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"I don't care! You have to take me out today or else we'll be strangers our whole lives! It'll be a struggle to the death and only one of us will come out alive! I will put poison in your food and poison you to death!" Nameless Nie screamed.

Ling Miao: "..."

"You can go out to play yourself. Why do you need me to take you?" Ling Miao didn't understand.

"Nonsense... I've just arrived in this place that's in the middle of nowhere. If I go out, I won't be able to find my way back... Anyway, aren't you my aunt? You're one generation older than me, so what's wrong with you taking me out to have fun? Isn't that within your duties and responsibilities? Am I calling you 'Aunt' for no reason...? If you won't take me out, then you have to call me Grandfather! You have to pay me back!" Nameless Nie exclaimed.

In the end, Ling Miao could only agree to Nameless Nie's request and take him out to have fun.

The two of them walked for about half an hour before arriving at an abandoned ferris wheel in the middle of town.

Ling Miao unwaveringly stared at the ferris wheel, seemingly deep in thought.

"Don't tell me you've never gone on one!" Nameless Nie questioned.

Ling Miao shook her head. Since she was born, she'd never even gone to an amusement park.

"Are you done looking at it? Let's go home," Ling Miao said.

"Are you joking? I haven't gone on it yet." Nameless Nie shook his head.

"This place has been abandoned for a long time. Entry isn't allowed." Ling Miao looked at Nameless Nie.

"So what? We can just secretly sneak inside." He laughed mischievously.

Ling Miao swore that this was the first time in her life she'd done something this crazy. She snuck onto the ferris wheel with Nameless Nie.

However, due to the ferris wheel being dilapidated, it couldn't move, so the duo could only climb to the middle level. And since the ferris wheel wasn't that high, it wasn't too dangerous.

"What do you think? Nice and cool, right?" Nameless Nie grinned.

"Mm." Ling Miao nodded lightly.

"Sigh, you're so sad. You haven't even been on a ferris wheel before." Nameless Nie shook his head.

"I heard... your parents are also very strict. Do you go out to play often?" Ling Miao was inquisitive.

"They are strict and my parents also never let me go out to play... But thankfully, I have a younger sister. Her name is Worriless Nie, and she frequently secretly takes me out to play. If my parents get angry, I can say it was my sister who forcefully dragged me out. It's not like I can beat her anyway," Nameless Nie replied after a moment of thought.

"Is that so..." Ling Miao was pensive. "Worriless Nie... That's a nice name."

"Nice sounding? How? It means thoughtless and heartless." Nameless Nie stared into the distance.

"I really envy you for having a sister." Ling Miao peered at him.

"Envy me?" Nameless Nie was startled briefly before bursting into laughter. "What's there to envy? My sister was taken away by my grandpa since she was young and rarely comes home. My grandpa has a conflict with my parents and prohibits my sister from coming into contact with my parents. My grandpa is seriously fearsome and taught my sister really well—to the point that I still can't beat her and she bullies me often."

"Hm... Isn't being bullied by a sister also a very blessed thing?" Ling Miao asked.

"Mm, you're very right. Did you also want to be blessed? You can achieve it too. In terms of family position, I call you my aunt. Why did you hit me today?" Nameless Nie shot her a glance.

Ling Miao: "..."

"My mom's really fearsome. You can study well by her side. My mom said that you have a rare talent and she's the only one qualified to teach you... When you grow up, you can return to the Independent State and properly protect your sister," Ling Miao eventually replied softly.

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"Protect her?" Nameless Nie snorted. "When I'm strong, I'll beat her to death and show her how mighty her brother is!"

Nameless Nie and Ling Miao lingered on the Ferris Wheel until night time—until a world-shaking furious scream was heard from below them.

"You two little brats, hurry and get your a*ses down here! If I don't beat you to death today, I'll take your surnames!"

Ling Miao's expression changed immediately. "It's over... Mommy discovered us."

"What are you scared of? Let me do it!" Nameless Nie then yelled down, "Come here, you vicious woman! Come up and catch us if you can!"

"Fine, you little brat!"

Under Nameless Nie's incredulous gaze, the provoked Auntie Ling climbed up in an extremely short amount of time like a gecko.

"Great Aunt Ling, it had nothing to do with me! It's all her... It was Aunt Ling! She beat me and insisted on taking me out to play! I was forced... Ah... Don't hit my face..."

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In the living room of the mansion:

Nameless Nie and Ling Miao were both holding water buckets. They were both punished by Auntie Ling.

"Say, I'm at least the only man in this family, but Great Aunt Ling doesn't respect me at all or show me any face. Is that appropriate? I want to rebel! She's crueler than my mom!" Nameless Nie grumbled, brimming with disgruntlement.

"We deserved this punishment," Ling Miao replied aloofly.

"I think you're just used to being slaved around! Your kind of thinking is too frightening! What do you mean we deserve this punishment? I'm telling you, you have to rebel! Like when my parents made me go to school when I was in the Independent State, I didn't go! What could they have done to me?!" Nameless Nie declared proudly.

"Hm... And then?" Ling Miao was brimming with curiosity. A concept like resistance was much too foreign to her.

"And then... they hired a private tutor for me at home... Sigh..." Nameless Nie wanted to cry.

"Oh, then it's better to not rebel." Ling Miao shook her head.

"Wrong! Rebelling is a type of attitude." Nameless Nie had an enigmatic expression.

"You want to rebel, huh?!"

Auntie Ling's shouting was suddenly heard from upstairs.

"Great Auntie Ling, it's Aunt Ling who wanted to rebel! You mustn't be angry; I'm trying to correct Aunt's thinking! I promise I can accomplish it and I'll make her repent sincerely!"

Nameless Nie yelled back hastily.

Ling Miao: "..."

When Auntie Ling was quiet again, Nameless Nie couldn't help but look at Ling Miao. "Say, do you really not know how to rebel?! I was already doing you wrong like that, but you still didn't fight back?"

Ling Miao turned to him. "Didn't you say I'm your aunt? There's nothing wrong with me protecting you a little."

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The next morning at dawn, Nameless Nie was arranged to study together with Ling Miao.

"You have your culture lessons today, personally taught by me, your most heroic and well-esteemed mother and great aunt," Ling Miao announced to Nameless Nie and Ling Miao, who were currently eating breakfast.

"Aunt, what level of education do you have, huh? You're teaching us?" Nameless Nie questioned Auntie Ling.

Auntie Ling was startled for a moment before she turned contemplative. "I had two years of private school when I was young..."

"In today's terms... that would be... a kindergarten education?" Nameless Nie was dumbfounded.

"What? You have objections?" Auntie Ling viciously glared at Nameless Nie.

"Great Aunt Ling, that's great! Your education level suits me perfectly! I'll listen to your lessons well..."

Nameless Nie swore that this was the easiest culture class he'd ever attended. He never knew culture classes could be this uncultured...

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"Little brat, you're quite good at math."

Auntie Ling stared at Nameless Nie.

Nameless Nie's lips turned up as he actually pulled out an archaic abacus from his jacket. "Great Aunt Ling, just poke around the Independent State. Who doesn't know that I, Nameless Nie, am the king of math, the supreme leader amongst prodigies? You know the Shen family of the Independent State, right? They're the wealthiest clan in the Independent State. But just watch—one day, I'll knock them down using my unparalleled math skills and business-geared brain!"

Auntie Ling's lips twitched. "I finally understand why your parents sent you here... You have such superb talent, but you won't do something proper and want to run off to do business?"

"Great Aunt Ling, you're too stupid." Nameless Nie sighed, his expression serious. "Doing business is great! What's the point of learning martial arts as a boss? When I become a boss, I can hire countless martial arts experts for my usage and I can establish my own mercenary team. I'm rich and I would be the boss, so those experts would all have to listen to me!"

"True." Auntie Ling nodded. "However... I'm afraid this reasoning doesn't suit the Independent State, no?"

Nameless Nie's thoughts would be completely valid in the outside world, but what kind of place was the Independent State? The Shen family was simply an exception; not everyone could become the next Shen family.

"Anyway, does the Nie family lack money? The clan is prosperous and its business is flourishing, but they simply lack an expert to hold down the clan. Your parents are hoping you will come out successful, so stop thinking about these useless things. I'm confiscating the abacus." Auntie Ling immediately took away his abacus.

"That's fine." Nameless Nie smirked as he pulled another item out of his pocket. "I still have a calculator!"

"Also confiscated." Auntie Ling snatched the calculator.

"You...!" Nameless Nie turned furious at once.

"If you dare to curse, I'll slap your dirty mouth!" Auntie Ling threatened viciously.

"You... you did wonderfully..." Nameless Nie immediately deflated like a leaking balloon.

On the side, a rare faint smile actually appeared on Ling Miao's eternally glacial face. She also didn't know why this boy made her inexplicably happy but watching him was like watching a comedy movie.

"Great Aunt, you confiscated my most valuable possessions! There's no meaning to my life anymore! That's super unfair!" Nameless Nie appeared to be unable to take this lying down.

"What do you want then? You can snatch them back if you're capable!" Auntie Ling pursed her lips.

"I'm a civilized and upright person, so you must trade them with something of equal value." Nameless Nie displayed his businessman nature.

Not waiting for her to respond, Nameless Nie continued, "What's your most valuable possession, Auntie Ling?"

"My daughter," Auntie Ling blurted out.

"Then I will trade my calculator and my abacus for Aunt Ling Miao," Nameless Nie quickly said.

"Am I only worth a calculator and an abacus?" Ling Miao looked at Nameless Nie with slightly furrowed brows.

Auntie Ling was intrigued. "Why do you want Ling Miao?"

"Why do you want my calculator and abacus?" Nameless Nie retorted.

"How should I know?" Auntie Ling replied.

"Then how should I know? Anyway, they're both our most valuable possessions, so it's fine as long as I'm not taking a loss," Nameless Nie said.

Auntie Ling: "..."

"Alright, then we've come to a happy decision. Great Aunt Ling, Aunt Ling Miao will be mine from now on, so if you ever want to punish me, it'll be directed toward Aunt Ling Miao and she'll take the punishment for me," Nameless Nie added after a moment of thought.

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"I don't agree," Ling Miao interjected.

"That won't work. This is a trade between Great Aunt Ling and I, unless you make her return my calculator and abacus to me," Nameless Nie rebutted with a pout.

Auntie Ling stared at Nameless Nie like he was an alien, unable to help herself from giving him a thumbs-up. "You're the most thick-faced and shameless person I've ever seen in my life. You're still young right now, but when you grow up... just how thick will your face become?"

"Thick-faced?" Nameless Nie looked at her in astonishment. "Great Aunt Ling, how could you talk about me like that? How am I thick-faced? Please watch your words and don't hurt my fragile heart, alright?"

Auntie Ling: "..."

After Auntie Ling left, Nameless Nie glanced at Ling Miao and grinned. "From now on, you'll be my attendant. Great Aunt Ling already sold you to me—wait no, she traded you to me. You have to listen to me and can't object to what I say or do anything different than what I tell you!"

Ling Miao didn't even look at Nameless Nie and turned around, heading upstairs to her bedroom.

Nameless Nie hastily shouted, "Hey... Don't run away! I have to negotiate with the fatty nearby later! You need to come to bolster my courage!"

"No." Ling Miao's voice drifted from upstairs. "That fatty is the local tyrant around here. Don't provoke him."

"Hmph, fine! I'll go myself if you don't go!" Nameless Nie snorted before leaving the house while swaggering.

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"Nameless Nie, you b*stard, you actually dared to deceive me?" In the forest, the youth revealed a vicious expression as he stared at Nameless Nie.

"F*ck you, who deceived you?" Nameless Nie retorted.

"You took my money and said you'd get your elder sister to go on a date with me, didn't you?" the short and fat kid shouted.

"What you said is correct, but I also didn't break my word." Nameless Nie nodded without denying it.

Some time ago, Nameless Nie got to know the famous fat local tyrant, and the two of them made a trade. The roly-poly kid would give Nameless Nie a certain amount of compensation and Nameless Nie would introduce his elder sister to him.

However, day after day passed, but Nameless Nie still didn't fulfill his promise and the roly-poly kid, who still hadn't seen Ling Miao, finally became impatient.

"Since you admit it, great. Tell me how we should resolve this matter?" The roly-poly kid irritatedly looked at Nameless Nie.

"Resolve what... I'll definitely keep my promise and bring my sister here," Nameless Nie said.

"Give me a timeframe. Just when will you bring Ling Miao to me?" The roly-poly kid questioned him.

Nameless Nie was "startled" and exclaimed with a "surprised" expression, "What Ling Miao? Who said I'll bring Ling Miao to you?"

"Nameless Nie, I've given you the money already. Are you playing with me, huh?!" The roly-poly kid looked ferocious. "You promised you'd bring your sister to me yourself!"

Nameless Nie shook his head though. "D*mn fatso, I did say that, but Ling Miao is my aunt, not my sister. I said I would bring my sister to you; I didn't say I'd bring my aunt to you, correct?"

"What did you say?" The fatso was dumbfounded. Ling Miao's age was very similar to Nameless Nie, so how was she an entire generation above him? His aunt?

"Nameless Nie... you b*stard! Alright then! Didn't you ask about my reputation around here? You dare to trick me? You're dead!" The roly-poly kid had a menacing expression.

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Nameless Nie glared at the fatty. "Blah! Come here if you're so great! Your Grandfather Nameless will knock out your front teeth! I'll own you!"

"Nameless Nie, you piece of sh*t. You dare to act so arrogant with me?!" The roly-poly kid was furious.

"Hold on..." Nameless Nie called out when he saw the fatty ferociously charging toward him. "How about this? Give me a little more money, and I'll bring my aunt here and introduce her to you. What do you think?"

"It's useless even if you bring your mom here!" The fatty picked up a rock from the ground. "You'll be my father if I don't kill you today."

"Huh? They all say you're the famous tyrant around here, but how come I can't tell at all? What era is it? You want to do a 1v1 with me?" Nameless Nie hastily said when he saw the fatty's intentions.

The roly-poly kid paused, not understanding Nameless Nie's meaning. He demanded frankly, "Nameless Nie, you piece of sh*t. What do you mean?"

"What do I mean?" Nameless Nie snorted. "Let's set up a fight if you have the balls! What's so great about 1v1? We can't show off our positions or statuses with that at all! How about this—we'll decide on a time and place and each find our own people if we can. Whoever can bring more people is mightier. Whoever wins will be the new tyrant in this town. How about that?"

The fatty was quiet for a moment, as though he was considering it.

"Hahaha, d*mn fatso! I bet you can't summon anyone, so you must be terrified to death right now! How about you give me a kowtow and we'll leave this matter behind us!" Nameless Nie mocked.

"Bullsh*t!" The roly-poly kid viciously glared at Nameless Nie. "I'm afraid? Haha, what a funny joke! I've never cried once since I was born! The word 'afraid' doesn't exist in my dictionary! I don't even know how to write it!"

"Then let's set up a fight time!" Nameless Nie taunted.

"Alright! Let's do it. I'm telling you, I have 20 brothers. We'll meet up here again tomorrow afternoon! Whoever doesn't come is a runt!" the fatty declared.

"Sure! Whoever doesn't come is a runt." Nameless Nie nodded.

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Nearby, Ling Miao frowned lightly. Nameless Nie actually used her to conduct business and offended this little tyrant.

She was originally a little worried about Nameless Nie's safety, but after following him, she discovered her worries were unfounded. It wouldn't be a loss even if he was beaten to death by this fatty.

Not only did he bargain with her but he also solicited a fight. He barely knew anyone here. Even if he did, no one would be willing to provoke that little tyrant. Who could Nameless Nie find to help him?

When Ling Miao got home, she thought Nameless Nie would seek help from her or her mom, but he didn't mention a word.

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The next day, at the agreed-upon time:

They were in the same small forest as yesterday.

The roly-poly kid really did bring a dozen or so youths.

Soon, Nameless Nie appeared in the roly-poly kid's line of sight.

"Hahaha, Nameless Nie, you piece of sh*t, how many people did you bring?" The fatty was gloating.

"Oh, I brought only one person," Nameless Nie replied.

"One person?" The fatty was startled briefly before bursting into laughter. "You're really suicidal! Come on, call out the wimpy b*stard you brought here!"

"You can't talk like that... What wimpy b*stard? How could you curse like that?!" Nameless Nie declared, "You mustn't curse. Be civilized!"

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"So what if I cursed? You did bring a wimpy b*stard! Coward! Piece of trash!" the fatty mocked.

"Sigh..." Nameless Nie sighed and turned to the woods behind him. "Come out, Uncle!"

A second later, a man holding a leather belt marched out from the trees.

When the fatty saw the man, he jolted and his expression dropped.

The fatty never expected the person Nameless Nie brought... would actually be his dad...

As Nameless Nie watched the fatty chased around by the man holding the whip, he dug out a bag of seeds from his pocket. "You're welcome, Uncle. Children have to be disciplined from a young age. He's so young but he's already learned how to arrange fights, so what will he do when he grows up? You should just beat him to death now."

"Little mongrel; you already know how to arrange fights, huh? You don't know anything or have any skills and I sent you to school, but you actually ditched class?!"

The man mercilessly whipped the fatty with his belt.

"Ahh... Dad, I won't do it again... AHH, I really won't do it again..." Scream after scream tore out of the fatty's mouth. He'd been struck several times by the belt already.

"I'll show you how I'm going to clean house today! I'll make you learn your lesson!" The man sounded disappointed.

The companions brought by the fatty were all stupefied and dazed. No one could've expected the boy who proposed the fight to be this thick-faced! He actually summoned the parents and called the father!

It was clearly him who proposed the fight, alright? How could he possibly be this shameless?!

Nearby, Nameless Nie cracked a seed open before smacking his lips. "Sigh, that's right. He's misbehaved at such a young age, learned from bad apples and looks at bad people as models. When he grows up, he'll definitely become a pest for society. Uncle, your son was forcing me to introduce my aunt to him to befriend her. When I wasn't willing, he cursed me out and hit me..."

The fatty wanted to say something but immediately suffered another whiplash. He could only cradle his head and burrow to avoid the pain.

"Eh, that's not all. He steals all the pocket money my great aunt gives me every day, saying it's a protection fee I owe him... If I don't give him the money, he sbeat me and has beaten me to tears a few times." Nameless Nie sighed.

As the fatty wailed, he viciously glared at Nameless Nie. Freaking... It was obviously this piece of sh*t who conned his money...

"Dad, he's the one who tricked me out of my money..." the fatty yelled.

However, the man immediately cracked a whip onto his son's back again. "You've learned how to lie, huh? Look at how old he is and how old you are, yet you're saying he tricked you out of your money? I'm gonna kill you today!"

The fatty had nowhere to shed his tears, despair written all over his face.

"And you were forcing Nameless to bring his aunt out, huh? Wimpy b*stard! What do you want to do? Do you want to take off into space?! How old are you, huh?!" The more the man spoke, the angrier he got. He raised his belt and kept chasing his son.

After beating the fatty for half an hour, the man tossed aside the belt—ripped from its use—and walked over to Nameless Nie. "How much money did my plump kid steal from you?"

"Eh... it wasn't that much actually. It's just grocery money my great aunt gives me every day... It's about... this much..." Nameless Nie pointed a few fingers up.

"What a good child. You know to help your family out at such a young age and know how to buy groceries." The man exasperatedly shook his head as he glanced at his own kid.

"Here's the money back, Uncle will return it to you. If he bullies you again, come and tell Uncle," the man said.

"Alright, Uncle! Thank you, Uncle!" Nameless Nie frantically nodded.

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"I earned a lot of money on the side of the road, no one stop me, let me earn more..."

Nameless Nie seemed to be in quite a good mood after watching the fatty suffer a round of fierce beating from his father. He carried the money the fatty's father gave him and skipped his way home while humming a song.

Far away, Ling Miao, who secretly followed Nameless Nie to the forest, didn't know what to say as she watched this scene in front of her. Nameless Nie's appearance had introduced her to a whole new world.

From now on, all the youths within ten miles of this town would know of Nameless Nie, and no one would be willing to provoke him.

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"Great Aunt Ling, do you think I run fast?"

Inside the mansion, Nameless Nie was running swiftly.

"Fast." Auntie Ling placed down a plate of fruit on the coffee table.

"My martial arts skills are already at the peak! I'm invincible!" Nameless Nie declared with mirth.

Auntie Ling and Ling Miao were both dumbfounded. How was this weakling invincible?

"Aren't you just running a little fast?" Auntie Ling replied.

Nameless Nie smiled faintly at Auntie Ling, his expression enigmatic. "Only speed can't be beaten in the world of martial arts!"

Auntie Ling: "..."

Ling Miao: "..."

Nameless Nie didn't know how long he maintained this sort of lifestyle. But the longer he kept it up, the more he became used to it, and he even enjoyed it incredibly.

Many years passed.

At a desolate area outside of a town.

There was a tall and handsome man in a sports outfit.

Next to him was a girl with a cool expression not prone to speech nor smiles; she had a glacial aura. She resembled an aloof saintess who stood above the mass and kept people from approaching easily.

"Ling Miao, what do you think Old Ling was thinking? Why did she make us become some bullsh*t mercenaries? Being a mercenary is fine, but what's the deal with not getting paid? Is she treating us like free labor?" Nameless Nie complained.

Ling Miao glanced at Nameless Nie. "If you don't like it, you can go back."

"That won't do. Old Ling would beat me to death if I went back. Forget it. After we get this job done, I'll definitely make Old Ling pay me a salary," Nameless Nie replied after a moment of thought.

"That man and woman can't be the mercenaries hired by that woman, right?"

Far away, two pretty-looking men evaluated Nameless Nie and Ling Miao.

"Merciful Buddha, this poor monk thinks they should be the mercenaries," the pretty man dressed in Daoist attire answered.

"Who cares if they are or not? We'll kill them first. That man is quite good-looking... Sigh, look at that woman next to him—it's obvious she's a vixen, a hussy, a sl*t who specializes in seducing men! I'll make her beg for death!" the other pretty man dressed in bright red robes declared.

"Merciful Buddha, you just think she's beautiful," the Taoist devotee retorted.

"Bullsh*t! How is she pretty? She can't compare to one ten-thousandth of me!" the red-robed man ridiculed.

After saying that, the red-robed man swiftly dashed over and arrived next to Nameless Nie and Ling Miao.

"I developed this road and I planted this tree, so if you want to pass, leave your life behind," the redrobed man said gravely.

"Who are you?"

Nameless Nie glanced at the red-robed man.

"You haven't even heard of my name before? I'm the pine tree standing above thousands of bushes!" the red-robed man replied.

"Your surname is Bushes... and your name is Pine Tree Standing Above Thousands of?" Nameless Nie asked curiously.

"This madam is called Spray of Flowers!" the red-robed man shouted.

"Oh, Spray of Flowers, what do you want?" Nameless Nie inquired.

"I developed this road and I planted this tree, so if you want to pass, leave your life behind," the redrobed man repeated.

Nameless Nie immediately scrutinized the surroundings. "There aren't any trees here though."

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"Are you freaking pretending to be stupid or are you really stupid...?" Spray of Flowers was dumbfounded. Was the problem whether there was a tree or not?!

"Plus there isn't any earth here; it's all sand and dust. Could you be a road repairer?" Nameless Nie inquired further.

"Merciful Buddha." At this moment, a man dressed in a Taoist devotee outfit walked over with a smile on his face.

"Patron, your ophryon is looking black. I want to read your fortune for you," the little Daoist devotee continued.

When Ling Miao saw this duo, her brows furrowed.

Spray of Flowers...

Taoist Devotee...

Perhaps other people didn't know these two people, but Ling Miao had heard about them in recent years.

Vicious and merciless, slaughtering countless people.

"Merciful Buddha, patron, I've looked at your face... I think you'll definitely have an injury of some sort in your upcoming days. If you're willing to spend some money, patron, this poor monk is willing to break this blood curse for you." The Taoist Devotee looked grim.

"Are you actually a Taoist devotee or a monk?" Nameless Nie examined the Taoist Devotee.

"Patron, are you blind?" The Taoist Devotee spun in a circle. "This poor monk is a Taoist Devotee, of course."

"Ah... I see." Nameless Nie appeared pensive. "Merciful Buddha isn't suitable. You should say Heavenly Venerate Immeasurable. 'This poor monk' also isn't suitable."

"Heh, that's unimportant," Taoist Devotee replied with a chuckle. "If I'm correct, you two are the mercenaries hired by Ling Yun, correct?"

"What? You know Auntie Ling?" Nameless Nie inquired curiously.

"Heh, when Ling Yun was young, she swept across the land, so of course I've heard of her name. Since that was your response, it appears you really are Ling Yun's mercenaries," the Taoist Devotee said.

"What a coincidence. Your target this time is Zhao Yechao while the two of us were hired by Zhao Yechao... So look, are you going to return the way you came, or are you going to set home here permanently?"

Nameless Nie smiled and raised his right arm. With a giant boom, he punched the red-robed man several meters back.

Attacked by Nameless Nie without warning, Spray of Flowers wailed ceaselessly, trying to clutch his head.

"Don't you think you're too arrogant?" Nameless Nie questioned.

Spray of Flowers protested, "He's arrogant... so why the heck did you hit me?! Hit him! Why did you hit me, huh?!"

Nameless Nie was startled.

Bam!

A second later, before Taoist Devotee could react, he was sent flying back with a punch from Nameless Nie.

"Sissy, you're right," Nameless Nie said.

Ling Miao: "..."

Ling Miao couldn't help but take a few looks at him.

Since the day Nameless Nie came to her home, Mother said Nameless Nie was extremely talented.

However, Ling Miao never would've expected Nameless Nie to have gotten to his current state in martial arts despite lacking perseverance and continuity in his studies.

It wouldn't be an overstatement to call him a genius.

"D*mn Taoist, let's kill this adulterous couple!" Spray of Flowers stood up with clenched teeth.

"Don't spout nonsense." Ling Miao frowned. "I'm his aunt."

"Huh? Aunt?"

Spray of Flowers and Taoist Devotee looked at each other, bewildered. This woman took good care of herself!

"What brand of skincare products do you use?" Spray of Flowers blurted out almost reflexively.

Ling Miao: "..."

"You're so arrogant that you won't even answer? You trampy vixen!" Spray of Flowers turned to Taoist Devotee. "Don't waste time with them! Let's kill this adulterous couple!"

Ling Miao: "..."

Seven to eight minutes later, Nameless Nie was sitting on top of Taoist Devotee and Spray of Flowers. "Eh, even though you're quite martially strong, you ran into Grandfather Nameless, so you still have a ways to go."

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"Ling Miao, how do you think we should deal with them?" Nameless Nie asked Ling Miao cheerily.

"However you please," Ling Miao replied expressionlessly.

Nameless Nie thought over it. "How about killing them?"

"Mm." Ling Miao nodded.

"Wait... you said your name is Nameless?" Taoist Devotee hastily cried.

"Your Grandfather Nameless doesn't change his name whether he travels or stays at home," Nameless Nie said.

"Don't tell me your surname is Nie?" Taoist Devotee continued.

Nameless Nie and Ling Miao were both surprised. How did this Taoist Devotee know?

"How do you know my surname?" Nameless Nie was curious.

"D*mn, your surname is really freaking Nie! It's not a coincidence, right?!" Taoist Devotee was more astonished than Nameless Nie.

Before Nameless Nie could respond, Taoist Devotee said, "Don't tell me you're Nameless Nie of the Nie family... from Yun City... in the Independent State."

"D*mn, you know that too? Did you look into me?" Nameless Nie was startled.

"D*mn quack, you know him?" Spray of Flowers quickly asked from his spot underneath Nameless Nie.

"Captain, it really is you! I thought you had died!" Taoist Devotee hugged Nameless Nie's thigh.

"Don't try to play close with me. What captain? I've never seen you before," Nameless Nie said.

"It's me... Baldy! Back then, in the Independent State, I was a member of the Nameless Caravan! There was only the two of us in the caravan. You were the captain and I was a member. Have you forgotten?!" Taoist Devotee looked worked up.

"Huh?!" Nameless Nie was stunned as he looked at Taoist Devotee. "You're Baldy?"

Taoist Devotee nodded frantically. "That's right, I'm Baldy! You've tricked money out of me when I was young. You said it was my tuition fee, made me follow you and join the Nameless Caravan then we got rich together! You'd take me to feast on liquor and meat!"

"Sh*t, it really is you, b*stard!" Nameless Nie lifted Taoist Devotee up. "Then you ran to the Nie residence and told my mom I tricked money from you. My dad and my mom both gave me a beating together..."

"Huh? That happened? Why didn't I know? No, that absolutely didn't happen!" Taoist Devotee vehemently shook his head. "Eh... I'm guessing it was someone else tricked by you who tattled on you! I definitely didn't do it!"

"Bullsh*t! My mom said it was a little shady-looking badly who tattled on me while licking his snot! Who else could it be but you? You freaking loved to lick your snot the most when you were young!" Nameless Nie said.

Taoist Devotee: "..."

Spray of Flowers: "D*mn quack, you were actually that disgusting?!"

"Captain... A real man doesn't boast about his past achievements. I didn't see you ever since that, so I thought you had been beaten to death by your mom." Taoist Devotee sighed. "I originally planned to learn trade and business from you but then you were gone, so I could only learn martial arts... I'm working for someone now. I was out of money recently, so I became a mercenary for Zhao Yechao. You mustn't seek out Zhao Yechao. He's laid down a foolproof trap already and he's just waiting for you!"

"D*mn quack, you betrayed us this fast?!" Spray of Flowers exclaimed.

"Nonsense, we grew up playing in the mud together since we were kids." Nameless Nie glanced at Spray of Flowers.

Spray of Flowers: " ... "

Nameless Nie glanced at Taoist Devotee. "Why are you a mercenary? Work for me from now on! My Nameless Caravan will blossom brilliantly from now on and replace the Shen family..."

"I believe you, Captain. It absolutely won't be a problem with your shamelessness. We have to carry out our promise from when we were kids: we'll eat whatever we want and make the Shen family serve tea and water for us. We'll eat swallow's nest and shark fin and toss away a bowl for every bowl we drink!" Taoist Devotee nodded eagerly.

"Baldy, you're right! You know me best!" Nameless Nie said.

"Captain, how much starting funds do you have?" Taoist Devotee asked curiously.

"I don't have any right now," Nameless Nie replied after a moment of thought.

Taoist Devotee: "..."

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Taoist Devotee stared at Nameless Nie, grumbles flaring up inside of him.

Based on his understanding of Nameless Nie, it wasn't probable for him to not have any money...

Putting aside the fact that Nameless Nie was a master of trickery and had been swindling since he was young, with his personality of being able to use 10 cents like it was 10 dollars, he should be able to save up quite a bit of money. How could he be out of money?

"Captain, if you don't have money, you must have something else, right?" Taoist Devotee furtively asked him.

The corners of Nameless Nie's lips turned up, and his expression was confident. "You're right."

"Just what do you have, Captain?" Taoist Devotee was invigorated instantly.

Nameless Nie was silent for a moment before responding, "I have a dream."

"Captain, see how it's getting late? We still have something to take care of... How about this—we'll get together another time. I'll buy you a meal next time," Taoist Devotee said.

Nameless Nie immediately sent Taoist Devotee a few glances. "I understand. You're hinting at me... to buy you a meal."

Taoist Devotee: "..." When did I make a hint?

"The town is nearby." Ling Miao spoke up quietly. "I happen to have a few questions to ask you two too."

"Gorgeous has spoken. Let's go!" Nameless Nie picked up Spray of Flowers.

"Eh, isn't she your aunt?" Spray of Flowers was curious.

"So what if she's my aunt?" Nameless Nie asked.

"She's your aunt but you don't call her 'Aunt', you call her 'gorgeous'?" Spray of Flowers asked.

"Isn't my aunt gorgeous?" Nameless Nie retorted.

"She is gorgeous ... "

"Then that's enough."

Spray of Flowers: "..." While that was true, he still felt like something was off.

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Near evening, the four of them finally arrived at the nearby town.

"Alright, tell me—what do you want to eat? I'm paying today," Nameless Nie announced generously.

"Captain, how about we go eat..."

Before Taoist Devotee could finish, Nameless Nie suddenly pointed at a food stall on the side of the road. "I'll buy you guys some egg fried rice? We'll add an extra egg for everyone and ask the owner to give us some appetizers on the house."

Taoist Devotee: " ... "

Spray of Flowers glanced at Nameless Nie. "Aren't you too stingy? Even if we're willing to eat egg fried rice, your beautiful aunt might not want to eat it."

"What is it about egg fried rice, huh? My beautiful aunt is never picky." Nameless Nie snorted and turned to Ling Miao. "Beautiful aunt, do you want to eat some egg fried rice paired with some salted vegetables?"

Ling Miao shook her head. "You've already taken me to eat four days of egg fried rice and dumplings. Let's eat something else."

Eaten four days of egg fried rice and dumplings?

Spray of Flowers and Taoist Devotee stared at each other, bewildered.

"Hey, captain, how about we go eat a western meal? Worse comes to worst, Spray of Flowers will pay." Taoist Devotee turned to Nameless Nie.

"Huh?" Spray of Flowers' eyes shot open. "Why should I have to pay? You guys were the ones who grew up playing in the mud together. You've finally met up again after so many years, so aren't you guys too shameless to make me, an outsider, pay? Where's your face?"

"Look at what you're saying. We're all children of vagrants, so we don't care about those unnecessary cordialities. The most important thing is being happy. It doesn't matter who pays. I don't care," Nameless Nie said.

"I care," Spray of Flowers rebutted bluntly.

"Forget it. I will pay," Ling Miao interjected after some time.

"Are you joking? Do you think I can't pay? Why do you need to pay?" Nameless Nie frowned and shot a glance at Taoist Devotee and Spray of Flowers with a snort. "Those two are seriously too stingy."

Spray of Flowers: "..."

Taoist Devotee: "..."

It was clearly Nameless Nie himself who suggested he would pay, but now, he was calling them stingy?