fade, the onlookers kept their eyes glued to the scene, with a variety of inexplicable expressions adorning their faces.

Fade, who remained calm, watched as Ladarius' fist slowly, but surely flying towards him. Gently, he returned the gesture with a slap, which resounded crisply as his palm hit Lazarius squarely in the fist.

"You blocked my punch?!" Ladarius was shocked. The corners of his mouth tightened into a grimace as he retorted coldly, "So what if you can stop it? Do you think you can withstand the strength of my punch?"

Ladarius promptly exerted greater power into his punch, trying to send Fade flying high into the sky.

However, he quickly came to the realization that his punch, while forceful, felt no heavier than a marshmallow dropping gently

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onto Fade's open palm. The punch had no apparent effect on Fade, and his target was no more shaken than a blade of grass on a cold, windless night.

"Huh, you —" Ladarius frowned as something felt out of place with him. He clenched his teeth and continued to exert his strength.

At that point, however, Fade made his move and lightly patted his palm forward. Instantly, Ladarius felt an unbearable force rushing at him, sending his entire body flying backwards.

A loud bang resounded as Ladarius' body made contact with a marble column in the hotel. Blood spewed from the corner of his mouth and he slipped to the ground, his face ashen.

"You..." Ladarius was shocked, and was struggling to get up.

By then, however, Fade had already made his way to him. He placed a foot on Ladarius' torso, and a great pressure began weighing down on the latter. It was as if he was trapped under an entire mountain, unable to move in the slightest.

"Now, do you know what I meant by punishment?" Fade looked at Ladarius coldly and spoke.

"How dare you..." Ladarius began cursing through gritted teeth as he shot Fade a look full of animosity.

However, Joey waved to Fade and shouted, "Fade, stop messing around. The food is getting cold."

Upon hearing that, Fade nodded. Without so much as another word from Ladarius, Fade picked him up with the point of his shoe, and sent him flying with a goal-scoring kick. Ladarius was sent flying out of the hotel entrance, landing on the ground with a resounding thud. Thereupon, he spat out a mouthful of blood.

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After Fade dropped the kick, he turned and returned to the table without so much as a second glance in Lazarius' direction. "Joey, why are you eating so quickly? Leave some food for me!"

At the scene, the hotel was deathly silent. The only sound coming from the place was a stream of laughter and conversation from Fade's table, which looked to be the only table which remained oblivious to what just happened.

The diners who were so expressive with their opinions earlier, looked at Fade with bewilderment, their mouths agape.

"Is, is this real? He defeated a Middle-stage Black Level martial artist like it was nothing."

"Could it be that this runt is also a martial artist?"

"Keep your voice down. He might hear what we are saying."

"Could it be that what the little girl said just now was true? This kid can really defeat ten Middle-stage Black Level martial artists with one hand tied behind his back?"

"Let's switch topics. We shouldn't be involving ourselves in the affairs of martial artists."

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Ignoring the discussion around them, Fade and Joey continued enjoying their meal.

Yankee, on the other hand, looked at Fade in astonishment. Her eyes were glued to him, and she couldn't bring herself to look away.

Seeing this, Fade joked, "Yankee, why are you staring at me like this? Is it because my charming appearance has captured your heart?"

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Yankee's face turned red. She quickly turned her head and asked, "Fade, is...is it true that you are a martial artist?"

Fade was chewing on food as he confidently patted his chest and said, "Of course. Didn't I just tell you? I am invincible in Dragonville, and everyone calls me Master Chen. Martial artists on the level of that dude earlier are but a piece of cake for me."

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Hearing Fade's bold proclamation, Yankee recalled that Fade really did mention what he said earlier. However, she ignored them and thought that he was boasting. Now, however, she realized that his words were probably not far from the truth.

For a moment, Yankee felt that Joey's brother was really mysterious.

While Yankee was still pondering in her mind, Joey handed over the food and said with a smile, "Yankee, don't space out. Hurry up and eat. Otherwise, all the good food will be eaten by my brother."

"Hey Joey, how can you say that? You are the one who finished the dishes, okay?" Fade laughed in retort.

The three people laughed and ate happily. The atmosphere was relaxed and lively, and they didn't take what happened with Ladarius seriously at all.

However, not long after, a person walked towards them and said, "Hey Joey, what a coincidence. We meet again."

Hearing the voice, the three of them raised their heads and looked at the person who was talking to them.

Immediately, they found out that this person was an acquaintance. It was Mr. Wild, Wilton Chung, who confessed his love to Joey at school earlier.

Wilton sported luxurious, branded clothes as usual and he wore a confident, proud expression on his face.

Seeing this, Joey frowned slightly and immediately said, "Wilton, what are you doing here?"

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Wilton smiled faintly and said, "Joey, I'm here to express my feelings for you. I..."

"Stop..." Joey interrupted Wilton's words and spoke, "I have already given you a chance during the morning event earlier. Don't pull this with me now. Besides, I already have someone I like and the person is not you. I'm sorry!"

After saying that, Joey embraced Yankee beside her and kissed her on the cheek, showing the intimacy between them. Yankee played along with her and hugged Joey back. She said, "Joey belongs to me. We are in love with each other. Do you understand?"

They did this on purpose to provoke Wilton. However, contrary to their expectations, Wilton merely laughed it off and said, "Joey, I have already asked someone to investigate this. This is Yankee, a third year student of the department of archeology. She is your senior and roommate."

"Yankee had a boyfriend before. Although they broke up after a while, I can be sure that Yankee is not homosexual. So Joey, this trick of yours will not work on me anymore."

Hearing this, Joey and Yankee's faces soured simultaneously. They said unhappily, "You investigated us?"

Wilton said, "I meant no harm. I just want to..."

Joey waved her hand in frustration to interrupt Wilton and said, "I don't care if you have any bad intentions, but your behavior is sick enough for me. I can tell you that I am certainly not interested in you. Besides, you and I will never be together. You'd better give up now!"

Upon hearing this, Wilton's expression darkened. His handsome and arrogant face clouded over and his anger was on the verge of breaking forth.

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But then, he still held back his anger, turned his eyes to Fade and changed the topic. "Joey, you are in a bad mood today. This is not a good time for confessions and we can do this another day."

"However, there's another thing that I am afraid might get you into trouble, Joey!" Wilton purposely mentioned it like that as if he was going to reveal a secret.

However, Joey did not give him a chance and uttered, "There's no need to talk about it another day, and I repeat. Me, and you, we are never going to be together. It is impossible. Besides, I have zero interest in the matter you are about to tell me. Get out of my sight!"

"Uh, this..." Wilton was speechless. After a moment of silence, he had no choice but to speak up, "Joey, I'm doing this for your safety!"

"You know what? Ladarius, the man you just fought, is not easy to deal with." Wilton said.

"What's so special about him? He was so weak that he just got his a*s kicked by my brother in a single move," Joey said with disdain.

Wilton quickly added, "Joey, this is not a one-on-one fight. Don't you know that Ladarius is a disciple of the Szeto Academy? They won't let you off the hook easily if you offend their disciples."

Fade snorted coldly and said, "Are the students from the Szeto Academy that strong?"

"This is not a matter of who's stronger, but a matter of life and death." Wilton looked at Fade and said in a serious voice, "The Szeto Academy was established in Capital City half a year ago. They expanded quickly and produced a group of young, powerful martial artists and became famous within the circle of martial artists in Capital City."

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"Moreover, the teachers and students of the Szeto Academy are known for their unity. If someone offends anyone from the Academy, almost all the students in the Academy will storm out to take revenge on them."

"This kind of pressure is not something even the rich businesses and large families of Capital City can withstand, let alone ordinary people. After all, even though they have their riches, they still lack the means to deal with these martial artists from the Szeto Academy."

"Therefore, almost all rich businessmen and big families in the Capital City try to stay on the good side of the Szeto Academy. It has even gotten to the point that they'd send their family members and relatives to the Szeto Academy to learn martial arts, just to build up a good rapport with them."

"You can even say that by offending a person from the Szeto Academy, it is equivalent to offending the entirety of the Szeto Academy and the patrons behind them."

After that, Wilton turned to look at Fade as if he was anticipating a good drama. He said, "Now, do you know how serious this matter is?"

The three of them fell silent for a moment.

Yankee grabbed onto Joey's arm tightly, worry apparent on her features. Joey and Fade, however, looked at each other calmly like it was not a big deal.

Seeing this, Wilton thought that he had the trio frightened within an inch of their life. He immediately smiled at Joey and said, "Joey, although the Szeto Academy is powerful and has strong connections with those in power, the rich businessmen and families who patronize them actually belong to the second-class."

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"The real big families in the Capital City, such as the Luo family and the Chung family, don't actually consider the Szeto Academy a big deal."

"So Joey, if you need my help, I can ask the elders of my family to settle this matter with the Szeto Academy amicably." After that, Wilton looked at Joey with a proud expression, hoping to receive a favorable reply from her.

After all, he had spent so much time laying the groundwork, highlighting the power of the Szeto Academy in order to show how powerful he was, all so that Joey would come running to him for help. By playing the hero to a maiden in distress, he had no doubt that he would leave a good impression in Joey's heart.

Wilton's plan was indeed a good one. However, he obviously misjudged what Joey's reaction would be.

After listening to Wilton's, Joey did not respond at all. She looked at Fade and asked lightly, "Fade, can you settle this?"

Fade picked up some food and stuffed it into his mouth. He then replied gently, "Easy peasy; it's just a piece of cake."