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Chapter 1501

Cadmus looked stormy as he glared fiercely at Taufeeq. Through gritted teeth, he spoke, "Taufeeq, do you know what you're doing? Do you know how your choice will affect the Moo family?"

Taufeeq's gaze was resolute as he answered, "Cadmus, stop it. I've made myself very clear. If you want Mr. Chen, then get me out of the way first."

"You—" Cadmus' expression darkened significantly.

At that moment, Salman and Keith stood among the Chai family. They began speaking in a chiding tone.

"Taufeeq, why are you doing this? Is it worth it, for a mere outsider?"

"Mr. Moo, Fade is a cunning man. Don't let him deceive you."

"Cunning?" Taufeeq scoffed with abandon. "Keith, you and your father are the real experts in conning people. You've been fooling around with me these few days, but you still ended up turning tail to the Chai family. Don't you think it's ironic for you to be accusing people of being 'cunning'?"

Salman shook his head. He was a picture of calmness as he said to Taufeeq, "Taufeeq, I may have hidden things from you, but when all is said and done, you're just far too naive."

"It isn't as though I'm not willing to support the Moo family. It's just that you weren't willing to meet my condition. Since we can't

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reach an agreement for this partnership, I have no choice but to find another partner."

"Partnership?" When Taufeeq heard that, he felt the sting of being mocked. "Don't insult that word. I treated you as my brother, but all you did was try to annex the Moo family. Is that a partnership to you? Are you calling yourself my partner?"

Taufeeq bellowed furiously.

Salman shook his head with a sigh. Then, he replied, "Taufeeq, I don't have the time to quibble over petty issues with you. In short, in my opinion, this is nothing more than business."

"The Moo family couldn't fulfil my conditions, but the Chai family did. Of course I would choose to partner up with the Chai family. We are all businessmen. I believe there is a common understanding here."

"Is the Chai family capable of fulfilling your conditions?" Taufeeq asked icily.

Salman glanced at Cadmus, who smiled and answered, "Salman wanted the Moo family, you refused it. Hence, us Chai family members will give him what he wishes, on your behalf."

At that, Taufeeq became solemn. He glared at Cadmus fiercely and spoke through gritted teeth, "Cadmus, do you want to start a full-scale war between our families?"

Based on what Cadmus said, the Chai family agreed to give Salman the Moo family. Essentially, this meant that the Chai family wanted to take over the Moo family. It was a declaration of war. Thus, Taufeeq reacted noticeably upon hearing what Cadmus said.

Cadmus, opposite Taufeeq, was relatively calm compared to the infuriated Taufeeq. With narrowed eyes, Cadmus spoke in a chilly tone, "The Chai family is not afraid of a full-scale war."

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"You!" Rage bubbled furiously inside Taufeeq at Cadmus' reply.

But before Taufeeq could finish what he was about to say, Cadmus interrupted him. "Let's set these things aside for the time being. Now, let me ask you one last time. Will you hand Fade Chen over, or not?"

Cadmus waved his hand as he spoke. Royce, the hooded man, smiled smugly as he walked over. He radiated a threatening aura that was not lost on Taufeeq and the Moo family members.

"I- I already said that if you want Mr. Chen, you'll have to face me first." Taufeeq's eyes were wide open, and he clenched his jaw as he spoke. In tandem, positive energy burst out from his body, meeting Royce's head-to-head.

Royce felt the resistance coming from Taufeeq. He snorted, "Do you want to try your hand with me, Mr. Moo? I'd like to see what level the Moo family is at, with their centuries of martial arts experience in Zobery District."

Salman was still gloating at the moment. He commented from the side, "Taufeeq, don't forget that Mr. Ma's master and also father is none other than Windley, Master Ma of Paradox Mountain."

At the mention of Windley's name, Taufeeq couldn't help but tremble. A hint of fear flashed through his eyes, but he remained steadfast in the end.

Cadmus' eyes narrowed to slits when he noticed that. Then, he nodded to Royce and said, "Mr. Ma, I'm sorry for the trouble."

Royce smiled and clenched his fist so tightly that one could hear his joints crack. With a sinister smile, he walked over. "None of the three men just now were powerful. Honestly speaking, I didn't even move my muscles much. Now, things are finally getting interesting."

"I hope you won't let me down, Mr. Moo!" Royce was a picture of arrogance. He was about to burst out into full offensive mode

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as he locked his gaze on Taufeeq.

Taufeeq gritted his teeth. He was about to charge forward when a large hand latched onto his shoulder and pulled him back. "Mr. Moo, let me handle it!"

Taufeeq angled his head and saw that it was Fade holding him back. He couldn't suppress his surprise. "Mr. Chen, I—"

Fade gave a slight smile to Taufeeq and said nonchalantly, "Mr. Moo, since their target is me, I should be the one to settle things with them!"

"But Mr. Chen, it's all because of us that you—" Taufeeq began.

Fade shook his head and interrupted softly, "Don't overthink it. I can handle them easily. It'll be a piece of cake."

Fade stepped forward, greeting Royce with a neutral expression.

Royce fixed his gaze on Fade and narrowed his eyes, eyeing Fade up and down. He taunted, "Little brat, you think handling me will be a piece of cake? How arrogant you are! I wonder if your strength will match up to your bluffs?"

Fade said in a lukewarm tone, "You'll soon find out."

"Really?" Royce glared at Fade, then made the first move.

However, Fade angled his body to the side, dodging Royce's attack.

When Royce saw that, he sneered, "Why did you dodge it? Weren't you so confident just now?"

Calmly, Fade said, "This venue is inconvenient. Let's move to another place."

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After saying that, Fade jumped up dozens of meters into the air, landing on the Moo family's boat.

Royce followed suit, placing himself on the Chai family's boat.

The two stood at the bow of each boat, facing each other. Their auras brimmed in the air.

The audience got riled up with excitement as they watched. Once more, the buzz of chattering filled the air.

"Is this going to be another good show?"

"They're going to fight. It's between Royce and a distinguished guest of the Moo family, Mr. Chen."

"Mr. Chen? I recall that he's a martial arts master."

"Oh, he's an expert? Taufeeq requested him to fight before, but he didn't even dare go onto the field. How could he be an expert?"

"My bet is on Royce. After all, his martial arts skill is at the Earth Level. His father is Master Windley, the semi-master."

"That's for sure. There's nothing to speculate about."

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The buzzing from the crowd continued as Fade and Royce stood facing each other on the bows. Their clothes flapped along with the strong wind whipped up by the Wavey River. It set a fierce, confrontational atmosphere for the battle.

Royce glared at Fade. With a snicker and a confident gaze, he said, "I don't know how much strength you'll be able to force me to show. I really hope that you're strong and actually pose a challenge. Otherwise, this battle would be too boring."

Fade didn't answer. Instead, he responded with a direct punch.

The punch shot out straight and cleanly, without any gimmicky movements. A gust of wind accompanied the punch, sounding like a grenade blast aimed straight at Royce, who stood a dozen meters away.

After feeling the strength of Fade's attack, Royce became solemn somewhat. He gazed at the wind that appeared from Fade's punch. Then, positive energy blasted out from his palm.

With a crisp bang, the two forces collided and exploded. The aftermath of the explosion hit the river's surface, stirring up a wave that was several meters high. The audience watched in amazement.

"Wow, what's this? It's amazing, isn't it?"

"There was an explosion on the surface of the water just now. What happened?"

"It's only their first move, and they're already displaying such power? Royce is indeed outstanding!"

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"Fade isn't lacking either! Royce couldn't overwhelm the force of his punch."

"What do you know? Royce has just moved a little. He hasn't really taken this battle seriously yet."

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On the deck of the Chai family's boat, Royce smiled as he looked at Fade. He shouted, "That punch was good. It looks like you do have the skills to let me stretch my muscles a bit. You aren't half bad!"

"Do you always blabber on during a battle?" Fade snorted with no warmth to his voice, and punched again.

The gust of wind from the punch whittled towards Royce once more.

Royce's gaze turned to stone when he saw that. "It's a complete waste of time to use the same attack after it didn't work the first time."

Royce waved his hand and slapped the gust away disdainfully. He planned to counter Fade's attack just as he did before.

However, Royce was taken by surprise when the gust of wind from his palm hit that from Fade's punch. The force from Fade's punch didn't dissipate as it did before. Instead, it crashed Royce's point-blank and zoomed towards Royce.

"Trickery!" Stunned, it took a moment before Royce pulled himself together. He gathered positive energy at his abdomen and formed a Vital Shield, ready to resist the force from Fade's punch.

But, his face fell when he felt the strength of the punch.

Its power was completely beyond his expectations. With tremendous strength, it instantly smashed Royce's Vital Shield, and then landed a direct hit on Royce's stomach.

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Royce was knocked into the air right away. His feet dragged against the deck of the boat, leaving two deep tracks behind. It was only when he finally approached the railing that the inertia died down. Blood dotted the corner of Royce's mouth.

Such a scene shocked everyone present, including the Chai family.

"How- how could this happen? Royce took a hit."

"Is Fade really that good?"

"Why can't I see the power behind that punch? How did it hurt Royce?"

"Don't tell me that we're going to be taken for another wild ride. If Fade wins, does the Moo family still have a chance to turn the tables?"

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Just as Cadmus was worriedly looking in the direction of the boat, Royce wiped the blood from the corner of his lips away. Royce glared at Fade and snarled, "Very well. You've successfully provoked me. Now, I'm going to go all out."

With these words, Royce's aura continued to expand. Layers of positive energy accumulated continuously around Royce's body, forming a huge mass of positive energy.

As the martial artists at the scene felt the sheer scale of the energy, they were all riled up. Their eyes were filled with envy and admiration.

"This- this is the strength of a mid-stage Earth Level martial artist? It's unbelievably powerful."

"Royce is not an ordinary mid-stage Earth Level practitioner. He is a disciple of a semi-master. His strength is without

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comparison."

"Royce is going to take it seriously now. Fade is in danger."

"They'll be putting on a good show for us to watch!"

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Even an ordinary person who had no knowledge of martial arts could feel the strength of Royce's positive energy. They could get a grasp of how powerful Royce's stance was. The Chai family's boat sunk slightly below the water level, and increasingly violent waves were whipped up on the surface of the river.

At that moment, Fade stood on the Moo family's boat with a calm look. It was as if he wasn't fazed by Royce's strength at all.

The Chai family members were pleased with what they saw. The corners of their lips curled into a smile as they looked over at the Moo family with evident scorn.

"Mr. Ma is going to spring into action now. I hope that Mr. Chen is strong enough to withstand it! It would be a pity if he dies. After all, he is a strong martial artist. Haha!"

"Does the Moo family have any other trump cards? They should play them as soon as possible. This one is definitely useless."

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Among the sarcastic and arrogant remarks, Keith turned to Clara with a look of resentment and vengeance. He snickered, "Clara, didn't you say that this Brother Chen of yours is so powerful that no one fears him? Now, what do you think?"

Clara glared at Keith. Although there was worry reflected in her eyes, she still snapped firmly, "I believe in Brother Chen. He will

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definitely win."

"Win? The biggest victory that he can possibly score now is staying alive," Keith sneered.

"No matter what you say, I believe in him!" Clara said determinedly.


At that, a chill settled over Keith's gaze. His eyes glimmered slightly with jealousy. Then, he gritted his teeth and muttered to himself under his breath, "Clara Moo, I'll let you say whatever you want for now. When Mr. Chen is defeated, you'll know how foolish your choice is."

"You rejected me before. But now, when us Zhengs are done cooperating with the Chai Family to destroy the Moo family, you will be mine. By that time, I will toy with you at will. Let's see if you can still put on that naive and bratty act then."

Hollad, who was beside Keith, heard Keith's words and chuckled, "Young Master Zheng, don't worry. After we annihilate the Moo family, I will strip Clara naked and send her to your room so that you can savor her all you want."

"Then I'll thank you in advance, Mr. Hollad." Keith laughed.

Hollad hurriedly replied, "Young Master Zheng, you're welcome. It's my pleasure to be able to work for you."

The two men exchanged glances and laughed. Then, their attention turned to the Wavy River, as they awaited to witness Royce defeat Fade. 

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Everyone held their breaths as they witnessed how Royce's positive energy progressed to an advanced level. His energy burst violently as his body rose in mid-air, revealing such impeccable force that the Chai family's boat beneath him splashed above the water surface. The boat sprung out of the water, causing the crowd to exhale in exhilaration.

Royce pounced to his highest point in the air, his figure shrouded with intense positive energy. At once, he aggressively charged straight towards Fade, who was standing on the Moo family's boat, with the blast of a grenade.

"You! Go to hell!"

Royce sneered grimly. His positive energy whistled strongly along with the whooshing sound of the wind. He struck down straight from the sky, aiming fiercely towards Fade.

The speed of this direct attack was so fast that Fade was unable to dodge it at all, he could only resist Royce's attack.

Royce gave a malicious smirk. He was confident that with this blow which he used eighty percent of his strength, he could break Fade together with the Moo family's ship. His goal was for the ship to sink in the Wavey River and cause the Moo family to feel eternal pain and fear.

When the audience on the shore watched the scene, most of them thought the same as Royce. After all, his reputation was well-known. As the disciple of the semi-master, he was powerful as well. It was hard for the crowd to imagine how Fade could withstand this attack.

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Just when the crowd was unfavorable about his prospects, Fade raised his head and squinted at Royce, who was aiming at him from the sky. The corners of his lips curled into a thin smile, saying with slight disdain, "Is that all you got? How weak."

As he spoke, Fade slammed his palm upward in the air.

At this moment, Royce was less than ten meters away from Fade and could hear his every word. His eyes glowered coldly as he growled at Fade, "You're still spouting nonsense while at death's door. Don't worry, I'll make sure to crush you to bits so you can finally taste death."

"Boom!" "Boom!"

As soon as Royce struck down ferociously, a strong wave of positive energy surged, followed by a deafening sound of an explosion.

The dispersed aura of positive energy shook the Moo family's dragon-shaped boat violently. The wooden boat started to make loud creaking noises as if it would snap in half anytime.

In the depths of the Wavy River, river water splashed everywhere from the impact of the attack. The ripples and waves that spluttered in the air created a watery mist, and the audience on both shores couldn't see what happened next.

"Is this Royce's strength? It's terrifying."

"The power is as great as a bomb explosion!"

"Then Fade is dead for sure. The Moo family is dead for sure. Everything is set."

"The Moo family is completely defeated this time."



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Among the countless cries of the crowd amidst the hazy mist, a figure suddenly flew up.

Everyone fixed their eyes and found that the flying figure was Royce.

"Royce is too powerful. I'm afraid that Fade will truly sink to the bottom of the river along with the Moo family's boat."

"I knew it would end like that from the start."

"The outcome has been decided. They are dead meat then."

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Just as everyone was sighing deeply, someone suddenly shouted, pointing, "Wait a minute, that's not right! Look at Royce's posture in the air. Something seems to be wrong!"

After listening to what he said, the crowd peered carefully and noticed that something was indeed off.

Under normal circumstances, Royce should bounce horizontally straight up after the attack. But now, his body was curled up into a prawn-like shape, his arms clutching on his stomach as if he had been hit heavily.

"What's going on?"

"How is Royce?"

"What on earth happened? How is Fade?"

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Just when the puzzled crowd was craning their necks to check, Fade sprung out of the mist with a splash. His straight figure shot in the air like a cannonball, kicking Royce in the stomach.

Immediately, Royce catapulted to the heavens like a ball being kicked.

He flew so high that when the crowd peered up, they could only catch a black dot.

"Wha- Fade, he-"

Before the crowd could figure out what was going on, Fade shot up as well to the sky at the speed of light, quickly turning into a black spot due to his electrifying speed.

The crowd looked up and saw that the two black dots seemed to be approaching closer to each other.

Then, the black dots began to descend frighteningly fast, quickly enlarging in front of everyone's eyes.

When they were tens of meters above the river, the crowd finally saw what the two people in the air were doing.

At this moment, Fade was still in a straight position. Meanwhile, Royce's body was lying horizontally in the air as Fade stepped on him. With a breakneck momentum, he crashed into the Chai family's boat with a bang.

In an instant, there was an ear-piercing loud boom.

After a loud crack, the Chai family's boat snapped into half and slowly sunk into the river. The two ends began to tilt upwards as the water began to swallow the boat from the middle.

On the other hand, Fade lightly leaped up into the air and landed on the Moo family's boat with ease. Hands resting behind his back, he quietly watched everything unfold as everyone else began to shriek and gasp.

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The crowd watched in silent horror as the Chai family's enormous boat got swallowed up and sank entirely into the river, forming a strong, massive vortex on the surface.

"What on earth just happened?"

"Does this mean Fade won? Did he really win?"

"The Chai family's boat is completely wrecked."

"Is Royce still alive? He didn't die, did he?"

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Among the commotion, the shocked members of the Chai family finally came to their senses. Cadmus waved his hand and shouted with a pale face, "Come on, go down and rescue Royce. We can't afford to let anything happen to him!"

He was very clear about how much the Chai family had paid to hire Royce to help them this time. If Royce got into trouble under the Chai family's control, it would be hard for them to explain to Windley, the semi-master.

The martial artists of the Chai family lunged into the water and began to frantically search for Royce, calling out his name multiple times.

Just when Cadmus was so anxious that he almost jumped into the river himself, one of the Chai family's martial artists dragged Royce out of the water. "He's not dead, but he passed out due to serious injuries."

Upon hearing this, Cadmus heaved a sigh of relief, a hint of reassurance reappearing on his despaired face.

Then, he looked over to Fade, who was on the Moo family's boat, with an extremely complicated expression.

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On the other side, the expressions of the people in the Moo family was the exact opposite of the Chai family. They were all ecstatic, laughing and cheering loudly as they embraced each other. Some of them even shed tears of happiness.

Clara's pretty face flushed shyly, and there were sparkles in her eyes. She gazed at Fade and said, "Brother Chen, I knew you could do it. I knew it!"

Fade heard her voice and nodded to Clara with a grin. Then, he stared in the direction of the Chai family and beamed, "So, Chai family, do you still need me to cooperate with the investigation?"

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Cadmus' expression darkened significantly after being called out Fade. He wanted to declare "yes" to his statement with confidence, but he couldn't. The word was stuck in his throat, and he couldn't bring himself to say it.

Fade snorted and shifted his attention to Salman and Keith. He said coldly to the father and son duo, "Do you have anything to say?"

Keith seemed irked and wanted to say something. However, Salman, who was next to him, stopped his son and shook his head. In the end, he did not say anything but bowed his head and retreated to the back.

Full of indignation, Keith glanced at Fade and then whispered to his father, "Dad, why don't you let me speak? That guy is too arrogant."

Salman's face turned stoic as he mumbled back, "Didn't you see how strong he was just now? You're courting death if you offend him now, do you understand?"

Keith gritted his teeth and hissed, "I don't think he would dare to touch me. I'm your son, and Pascha Xu's grandson. Even if he's strong in martial arts, he won't dare to do anything to me. Otherwise, Grandpa wouldn't let him off the hook."

Salman said, "Of course your grandfather is not afraid of him, but we are now at a disadvantage. Moreover, most of these warriors are rough men. If we provoke them, they will attack regardless of the consequences. By that time, it will be too late even for Master Xu to avenge us."

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Hearing this, Keith's heartbeat started to quicken in fear. He wisely shut up and stopped talking.

At this moment, Fade turned to the Chai family and loudly announced, "The Chai Family offended me for no reason. Now, what do you think you should do?"

Cadmus' expression was gloomy, his face muscles twitching. He bowed his head with a standard Kung Fu salute, an open left hand next to a closed right fist. "This time, it's the Chai family's fault. We apologize to Mr. Chen, and to show our sincerity, we're willing to compensate Mr. Chen fifty million yuan in cash as an apology."

Upon hearing Cadmus' words, the audience couldn't help but stir in commotion.

"Fifty million. That's so much money. I could never earn that sum even in ten lifetimes."

"He's filthy rich now. He really got the jackpot this time."

"Hmph, you're so ignorant. Do you seriously think someone like Mr. Chen would be short of money?"

"It's not about money at all. What's actually important is that the Chai family has surrendered. That's the main point."

"Chai family surrendering means that the Moo family still has a chance. The outcome of the civil and martial arts competition may not necessarily be final yet!"

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Everyone was buzzing heatedly, but Fade remained quiet and didn't say anything.

Seeing this, Cadmus gritted his teeth and repeated, "Mr. Chen, the Chai family is willing to compensate a billion yuan. Please forgive us."

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"One billion?" Fade sneered to Cadmus, "Do you think I'm in need of money?"

"Well-" Cadmus was stunned for a moment, taken aback. Then, he said to Fade, "Mr. Chen, please enlighten us on how we, the Chai family, can apologize to you!"

Fade answered faintly, "It's very simple. From now on, the Chai family shall leave Zobery District for good."

"What!" Cadmus's mouth gaped, exclaiming with shock.

"That's impossible!" Hollad blurted out.

Almost everyone in the Chai family spoke up at once, immediately refusing. The Chai family's withdrawal from Zobery District would mean giving up on their years of accumulated hard work and their position as the top family in the district. From then on, they would also be banished from the list of top families in the Zobery District.

For the Chai family, it was utterly unacceptable.

Therefore, their kneejerk reaction was rejection. There was no way they could agree to such a request.

Upon hearing their refusal, Fade sneered. Holding the index and middle fingers of his right hand together to form a sword, he drew a sword symbol in the air and hacked at the wooden building where they stood.

Frightened out of their wits, the Chai family scrambled to flee while their faces turned pale as paper.

In the end, Fade's sword brushed past them with a whoosh, the sharp edge slicing off all the cornice decorations on the side of the wooden building. Its surface was sliced completely smoothly, proof of the sheer power the virtual sword held.

"Now are you willing to leave the city?" Fade asked coldly.

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The Chai family looked like they were forced to swallow something nasty, their brows all scrunched up on their pale faces. Cadmus was at a complete loss. His sunken expression was constantly changing while he struggled internally.

Leaving the place would mean destroying everything that the Chai family had built with their blood, sweat and tears. But if they stayed, Fade's powerful martial arts proved that they were no match to mess with him directly. Whatever the outcome, the Chai family might end up being crushed in Fade's hands.

"We- we-" Logic told Cadmus that leaving was undoubtedly the most suitable choice. But the words were stuck in his throat, and he couldn't bring himself to say them.

Fade stared at Cadmus icily. "My patience is limited. You have ten seconds to decide."

"Ten, nine..."

The countdown began. As he counted, Fade's voice sounded like the footsteps of a grim reaper in Cadmus' ears, a ghoul that was slowly approaching to take away his life.

"Five, four..."

The countdown continued. The muscles on Cadmus' face started to tremble violently. In the end, when Fade was about to reach the final second, he raised his head. With reddened eyes, he glared at Fade with gritted teeth. With much difficulty, he hissed, "The Chai Family is willing to retreat-"

Just when Cadmus was in the middle of announcing his decision, an aged but strong voice shouted, interrupting him. "Since when was an outsider allowed to decide the fate of the Chai family!"

Everyone's gaze immediately snapped towards the source of the voice.

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They saw an elder with white hair and youthful features, who was dressed in traditional Chinese clothing walking towards them in a solemn, imposing manner.

His appearance made the Chai family forget they were in a dilemma in an instant. Overwhelmed with excitement, they hurried to greet the elder.

"Dad, why are you here?" exclaimed Cadmus.

"Grandpa, you're here," Hollad exclaimed, giving him a helping hand.

The rest of the Chai family rushed forward. Even Salman and his son, Keith were thrilled to see him. They went forward and greeted, "Nice to meet you, Master Chai."

At the sight of this old man, the audiences on both shores burst into chatter as well.

"That's Payton Chai, master of the Chai family."

"Master Chai has appeared. The Chai family may have a turning point."

"How can there be a turning point? Perhaps Payton is experienced and respected enough. But now, they are facing a crushing attack from an absolute force. Payton has no way to deal with it!"

"Well, well, maybe Payton would have a solution. After all, he is Master Chai!"


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Meanwhile, on the Chai family's side, Cadmus approached the Old Master with a distraught expression. "Dad, in this situation, we —"

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"You don't need to say anything. I know what happened." Payton gave a wave, paused briefly then added, "He is not qualified to instruct the Chai Family's retreat from the city just yet!"

"But, Dad, Fade is very powerful. We—" Cadmus added worriedly,

Payton interrupted him in a cold tone, "That is not an issue. How is Royce?" 

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Cadmus didn't understand why his father was still concerned about Royce during such a crisis. Although he was baffled, he still sent someone to carry Royce over.

"Dad, Royce was thrown into the river by Fade just now, and he is still unconscious," Cadmus explained.

At this very moment, Royce coughed and then slowly opened his eyes. He was awake.

Seeing this, Payton nodded and said, "It's good that you're fine!"

Then, Payton turned to look in Fade's direction. He narrowed his eyes slightly as he stared at Fade, "Are you the one who wanted my Chai Family to leave the city for good?"

Fade stared back without avoiding his gaze and replied, "Yes, it's me!"

Hearing this, Payton squinted his eyes and added, "Are you the one who killed my son, Zelson, and my grandson, Horgan?"

Without hesitation, Fade answered again with affirmation, "That was me too!"

As soon as the words were uttered, the scene broke loose again into heated discussions. Obviously, everyone did not expect that Fade was the killer of Zelson and Horgan, what more for him to admit it in public.

All of a sudden, the entire Chai family threw murderous glares at Fade, their face red and furious. Their eyes were like sharp swords that were about to pierce him dead.

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However, Fade totally ignored them, his face still wore the same dignified expression.

Payton blinked and fell silent for a while. Then he looked up at the night sky and declared, "Zelson, Horgan, your revenge is coming soon."

After finishing his words, Payton lowered his head and stared at Fade coldly, "Today will be your doomsday."

"Master, please come out!" He bellowed, hands outstretched into the air.

As Payton ended his sentence, a figure appeared out of thin air, darting in his direction speedily. As the figure got closer, everyone's gaze also became more focused.

Finally, when the figure appeared above the wooden building, everyone finally could see his appearance clearly.

It was an old man in his sixties, his robe and long beard fluttered in the night wind. Coupled with the old man's temperament, he immediately gave the feeling of an immortal visiting his earthlings.

"Who is this old man? Look at him!"

"It's like an immortal descending to earth. He must be legendary!"

"I didn't expect that the Chai family would have another trump card. Today's Lantern Festival is full of twists and turns!"

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This was what most of the ordinary citizens shared among themselves. However, some of Zobery District's martial artists were stunned on the spot at the very sight of the old man hovering above the wooden building.

"That's- That's Master Windley!"

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"It's really the semi-master, Master Windley!"

"Since Royce is here, it's normal that his master is here."

"Master Ma has arrived. Now the situation of the Chai family has reversed completely."

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Once the old man's identity was revealed, everyone all burst into exclams and chatter.

At the wooden building, the Moo family, who initially had the upper hand, immediately became sullen seeing what happened. The smug excitement on their faces disappeared without a trace.

"How could this happen? Master Windley is here. We are doomed."

"Here comes the master. We're definitely going to lose. All the players are here."

"Now, it's our Moo family who can't stay anymore."

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Among the wailing and anxiety, only Clara remained firm. She bit her red lip and said, "I believe in Brother Chen. No matter who the enemy is, he will definitely win. I'm sure of that."

Although Clara was determined, no one believed her at this moment.

On the other side, the people of the Chai family were jumping with joy, including Salman and Keith. At this moment, they also regained their vitality and stepped out again. They held their heads high and puffed out their chests, looking particularly proud.

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"As I said, our Chai family will not be defeated. Sure enough, we always have a backup plan."

"Grandpa's incredible. He actually invited Master Ma here. That's amazing."

"Ha! We're definitely going to win this time."

"Not only will we win for sure, but we have Master Ma's support. The Chai family will also have a place in the martial arts world in the future."

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Amidst the blabbering, Windley looked towards Fade and sneered, "Were you the one who hurt Royce?"

Not afraid in the slightest, he said nonchalantly, "Yes. He's just lucky he isn't dead yet."

"You—" Windley's voice sank, then he spat harshly, "Do you want to commit suicide, or do you want me to kill you? If I do it, I will make you wish that you were already dead."

Fade scoffed in his face, "The person who can make me suffer like that isn't born yet. Obviously, that person isn't you."

"You punk! Since you're looking for death, don't blame me for what comes next." With a heavy snort, Windley gave a wave of his sleeve. With gusts of howling wind, his body darted towards Fade at full speed.

However, Fade maintained his firm stance on the boat and did not waver.

The Chai family began to shout and cheer wildly at the sidelines at this moment.

"Fade, Master Windley is going to make his move, why don't you just surrender?"

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"Fade, are you seeing this? It's too late for regrets."

"Master Ma is a semi-master. You don't stand a chance."

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Keith, who had been biting his tongue for a long time, finally seized the opportunity and snickered, "Fade, you wanted to deal with me, right? You have to save your own life first."

"Pfft. To Master Ma, you are just an ant that can be easily squashed to death."

Fade sneered disdainfully after listening to what Keith said. "He is only a martial artist at the highest Earth Level. There is still a gap between him and the Heaven Level. How dare he call himself a master? It's ridiculous." 

"Fade, you can't insult a master. How dare you talk to Master Ma like that? You're dead for sure," gloated Keith with glee.

Royce, who was finally conscious, was also seething with anger. He gritted his teeth and shouted, "Dad, avenge me. I want that guy to suffer a fate worse than death."

Windley had been in the highest rank of the Earth Level for a long time, and he was just a step away from reaching the Heaven Level. Personally, he too wished to level up and enter the world of the Heaven Level as a true martial arts master. He didn't want to be called a semi-master.

This was also why Windley never corrected anyone who called him Master Ma. He enjoyed the title too much to do so.

But now, Fade not only hurt his son but also humiliated him in public. In Windley's perspective, this was unforgivable, and a gigantic insult to himself.

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This intense anger pulsed through him, adding firm motivation for Windley to kill Fade at all costs. The strength in his palm intensified, and he was ready to strike Fade down.


The people around them held their breath and watched, not even daring to blink.

The Moo family's faces were etched with worry and anxiety.

The Chai and Zheng families were thrilled, almost to the extent of punching the air and cheering.

"Go to hell!" Windley shouted and charged into the sky above the Moo family's boat, barely less than ten meters away from Fade.

In a moment of life and death, Windley was determined to kill him off in one blow.

However, under the dazzling lights of the boat, Windley finally saw Fade's face clearly. To his aghast, his body couldn't help but stiffen, showing a dramatic change in his expression. 

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In front of Windley was a young but stoic face. He had only seen this man once, but his features were deeply imprinted in his mind, enough for him to remember this face forever.

The person in front of him was the magnificent Mr. Chen, who shocked everyone while Windley was exploring the Dragon Mausoleum.

At that time, the martial artists exploring the Dragon Mausoleum were surrounded by the hidden family, forcing them to hand over their treasures. In the end, Fade made a decisive move and killed Raleigh and Harold on the spot, two Heaven Level martial artists of the hidden family's Chiang family. He saved the martial artists on the scene and left a lifetime impression.

Windley was one of the saved martial artists. As a martial artist at a semi-master level, Windley clearly knew the gap between an advanced Earth Level and the early stage of a Heaven Level.

And as a secular martial artist, he was also aware of the difference between ordinary martial artists and the hidden family's martial artists. Their abilities were on another level entirely.

Even in this case, Fade still managed to kill Raleigh and Harold. This terrifying strength shocked Windley, and at the same time, he envied him greatly, especially after knowing that Fade was still a young man who hadn't even reached his thirties. Windley was utterly obsessed.

Therefore, when he saw that the opponent standing in front of him was Fade, Windley's murderous intent immediately vanished,

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along with his positive energy. He no longer dared to act hostile towards him.

In the end, Windley landed on the Moo family's boat deck and knelt in front of Fade on one knee. He lowered his head and said, "Windley Ma, here to meet Master Chen!"

Fade placed his hands behind his back and darted his eyes. He glanced at Windley indifferently, asking, "You know me?"

Windley looked up and stole a quick look at Fade. Then, he bowed his head again and explained in a hurry, "I was one of the people in the crowd when exploring the Dragon Mausoleum."

"I see!" Fade nodded, understanding the situation. He then peered at Windley and asked, "So, what do your actions mean now? Are you going to duel me?"

"No, absolutely not! I don't have any intentions to fight at all." Windley shook his head and scrambled to deny it. He didn't dare hesitate and looked incredibly nervous.

"Is that so?" Fade said nonchalantly as stared at Windley, sizing him up.

The two of them conversed in low voices, so the people by the river shore naturally could not hear them.

Hence, just by observing, they didn't know what was wrong with Master Ma. Seconds ago, he was ready to kill Fade in one strike with violent momentum, but now not only did he not kill him, he even knelt in front of Fade respectfully?

Such a scene was enough to perplex everyone, and they couldn't help discussing it.

"What on earth happened? Why did Master Ma stop his attack?"

"Not only did he not attack, but he seems to be respectful to Fade instead. What's going on?"

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Even Payton was baffled when he witnessed the situation. He could not help but yell, "Master Ma, are you all right?"

Payton's voice was crystal clear, but at this moment, Windley did not dare to make any movements under Fade's intense gaze. He knelt motionlessly in front of Fade like a stone sculpture.

Windley didn't respond, causing an ominous feeling to creep upon Payton's heart.

At this time, Royce, who was eager for revenge, saw that his father was still as stone and shouted, "Dad, what's wrong with you? Come on, kill that punk!"

Keith promptly echoed, "Fade, you'd better give up and surrender in front of Master Ma. Don't let Master Ma act first."

Hollad ordered coldly, "Fade, kneel and beg for mercy now. Perhaps if Master Ma is in a good mood, he'll let you die a quick death."

The three men's boastful yells could be heard from the Moo family's boat. Windley could hear every word, and it was causing his forehead to sweat profusely. He was so nervous that he almost suffocated.

At this moment, he wanted to rush over and strangle them three to shut up and stop talking. Otherwise, if they provoked Fade, all of them might die there and then.

But of course, they were utterly clueless, still blabbering endlessly to egg the duel, and their taunts were getting increasingly unpleasant as they humiliated Fade.

Fade looked at Windley coldly and asked, "Are they this arrogant just because you're here?"

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Hearing this, Windley's whole body jolted and he hurriedly shook his head. "Master Chen, I dare not claim that. I never told them to do that!"

After that, Windley immediately turned back towards the wooden building and shouted an angry order, "Shut up!"

Windley's angry yell startled Royce, Keith and Hollad, who never expected this. They swallowed their words and stared at Windley in pure bewilderment.

"What- What's gone into Master Ma?"

"How could Master Ma be mad at us for jeering Fade when we're on his side?"

"Did we do anything wrong?"

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On the Moo family's boat, Fade saw this and glanced at Windley with the same indifference. "You lot mentioned just now that a master couldn't be humiliated. What do you think?"

Hearing this, chills were sent down Windley's spine. He bit his lip and replied, "Master Chen, please don't worry. I'll teach them a lesson right away."

After that, Windley jumped from the boat lightly and flew directly to Royce, Keith and Hollad, who were at the wooden building.

"Master Ma!" "Dad!" The three of them shouted in unison.

However, before they could say any further, Windley glowered at the three furiously and barked, "Kneel down!"

"Father!"

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"Master Ma, we—"

Befuddled, the three of them stared at Windley in confusion.

At the same moment, Windley could feel Fade's cold gaze on his back, giving his body a jolt. Taking a deep breath, Windley glared at the three people and attacked.

His first palm hit Royce's leg. With a loud crack, Royce let out a pitiful yowl as his left leg snapped.

Before the others could react, Windley retook action and slapped Keith and Hollad's legs. He broke their legs as well, which resulted in two miserable shrieks.

This sudden turn of events left everyone at the wooden building in utter shock. For a moment, they were dumbfounded on the spot, their minds blank.

Payton was the first to come to his senses. Looking at his grandson screaming and writhing on the ground, he couldn't help but glower at Windley and demanded, "Master Ma, did Hollad do something wrong?"

Salman, who realized what happened, was also angered when he saw Keith shouting in pain. But since he did not dare to provoke Windley, he could only ask through clenched teeth, "Master Ma, what did my Keith do wrong? Whatever it is, I'm willing to apologize."

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Windley could sense the dissatisfaction in their words, but right then he didn't even have time to care about his son, Royce, let alone the others.

Ignoring their questions, Windley turned to look in the direction of the boat and bellowed, "Master Chen, I have already taught those three a lesson. Please forgive me."

Fade stood on the deck of the boat with his hands behind his back and said coldly, "Masters should not be insulted. Since they were taught a lesson, what about you?"

Hearing this gave Windley goosebumps. He seemed slightly hesitant.

But when he saw Fade's firm figure on the opposite side, he recalled how he killed Raleigh in the Dragon Mausoleum. Suddenly, Windley shivered all over and dared not hesitate further.

He raised his hand with a solemn look, gathered his positive energy, and then slapped his lower abdomen.

Suddenly, a crack was heard, and Windley's face turned pale, his body shaking as sweat dripped down from his forehead.

After doing all this, Windley couldn't care less about his own self-inflicted pain. With gritted teeth, he looked in Fade's direction, and shouted, "One must not insult a master. Although I, Windley Ma, have offended Master Chen unintentionally, I am still at fault. Hence, I will downgrade myself by a level for insulting Master Chen. I beg for Master Chen's forgiveness."

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Fade gave a slight nod and replied, "Your attitude is not bad. Since that's the case, let's end it here."

"Thank you, Master Chen. Thank you for showing mercy!" Thrilled and relieved, Windley immediately thanked him, cupping one hand in the other before his chest.

As if it was not enough for only himself to thank him, he even had his son Royce, with his broken leg, bow to Fade.

Everyone's jaw dropped to the floor when they witnessed this scene unfold. They couldn't believe what happened and kept rubbing their eyes in shock.

"Master Ma? Apologizing to Fade? I'm not seeing things, am I?"

"This is not a simple apology, Master Ma has even punished himself! Now, his strength has fallen to the later stage of the Earth Level."

"What's going on? Master Ma has been at the top of the Earth Level for many years, and he's only a step away from the Heaven Level. But now, he's even willing to downgrade. How did Fade do it?"

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Everyone was puzzled. At this moment, everyone on the wooden building was equally perplexed.

Although the Moo family was baffled, they were delighted to see Fade with such overwhelming authority. After all, this was beneficial to the Moo family.

As for the Chai family, needless to say, they were embarrassed. Originally, they thought that they would definitely win since Payton had invited Windley, the semi-master. However, no one expected such a turn of events.

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For a moment, everyone in the Chai family was anxious. Cadmus could no longer hide his frustration, he was pissed about his son's broken leg. If it wasn't for Windley standing in front of him, he would have come forward to fight him.

However, Payton was an experienced elder, and his mind was not clouded with fury like everyone else. Instead, he looked at Windley and asked, "Master Ma, may I ask what happened? What made you become so—"

Before Payton could finish, the pale-faced Windley interrupted, "Payton, I know what you want to ask, but there are some things that I can't explain. I'm telling you that I broke Hollad's legs for both his and the Chai family's good. Also, whatever Mr. Chen's requests are, you'd better do it without any rebuttals."

After that, Windley took Royce with him and got ready to leave.

Upon hearing that vague reply, Payton frowned and wanted to probe further. But before he could ask, Windley had already left with Royce in a haste.

Payton gazed at Windley's dismissing figure with a puzzled frown. Then, turning to look at Fade, who remained on the boat, a doubtful expression took over.

At this moment, Fade uttered icily, "Is the Chai family willing to withdraw from the city now?"

Hearing Fade's request again, almost all the members of the Chai family trembled, their faces a mixture of anger and anxiety.

Immediately, everyone's attention was focused on Payton, waiting for his decision.

Based on his own common sense, Payton would never agree to this condition. However, Windley's advice just now made him reconsider Fade's identity and strength. He hesitated for a while, showing uncertainty.

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Molten anger filled Cadmus to the brim. He noticed his father's hesitation and couldn't help but urge through gritted teeth, "Dad, there is no need to hesitate. The Chai family should never agree to it. I truly don't believe that Fade would dare to demolish our Chai family."

Hollad laid on the ground and growled through his pain, "Grandpa, Fade is just good at martial arts. The Chai family has more than martial arts. Even if there is a real conflict, we will not necessarily lose."

"Yes, the Chai family will never give in so easily."

"The Chai family has accumulated years and years worth of hard work. He cannot dismiss it just like that."

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Words of generous encouragement rebooted the Chai family's morale. Exhilarated, they clenched their fists and shouted one after another with determination, looking like they were really ready to have a life-and-death battle with Fade.

Touched by this, anger sparked in his eyes as Payton became determined with his decision. "Alright, good lads, this is how the new generation of the Chai family should be. Us, the Chai family, mustn't-"

However, just when Payton was about to deliver his grandiloquence, a figure rushed over hurriedly. At the same time, he yelled at him, "Master, something bad has happened. It's not good."

When he saw who it was, Payton's expression froze. The messenger was Nelson, his trusted man and butler that stood by his side for more than forty years.

Payton had always been cautious. After he invited Windley to battle on their behalf, he was still anxious, hence he had Nelson investigate Fade's identity secretly.

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"Nelson, what's wrong? Why are you panicking?" Payton saw Nelson and asked.

Panting heavily with his face flushed red, he answered, "Old Master, Fade mustn't be touched. You must not touch him!"

"Nelson, what do you mean?" Confused as well, Cadmus voiced in irritation.

When Payton listened to Nelson's words, his heart skipped a beat and ugly thoughts loomed in his mind. "Could it be that Fade's identity-"

Nelson nodded even more violently, confirming, "Old Master, I've investigated that Fade is a skilled martial artist."

"We knew that for a long time. Do we still need to investigate? What's more, so what if he is an expert in martial arts? We're the Chai Family, how can we be afraid of him?" Cadmus snorted.

"Let Nelson finish!" Payton barked at Cadmus impatiently. Then, he urged, "Nelson, go on."

Nelson added, "Fade is not any ordinary martial artist, but a Martial Arts Master."

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"What! A Martial Arts Master!"

"How is this possible?"

"How could this be?"

"Nelson, you must have made a mistake!"

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Shock and doubt were the Chai family's first reactions when they heard Nelson's report. They were astonished, in disbelief that someone as young as Fade was a Martial Arts Master.

Even Payton, the steadiest among the rest, was flabbergasted. "Nelson, did you confirm your finding?"

Nelson nodded heavily. "Old Master, I'm completely sure of it. Moreover, it was not difficult to investigate. Some time ago at the incident in the Dragon Mausoleum, Master Chen was one of the participants of the Dragon Mausoleum exploration. Many martial artists in our Zobery District also participated in this event."

"They said that during the exploration, Master Chen took the lead and was proved to be someone truly powerful. Later, when they retrieved the treasure and came out of the Dragon Mausoleum, the hidden family sabotaged and surrounded them, threatening them to hand over the treasures."

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"Just then, Master Chen alone brazenly took action and killed Raleigh and Harold, the Heaven Levels of the hidden Chiang family. He scared away the thieves of the hidden family and saved the day for everyone. Many martial artists knew about this. Plus, I've also asked quite a few people, and they were all certain of this truth."

The Chai family gasped lightly, listening to Nelson's update.

"So he- he really is a Heaven Level master, A Martial Arts Master!"

"A Martial Arts Master under the age of thirty. This- this is extraordinary."

"Moreover, he's the one who killed two Heaven Level masters."

"Furthermore, his opponents were no ordinary Heaven Level martial artists, but the Heaven Levels of the hidden Chiang family. This means that his strength is even more powerful than any ordinary Heaven Level's juniors. He might have reached the middle stage of the Heaven Level!"

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Everyone in the Chai family knew that it was their cue, including Payton. Without further hesitation, he cupped his hands in Fade's direction and declared, "Master Chen, please forgive me. The Chai family accepts our defeat and will leave the city from now on."

Fade nodded and said in a faint tone, "I'll give you three days. After three days, if I still see any members of the Chai Family here, don't blame me for what I'll do."

"Within three days, you won't see any of the Chai family members in the city," Payton echoed.

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With a slight tap of his foot, Fade jumped up and landed on the wooden building.

Then, Fade, Joey and Moore went downstairs together, with the Moo family following in ecstasy. As for the others, they were filled with sudden admiration when they saw Fade. Wherever Fade went, they all automatically made way for him and dared not meet his gaze.

After Fade and his gang left, the Lantern Festival resumed its usual liveliness after being on pause all this while. All kinds of discussions burst open an instant.

"How unexpected! I really didn't think that this year's lantern festival would be this exciting and soul-stirring."

"That's right. Even a Martial Arts Master has shown up. It's really shocking."

"I thought that Windley, a semi-master, was powerful enough. I didn't expect Fade to be a Martial Arts Master."

"The Moo family has struck gold this time. I didn't expect them to have such a powerful backer."

"It's the end of the Chai family's legacy. The Chai family will surely gradually decline once they're gone."

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Amidst the commotion, Payton looked pale and extremely decadent, like he had aged ten years in an instant. He turned around and went downstairs with a poker face.

The rest of the Chai family followed him with bitter faces, like a silent team of zombies.

After the Chai family began to leave, Salman hurriedly left with Keith and his broken leg. They couldn't care less about getting treatment, and boarded the next immediate flight from Zobery District to Southzobe City.

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With such an unexpected ending, the Lantern Festival was the immediate talk of the town the next day and was the only thing the district could talk about.

The Chai family had also immediately began to withdraw themselves.

Since the Chai family quitted, the Moo family naturally took over a lot of the Chai family's businesses and territories as the second-chair. From that moment on, the Moo family undoubtedly became the first family of all Zobery District.

Taufeeq was immensely grateful to Fade, so he invited him to dinner. All the influential, powerful and wealthy from the district also rushed over, eager to show their goodwill to Fade, hoping to curry favor with this man.

However, Fade refused all the banquets and flatterings. Instead, he let Clara be his tour guide to take him, Joey and Moore to visit the famous attractions in the district, finally having a taste of the city's quaint scenery.

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Meanwhile, in a huge, vintage mansion perched on one of the business streets of the bustling Southzobe City. Passerbys could occasionally peer through the windows and see the lush greenery of a garden inside. They could vaguely make out fresh blooming flowers and running water, like a refreshing enchanted forest.

To have such a large and well-decorated house in the center of the bustling city, even if one were not a local, they could tell that the owner of this property was not an ordinary person.

As for the locals who knew about it, they would look up at the huge "Xu Mansion" plaque hanging on the luxurious mansion's entrance and then scurry away with envy.

It was because they all knew that the person who lived here was Southzobe City's own big shot, Pascha Xu. He was the ex-

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deputy minister of the Ministry of Commerce at Zobery District and he had just retired.

Pascha's position as the deputy minister was definitely huge. Even though Pascha was now retired, his son, Felix, was still working in Southzobe City's commerce department. His daughter, Vera, was also an important figure in Southzobe City's Education Bureau.

Besides, Pascha had been in office for so many years with countless students and subordinates under him, scattered all over various departments of Southzobe City.

Some locals even claimed that half of Southzobe City was governed by the Xu family. One could see the Xu family's influence in Southzobe City as clear as day.

Similarly, due to the Xu family's tremendous influence over Southzobe City, very few cars passed through this wide road in front of their mansion, so it was peaceful.

However, this serenity was suddenly broken by rapid slamming car brakes.

A speeding black Mercedes Benz swerved and stopped exactly on the double yellow line in front of the Xu Mansion, screeching to a halt. The car door flung open as a pair of middle-aged man and woman got down.

They were obviously in a hurry. After tossing the keys to the guards at the entrance, they immediately went inside with large, urgent strides.

The pedestrians who witnessed the scene in surprise instantly recognized the two people who had arrived in a hurry. They were none other than Pascha's daughter, Vera, and his son-in-law, Salman.

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After Vera and Salman entered the Xu Mansion, their expressions were heavy as they quickened their footsteps.

Once they entered the main hall, servants came forward and immediately served them with tea.

However, Vera and Salman couldn't sit still at all. They shrugged the servants away and headed to the room.

"Is my father in? I want to see him!" Vera ordered.

"Old Master is resting. Miss Xu, Mr. Zheng, you—" A maid stood in front of Vera, blocking her way.

Angered, Vera couldn't help but lower her voice, "What are you going to do? Stop me? I want to meet my own father, but you're stopping me. Do you know what you are doing?"

The maid looked nervous, but she stood still and did not leave her stance, explaining, "Miss, the Old Master is really resting. Director Xu ordered us not to disturb the Old Master's rest."

"I am his daughter and the sister of Director Xu. How am I a disturbance? Get out of my way!" Pissed off, Vera was so infuriated that she raised her hand and was about to slap the maid.

However, at this moment, an elder in his fifties walked out and chuckled, "Miss Vera, the Old Master received your call last night and learned about Young Master Keith. He didn't sleep well all night and has just fallen asleep. Miss Vera, please wait a moment and allow the Old Master to sleep a little longer."

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"Is that so? Warner, you're not lying to me, are you?" Vera glared at the old housekeeper vigilantly.

The old butler quickly cupped his hands and said, "I wouldn't dare. How could I dare lie to Miss Vera."

Vera wanted to probe further, but next to her, her husband Salman pulled her close and whispered to his wife. Finally, the two did not break into the room but sat down in the living room.

Meanwhile, in the Xu Mansion's master bedroom, Pascha was sitting on the edge of the bed. He was well dressed and looked solemn, not looking like he was going to sleep or rest at all.

In front of Pacha, there was a middle-aged man in a suit and leather shoes in his fifties, wearing a pair of glasses.

The man was none other than Felix, Pascha's son. He was also Vera's younger brother, who served in the Industrial and Commercial Bureau of Southzobe City.

Pascha glanced at his son and said, "Felix, tell me, what are the reasons for Vera and Salman to be here?"

Felix paused slightly before saying, "Yesterday, Salman brought Keith back from the district overnight. I heard that Keith's legs were broken, and he is still being treated in the hospital. I think Vera and Salman must have come for this matter!"

Speaking of that, the old man's face darkened slightly. He said, "Someone injured Keith. Vera called me last night to inform me about this. If it was an ordinary person who did it, the couple would have solved it by themselves. Now that they have come to find me, it must be someone difficult to deal with!"

Felix nodded. "Dad, it's true. I asked someone to investigate. This time, Salman took Keith to Zobery District. He was there to initially support the Chai Family and take part in the lantern festival. Unexpectedly, the Moo family invited a Martial Arts Master and eventually defeated the Chai Family. Keith was also implicated, and his legs were broken."

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"No wonder! He met a Martial Arts Master!" Old Master nodded, and then his gaze turned cold, muttering, "But even if he is a Martial Arts Master, it's a bit too much for him to hurt my grandson!"

Felix sensed his father's anger and coaxed, "Dad, we haven't figured out what happened, so I don't recommend we fight at will. After all, we shouldn't underestimate the influence of a Martial Arts Master."

Pascha nodded and continued, "What do you think Vera is here for?"

Felix paused for a moment and hesitated for a while. Then, he said, "Dad, you know Vera's temper. She has always been hot-tempered and dotes on Keith very much. This time, she is definitely here to ask for your help to deal with the Martial Arts Master and the Moo family."

"On one hand, we haven't figured it out yet, so it's unwise for us to take action. On the other hand, you just retired from the commerce department. If you return to Zobery District now, I'm afraid that it will cause a heated discussion. Also, forget it..."

When it came to the third point, Felix paused and waved his hand. He didn't go on.

Hearing this, Pacha looked at his son and ordered, "The first two points are quite reasonable. Since you're already planning to talk about the third point, go on!"

"Father, it's nothing much. It's just a few small matters with Vera and Salman. It's no big deal," he said.

Pascha instructed, "Don't hesitate in front of me. Say whatever you want to. Don't hide it from me."

"Then-" After a pause, Felix continued, "Dad, Salman is a capable man. In only 20 years, he has expanded the Zheng family so much. At the same time, he is also changing the political business. Now, he has become the deputy president of the Ministry of Commerce and an executive board member in the Industrial and Commercial Association. He is competent."

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"But, sometimes Salman can be too smart. What's more, Vera is so hot-tempered that she would take action when triggered by the smallest thing. I'm afraid that Vera is too impulsive this time."

Pascha listened to his son's words. After a moment, he looked at Felix and said, "What do you mean? This time, it's Salman who dragged Vera here? Why did he do this?"

Felix said, "Dad, it's just my personal guess. I think the most important reason why Salman did this is that he wants to avenge his son. What's more, as far as I know, the Zheng family has invested a lot in the Chai family at the district this time. The Chai family was defeated this time, and the Zheng family has also suffered a great loss."

"Moreover, the Moo family is still expanding and is gradually beginning to put pressure on the Zheng family. I'm afraid that Salman is under a lot of stress, so he wants to borrow some of your power to help him out."

Pascha listened quietly. He was silent but nodded inadvertently. Obviously, he agreed with his son.

After a pause, Pacha said, "In that case, we won't see them today. Ask them to leave."

"Dad, I think it's better to meet them!" Felix suggested.

"Why is that?" Pacha looked at his son.

He immediately explained, "Dad, you know Vera's temper. If you don't meet her today, she might really break in and make a mess."

"Also, I'm also a little selfish. If you don't meet Vera and Salman, I'm worried that Vera and her husband will misunderstand me. After all, since what happened at Mandell's villa last time, Vera and I have had our disagreements."

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Old Master nodded as he listened, agreeing, "You have a point."

Then, he added, "Felix, Vera has her character. However, she is good-natured. You don't have to take some things to heart."

"Father, this is only natural. After all, we are family. How could I have a conflict with my elder sister?" Felix rushed to explain.

Old Master nodded again, "If that's the case, then we'll do as you say. Let them wait another hour before I go out to meet them."

"Yes, Dad. I'll go inform Warner right away," Felix replied.

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Two hours later, Vera and Salman walked out of Xu Mansion's courtyard with long faces. After getting in the car, they drove away without looking back.

In the car, Vera, who was sitting in the passenger's seat, seemed dissatisfied. The more she thought about what had happened in the mansion just now, the angrier she became. She slammed the dashboard violently a few times.

Seeing this, Salman couldn't help shouting in alarm, "What are you doing? Careful, or we might crash."

When Vera heard this, she immediately lashed out at him, "How dare you yell at me! You brought your son on a trip, and now he has lost his legs. The Old Master and the others don't care about what happened to Keith at all. Are you telling me that our son's suffering was in vain?"

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Salman looked solemn as well. He wanted to vent his frustration too, but his eyes glistened with another idea. Suppressing his anger, he said helplessly, "Since our opponent is a Martial Arts Master and the Old Master has no interest in helping us, what can I do? I can't possibly risk my life to fight against a Martial Arts Master."

His words triggered the scene of what happened in the mansion just now. Vera couldn't help complaining, "I really don't know what my father is thinking. His grandson got injured, and he's turning a deaf ear."

"Alas, it's only his grandson!" Salman glanced at his wife and sighed.

Vera's expression darkened as she gnashed her teeth and said, "It must be Felix who said something to Dad again. When we talked with Dad just now, my brother was being such a nuisance, insisting that it would have a bad impact and of great importance, how we needed to investigate properly before making long-term decisions."

"Well, it was the same last time. Keith and Mandell fought over the villa, and the Old Master followed everything that Felix said. In the end, the villa was given to Mandell. After all, he is Director Xu, I am just a chairman. Our positions aren't the same." He deliberately rolled his eyes, silently anticipating his wife's reaction.

His words brought back Vera's unhappy memories. Her expression became colder, and she blurted, "Dad has always liked Felix better. Now that he is older, he is still biased towards his son than his daughter. He'd rather prioritize his son than me."

Exhaling, Salman added purposefully, "There is no other way. After all, Felix can take over the Xu family, whereas you can't."

The more he spoke, the more twisted Vera's face became, rebutting, "No, I have to go back and talk to Dad. I can't let Keith suffer for nothing."

When Salman heard this, he quickly stopped her. "What's the use of going back now? Old Master made us wait for such a long

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time. He was obviously weighing his decisions. If you return to argue with him, it will only annoy him further. Then, it would be harder to change his mind."

"Then what should we do? Just let it go and let Keith suffer a broken leg for no reason?" Vera shrieked in hysterics.

Salman was silent for a while. Before his wife was on the verge of bursting into anger, a glint flashed in his eyes and he said, "In fact, I do have a plan, but it's just slightly-"

"What plan? Tell me quickly," Vera urged.

Salman parked the car by the roadside and started in a low voice, "The plan is simple. Didn't you just say that Dad values Felix's son more than ours? In this case, let's start with his son then."

"Start with Mandell? How do we start? He has nothing to do with this," Vera asked in confusion.

Salman continued in a low voice, "It doesn't matter. We can create relations. Think about it. If the person whose leg is broken isn't Keith, but Felix's son, Mandell, how would Dad react?"

"He loves Mandell the most. He would definitely fly in a rage and find Fade for revenge," Vera said. Then, she glanced at her husband and said, "So, you plan to attack Mandell, then connect it to Fade's doing?"

Salman quickly shook his head. "We can't do that. It would be too easy to get busted, and it will attract suspicion."

"Then what should we do?" Vera asked.

Salman muttered, "Actually, I have an idea. We can make a detour and start from another point of view. I asked someone to investigate Fade who supported the Moo family. He has a relative here in Southzobe City. Then, we can..."

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He slowly explained his plan. After Vera heard it, her eyes gleamed as she clapped with approval. "Alright, that's it. This plan is great. We'll take matters into our own hands, and it'll definitely succeed."

Salman gazed at his wife and nodded, suppressing a grin of his own. "Then, let's get to work."

"Okay, I'll arrange it right away."

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Three days later at Southzobe University's gate, a gang of trendy youngsters laughed and chatted as they finished their classes, obviously in a good mood. They hopped in a luxury car, and drove to a bar an hour away from the university.

"Alright, we're here." After getting out of the black Mercedes Benz, Mandell tossed the keys to the attendant and headed towards a place called "Forest Bar".

A few young men and women followed behind him. When they saw the bar in front of them, they couldn't help but groan in protest.

"Mr. Mandell, today is your 20th birthday. It's fine if your family doesn't make plans for you, but why do we have to come to a bar like this?"

"That's right, Mr. Mandell. If you wanted to go to a bar, you should at least pick Paradise Bar or Fantasy Bar downtown. This place is a little lame, don't you think?"

"Mr. Mandell is Pascha's grandson, Director Xu's son, and the only successor of the future Xu family. This is embarrassing!"

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Listening to his friends' whines, Mandell sighed, "Alright, I'm already in a bad mood. Stop complaining for a second, guys."
"I wanted to have a good time for my 20th birthday too, but Grandpa has just retired. If I throw a grand ceremony now, it would bring bad press. Plus, my dad told me to lay low lately as well, because something might happen."