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Mu Xi shuddered.

Even though the person standing in front of her was only an eight-year-old child, the cold aura emanating from him scared her!

Mu Yazhe drew the child into his embrace and gently rubbed his forehead. "Youyou, don't be afraid..."

Even though his own heart was also in utter chaos right now.

Youyou was shaking in anger. His heart ached at the thought of his mommy being betrayed by Mu Xi!

Mu Yichen said, "Youyou, don't worry. It's best that there's no news now! However, I'm still confused and can't find any traces of Mommy, let alone figure out who the mastermind is. However, I think that person must be using Mommy as a hostage to negotiate with someone!"

After a pause, he asked his father suspiciously, "Daddy, have you offended anyone recently?"

The man pursed his lips and shook his head. "No!"

Clenching his fists tightly, Youyou said in a quiet voice, "Maybe... I'm right."

"What?"

"It has to be Dietris!"

His sixth sense could not be wrong.

Suddenly, his cell phone rang.

Thinking that it was a video call from Gong Jie, Youyou quickly took out his phone only to see an unfamiliar IP call pop up on the screen. His heart skipped a beat and he immediately answered the call!

As the internet connection stabilized, the images gradually became clearer.

In the video, Youyou saw a man sitting on a chair. A ferocious face appeared in front of him.

"Hehe, little fellow, how have you been!?"

Mu Yazhe knitted his brows in shock. This man's face was so foreign that he naturally could not recognize him.

This did not mean that Youyou didn't know who he was.

"Dietris?" The boy had never seen Dietris' face, so he raised his eyebrows skeptically.

"So smart! I can't believe it. I was wondering if the rumored genius of Hurricane Group was really only eight years old. I didn't believe it until now!"

In the image, Dietris was in a dark environment. The initial conclusion was that it was probably a storage area on the cruise ship.

Despite the limited resolution of the video, he could still see the dust floating in the air!

Mu Xi raised her head abruptly when she heard the voice. Even though the voice she had heard on the phonecalls with him previously had been channeled through an alteration device, this man's voice was too easy to distinguish. It was gloomy, hoarse, and spine chilling!

It was him!

She immediately recognized it!

Mu Xi leaned towards the phone and stared hard at the man's face. "What did you do to Shishi?"

She spoke in Mandarin and because Dietris did not understand Mandarin, he misunderstood her!

"You wish to see your parents? Sure."

Dietris signaled with his eyes. The camera turned panned to a different part of the room.

Under the dim light, Mu Xi saw her parents. They were bound tightly to a metal pillar.

She did not observe any obvious wounds on them so it seemed that Dietris did not torture them much.

However, after being imprisoned for a long time, they didn't appear to be in a good mental state. With their heads lowered, it was hard to tell if they were awake or unconscious, or even, if they were dead or alive!

Youyou finally understood why Mu Xi wanted to do this. It turned out that it was Dietris who kidnapped her parents!

Despicable!

Shameless! Sly old fox!

He knew that he would not be able to capture Mommy without help. Hence, he had used Mu Xi to lure Yun Shishi to the harbor!

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Mu Xi's facial muscles twitched as she gritted her teeth. She hated this man to the core and screamed at the top of her lungs, "Let them go!"

Youyou coldly replied, "He is not going to let them go."

"What?"

"Who do you think he is? A philanthropist? Anyone who falls into his clutches can forget about getting out alive."

At this point, Dietris spoke. "According to the agreement, I should let them go. Unfortunately, you broke our agreement, and our deal is no longer valid. What I promised you is naturally not valid!"

Mu Xi did not understand English and looked lost. However, she soon saw two men approaching her parents and untying the ropes that bound them. They then fell limply to the ground.

“Ah...”

She let out a nervous gasp as two men lifted her father and mother by their collars to a hatch. They opened it and walked along the cruise ship, swaying to the movements of the waves. A blue expanse came into view.

She finally understood what this man was trying to do!

She screamed, “No!”

Before her voice even faded, the men could be seen through the doorway, kicking her mother off the ship. Her body fell and sank into the sea, and was soon swallowed by it!

“Ah...” Mu Xi watched this scene in disbelief as she fell to the ground in a daze, tears rolling down her face.

Trembling violently, she looked at the camera again, only to see that her father had woken up abruptly. He was looking at the man and screaming with his mouth agape!

Mu Xi thought that he was so frightened that he had lost his voice, but Youyou knew very well that the reason he was screaming silently was not because he was terrified, but because his tongue had been cut off!

How cruel!

Youyou clenched his fists tightly. In the next second, Mu Xi’s father was pushed out through the door as well. His body sank into the sea, but he quickly surfaced. He could be seen struggling, but soon, he too, was swallowed by the waves!

Mu Xi broke down and screamed, “No!!”

The hatch was shut.

Dietris’ cruelty made one’s blood run cold!

Mu Yichen’s jaw dropped and his chest tightened!

He was not concerned about Mu Xi’s parents; instead, he was worried about Yun Shishi’s safety!

Dietris was ruthless and did not waste his time with idle conversation!

Just like that scene that had taken place – ruthless, decisive, and murderous without the slightest hesitation!

It was as if the lives of two people were as cheap as a blade of grass in his eyes!

But one would have expected that.

After all, he was the boss of an organization running a dark web. His business was selling women from all over the world at high prices.

Even Mu Yichen, who had seen many life and death situations, was frightened by what he saw!

Youyou gritted his teeth and asked, "Where's my mommy?"

"You wish to see her?"

Dietrich laughed coldly. "Unfortunately, she is the highlight of the auction."

"Auction?!"

Youyou was shocked. "What do you want?!"

The lunatic!

"You caused me heavy losses previously. Have you any idea that because of you, I lost a total of three billion US dollars!"

Youyou pursed his lips and said solemnly, "Three billion, is it?! I'll compensate you."

"Oh? Can you afford this sum of money?"

"Give me one night to prepare."

"One night, haha! I can't wait that long!"

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"One night, haha! I can't wait that long!"

Dietrich countered, "I'll only give you two hours."

"Two hours..."

It was simply impossible to prepare so much cash at such short notice! This man was trying to make things difficult for them!

It was not that he did not have the ability to satisfy Dietrich's exorbitant demand, but the reality was that it was already late at night. Even if it was a direct transfer from the account, there were backend processes. Moreover, what he wanted was cash, where would he get that much cash?!

Three billion USD?!

Not every bank had such an extraordinary amount of foreign-exchange reserves!

Furthermore, the banks were closed now. If they urgently informed the higher-ups that they needed to withdraw \$3 billion USD in cash, it would be extremely difficult!

Moreover, he had to be at the harbor in two hours. Otherwise, his mother may be in danger!

However, if they relied on Hurricane Group, the three billion would not be difficult.

As far as he knew, most of Hurricane Group's transactions were cash transactions. Therefore, it was not difficult for Hurricane Group to raise three billion in cash.

However, Gong Jie would need time to make his way over from the Hurricane headquarters.

Dietris said, "Remember, I want cash. In two hours, I'll send someone to pick you up at the harbor. If I don't see the three billion, don't blame me for what I'd do next! It's not like I didn't give you a chance!"

Youyou could not care less and agreed readily. "Okay! You have my word!"

"Remember, you have two hours, you will come alone with the cash. If you bring others with you, my bullets show no mercy!"

Dietris was very cunning. He knew that one more person meant greater danger for himself.

If it was just a child, he would be able to keep things under control. However, things would be more uncertain if there was an adult around.

He was not so foolish as to take the risk.

"I want to see her first!" Youyou made the request.

When Dietris heard this, he laughed. "You think this is a negotiation?!"

"We're both businessmen. You made your terms. Why can't I make my terms?"

"You're wrong. This isn't a business deal."

"Even if this is to redeem someone, you have to give me assurance that she is safe!"

"In your dreams." Dietris' attitude was very firm. "Remember, you have only two hours. If you do not turn up in two hours, you can expect to receive a dead body! Haha..."

The video call was then disconnected in the midst of Dietris' cold and arrogant laughter!

After ending the call, Youyou bit his lips tightly and looked up at his father.

"Daddy, are we able to prepare that much cash within an hour?"

"Three billion?"

The man sucked in a deep breath. "Time is tight, but we should be able to come up with a solution."

The way he said it meant that he couldn't raise that much cash in an hour.

He was well aware of Mu Yazhe's financial situation. He had three billion USD in foreign currency reserves, but even if he had access to it, he would not be able to have it ready in the form of cash in such a short time.

Dietris was deliberately making things difficult for him.

This meant that he already had a plan of what he was going to do next.

"We don't have enough time."

Youyou replied, "It's alright even if we can't get the cash together in time. I'll go alone."

"Absolutely not." Mu Yazhe refused to entertain the idea. "How do you think you're going to do this?"

He would only be seeking his own death.

"I will negotiate with him, of course."

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"How are you going to negotiate with him if you don't have any bargaining chips?"

"Although Dietris' methods are cruel, he would never make a loss. He won't kill me so easily. I'm only doing this to stall for time."

After a pause, he added, "I've already contacted Uncle. If all pans out well, he'll be here tomorrow morning."

"No way!" Mu Yazhe was adamant. "If anyone were to go, it'd be me."

"Daddy, the person Dietris wishes to see is me! This is between him and me. Mommy's life is in his hands now. It's useless if you go."

He knew very well that he was the one that Dietris wanted. If Mu Yazhe were to act rashly and turned up, it would only anger that cunning old fellow!

But if he were to go, that was different.

Dietris was targeting him. He was confident and trusted Mu Yazhe and Gong Jie.

The boy's intention was to leave Mu Yazhe behind to receive Gong Jie while he went to stall for time.

Opportunities are always accompanied by danger. No venture, no gain.

Youyou curled his lips. "This is all my fault. It's my fault for not being ruthless enough back then and now Mommy has been implicated. Since that's the case, I should bear the responsibility!"

Mu Yazhe squatted down and gripped the boy's shoulders tightly. "You want me to sit back and do nothing while you take a risk?"

"I won't do something that I'm not confident of. Daddy, don't you understand me?"

Youyou pretended to be relaxed. "Daddy, don't tell me you don't trust me?"

Mu Yazhe was momentarily speechless.

Mu Yichen suddenly said, "Daddy, I'll go with Youyou!"

"No!" Youyou said, "You can't go! If you go, you'll die!"

"Youyou, you and I, we move as one and none of us can be without the other. I'll go with you! Trust me; I'm capable of protecting you and Mommy!"

“Are you crazy?!” Youyou fumed. “Do you know what kind of place that is?! Do you know him?! Do you know how dangerous he is?! You speak so nonchalantly, but do you know how dangerous the real situation is?!”

“Of course I know!” Mu Yichen interrupted him and held his hand with a smile. “That’s why all the more I have to go with you! It’s because I know that it’s dangerous, so I can’t let you go alone!”

He held Youyou’s hand tightly, his eyes filled with sincerity. “Youyou, listen to your big brother, okay? Otherwise, I’ll feel like a useless fellow!”

Youyou looked at him and saw the determination in his eyes. He knew he wouldn’t be able to reject him.

The telepathy between the pair of twins enabled Youyou to see and understand his brother’s firm belief.

He suddenly grabbed Mu Yichen’s hand and smiled. “Alright, let’s go together!”

Mu Yichen was elated. Seeing that Youyou finally relented, he nodded his head heavily!

Youyou told Mu Yazhe, “Daddy, you’ll be in charge of sending us to the harbor. Then, come back with Uncle as soon as possible. Little Yichen and I will wait for you!”

“That’s not possible!” Mu Yazhe gritted his teeth. “I can’t...”

He could not let the boys go, especially when there was no guarantee that they’d return alive.

He could not lose any of them.

Youyou suddenly hugged him and put his arms around his shoulders. With reddened eyes, he said, “Daddy, just take it that I’m begging you, okay?! Trust me this time. Believe in your sons’ abilities!”

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Youyou suddenly hugged Mu Yazhe and put his arms around the man’s shoulders. With reddened eyes, he said, “Daddy, just take it that I’m begging you, okay?! Trust me this time. Believe in your sons’ abilities!”

Mu Yazhe clenched his fists tightly and suddenly loosened them, gently drawing the two little lads into his embrace.

“Wait for me!”

“Uh huh.”

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2am.

Past midnight, the night sky was gloomy and dark clouds obscured the moon. It was about to rain heavily again.

The driver sent Youyou and Little Yichen to the harbor early and left quickly.

Little Yichen held his brother's hand tightly, unwilling to let go. The two little lads stood at the harbor. The night wind was strong, and the cold sea breeze stung their cheeks painfully.

"Youyou, you know, actually, I'm not stupid. I know a lot of things. It's not like I don't know how to do those math questions!"

Startled, Youyou turned to look at him.

Memories came back and he recalled their first encounter. The two of them sat on the Ferris wheel, facing each other. A math question. He clumsily counted with his fingers in front of Youyou.

Youyou mocked him mercilessly. "You have to make up for your lack of IQ with your height?"

From the first time they met, he had thought that Little Yichen was an idiot.

"What's $4+5+6+7+8+9+10$? I'll give you ten seconds to calculate!"

Little Yichen immediately counted with his fingers.

Youyou looked at him speechlessly and thought to himself, *?this brother of mine – are we really from the same womb?*

How could he be so stupid?

In reality?

Little Yichen was not stupid at all. On the contrary, he was smart enough to deliberately pretend to be stupid. This gave him an excuse to pester Youyou to teach him math.

At that time, Youyou was not close to his father.

This seemed to be the only way to get close to this arrogant brother.

However, as the older brother, he had always pretended to be dumb and foolish, as if he was always looked down upon by this younger brother.

But now, he did not want to be looked down upon.

He wanted Youyou to know that although he was not as smart as him, he had the ability to protect him and his mother.

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"Youyou – Daddy, Mommy, and I, together with you, staying in the same house, and living our lives together – what do you think of that?"

He remembered how he had stood before him and helplessly confessed, "I really like it this way. I like Mommy, and I like you too. I want our whole family to live together! This way! It will feel like home, right?"

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"Are you afraid that I'll steal Mommy's love? I swear! I won't snatch Mommy away from you. On the contrary, you'll have Daddy's love and my love! The three of us will dote on you, okay?"

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Recovering from his thoughts, he smiled as tears welled up in his eyes.

How could he not know that Little Yichen was playing dumb? As his older brother, he was only giving in to him!

No matter how he bullied Little Yichen, that boy merely smiled.

“See!” Little Yichen lifted his wrist and waved it in front of Youyou. “Do you remember this necklace?”

Under the moonlight, a purple crystal necklace sparkled around his wrist.

“Of course I remember!”

Youyou also raised his wrist and placed it next to his brother’s wrist. On both wrists, were two identical purple necklaces. They were beautiful and silently attested to their oneness!

“I swear that I will protect you forever!”

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“I swear, I will always protect you!”

Little Yichen interlaced his fingers tightly with Youyou’s. There was a special telepathy and chemistry between the twins. They did not need to say much to understand each other’s hearts.

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Not far away, the sound of a motor could be heard. However, the cruise ship did not approach the harbor. Instead, it sent a yacht over.

With one hand, Youyou held Little Yichen’s hand and with the other, he carried the suitcase. They waited till the yacht sailed up close to them.

There were two men on it. When they approached the harbor, they were rather taken aback to see two identical-looking young lads standing together.

Why are there two children?

Isn’t there supposed to be just one?

Also, where is the promised three billion in cash? Could it be in that child’s suitcase?

How much could such a small suitcase contain?

The two children resembled each other too much. In the past, Youyou was much shorter than Little Yichen. However, in the past year, Youyou had grown very quickly and gradually caught up to Little Yichen’s height. The two of them looked so similar it was hard to tell them apart.

“Why are there two of you?” That person muttered something in English.

The boy calmly replied, “Isn’t it better to have two people as hostages? This isn’t a losing deal.”

The man immediately picked up the radio communication device and made a call, obviously to Dietris. The boys had no idea what he said. After hanging up, he went onshore and walked over, snorting.

“Doesn’t matter how many people, the same rules apply!”

Youyou calmly handed the suitcase to him.

“How much is there in here?”

Youyou replied frankly, “500 million USD.”

The man took it and was about to open it when he realized there was a password lock on it.

This combination lock was different from other ordinary ones. It was a five- digit code lock with iris recognition.

It was very difficult to break five-digit password locks, not to mention that this was set up by Youyou.

“Password lock?”

The man demanded in broken Chinese, “What’s the password?”

“Who do you think you are? I can only tell you the password after I see your boss!”

Youyou was not a fool. He knew that if he was not prepared to pay so much money, Dietris would not let him onboard at all. He would not be able to see his Mommy, much less negotiate with Dietris himself.

Therefore, he prepared 500 million USD.

The phone call made by the man was to obtain Dietris’ instructions on how to manage the situation.

However, from the looks of it, his guess was right.

If they were to take this suitcase away, he and Mu Yichen would no longer be of use and he would have no reason to keep them alive. Youyou saw a gun strapped to the man’s waist. It probably was to be used on him!

Dietris must have instructed this man to kill him as soon as he got the cash.

Therefore, he specially set up a complex password lock. Of course, he would not hand over the password so easily.

Otherwise, once the money was in their hands, they would be killed on the spot and thrown into the sea.

Youyou had planned meticulously prior to this, and he knew all of Dietris’ trump cards. This man was so cunning that he had to be on guard against him. Otherwise, he would not have exposed Mu Yichen to danger.

The man was indeed angered. He immediately pulled out his gun and pressed it against Youyou’s forehead. “Are you playing with me?”

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"If you're smart enough, you'll hand over the password right now!"

"The moment I tell you the password, I will be shot in my head by this pistol in your hand and thrown into the sea."

The man was taken aback by the boy's words. He widened his eyes and was stunned for a moment before recovering. He tightened his grip on the gun.

"Do you believe that I will kill you immediately?!"

The pistol was icy cold, and the darkness within its barrel was spine-chilling.

Mu Yichen was so nervous that he was sweating profusely. He was even prepared to snatch the gun at any moment.

Youyou, however, was calm enough. He smiled and said, "If you kill me, your boss' three billion US dollars will disappear into thin air. Oh, right, I forgot to mention that I'm the only one who can open this secured suitcase."

"..."

"Let me go onboard." Youyou opened his arms and calmly said, "I have a deal to discuss with your boss!"

The man eyed him suspiciously, but kept his pistol and started to perform a body search on the boys to ensure they were not carrying any devices or weapons. Then he snorted.

"Extend your hands!"

Mu Yichen did not understand what he meant, but Youyou took the initiative to raise his hands and let the man cuff his wrists.

The former immediately understood and obediently extended his hands as well, allowing his wrists to be handcuffed.

The two little lads boarded the yacht successfully.

As soon as the twins got onto the ship, they were brought to the VIP cabin.

The cruise ship was huge. It was a few hundred meters from the entrance to the VIP cabin where Dietris was waiting. When the door was pushed open and Mu Yichen and Youyou walked in, Dietris, who was sitting on the leather sofa, asked in confusion, "Why are there two of them?"

"...Eh? Why are there two kids?"

The boy raised his head and met Dietris' eyes expressionlessly. "Dietris, we finally meet."

"Who is this other person?"

“You don’t need to know who he is.” Youyou looked up at Dietris. “Now can you remove the handcuffs?”

Dietris eyed him warily.

Youyou tilted his head innocently and said scornfully, “Don’t tell me you’re afraid of two helpless kids?”

“What a joke!”

Dietris gestured, and immediately someone removed the handcuffs from the twins’ hands.

Youyou naturally took a seat opposite the man. After a while, he smiled and said, “Mr. Dietris, due to Hurricane Group’s negligence, we have caused you a loss. We are deeply apologetic, so we are here to express our sincerity.”

Youyou signaled with his eyes, and Little Yichen immediately understood what he meant. He placed the suitcase on the table, unlocked the passcode, and opened it in front of everyone. He then slowly pushed the two boxes full of US dollars towards Dietris.

Dietris looked down indifferently and frowned.

The banknotes were in neat stacks and there was a whole suitcase of 500 million USD. It was not a small amount, but in view of the amount that Dietris had demanded, this was a far cry. And not to mention, compared to the amount he had lost.

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He leaned back leisurely on the sofa, the wine glass in his hand swaying slightly. He glanced expressionlessly at Youyou, who was sitting elegantly opposite him, and snorted in disdain!

“Is this your so-called sincerity?!”

Youyou smiled faintly. “That’s right, Mr. Dietris. After all, I’ve caused you quite a loss, so this little token is what I should do.”

This little token? Should? Ha, what did this brat take him for?

A philanthropist?

“Sincerity?! Ha!” Dietris could not help but laugh aloud. He took a sip of red wine and slowly stood up. He walked up to the boy and leaned forward. Looking down at him, he asked frostily, “A mere 500 million USD, compared to the amount I lost?!”

Youyou's eyes were calm as he smiled and said, "Of course, it's insignificant. But Mr. Dietris, don't you think it's too much to ask me to prepare so much money within two hours?"

Dietris narrowed his eyes. There was a sharpness in them that was beast-like. He curled his lips coldly and let out a peal of mocking laughter. With a wave of his hand, he smashed the goblet he was holding onto Youyou's head!

Bam! The entire wine glass shattered!

Scarlet wine dripped from the tips of his hair.

"Is this your so-called sincerity?!"

He shouted in anger and disdain!

"Youyou!" Mu Yichen's face turned pale with fright as he lunged towards his brother.

Youyou however, sat calmly on the sofa. His lips were still upturned in a gentle smile, although now he seemed a little embarrassed.

The red wine that was mixed with sticky blood ran down his forehead, streaking across his jade-like cheek. A lock of chestnut hair on his forehead was soaked by the blood and flowed into his eye socket. His left eye immediately turned red!

He closed his eye, keeping the other eye half open. He looked calmly at Dietrich without the slightest hint of panic.

When Mu Yichen saw this, anger rose from the bottom of his heart. He suddenly stood up and glared at Dietris. He could not wait to punch this face!

Seeing this man humiliate Youyou, he was naturally furious!

Youyou narrowed his left eye and raised his hand to stop him. "Brother, don't be rash."

Little Yichen was indignant. Gritting his teeth in anger, he turned around and said, "But... Youyou, you're bleeding! Is your eye... okay? Did the glass get in?"

"Don't worry, sit down!"

Mu Yichen gritted his teeth and reluctantly retreated.

Youyou calmly rolled up his sleeves and casually wiped the blood and wine off his face. With a smile, he said, "I'm very sorry about this, Dietris. I also know that your loss cannot be compensated with just 500 million. But don't you think that it's unbecoming of you to kidnap a weak woman to blackmail me?"

Even Dietris could not help but be stunned by the boy's perfect etiquette despite being in such a sorry state. The smile on his face was elegant and charming, without the slightest hint of abjectness.

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Dietris turned around and returned to the sofa. He sat down slowly and snorted at the boy.

“Unbecoming? Humph, you’re nothing. What do you know?”

Youyou smiled and said, “I’m still young. I’m just a fledgling junior. Compared to you, I’ve seen too little of the world, so it’s only natural that I fail in some areas. If I had offended you in some way, please forgive me and don’t take it to heart. We still have a long way to go, so don’t let such a small matter ruin our friendship.”

Friendship?

This little guy was very smart. He knew that he must not make an enemy out of him. Now he wanted to befriend him!

“Since you said you wanted to negotiate a deal with me, what was the deal?”

Youyou said, “Three billion US dollars. Let my mommy go.”

“Ha! Since you said it’s a deal, where is the 3 billion US dollars?”

“I’ve already said it just now. It’s too difficult to prepare so much money within two hours!”

However, Dietris said coldly, “Since you said it’s a deal, then you have to hand over the money in exchange for what you want. This is the rule! I don’t care what methods you use, if you can’t hand it over, then you’re breaking the contract!”

At this point, the man’s sinister gaze fell on him. He could not help but feel suspicious.

“You didn’t even prepare the money. What gave you the guts to come here?!”

This boy was undoubtedly courting death!

“Even if I’m not prepared, I should demonstrate my sincerity!”

Youyou smiled. “Besides, I don’t know if my mommy is dead or alive right now. At least, I should personally verify that she’s safe and sound. Only then can I fulfill my promise to you!”

Hearing this, Little Yichen immediately stood up and said, “Let us see mommy!”

Dietris glanced at him and frowned.

Mu Yichen was clearly worried to the extreme and immediately lost control. “I want to see my mommy; let me see her!”

Dietris raised his eyebrows and tapped his fingers on the armrest of the sofa. He smiled and said, “What a filial child! So eager to protect his mother! A rare gem!”

He waved his hand lightly. One of his subordinates immediately walked up to the boy and threw a punch.

Little Yichen was caught off guard. The punch landed squarely on him, and he fell to the ground. The huge force sent his entire head reeling. He shook his head, but in the end, he could not withstand it and fainted.

“Since he wants to see his dear mother, then take him to see her!”

Youyou stood up nervously. “What do you want?!”

His subordinate immediately lifted his leg and swept the boy to the ground.

Youyou furrowed his brow in pain, but he did not utter a sound. He gritted his teeth and looked up.

Dietris said coldly, “Lock this little thing up with that woman!”

“Roger that.”

His subordinate walked over and grabbed Little Yichen’s collar with one hand. He easily lifted him up and dragged him out.

The door closed again, leaving only Youyou and Dietris in the room.

Youyou looked in the direction of the door worriedly. His face was filled with fear, but a victorious smile flashed across his eyes.

As he struggled to get up from the ground, he said to the man, “Give me five hours. I will fulfill my promise.”

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Youyou smirked. “I’m in a disadvantaged position now; what right do I have to negotiate with you? You can consider this a request!”

He struggled to stand up and walked to the table. He pushed the suitcase over and said slowly, “The money here is a token of sincerity! Please give me another five hours. In five hours, I will definitely bring the three billion I have prepared to you!”

Dietris suddenly stood up, grabbed the boy by the collar, and pulled the boy towards him. He said gloomily, “Five hours later!? Brat, are you playing some trick on me?!”

“How would I dare play games with you!?”

He was grabbing onto Youyou’s collar tightly, and the boy was almost choking, he could hardly breathe. His face reddened slightly from the lack of air, he said calmly nevertheless, “My mother and brother are in your hands. How would I dare to?”

Dietris stared deeply into his eyes. Suddenly, his lips parted as he broke into a sinister smile.

“Ha ha ha! Fine!”

He released the boy's collar. "I'll give you five hours! Don't disappoint me! If you are even one minute late, don't blame me for throwing the three of you into the sea to feed the sharks!"

Yuyou heaved a sigh of relief when he heard that. He looked at Dietris, his back drenched in cold sweat.

He smiled and said, "Thank you!"

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There was a huge cellar in the belly of the cruise ship. It had always been used as a warehouse.

A few crew members dragged Mu Yichen by his collar, all the way to the cellar and unlocked the door.

"Damn it! It stinks!"

In the cellar, there was a large metal cage. This sort of metal cage was usually used for transporting ferocious beasts or rare animals. However, in Dietris' case, this was used for human trafficking!

Yun Shishi was held captive in this cage. Although the cage had been cleaned, she could still smell the stench of blood.

Needless to say, someone had been killed in this cage previously.

However, she did not feel afraid. Or perhaps, she held a firm belief in her heart.

Heaven helps the worthy.

At least, she knew deep down inside that she would not die, for now.

Although she could not figure out the motive of the man who had locked her up, she vaguely realized that he had ordered people to dress her up beautifully, probably to put her on display.

An auction?

She recalled him saying that word.

Yun Shishi did not expect that Dietris was planning to auction her, a living person, off!

As for this cage, she simply thought that someone who was previously imprisoned here had been beaten to death, probably because he was disobedient.

How could she have imagined that such a dark network existed in this world, or such a terrifying auctions?

"Lock this kid in the cage!"

Mu Yichen opened his eyes slightly. Along the way, he was silently familiarizing himself with the terrain. Even though his eyes were not wide open, he was sketching a complete map in his mind.

Sensing that he was already in the basement, he drewn his right hand up slowly to touch his waist.

Before boarding the ship, Dietris' subordinates had searched him but did not find any suspicious weapons or objects on him. That was because his weapon was hidden in an unknown place.

Ordinary people would never have thought that the weapon would be hidden in such a location.