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Chapter 41

Master Hu was left fuming with rage when he saw that none of his own henchmen dared to move.

Never in a million years did he think that a sentence would frighten these bunch of useless trash!

'Are these guys blind? There's only one of him!'

'It shouldn't matter that he practiced martial arts. There are so many of them. What's there to be scared about?"

At that moment, he could feel distinctly the blood trickling down his palm. If he left it like this any longer, he might lose his entire hand entirely.

He looked over to Ye Chen and said, "This guy over there. You attacked with such force. Don't you think it's a bit too much to disable both my arms like that? I, Lin Hu, did nothing to offend you."

Ye Chen ignored Lin Hu and instead stood up and took out a cigarette from his pockets. He lit it up with ease.

He was completely indifferent toward the life and death of someone else.

"Is it over? Why didn't I feel anything?" Ye Chen finally spoke up.

Lin Hu's eyes flickered with a hint of ruthlessness as his voice said coldly, "Don't think I don't know what's going on. You're doing all this so that you could get the protection fees from this couple instead. If you have the balls then just kill me! Otherwise, I'll never give this couple a moment of peace for the rest of their lives! I'm sure you can't cover them all your life!"

When Uncle Wang and Aunt Zhang heard what he said, their faces turned as pale as a ghost!

Never in a million years would they think that this young man in front of them was protecting them!

However, they had no choice but to count on the young man to risk his life to save them!

Ye Chen took the cigarette out from this mouth and pressed the lighted tip onto Lin Hu's face gently as he said, "You're a confident one, aren't you? How are you so sure that I won't kill you?"

Even if Lin Hu felt a great shame blanketing him, all he could do was take it! At that moment, there was no way he could have moved at all.

"Let's cut the b*llshit. If you have the guts then just kill me! Just know that you'll regret it later!"

Lin Hu showed his outrageous bravery at the moment!

Over the past few years, he had been playing with fire so much so that he would not be intimidated by a kid who had never grown a pube in his life.

Ye Chen laughed coldly. "Kill you? Do you think you deserve it? I won't get my hands dirty for you! Even so, keeping a scum like you alive is more suitable than having you dead!"

The next second, the toothpick cannister flew up from the table with a wave of Ye Chen's arm and countless toothpicks were suspended in the air!

Ye Chen's fingers plucked a toothpick out of the air and pierced it into one of Lin Hu's acupuncture points!

A second one was plucked!

Then, a third one!

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Five toothpicks were pierced neatly into Lin Hu's body. The picture it presented was terrifying!

Subsequently, the toothpick cannister dropped and everything was as before.

"If you could endure ten seconds of this without begging me for mercy, I'll let you go," Ye Chen said.

Lin Hu snorted coldly. He felt something pricked into his skin but so what?

He did not furrow his eyebrows when his hands were nailed by the chopsticks onto the table. These small toothpicks should not be a problem for him.

"Kid, let's not talk about ten seconds? Even if..."

Lin Hu did not finish his sentence when a wave of immense pain flooded over him! It felt like tens of thousands of ants had bitten his body at the same time!

The pain felt like it was magnified by a hundred times!

He would rather die than to endure this sort of pain!

The veins on every inch of his body popped up and white foam trickled out of the corner of his mouth! His entire body was shuddering!

It was then he realized how scary the young guy before his eyes truly was.

He was the devil, to say the least!

A devil that came from the depths of hell.

"One, two..."

Ye Chen had not count to three when Lin Hu croaked, "Let me go... I beg you... let me go..."

Ye Chen was unmoving and looked at him with his cold-blooded stare.

He was no Mother Mary, some people did not deserve mercy!

"You call yourself a man when you can't even stand the pain for two seconds?

"Please... I beg you... Let me..." Lin Hu's eyes were filled with nothing but terror!

He was really scared now. He did not want to experience this kind of pain in his life ever again.

Staying alive was better off than being dead!

Ye Chen did not move an inch in spite of Lin Hu's incessant begging.

He was no Mother Mary. In those five years, he had understood the rule that made the world go round—weak preys are good food for the powerful.

Sparing your enemies meant hurting yourself.

Although this Lin Hu before his eyes was not exactly fit to be described as 'powerful,' he was not worthy of his sympathy either.

In the sixth second, Lin Hu had reached the limit of his pain tolerance. He was edging between life and death.

Ye Chen thought it was about time, He did not want to make more trouble for Uncle Wang and Aunt Zhang, lest the honest couple would inevitably live in a nightmare.

His arm shifted, and a gust of Qi flowed toward Lin Hu!

The toothpicks flew away as if they were sentient and nailed themselves into the wall, still trembling a little from the impact.

The hooligans were all horrified sat what they saw.

'Why the f*ck does this look like something that came straight out of a martial arts novel?'

They did not see the young man move his hands so how did the toothpicks fly out?

Before they could react, Ye Chen's voice boomed like a clap of rolling thunder in their ears, "Take him and go! From this day onward, don't you dare show your faces in River City!"

After those words came out of his mouth, the hooligans walked over to Lin Hu's side with shaking legs. They peeked at Ye Chen out of the corner of their eyes and saw that he remained still as a stone. Then, they carried Lin Hu on their shoulders and ran off as fast as they could!

They were scared, really scared!

The young guy in front of their eyes was like Hades from the infernos of hell!

After everyone had left, Ye Chen retracted his evil aura and gave the couple a smile. He even took the initiative to wipe the bloodstains from the table with a paper towel.

He said apologetically, "Uncle Wang, I'm so sorry for breaking your table. Say, is it okay if I compensate with another one?"

The man in the distance staring intently at Ye Chen was fearful at first, but it slowly turned into astonishment! In the end, he was actually rejoicing!

It was because he just heard that the young guy called himself Ye Chen!

Ye Chen who had disappeared without a trace five years ago!

"You are... You are Ah Chen... Have you returned?"

Ye Chen smiled and nodded toward the man.

Aunt Zhang was still oblivious. "Who's Ah Chen? What are you talking about?"

Uncle Wang ran toward Ye Chen and pounded him on the chest. He explained to his wife, "This kid is the missing Ah Chen from five years ago!"

"Kiddo, when did you get so tall? And so strong! I couldn't recognize you from your stark change!"

Aunt Zhang finally remembered who he was and covered her mouth with surprise. She said, "Ah Chen, where did you go? Five years ago, we went to your school to ask about you but your principal said that you've transferred to another school. Why did you do that without any notice? And where did you learn to fight this well? Did you join the military?"

Ye Chen nodded. "Yeah, I was in the military for a few years. I can beat at least ten of these trash like Lin Hu. Aunt Zhang, if this guy comes and disturb you guys again, just tell me and I'll teach him a lesson he'll regret for the rest of his life!"

"Silly kid. You're supposed to protect the country when you're enlisted into the military, not your Aunt Zhang."

Ye Chen chatted with the two of them until 9 o'clock at night. During that time, Uncle Wang cooked up a few more dishes and opened up a few bottles of beer to enjoy with Ye Chen.

Most of the questions from the two of them were about what had happened in the past five years. Ye Chen did not reveal too much, He only told them he was in the military for a few years and had just been recently discharged.

He knew very well that even if he told the two that he had embarked on a cultivation training journey, the couple would never believe it.

When he was about to leave, Uncle Wang invited Ye Chen to join the opening of the new stall the next day enthusiastically and threatened him with a good time. He said that no matter how many friends Ye Chen brought, they would be be able to enjoy a 90% discount on food and drinks would be free!

Ye Chen remembered that he had not set a place for his meeting with Shen Haihua tomorrow. He might as well choose Uncle Wang's new stall as their rendezvous if that was the case and help the couple by bringing some customers in. He agreed to Uncle Zhang's invitation in the end.

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It was ten o'clock at night.

Ye Chen got out of the taxi and was going back to Grand City Apartments. He did not know if Sun Yi had returned. She could not be reached the entire night which made him worried.

Just as Ye Chen was about to walk into the gate of the place, a bright light shone toward him and was accompanied by a few car horns. It seemed that someone was asking him to go to their side.

Ye Chen furrowed his eyebrows and saw a woman sitting in the driver seat. He ignored her and walked straight toward Grand City Apartments.

Although he could not make out who the woman in the car was, it was definitely not Sun Yi.

As a matter of fact, the person in the car was Xia Ruoxue. There was an impromptu meeting for all the groups and corporations tonight. All the executives had to attend, but Xia Ruoxue realized that Sun Yi did not show up. All her calls could not get through, and she was not there for the entirety of the meeting.

She knew something was up because Sun Yi was never late nor had she ever excused herself early since the very first day she joined the corporation.

She suspected something had happened to Sun Yi.

Therefore, she looked up Sun Yi's personal information in the forms and found this place. She was about to get out of the car and go up the apartment to check on her, but she saw Ye Chen instead.

Since Ye Chen provided the prescription, she had specially hired a private detective to investigate Ye Chen.

Never in a million years did she expect his personal information to be almost blank. She could not find out where this man came from nor why he had come to River City.

One should know that in order to live in Hua Xia, even a beggar could not yield a blank sheet of information.

The only possibility for a blank sheet of personal information was that the party's personal information had been protected by a higher authority.

Since then, Xia Ruoxue started getting curious about this fellow called Ye Chen. Of course, it was not mere curiosity but hatred as well. Ye Chen was the first guy who dared to reject her in years!

When Xia Ruoxue saw that Ye Chen was ignoring her, she was furious and balled her hands in a fist. She saw that he was about to disappear from her view soon, so she could only get down the car and ran after Ye Chen.

"Ye Chen, stop right this instance!" A clear voice sounded.

Ye Chen turned automatically and finally had a clear view of the woman before his eyes.

Although Ye Chen had seen his share of beautiful ladies, he could not help but be stunned by the lady in front of him.

The lady had skin as white as snow, long hair that was curled in small waves that cascaded down her back. She looked tired, but her eyes were clear and sparkling. Coupled with her enchanting and attractive eye shape, she was beautiful and untouchable.

She was biting her bright red lip at the moment, and her pale skin made her looked a bit sickly but confident.

Ye Chen had compared the woman in front of her with Sun Yi subconsciously. Appearance-wise, this woman was obviously better looking than Sun Yi, but Sun Yi's sexiness was hands down the best.

Even so, this lady had a nice body with visible curves, and if she wore a sexier outfit, she would have scored higher.

As Ye Chen was sizing up Xia Ruoxue, she said, "Ye Chen, didn't you see that I was trying to stop you just now?"

Ye Chen stopped examining her and said coldly, "Who are you? Why did you want to stop me?"

Xia Ruoxue took a step forward and declared proudly, "I heard that you threw hands at the Magnificent Group Building just to see me. Now you're seeing me in the flesh and you're giving me this attitude?"

Ye Chen realized then the lady in front of him was one of Jiangnan Province's top three beauties, Xia Ruoxue. She was the president of the Magnificent Group and was also Sun Yi's top superior.

Ye Chen swept his eyes across Xia Ruoxue's face and breathed a long sigh of relief. Her face was not yet destroyed as described by his master which meant that she was still safe for the time being.

"What's your sigh supposed to mean? Does my presence disappoint you?" Xia Ruoxue felt angry when she saw him shaking his head and sighing.

How dare someone treated her this way as the precious daughter of the Xia Family? She felt that she was being judged by the cover.

"Nothing. If there's nothing you need to tell me then I'll be leaving," Ye Chen said.

Xia Ruoxue gathered her composure and set aside her own thoughts as she asked, "Are you living with Sun Yi?"

"That's correct." Ye Chen nodded.

Xia Ruoxue was confused about why she felt disappointed when she found out the two of them lived together.

"Don't misunderstand. When I came to River City, I was homeless and Sun Yi decided to take me in."

Xia Ruoxue felt a sense of relief and continued, "Sun Yi was absent during the impromptu group meeting today. Do you know where she went?"

"I don't know."

With that, Ye Chen turned to leave. He hated people chasing him down and asking him questions. Moreover, he felt like he was not obliged to answer any of them.

When Xia Ruoxue saw how impatient Ye Chen was, she was baffled and shouted quickly, "Ye Chen, stop right there!"

Ye Chen did not stop.

Xia Ruoxue's hands were balled into fists, and she was so angry that she stomped her feet on the ground!

'You were so adamant to meet me just a few days ago, so why were you're being so impatient when I finally appeared?'

'Am I, Xia Ruoxue, not good enough in Ye Chen's eyes?'

Xia Ruoxue could not hold it in any longer. She shouted, "Ye Chen, why is a grown man like you staying together with Sun Yi? Don't you know that it'll affect Sun Yi's reputation? Also, don't think that getting your occasional prescription means that you're well provided for. Let me tell you something, Ye Chen. If you continue living this way, you'll eat up everything and end up with nothing! You'll destroy yourself at the end!"

Ye Chen stopped in his steps, turned around, and walked toward Xia Ruoxue.

Xia Ruoxue did not dare to say a word as she stared at the man before her.

"Xia Ruoxue, do you think you know me very well? Or do you think because you're the princess of the Jiangnan Province's Xia Family you have the authority to accuse other people as you like?"

"That's not..." Xia Ruoxue's voice sounded very much like a whisper. She was a little scared now.

A chilling grin tugged at the corners of Ye Chen's lips.

"Since you don't know me well, then what right do you have to criticize me? I don't care whether you're the president of the Magnificent Group or the princess of Jiangnan Province's Xia Family. Even if you're from Capital City's top family, please turn your arrogance down a few notches when you're in my presence. Anything that I do is none of your business." Xia Ruoxue took a step back and was completely taken aback by Ye Chen's imposing manner. The rim of her eyes grew red as she felt that she was being blamed for nothing.

"I didn't mean... I'm just..."

Ye Chen did not give Xia Ruoxue a chance to explain herself and left as he came. In his eyes, it did not matter whether Xia Ruoxue came from a noble family because she might be among those who could do nothing but look up at Ye Chen!

After Ye Chen left, Xia Ruoxue could not hold it any longer and started to cry.

Ever since she was young, she had always been the princess of the Xia Family sitting high up on the throne. Nobody had dared to talk to her this way.

Who would be brave enough to discipline her that way?

After her crying session, Xia Ruoxue seemed to have been awakened from something. It was as if Ye Chen's scolding finally got through her.

A few years ago, did she not leave Xia Family to create Magnificent Group because she wanted to get out of Xia Family's shadow?

After all these years, she thought she had succeeded. In the end, however, it turned out that she was still heavily dependent on the Xia Family and nothing had changed.

She looked toward Ye Chen's direction with her eyes still glistening from the tears. She mumbled, "Ye Chen, what kind of person are you, really?"

Chapter 43

When Ye Chen returned to the Grand City Apartments, he realized that Sun Yi still had not returned.

The problem was he could not get through Sun Yi's phone and judging from Xia Ruoxue's words, Sun Yi did not even ask for a leave.

What important thing happened at this girl's home?

Or did something happened along the way?

Ye Chen could not help and began worrying. Sun Yi was a woman after all, and a very beautiful woman at that. Sun Yi was very important to Ye Chen. He would not allow anything to happen to her, considering the kindness that she had given him that year.

No longer hesitating, Ye Chen picked up the phone and dialed a string of numbers from memory.

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Hidden Dragon Building.

It stood in the center of the city, but it was as if it was standing far apart from the hustle and bustle of the city.

No one knew its origins and no one knew why it existed.

For some people, they could only learn just a little bit about the building after searching through their various complicated networks: A man lived on the top floor of the Hidden Dragon Building!

His name was Ye Lingtian.

At this moment, Ye Lingtian was leaning on the chair with his eyes closed on the top floor of the Hidden Dragon Building. He had one hand on one side of the chair while his other hand was playing with a special disc!

The design on the disc was very strange. It was a blood-thirsty black dragon. The black dragon seemed to be wrapped in clouds and mist, hiding the sky and covering the earth (TN: Chinese idiom that means omnipresent) and was looking down upon the mortals with arrogance.

Suddenly, his mobile phone on the table rang!

His sharp eyes opened almost instantly, emitting a glow that could chill everyone down to their spine.

Only six people in the world knew this number.

Ye Lingtian stretched out his hand to grab the mobile phone. It looked as if it was being pulled by something and was sucked to it!

He glanced and saw that it was an anonymous number.

Could they have called the wrong number?

He was about to hang up when he suddenly thought of a possibility.

Could it be that person calling?

No longer hesitating, he immediately pressed the button to answer.

"Who's this?"

There was no sound on the other end of the phone, and the silence was a bit scary. Ye Lingtian shook his head. It seemed like they really had the wrong number. He was about to hang up when a lazy voice sounded, "It's me."

Hearing this voice, Ye Lingtian's entire person stood up straight. A burst of violent aura was unfurling in his body. His body trembled, and his breathing was a little quick!

He had kept this phone by his side for three years!

And it did not even ring once!

He had been hoping that the man would remember this number someday and call him! Yet, every hopeful moment had always led to disappointment! He had even thought that the name, Ye Lingtian, was utterly worthless!

"Hall master..." His voice was trembling to the point he sounded almost as if he was sobbing.

If those men in power saw Ye Lingtian like this, they would be absolutely startled until their jaws were dropped to the ground, How could Ye Lingtian harbored such tenderness in his eyes!

"I'll say this again: don't call me Hall Master and don't try to look up this number. Help me check on someone. Her name is Sun Yi. Her hometown is Great Field Town, River City. I lost contact with her ten hours ago and I want to know where she is now, if she is in any danger or if something had happened at her home. I will call you again within five minutes. By then, you must give me this information."

There was a definite tone from the other end of the phone. When he was done, the call was efficiently ended.

Ye Lingtian shuddered and gathered his composure quickly. He logged into a website while making a call with another mobile phone.

"Sha, I want all the information on this person within the next three minutes. Her name is Sun Yi, female..."

The scene turned to Grand City Apartments.

After hanging up the phone, Ye Chen got lost in his thoughts. He had never wanted to make that phone call. He did not want to involve this group of people in his development or vengeance plan. Although now it seemed that there was no other way other than to face these people upon returning to Huaxia.

After looking at the time, he then sat on the sofa and drew out a pack of cigarettes from his pocket. A cigarette fell onto his hand after he had shaken it lightly. A trail of smoke coming from his lighted cigarette swirled in the air.

Cigarettes were not that bad of an antidote when one was upset.

Five minutes have passed in the blink of an eye. Ye Chen snuffed out the cigarette in his hand. With a flick of his fingers, the cigarette butt swept through a curve and landed directly in the trash with accuracy.

He dialed the phone again. "Any news?"

The tone on the other side of the phone was calmer.

"Hall...cough...l've found news of Sun Yi...She left River City's Grand City Apartments at 11.35 pm. She drove a Volkswagen Beetle 180TSI to the Fifth People's Hospital at 12.25 pm. The car is still parked in the hospital parking lot.

"According to my investigation in River City, Sun Yi's brother, Sun Haozhe, suffered a sudden condition at 11.20 pm and needed immediate surgery that costs 700,000 yuan.

"We've obtained her phone records and the footage in the hospital. We found that she had made three calls while she was there. The first call was to a mortgage company. Miss Sun Yi sold the Beetle for an extremely low price of 50,000 yuan. "The second and third calls were to private numbers. When the third call was done, Miss Sun Yi threw the phone into the second trash can outside ward 512 on the fifth floor... I also have a detailed investigation report here. Is there a need to send it to your email?"

"No need." Ye Chen shook his head helplessly and hung up the phone.

'This silly girl, why hadn't she told me even at this time? Did she not consider me a friend?

'Or did she think that I was completely powerless?

'I've told you that I've had made nearly 100 million yuan. Why couldn't you believe me?

'Why should you rely on those common doctors when there is a miracle doctor living right beside you?'

700,000 yuan. Ye Chen knew it very well that Sun Yi only had 300,000 yuan. Even if the car was sold, it would not be able to make up for the remaining 400,000 yuan.

He was afraid that the two private calls were to borrow money... And the result was a failure.

Sun Yi was probably at the most helpless time of her life now.

"This time five years ago was the time when I was the most helpless and today, five years later, is when you are most helpless. It's time that I pull you out of this abyss."

"Jeez, what a silly woman."

Ye Chen simply grabbed a jacket and put it on. Closing the door, he immediately melded into the night. Chapter 44 River City Fifth People's Hospital.

Sun Yi looked at her brother who was in the intensive care unit through the window. Her mood was unusually complicated.

She had received a call from her father during the afternoon saying that her brother's condition had deteriorated and her heart stuttered. She had thought that there was just some abnormal data as usual but did not expect that he had been rushed to the hospital. The doctor said that an operation had to be performed immediately and that the cost was 700,000 yuan.

For her, 700,000 yuan was beyond her reach.

Although she was the director of the Magnificent Group, her salary had been reduced by the mortgage she had to pay and her brother's annual medical expenses.

The 300,000 yuan in her bank savings was also her dowry money.

She was willing to take out the 300,000 yuan for her brother's treatment. She had even sold the car, but it was still not enough.

She could only call her second uncle, Sun Yongfu.

Sun Yongfu had been working in wood processing in River City in recent years and had made a lot of money. He had bought a Mercedes-Benz luxury car and a 150-square-foot house.

It could be said that he was the richest amongst them in the Sun family of the prosperous River City.

She actually had not wanted to make the call because she was uncomfortable with the way she was seen in the eyes of her second uncle and his family as if they were above her. Had she not been at the end of her rope, she would rather ask someone else to borrow money from.

After a while, Sun Yi's father, Sun Yonggui, was leading Sun Yongfu and his family to her direction.

He was bowing as he walked. "It is really a blessing for my Haozhe that you could come. Oh, I don't know what debt I owed in the last life that God has to treat me like this... My only hope now is that Haozhe can get through this crisis... "

When they stopped outside the ward, Sun Yonggui quickly said to his daughter, Sun Yi, "Little Yi, why aren't you saying hello to your second uncle, aunt, and Yaoyao?"

Sun Yi smiled a little and wiped away her tears. "Second Uncle, Second Aunt, Little Qian... Thank you for helping us at this time, we really appreciate it..."

Sun Yongfu glanced at Sun Yi with a little surprise. He did not expect that an earnest man like Sun Yonggui could have such a beautiful daughter. If she found a wealthy family to marry in the future, the fate of the Sun Yonggui family would probably change.

His wife, Dong Caizhu, had also noticed this and whispered to her husband, Sun Yongfu, "Didn't you joke about introducing a partner to President Li's silly son during the last banquet? Who knows, but something might come out of Heng Sheng Building Materials if the marriage is a success..."

Sun Yongfu's eyes lit up. It was still his wife who was the smartest.

Mr. Li's silly son was not right in the head and had always seemed so lecherous, but it was not his daughter that would be married to him, so he had nothing to be afraid of.

The point was: how could President Li not be happy with a daughter-in-law like Sun Yi? Perhaps even President Li would not be able to resist Sun Yi's charm, then father and son could fight it out together.

If the marriage works out, he would definitely be the biggest beneficiary as the person who had introduced her to them! By that time, Mr. Li would be so happy, and his business was bound to prosper!

Their daughter, Sun Yaoyao, had naturally heard her parents' plan, and a smile appeared on the corners of her mouth.

As a woman, she was the most jealous when someone else looked better than her!

Sun Yi was undoubtedly the person she hated the most in these years! She would spare no effort to show off in front of Sun Yi or ridicule her the moment she found the opportunity to during family gatherings.

She looked down on Sun Yi and her family very much. The family obviously had no money, so why would they have such a beautiful daughter? What was more was that they also had this half-dead child from a previous marriage.

Sun Yaoyao put on an act and took a look at Sun Haozhe in the intensive care unit. She sighed and said, "Your family is really... I wonder what kind of evil had been done to give birth to such a sick thing. Life could have gone very well for your family all these years. He had become such a burden, oh dear..."

Sun Yi was angered by her words. Who did she call a sick thing?

Just as she was about to refute, Sun Yonggui pulled on Sun Yi's sleeve and whispered, "Don't speak. Do you want to save your brother or not? Only your second uncle and his family are able to lend us the money so lower yourself..."

Sun Yi glared at Sun Yaoyao and said no more.

At this moment, Dong Caizhu walked up with a smile on her face and said caringly to Sun Yi, "Oh, Sun Yi, auntie sees that you're all grown up. We as the Sun family will definitely lend our help for your brother's treatment. It is unjustifiable if we do not help at this time."

Sun Yi was so happy. She never expected that her aunt who was always mean and stingy would stand up this time to take the initiative to help their family.

"Second aunt, is this true? Would you be willing to help Haozhe?" Sun Yi asked excitedly.

Dong Caizhu said seriously, "Naturally. We're all family."

Sun Yonggui could no longer remain calm. He dashed up to Sun Yongfu. "Brother, I am willing to work extremely hard for you in this life. Thank you all. I will definitely find a way to pay you back."

Sun Yongfu smiled and patted Sun Yonggui's shoulder. "It's alright even if you don't return it. Who knows, we might need to rely on you in the future."

Sun Yonggui was confused by his words and was about to ask when Dong Caizhu grabbed his daughter Sun Yi's hand and said, "By the way, Sun Yi, you are already in your twenties. Have you found a boyfriend?"

Sun Yi shook her head. "I'm still young and am not in a rush to find a boyfriend."

Dong Caizhu looked happy. Falling short of clapping her hands and calling out in joy, she quickly said, "But boyfriends are looking for women. You are the most popular at your age, why don't I look for one for you?

"By the way, I heard a few days ago that the son of President Li of Heng Sheng Building Materials is looking for a marriage partner. Heng Sheng Building Materials is a leader in our industry that even your uncle has to cater to them. If you marry into their Li family, not only your brother's illness, our entire Sun family is counting on you!"

How could Sun Yonggui not understand what the other party meant when he heard this.

They wanted him to sell his daughter!

Sun Yonggui felt that he had owed his daughter the most all these years. If Sun Yi had been able to attend university back then, her grades would have been excellent, but she had given up the opportunity to further her studies and decided to work day and night in order to make money to support her family. If he did not even allow Sun Yi the right to choose her own happiness, Sun Yonggui would have really destroyed his daughter's life.

That was why then, Sun Yonggui stood up and refused. "Sister-in-law, don't worry about Sun Yi's lifelong affairs. Our Sun Yi will be able to handle it by herself."

Sun Yi had also seen through Dong Caizhu's intentions. If they really took their money, she would undoubtedly be selling herself!

Marrying an unknown man for these hundreds of thousands? It was not worth it!

Her second aunt had really put up a good scheme!

Her expression turned grim and she said displeasingly, "Auntie, you don't need to worry about my matters. Since the Young Master Li's so good, why not let Yao Yao marry him?"

Sun Yaoyao did not expect Sun Yi would include her into the conversation and said quickly, "Sun Yi, what are you saying? No way will I marry that fool..."

Sun Yi and Sun Yonggui's expression darkened even more after Sun Yaoyao spoke! It turned out that the partner Dong Caizhu introduced was a fool!

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Sun Yongfu knew then that it was the time that he had to stand up and say, "Yonggui and also Sun Yi, if you don't want to do this for your own sake, then do this for the person inside the room. Do you really wish to see Haoze go just because you didn't have enough money to treat him? He is only 14 years old and has so much to look forward to in the future."

Both Sun Yi and Sun Yonggui hesitated at the remark. Right now, they had their backs against the wall.

Dong Caizhu knew this was her chance and continued, "Sun Yi, you don't have a boyfriend anyway. Although he's a fool, that can be a good thing too. He doesn't know anything. Once you're part of their Li family, just say a few words and the money is all yours, isn't it?"

Sun Yaoyao also wanted to be a part of the conversation, so she said to Sun Yi intently, "Who would want to marry you with a family with such a burden? It's a bottomless pit. Sun Yi, don't tell me you have never thought about it? What's the real reason you don't have a boyfriend? It's because of your dying brother!"

Sun Yi's face turned pale at the words! Yet, she had no grounds to refute!

She was so tired after all these years. It was not that she did not want to find someone to depend on but who would want her when she had a younger brother who needs money spent on him constantly?

Sun Yonggui's eyes were also red-rimmed. He felt that he had failed as a father! He wished he could slap himself right now! Why did he not try to make more money when he was younger and let his daughter have the right to choose her own path?

Sun Yaoyao and Dong Caizhu noticed the expressions on Sun Yonggui and his daughter's faces and knew that there was hope in persuading them.

Just when they wanted to continue speaking, a cold voice sounded from behind them, "Who dares to insult my girlfriend?"

Sun Yi looked up abruptly when she heard this familiar voice. Her mouth dropped wide open when she saw Ye Chen standing not far from them.

Why did he come here?

A small smiled tugged at Ye Chen's lips. He was utterly confident in his own skin as he strode to Sun Yi's side. With one hand, he held Sun Yi's small waist and took a tissue from his pocket and gently wiped the corner of Sun Yi's eyes with his other hand. "Silly girl, why did you hide the news about your sick brother from me? Do you really not see me as your boyfriend?"

When Sun Yi was to explain the situation to him, she realized that Ye Chen was winking at her and understood instantly. She said with her cheeks flushed, "Ah Chen, I... I was afraid that you would abandon me."

Her voice was soft like a kitten tickling one's body. It was incredibly soothing.

Ye Chen laughed a little and his magnetic voice sounded, "How can I turn my back on you? You are my girlfriend. Your business is my business. I've paid Haozhe's medical bills. The doctor said that surgery can be performed at any time with a 70% success rate. Although there is a 30% risk, you can rest assured that I have asked Miracle Doctor Ye, the best doctor in the world, to come over..."

Hearing the three words 'Miracle Doctor Ye,' Sun Yi, who was initially upset, was moved to laughter.

How could he remember to brag about himself even at this time? He even said he was the best doctor in the world.

Was there a still a need to invite this Miracle Doctor Ye?

Were you not the courageous Miracle Doctor Ye himself?

Seeing Sun Yi smile, Ye Chen pointed at his face and chuckled. "I have done so much for you. Won't you kiss me?"

Sun Yi never expected that Ye Chen would be so bold as to ask her to kiss him in front of everyone.

For so many years, she had not even held hands with a boy, let alone kiss them.

She wanted to refuse but realized the suspicious gaze of her second aunt, Dong Caizhu, and Sun Yaoyao. No longer hesitating, she closed her eyes and pressed her red lips on his cheek.

"Muah~"

"This is to reward you!"

Ye Chen was only joking. After all, he was pretending to be her boyfriend and was not counting on Sun Yi to kiss him at all.

He never expected that Sun Yi would really kiss him!

Those red lips brought with them a hint of warmth and softness. It was simply too pleasurable!

Everyone was stumped by the scene before them!

Not only Sun Yongfu's family of three but also Sun Yi's father was stunned.

He had never heard his daughter talk about her boyfriend. He had thought that the boy was just Sun Yi's friend but she had kissed him in front of his eyes!

Could it be that his daughter really had a partner?

Sun Yaoyao was the first to react. She glanced at what Ye Chen was wearing. They were all street stall goods. How could he possibly pay the high medical bills?

She snorted coldly. "Sun Yi, Sun Yi. There are some men in the society who are unreliable and are liars so don't be fooled and cheated by such men."

Dong Caizhu also came to. Fixing his eyes on Ye Chen, she asked, "Boy, since you said you paid the medical bill, can you show us the invoice?"

"That's right, you should have an invoice. Do you not believe that I will ask the attending doctor right away?"

Ye Chen never expected that this group of people would care so much about the details.

He was busy rushing over here. How could he have the time to pay the medical bill?

Had he really taken the time to pay the medical expenses, he guessed that Sun Yi would have already agreed to the request of these snakes.

Sun Yi naturally guessed that Ye Chen had not paid yet and quickly said, "If my boyfriend said that he has helped me paid, then he has. There is no need to worry about it. Also, my brother needs to rest. You should leave early."

Sun Yaoyao saw Sun Yi's expression and knew that they were right and said arrogantly, "Oh, Sun Yi, Sun Yi. You are really so vain that you immediately invited a friend over to play pretend. Oh, by the way, that Miracle Doctor Ye wouldn't happen to be your boyfriend now, is he? What dignity does a pauper who can't even afford to treat their illness have?"

Ye Chen really had enough of the mother-daughter duo. Were they the reincarnation of Holmes? Their words were so ugly that he wanted to slap them on the face!

Just then, two doctors in white coats passed by!

When Sun Yonggui saw one of the doctors, he naturally recognized that he was his son's doctor. He rushed over and said excitedly, "Doctor Qian, you've finally arrived. I went to your office several times to look for you in the afternoon but you were not there... Please take a look at my son's condition..."

Seeing this scene in front of her, Sun Yaoyao was very happy and followed to the doctor quickly. She faced Doctor Qian and said, "Hello Doctor Qian, I am a family member of Sun Haozhe. I want to know whether his 700,000 yuan surgical fees have been paid yet?"

Sun Yi's face turned completely pale when she heard the question!

This was clearly to put her family on the spot?

Once the doctor says no, her family and even Ye Chen would be faced with endless accusations!

However, Sun Yi did not notice that there was an amused smile at the corner of Ye Chen's mouth. It was as if he were waiting for the opening of a good show.

Doctor Qian looked at the two in front of him and was somewhat unhappy.

Why was this family rushing out at this time like this? Don't they have the slightest idea of whether they had paid? If they had paid, the surgery would have begun a long time ago. How would the patient be still dragging on in the intensive care unit?

He was actually representing the entire hospital to receive the Miracle Doctor Qiu from Capital City Hospital at the moment!

This was a major task handed over to him by the president!

If well-received, he would get a promotion! If the reception was not good, there would be the question of whether he could still work in the hospital!

He glanced at Miracle Doctor Qiu next to him and found that the other's eyes were agitated. He thought he was angry and quickly said to Sun Yonggui, "Please don't obstruct us, Miracle Doctor Qiu..."

Before he finished speaking, he was shocked to find that Miracle Doctor Qiu had dashed away!

His expression of an incomparable excitement!

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Only to see Miracle Doctor Qiu going up to Ye Chen and giving him a bow.

Miracle Doctor Qiu knew what the man in front of his eyes signified!

He had met him at the Shen House a few days ago and thought that he was a cheat. It was not until he saw Shen Haihua stand up that he knew he was wrong!

He had been absolutely wrong!

He had consulted with his friends from all over the world in the past few days and no one believed it!

As a fairly famous doctor, he naturally knew what it meant to be superb in medicine. It meant that he would one day stand on top of the world and overlook everyone! So, in the past few days, Miracle Doctor Qiu had stayed in River City. On the surface, he was having discussions and exchanges with the many hospitals when in fact, he wanted to find the opportunity to meet Ye Chen. It would be even better if he could meet him!

Who would have thought that he would really bump into him!

How could he let go of the opportunity in front of his eyes!

The bow stunned Doctor Qian. Miracle Doctor Qiu was a gift to the medical world! He would only usually do this in front of respected seniors.

What was Miracle Doctor Qiu doing now? This youth was a senior? What kind of joke was that?

Before he could respond, Miracle Doctor Qiu said, "Miracle Doctor Ye, I... We meet again. Little Qiu didn't expect to see you here! I am very sorry about the last incident and hope Miracle Doctor Ye will forgive me."

Little Qiu?

Doctor Qian almost spat out blood.

This Miracle Doctor Qiu actually called himself "Little Qiu" in front of this young man? He had also used "nin" (TN: "nin" is an untranslatable word used to address seniors or anyone who is deserving of respect.) to address him?

That's not right, Miracle Doctor Ye? Since when did Huaxia have another miracle doctor?

It was not only Doctor Qiu who was stunned but also everyone else at the scene. Sun Yi's boyfriend should be about 20 years old, and he was a miracle doctor? This was simply just a big joke.

Dong Caizhu hugged her chest with both hands and snorted coldly, "The silly girl from Sun's family has great skill in finding a group act. Not only did she find a liar of a boyfriend but also a fake doctor, utterly ridiculous. Also, Miracle Doctor Qiu, huh. This old man looks lascivious and nothing like a miracle doctor?"

When Doctor Qian heard this sentence, his entire face went completely green!

This Miracle Doctor Qiu was indeed a miracle doctor! He had even attended international medical conferences! The medical theses in his hands are among the most respected in the industry! Who dared to say that he was fake?

He was just about to retort when Sun Yaoya laughed and stretched out her finger and pointed at Miracle Doctor Qiu's nose.

"Sun Yi, you are too shameless. You found a trash-picking old man to be a doctor. This old man also called your man Miracle Doctor Ye. Haha! If your man was so miraculous, why would your brother be lying half-dead in the intensive care unit?

"Now I finally understand why your family is so poor. The poor suffer because they insist on preserving their reputation!"

Sun Yi's face was pale, and she was so mad that she was about to reach out her hand and slap the other across the face when she saw that Miracle Doctor Qiu was one step in front of her. He had slapped Sun Yaoyao on the face without any reservation about his status.

"You little girl. Your mouth is so poisonous that this old man can't stand it anymore."

Although he had never hit a woman before, he knew that this was the only chance for him to show off in front of Ye Chen!

So what if it was a slap? Why should he be afraid of one woman when he was so respectable in Huaxia and Jiangnan Province?

Miracle Doctor Qian was about to go mad when he saw what had happened. Miracle Doctor Qiu who was hailed a master had actually hit someone?

Oh dear lord, this was serious news!

He had a bad premonition out of nowhere. If something happened to Miracle Doctor Qiu in their hospital, he would not be able to handle it.

He saw that the woman who had been hit was rushing over to him and quickly stood in front of Miracle Doctor Qiu. "Let us all discuss this over properly and not fight in the hospital..."

Sun Yaoyao was furious she could not be bothered about Ye Chen and Sun Yi at the moment. She pointed at Miracle Doctor Qiu's nose and continued, "How dare you slap me! Do you know who I am? You wretched old man, believe or not I won't let you off."

Would Miracle Doctor Qiu be afraid of her? He stole a glance at Ye Chen and found that the man was looking at him with interest. He was pleased and yelled at Sun Yaoyao, "Not letting me off in River City? Do you have this qualification?"

Dong Caizhu quickly yanked her husband's sleeve. "Are you going to just look on like this?"

Their daughter had been slapped and insulted, and Sun Yongfu could no longer look past it. He stepped out and said with his imposing voice, "I, Sun Yongfu, am considered to have a certain degree of power in River City. You hit my daughter. Now I want you to just kneel and apologize and I promise not to pursue it again. "Otherwise, hmm, I will let you understand what regret means!"

After speaking, Sun Yongfu pulled out his phone, obviously preparing to call someone he knew. Miracle Doctor Qiu almost spat out old blood. Was this scum even qualified to threaten him?

He glanced at Ye Chen and said to Sun Yongfu. "Why not hit me like you said you will? This old man will stand here today and see if they can drive me away!"

Sun Yongfu ignored him and chuckled dryly. He dialed a phone number. The call went through immediately, and he pressed a button to let it be on speaker.

A dignified voice came from the other end of the phone. "Who is this?"

"Is this Old Zhong? It's Sun Yongfu. I'm sorry to disturb you so late. How have you been recently? We just fished together a few days ago."

"Oh, it's you. What's wrong? Is there something wrong this late?" The voice on the phone sounded somewhat casual.

Sun Yongfu laughed a little and said, "There really is something. I'm at your place right now. My daughter got into a conflict with your people on your side and was beaten."

The person on the other end of the phone clearly got a bit angry when he heard that something went wrong in the hospital. "Which blind fool dares to touch your daughter? I will call the security department!"

Sun Yongfu glanced proudly at the people around him. The tone of speech of the speaker made him feel very respectable. He continued, "That's the trouble. We are on the fifth floor now. The person who hit her had like the surname Qiu and is wearing your hospital's white coat. We don't know if he is a doctor..."

Thud! The mobile phone on the other side of the call seemed to have fallen to the ground.

A few seconds later, an impatient voice came, "What did you just say? The beater was a person with the surname Qiu? There wouldn't be a male doctor with glasses beside him, would there..."

Sun Yongfu glanced at the doctor next to him and found that it was true. He said cheerfully, "Old Zhong, you always have such incredible foresight..."

Before he could finish, a hurried voice came from the phone, "Hurry up and let the male doctor with glasses say something..."

Doctor Qian naturally heard it and the weakly shouted from the side, "President, it's me... Little Qian."

The phone was suddenly silent. Scarily silent.

A few seconds later, a terrifying growl sounded from the phone!

"Sun Yongfu, what the hell are you doing? Let me tell you, if you want to die, don't pull me with you! If something happens to Miracle Doctor Qiu, can you bear the responsibility?

"I went through a lot of effort to invite Miracle Doctor Qiu. I know how he is so don't you start a rumor!

"God Dammit... No, I'll be over right away! Wait for me! Also, Little Qian, no matter what, you must not let Miracle Doctor Qiu suffer even a little bit of grievance. Otherwise, I will transfer you to the nurse department!

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The call was cut off short. The last sentence was obviously meant for Doctor Qian.

Doctor Qian did not even dare to take a breath. The president was really angry this time!

The faces of Sun Yongfu's family was completely pale. They never expected that the wretched old man was a doctor! A goddamn miracle doctor at that!

And from the president's tone, the power of the other party was extremely terrifying! Even more so, this doctor was a guest these prominent people had wanted to please... This implied too many things!

Just one of them could turn all his efforts in the past ten years into bubbles!

Sun Yongfu could not even imagine what kind of prominent people he had offended just now.

As a businessman, he naturally knew what and when was the best time to do things. He recovered from his shook instantly and squeezed a smile onto his face. He went up to Miracle Doctor Qiu and cupped his hand in submission. "Miracle Doctor Qiu, I'm terribly sorry. It is I who have failed to recognize your great talent... Yaoyao, come here and apologize to Miracle Doctor Qiu!"

Sun Yaoyao was completely stunned. It was her who had been slapped, why should she apologize to the other party?

What was wrong with this world?

How could one be so bold as to hit others?

When Sun Yongfu saw that his daughter still had not come over to apologize, he pulled Sun Yaoyao over right away. "Quickly apologize to Miracle Doctor Qiu!"

Sun Yaoyao was terrified by his father's scolding and whispered in a hush, "I'm sorry, Miracle Doctor Qiu..."

They were not done with their apologies, but Miracle Doctor Qiu could care less about them and regarded them as if they were air.

Instead, he walked in front of Ye Chen and Sun Yi and said seriously, "Miracle Doctor Ye, how do you think this matter should be appropriately settled?

"Do I need to call that person in River City to let these unsightly creatures know what exactly is real strength?"

His attitude was so contrasting! Miracle Doctor Qiu even gave Sun Yongfu a fierce glare with the last sentence uttered. It was so unbearably obvious that he despised him!

Ye Chen did not have the slightest shift in his expression, but he looked to Sun Yi and said softly, "Baby, what do you say?"

Her frail body trembled a little when she heard 'baby.' She shook her head with blushing cheeks. "Forget it, let's just end this here, but I don't want to see these people anymore."

Sun Yongfu and his family never imagined that the one who would decide their life and death would be Sun Yi whom they had always looked down on!

Although they were a little angry, they did not dare to refute Miracle Doctor Qiu here.

Sun Yongfu smiled awkwardly and took his wife and daughter away with their tails between their legs.

They did not want to stay in this place anymore. The president would definitely make a big deal out of it knowing his temper! By then, they would not even how they had died!

It was wisest to leave now!

After Sun Yongfu's family left, the fifth floor of the hospital returned to its peaceful silence.

About five minutes later, a middle-aged man with a big belly and a white lab coat walked over.

When he saw Miracle Doctor Qiu, he stretched out his hands instantly and apologized.

"Miracle Doctor Qiu, I'm terribly sorry you had to go through such shock. I will be hosting at the Canal Hotel tomorrow and will personally have the dog, Sun Yongfu, offer his apologies to you..."

Miracle Doctor Qiu was also quite the man with experience. He glanced at the young man in the ward with a displeased expression and rebuked President Zhong. "There is no need for a meal but I want to ask, President Zhong, what are you doing to have Miracle Doctor Ye's friend stay in this intensive care unit?"

President Zhong was perplexed by the accusation. Then, he snapped his eyes at Ye Chen who was standing at the side.

When he was on the way, he had also learned about the general situation from Doctor Qian. He had guessed that the Miracle Doctor Ye mentioned by Miracle Doctor Qiu's must come from the upper classes of Chinese medicine. Otherwise, the other party would not have spoken so submissively.

A character that even Miracle Doctor Qiu dared not to offend was not someone a small president of River City should provoke.

He gave Ye Chen a long look and said quickly, "So, this is Miracle Doctor Ye. I have been looking forward to meeting you for a long time. Let's see if this is alright. I will now transfer the patient to the VIP ward and perform the operation immediately within the hour.

As for the surgery fee, it's a coincidence that I was informed as I was on my way here that our hospital just so happens to have a policy quota for this illness. So please do enjoy the policy subsidies and any other expenses will be covered by the hospital and the country... "

Ye Chen gave President Zhong a look. Although he had wanted to treat Sun Yi's brother in person, he would have to explain everything again under such circumstances. It would be better to let the hospital treat him, and then he would work in secret.

"So be it."

Sun Yi and Sun Yonggui looked at each other with joy which slowly turned to surprise.

A few hours ago, the hospital's attitude was very clear. That is, there would not be any treatment without payment and that the wards were extremely scarce that reservations might not even be possible.

However, Ye Chen's appearance actually turned the whole thing upside down. The hospital now did not need a penny of money and even went ahead by giving them the VIP ward and surgery within one hour.

This was ridiculous.

When did the hospital become so efficient and charitable?

Sun Yi and Sun Yonggui were not stupid. They knew that the hospital did not have any so-called policy quotas but the director of this hospital was expressing goodwill to the man!

All of this was entirely due to that man's reputation!

Without this man, Sun Haozhe might not even have a chance to live.

Sun Yonggui was a little panicked. He was just a farmer and had never met such a famous person before. He approached his daughter and whispered,"Ah Yi, what exactly does your boyfriend do... How did you two meet?"

Sun Yi glanced at Ye Chen and said with a smile. "Him? He is a vagrant and we met when he asked to borrow money from me. Now, I am his landlord."

Sun Yonggui froze. "Ah Yi, what are you joking about... How can such a prominent man be a vagrant? And you're his landlord? He's the one who should be your landlord!"

12 am at night.

Ye Chen and Sun Yi went home together since Sun Haozhe had been arranged to stay in the VIP ward and would be taken care of every day. In addition, Sun Yi's father had stayed behind at the hospital so Sun Yi was not asked to stay behind.

As they were leaving the ward, Sun Yonggui even tried to call Sun Yi to the side with all kinds of hints, but Sun Yi did not catch any of them. Sun Yonggui could only then be straightforward in his thoughts. "Yi, you are already an adult. You should be appropriate about that kind of thing... "

Sun Yi blushed with embarrassment and pulled Ye Chen away immediately.

The two went downstairs. Sun Yi was about to grab her car key when she touched her pocket and realized that her car had already been sold to the mortgage company.

Not knowing why, she felt a little lost inside. After all, the Beetle had been with her for a year, and she had loved both the interior and the exterior design.

"Let's take a taxi back. I had sold the car to a mortgage company this afternoon since my brother was ill and I needed the money earlier. I'll take leave tomorrow and see if I can buy it back." Sun Yi said softly.

Ye Chen smiled slightly. He took out a key from his pocket and flung it. "Catch."

Sun Yi caught the item and covered her mouth in surprise when she spread her palm out! Her eyes instantly turned red!

This was her car key! Even the keychain was the same!

"This key..."

Ye Chen shrugged and replied, "When the mortgage company was driving away with the car that night, I happened to bump into them at the door. As your temporary boyfriend, of course, I got it back without hesitation. Remember, don't lose it next time..."

Ye Chen felt a dark shadow fell into his arms just as he finished speaking.

The clothes had the scent of lavender. It was a nice smell.

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After a minute, the two of them went down the underground parking lot and got into the Volkswagen Beetle.

It might have been because it was night time, but there were not many cars on the road.

Inside the car, the atmosphere was quiet, save for the music coming from the radio.

Suddenly, Sun Yi turned off the radio and steered the wheel while she said, "Can I ask you a question?"

"Sure."

"I've always been curious why you'd helped me. Why? Was it because I helped you out during the incident at the Magnificent Group?"

"To tell you the truth, I've inadvertently realized that you look at me with a sense of gratitude in your eyes a lot of times... I'm just really puzzled by that."

Ye Chen was caught off guard by her words. He suddenly thought of something and said to himself, "You'll find out tomorrow."

'Tomorrow?'

Sun Yi was caught off guard as well. She thought of something but was not too sure about it.

"Silly, tomorrow's Monday. Don't they do announcements on every Monday?"

"Fine, but then again, it feels good to have you back. It makes me feel at ease, really."

"To be honest, I haven't felt secure for a long time. But you've let me feel at ease today..."

When Sun Yi was talking, she was looking at Ye Chen from the corner of her eye to see his reaction.

Ye Chen smiled. He looked as if he wanted to say something when his expression changed all of a sudden and his entire face looked like it belonged to a coldblooded killer.

This urge to kill was something he had never felt before.

Sun Yi felt the car's temperature drop abruptly, so much so that she could not help but shudder a bit.

She looked toward Ye Chen. "Do you feel like it got cold suddenly? Did the temperature drop? It's not possible..."

Ye Chen did not answer her.

Ye Chen's cold voice sounded when the car passed by a junction, "Sun Yi, stop the car here."

Sun Yi did not react in time. Ye Chen repeated himself sternly, "Stop the car right now!"

"Okay..."

Sun Yi floored the brakes and Ye Chen held Sun Yi's hand in his when the car slowed to a stop.

"Listen carefully to the words I'm about to say. Don't interrupt me either. Just follow exactly what I tell you to do and I won't hurt you."

Sun Yi did not know why her back went cold but when she looked into Ye Chen's eyes. She saw an expression she had never seen before. His eyes were unprecedentedly serious and cold.

This person was the exact opposite of the smiley and hippie Ye Chen that she knew!

He looked like a bloodthirsty demon from hell!

"Okay."

Ye Chen glanced once more at the review mirror before continuing, "Number one, after I get off the car, you will speed back to Grand City Apartments immediately. It's important that you don't stop at any cost, no matter what you see or hear.

"Number two, when you are home, grab the phone on the table and hide inside my room. Remember to not open the door for anyone!

"Number three, grab the phone and dial the last number I dialed in the afternoon. Just tell the person on the other side to hurry and bring the strongest person to your house immediately.

"Number four, if someone breaks in within this half an hour, don't resist. Just surrender and wait for me to rescue you. Are you clear about everything?"

Sun Yi nodded her head fervently.

Her entire back was soaked. She did not know what was going to happen to her next!

Ye Chen knew she was nervous, but it would be more advantageous to her the more nervous she gets.

When the car halted, Ye Chen looked at Sun Yi, opened the car door, and jumped out.

"Go, right now!"

When Sun Yi heard his order, she pressed the pedal down hard and did not bother about the speed limit. The Beetle sped off at full speed!

Around six or seven seconds later, the car was gone from Ye Chen's sight.

Ye Chen breathed a long sigh of relief and turned around. He fixed his gaze on an SUV Bentley approaching slowly not far away.

A powerful man was sitting inside the car.

He did not know whether he was a friend or a foe.

He thought that anyone who presented themselves in River City now could only be a foe.

Although he could have chosen to stay by Sun Yi's side, he thought that it would actually be more dangerous if he did.

A normal person would not be able to endure a battle involving a powerhouse.

He could only wish that Sun Yi would not be any danger from now on.

"It seems that one person would not be enough. I'll have to find a way to establish my very own strength," Ye Chen lamented.

After ten seconds, the Bentley stopped.

Crisis.

Outburst.

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In the driver seat of the Bentley sat a man in a suit. He was most probably a chauffeur.

He had a wiry physique, and his stare was ice-cold. What surprised Ye Chen was that he was a cultivator.

He took a few steps forward, bent down, and opened the car door gently.

"Mr. Yao, we're here."

A middle-aged man with a slightly longer hair came down from the Bentley.

The middle-aged man wore a Chinese tunic suit and on his feet were a pair of cloth shoes. He gave off a mysterious aura, and the way he carried himself gave off the qualities of a master.

He put both of his hands behind his back and stared at Ye Chen who was not far away with interest.

Two pairs of eyes met, and a powerful outburst of strength made the surrounding air rumble in turmoil.

A few seconds later, the middle-aged man took the lead and said, "Ye... Chen. A name I've not heard in a long time. Five years, a full five years.

"I had thought that the remaining vestiges of the Ye Family were dead. Never in a million years would I expect to find the young man who fell into East Coin Lake five years ago would be brave enough to return to River City."

Ye Chen's eyes narrowed as he stared indifferently at the middle-aged man in front of him. He said, "If I had guessed correctly, you took part in the incident that happened at Cloud Lake Manor five years ago right? So did you come today to kill the last surviving witness?"

The middle-aged man laughed so loud that it echoed faraway.

"To kill the last witness, eh? You flatter yourself. Five years ago, you were the useless parasitic worm that people laughed at. Even if you came back five years later, it won't change the fact that you're just useless trash."

Ye Chen tightened his fists and felt the chilling urge to kill unfurling inside of him. The scene five years ago was carved onto his chest by a knife! He would never forget it! Blood souls started to condense around his body as if he was Asura from the depths of hell.

The middle-aged man's expression shifted as he exclaimed, "Blood souls? This kid from the Ye Family is able to condense blood souls?"

Not only did one had to walk the road of ancient martial arts In order to successfully condense blood souls, one had to kill thousands of people!

In the world of ancient martial arts, people who had the ability to condense blood souls were most of the time a top hitman.

At the moment, however, it appeared to have condensed on that young man's body. Naturally, it had surprised Mr. Yao.

However, he did not show the fact that he was surprised. Instead, the middle-aged man said, "Who would've thought that in these five years you were gone, this useless trash has stepped into the road of cultivation. If this is the case, so what? Cultivation is mainly about resources! Talent! Opportunities!

You've already missed the best time for cultivation. You don't have the support of your family. The only thing you can do in this lifetime is to stand at the bottom and look up to us in the sky!"

"I just want to know one thing. Did you have a hand in what happened five years ago? And one more thing. Where is the man from Capital City?" Ye Chen's tone was as cold as a nine-day snowfall. It sounded so cold it could make your heart shudder.

The middle-aged man beamed. He did not understand where the kid in front of him got the balls to talk to him that way!

However, some things were okay to say to a soon-to-be-dead man.

He took a step forward and said with a clear voice, "The banquet five years ago was organized by me so that tells you whether it had anything to do with me. Also, let me tell you another secret! The Ye Family would've been wiped out that day anyway even if there's no banquet!"

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Ye Chen was stunned by his words, but his expression seembed to embody his chilling urge to murder. The blood souls around him were also getting much more intense.

'Is he saying that there was more to the case than meets the eye?'

'Or was that banquet just a set-up for the Ye family?'

Nevertheless, the Ye family was just a small family from River City. Why would the man from Capital City want to wipe out the entire Ye family?'

Ye Chen's mind was flooded with all sorts of questions and doubts.

The middle-aged man did not want to tell him any more details, so he said: "Me passing by River City was just a mere coincidence. I never expect to find you here. It seems that even God doesn't want to help the Ye family. Huang Qing, finish him off."

"Yes, Mr. Yao."

The chauffeur who was dressed in a suit nodded and started walking towards Ye Chen.

His steps were light, but his eyes were gleaming with murderous intent.

To him, killing a young man was just a piece of cake.

So what if his opponent was into ancient martial arts? Even if he had started cultivating since young, he should only have some inner power at most.

As for himself, he had already crossed three realms and was now a Half-step Force-dispersing master!

To him, killing an Inner Power master was as easy as crushing an ant!

Huang Qing clenched his fists and said: "Don't worry kiddo, I'll make it easy for you..."

Ye Chen had already sprung into action before he could finish!

His movement was so sudden!

Nobody had expected it!

Ye Chen appeared right in front of Huang Qing in a split second, swirling up a gush of wind around him.

Life and death are only one thought away.

Ye Chen's eyes went cold. He stretched out his hand, clasped it tightly around Huang Qing's throat and twisted it brutally.

Kachakk! All Huang Qing felt was a surge of terrifying power spreading from his throat! The pain was excruciating!

He later realized that he was not breathing!

He even felt that his life was slowly fading away!

His eyes were wide open as he tried to attack, but he soon realized that he was being locked in a deadly air wall, making him unable to move at all!

His pupils were dilating, and after a few seconds, he was dead.

He never expected that he would not even have a chance to fight back!

He was killed by his opponent in a mere second!

"You're so weak."

Ye Chen sneered coldly and flung him away as if he were throwing a piece of trash.

He said it in a low voice, but his words were as loud as thunder in the ears of the middle-aged man!

The middle-aged man had seen countless powerful men in his life, but he has never seen a man killing a Half Step Force Dispersing master with such speed!

The whole process was as smooth as the floating clouds and flowing water! (TN: Meaning: natural and unforced; skillful and beautiful movement) It had only been two seconds!

He stared at the distant young man in horror. 'Don't tell me that this kiddo is already at the Grandmaster level?!'

'Impossible!'

'It's not possible that there's such a young martial arts grandmaster in Huaxia!'

He, on the other hand, had spent 40 years in cultivation and had access to numerous great treasures! Most importantly, he was extraordinarily talented but had barely attained the Grandmaster level!

However, this young man had only disappeared for five years. How could his cultivation reach such a terrifying level!

Besides, he had definitely passed the best time for him to cultivate at this age!

Tremendous waves were set-off in the middle-aged man's heart, and a trace of fear flashed across his face.

He was fearful of the unknown!

Ye Chen began walking towards the middle-aged man with an icy cold expression.

He knew better than him that killing Chen Zhengguo's family did not imply the start of the game.

The game of his revenge would only begin after he had killed the middle-aged man standing in front of him.

Seeing that Ye Chen was getting closer and closer, the middle-aged man stopped his train of thoughts and said while suppressing his inner fear, "I never expect you to reach the Grandmaster level. Although I don't know how you did it, keeping you alive is definitely a threat to me. If that's the case... I'll have no choice but to kill you."

He made a move the next second after.

The middle-aged man took a step forward, and a small depression was formed on the ground. He moved like a cheetah and was right before Ye Chen in the blink of an eye.

His fist turned into a claw, and it was aiming right at Ye Chen's skull!

Ye Chen's skull was bound to burst into pieces if his claw managed to get hold of it!

"Today, I, Yao Jingu, will snap your head off!"

On the other hand, Ye Chen's eyes went cold, and he dared not make a careless move. He waited until his arm was surrounded by swirls of True Qi before punching out!

Yao Jingu saw that Ye Chen still dare to throw out a punch under these circumstances. He said with a cold laugh, "It seems that you didn't actually reach the Grandmaster level. You're digging your own grave if you punch out like this!"

Ye Chen said calmly, "Oh, really?"

Just as Ye Chen was about to touch Yao Jingu, he extended his fingers abruptly and clenched his fists again. It was as though he managed to catch the wind! He then stroke the air with his fingers and punched out strongly!

This slap was infused with gushes of True Qi! One could even hear the blasts of air!

Bang! Ye Chen's palm and Yao Jingu's claw collided in an instant.

All Yao Jingu could feel was a stream of Qi thrusting about in his organs! A strong numbing sensation was spreading across his arm!

He was shaking uncontrollably. Thud! Thud! He was forced to stumble seven steps backward!

After recovering his senses, Yao Jingu stared straight at Ye Chen who was standing as still as a mountain with a face full of horror.

He could feel a gush of blood gurgling up in his body! If he did not suppress it by force, he would have spat out a mouthful of blood for sure!

Although it was only one move, he already knew that his opponent was very powerful!

He must have at least reached the Grandmaster level!

He remained staring at Ye Chen for a while. His hand was trembling, and he could feel that his hand had gone almost completely numb! A trace of fear flashed across his eyes as he said, "Just who exactly are you?"

He did not want to believe that the young man in front of him was the same useless brat of the Ye family who had been laughed at five years ago!

'How could someone like him possibly reach the Grandmaster realm?!'

He also could not believe that this young man had been suppressing his powers purposefully all these years!

'It doesn't make any sense for him to act useless when his parents were being killed right in front of his eyes!'

The only explanation would be that this young man who was standing in front of him was a martial arts genius who had begun cultivating since young! He then managed to reach the Grandmaster level!

This young man could be anybody. Anybody but Ye Chen from the Ye family!

At this time, Ye Chen was feeling slightly unwell too. The Dispersion Fores was rumbling in his body. The power of a Grandmaster in Huaxia turned out to be stronger than he had imagined.

He knew that he could not back down now. He wanted these people to atone for the humiliation he had received five years ago.

To him, debts tainted with blood must be paid back in blood!

"I'm the same Ye Chen you knew five years ago," Ye Chen said calmly.

Ye Chen appeared right in front of Yao Jingu in a split second! With a cold look in his eyes, he kicked out mercilessly.

His kick was infused with extraordinarily powerful True Qi and an intense killing instinct from his body!

It was as though this kick of his had killed all of the life forces surrounding Yao Jingu.

Yao Jingu's expression darkened visibly. Although he had just reached the Grandmaster level and was not considered very powerful, he had still thought he had pretty good reflexes. He leaned backward immediately!

At the same time, he stretched out both of his hands that were infused with Dispersion Forces and tried to grab hold of Ye Chen's leg!

Thud! He managed to grab hold of it!

With a hint of joy on his face, Yao Jingu took a powerful step forward! He was planning to smash this kiddo onto the ground! He wanted him to become a pile of flesh and blood!

However, it was obvious that Ye Chen would not succumb to his plan easily. He turned his body slightly mid-air while raising his other leg!

He then slammed his leg down directly onto Yao Jingu's shoulder!

Bang!

A crisp cracking sound was heard! A few of Yao Jingu's shoulder bones were broken instantly!

His body could not withstand the tremendous force, so he was forced to kneel down.

Ye Chen's eyes gleamed with murderous intent, and he was not planning to give his opponent any chance to react! He punched out strongly once more!

In an instant, Yao Jingu's body was slammed down onto the ground, and he began spitting out mouthfuls of blood!

He looked extremely weak and powerless!

Yao Jingu was defeated!

A very miserable defeat, at that.

He did not even have a chance to fight back.

Ye Chen exhaled deeply and glanced at the man on the ground calmly. He then took out a pack of cigarettes, gave it a little shake, and put one in his mouth with a flick of his finger.

The cigarette was then lit up with a lighter.

Ye Chen squatted down casually and blew a circle of smoke which surrounded Yao Jingu's body instantly.

"You know what? The game has just begun."

A voice that sounded like hell rang in Yao Jingu's ears.

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Yao Jingu struggled to raise his head after hearing his words. His eyes were partially covered in blood, so he could not see things clearly. Furthermore, the smell of smoke caused him to cough uncontrollably.

His internal organs began to hurt more every time he coughed. Nevertheless, he could not stop coughing up mouthfuls of blood.

He was suffering in silence.

Who would have thought that a high-and-mighty person like him would end up in such a situation!

He wiped away the blood in the corner of his eyes and looked at the young man in front of him.

The eyes of the young man were extremely cold and aloof, and it was as if he was indifferent to everything.

At that moment, he felt a surge of fear rise in his heart!

The young man was very powerful!

He was much more powerful than him!

Since when did Huaxia have such a young martial arts grandmaster?!

However, all sorts of clues pointed toward the fact that the martial arts grandmaster in front of him was Ye Chen who had disappeared five years ago!

The useless piece of trash from the Ye family who had been laughed upon by the people of River City!

Ye Chen put out the cigarette in his hand and then stood up as he looked down at Yao Jingu. He said, "I'm going to give you a chance. Answer my questions, and I'll consider sparing your life."

Yao Jingu spat out another mouthful of blood. He struggled in pain as he replied, "Go to Hell!"

Ye Chen gave him a cold smile and took a step forward. He then stepped on Yao Jingu's face and said, "Don't try to test my patience. If you don't cooperate willingly, I'll make sure you go through hell! First question, how do you know that I'm alive? How many people do?"

Yao Jingu gradually began to feel the immense strength coming from his opponent's foot. He knew very well that if his opponent was to exert more pressure, his skull would inevitably be smashed into a pool of blood!

The strength of a martial arts grandmaster was no joke!

He wanted to break free, but he could not.

He had no choice!

It had not been easy for him to reach his current level of cultivation. If he died, all would be for naught!

"If I tell you, are you sure you'll let me go?" Yao Jingu tried to negotiate.

"Do you really think that you're in a position to negotiate?" Ye Chen said in a low voice.

Yao Jingu glanced sideways at Ye Chen. He then thought about it for a few seconds before he reluctantly said, "A few days ago, I found out that someone had managed to retrieve your information from the darknet database. I found it very weird because I didn't think someone who had died five years ago would be of any worth. Hence, I asked some of my men to search through the same database, and they found some pictures and videos. After some analysis, I found out that the similarity percentage between you and the dead Ye Chen is as high as 90%... I like to eliminate all possible threats, that's why I made the move to find you. Whether you turned out to be Ye Chen or not, I intended to kill you anyway. No one from the Ye family can live. Master Long's intentions are the same as well."

Upon hearing the name 'Master Long', Ye Chen immediately began to give out a murderous aura!

This was because Ye Chen knew very well that Master Long was the ruthless man who had taken everything away from him!

If it was not for the banquet that had been held in Cloud Lake Manor, his parents would not have died!

"What's Master Long's real name? Where's he now? Does he know that I'm alive? Suppressing his anger, Ye Chen continued to ask.

Yao Jingu answered with a wry smile, "I'm just a nobody. How would I know of Master Long's possible whereabouts? Everybody – the ancient martial arts masters as well as the families in Capital City, we all call him Master Long with utmost respect. As for you being alive, even if I wanted to tell him about it, I wouldn't get the chance to do so. Only a handful of people in Huaxia know where he is. All I know is that he's very powerful, much more powerful than I can imagine."

It was another dead end.

Ye Chen wanted answers to obtain more information, so he continued to question, "Why did he want to wipe out the Ye family during the banquet in Cloud Lake Manor? Is it really because my father had offended him?"

Yao Jingu shook his head. "I don't know about the details. A lot of people were involved in the banquet because all of us wanted to please Master Long. I vaguely remember that Master Long seemed to be looking for something, and the last whereabouts of what he was looking for seemed to point toward the Ye family!"

'A thing?'

Ye Chen immediately thought of the stone his father had given him.

'Is that the reason why Master Long wiped out the Ye family?'

Ye Chen was drowned in his own thoughts when the phone in Yao Jingu's pocket started ringing.

Hearing the phone call, Yao Jingu spat out another mouthful of blood, and his attitude changed drastically. He then gave Ye Chen a sly smile and said, "Kiddo, go ahead and kill me if you want. But if you do so, I won't be able to guarantee that your girlfriend will make it out alive. My men are already at your girlfriend's apartment, haha."

Ye Chen's eyes turned cold as he reached out his hand. He grabbed hold of Yao Jingu's neck and lifted him from the ground.

"I swear, I'll kill you if you dare lay a finger on her!"

Sun Yi was the only person whom Ye Chen cared about.

He could not let anything happen to her!

However, given the situation he was in, it was pointless for him to rush over to her. It all depended on whether Sun Yi followed his instructions obediently or not!

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Meanwhile, at the Grand City Apartments.

A beetle had arrived at the main entrance after speeding down the road. However, the security guard on duty had dozed off, and he did not open the gates.

"Damn it!"

Sun Yi could not care less anymore, so she got off her car and started running toward her apartment!

She felt like someone was following her but she was not sure whether it was just her imagination.

She ran toward the lift desperately and took it right up to her own apartment!

She inserted her apartment key into its keyhole and unlocked the door. After entering her apartment, she slammed the door shut with a loud bang and locked the door immediately!

Her legs trembled in fear as she recalled Ye Chen's words.

"The phone... Yes... Get the phone first!"

Sun Yi quickly picked up the phone on her desk and rushed into Ye Chen's room according to his instructions!

Although she had no idea why Ye Chen had ordered her to go into his room, she had no time to think about it!

Just as she closed the door that led to the room, she was surprised to see the door emit a special light.

She rubbed her eyes and saw that there were all sorts of ancient rune carvings on the door!

Somehow, she felt that the rune carvings were in motion!

"What the heck is this..."

Then, all of a sudden, she remembered something and forced herself to stop thinking. She hurriedly hit the replay button on the phone.

A series of weird numbers instantly appeared on the screen of the phone.

"Are you sure that the call will go through?" Sun Yi could not help but doubt.

After a brief moment, the call connected and a middle-aged voice was heard from the other side, "Hall Master...?"

The exact same time the middle-aged man's voice was heard, Sun Yi heard someone break into her apartment as well!

The front door had been broken into!

Somebody had barged in!

Panic and fear overtook her as she shouted, "I'm currently at Grand City Apartments in River City, 1003 Block C... Ye Chen... instructs you to send your strongest men here in the shortest amount of time... Hurry! Someone has just barged in!" "Okay."

The phone call disconnected right after that word.

Meanwhile, Sun Yi's heart was in her throat as she curled herself up in a corner, her body trembling in fear.

"Why did he hang up so quickly... Why... Was the call made to the government of River City?"

At the Hidden Dragon Building, Jiangnan Province.

Ye Lingtian's expression darkened drastically as soon he hung up the phone!

His face was red with rage!

He did not know who was the girl on the other end of the phone. Nevertheless, it did not matter!

That was because it was the Hall Master himself who had ordered her to call his number. Not to mention, judging from her voice, something bad had happened in River City! Something very bad!

Anybody who was a threat to the Hall Master was Ye Lingtian's enemy, no matter who it was!

He picked up the phone immediately and dialed a River City number. The call connected in less than a second.

"I don't care if your strongest men are in the middle of a mission, order all of your men to go to 1003 Block C, Grand City Apartments in River City this instant! If anything happens to that girl, I'll be looking at your dead body!"

The man on the other end of the phone was stunned, but he replied instantly, "Yes, My Lord!"