

Upon noticing that Zhang Daoren turned back halfway, the others were surprised. “Young Master Zhang, back without a toast?” asked Chu Qiaozhi, puzzled.

The others looked at Zhang Daoren curiously as well, who felt slightly embarrassed but quickly composed himself and answered, “My father said Xie Weihao and the others were discussing something big, so I’ll have to toast later.”

That explained it. The others nodded in understanding, since the bigshots did seem to be in the middle of a discussion. “I say, they’re really getting into it there. Could it be about some upcoming major project?” Chu Qiaozhi wondered.

“No, I heard something about the bank robbery three days ago.” Zhang Daoren shook his head.

“Oh! I heard that the robbers took over twenty hostages that day, and the police were in a stalemate until an anonymous hero offered to be the robbers’ getaway hostage if they left the other twenty behind. Who knows what would have happened if it weren’t for him?” Chen Xiaobing said, her eyes twinkling at the

mention of that hero.

“I heard that the hero not only exposed the robbers’ lair, but he also managed to injure them and took them all down before the police even arrived at the scene.” Chen Churan agreed.

“Yeah, I heard that guy was godlike. He fought over ten armed robbers without so much as a scratch,” said Chu Qiaozhi in an exaggerated manner, his eyes ablaze with passion.

Pfft! Lu Chen couldn’t hold it in anymore, and he spat his tea all over Chen Churan’s hand. “I’m so sorry.” Lu Chen hastily grabbed a tissue to wipe her hand.

“Lu Chen, do you find our conversation that funny?” Zhang Daoren said to Lu Chen with an annoyed expression. Chu Qiaozhi looked at him with a grim face as well. Was Lu Chen laughing at him?

“Sorry, I just remembered this funny joke,” Lu Chen said, fighting down a laugh.

“Hmph,” Chu Qiaozhi snorted coldly, then ignored Lu Chen.

“You must be bluffing, Chu Qiaozhi. There’s no way someone can be that good. He must have been working together with the cops to take those robbers down when the cops arrived at the scene,” Chen Xiaobing said skeptically.

“You’d better believe it, Xiaobing. There are tons of excellent martial arts fighters in this world, with abilities beyond what we can imagine. Take that Han Tian, for example. Didn’t he take out several of your grandfather’s expert-level disciples with a single punch each?” Zhang Daoren said.

“Yeah, he’s quite strong, but didn’t a single punch from Lu Chen send him flying?” Chen Xiaobing mocked.

Zhang Daoren’s face immediately went black. He was already resentful of Lu Chen before the incident was mentioned, and this only added fuel to the fire.

“Xiaobing, I’m telling the truth. One of my friends is a cop and he was there that day. What I’m telling you is a first-hand account: When they got to the place, all the robbers were already down, and Officer Chen Jing was present because she was a hostage alongside that hero. According to

her, the hero was responsible for beating up all the robbers,” Chu Qiaozhi said assertively.

His tone was so confident to the point that even Chen Churan was starting to think it was true. After all, a first-hand account from a police officer didn't leave much room for fabrication.

“I wonder what that hero looks like. Is he young?” Chen Xiaobing suddenly asked.

“I heard that he's a youth in his 20s,” Chu Qiaozhi said without a second thought, then regretted it immediately when he saw Chen Xiaobing's look of admiration.

“Dang, if anyone could get me his contact details, I'd give them a luxury car as a reward,” Chen Xiaobing said dreamily.

Pfffft! Lu Chen was just about to swallow his tea when he spat it all out again. Immediately, the entire table shot him dirty looks.

“Which funny joke did you remember now?” Chen Churan asked resignedly. This time, not only was her hand within the spit zone, her shirt had also fallen victim. A

previously white and pristine shirt was now completely ruined, no less.

"I'm so sorry. Yes, I did think of another joke." Lu Chen grabbed another tissue, but merely handed it to her when he noticed her shirt was stained. "Oh dear, I do hope you won't ask me to replace that. I'm actually quite broke." He was worried that Chen Churan would actually drag him on a clothes shopping trip, so he had to nip that thought in the bud.

Chen Churan rolled her eyes. She seriously doubted he was too broke to buy one shirt. Hers cost just over three thousand, so it wasn't like Lu Chen couldn't afford it.

"I'll buy you a new shirt, Churan." Zhang Daoren immediately said, seizing his chance.

"Nah, no need. Lu Chen gave me this shirt anyway, so he can just buy me a new one." Noticing that Zhang Daoren was still hung up on her, Chen Churan suddenly hugged Lu Chen's arm. As expected, Zhang Daoren felt like his heart had been stabbed right where it hurt when he saw her do this.

Lu Chen, though, was shocked that a

seemingly reserved woman like Chen Churan could be so bold as to pull such a thing. Above all else, didn't he just say that he was married?

"It's not what you think, Zhang Daoren. I'm not close to her that way. I just know her father, not to mention I'm a married man." Lu Chen hastily extracted his arm from Chen Churan's embrace.

His explanation was not actually intended for Zhang Daoren. He didn't care what Zhang Daoren thought, but he certainly cared what Huang Youjun and the other two thought. All three of them were good friends with his father-in-law, and god knew what would happen if he caught wind of this.

"Lu Chen, you heartless bastard. That wasn't what you said in bed last night. You said you'd divorce that woman and marry me as soon as possible. Are all men this unreliable?" Chen Churan's angry expression seemed so real, and her already-gentle appearance only added to the realism.

What, in bed already? So fast? And with a married man? Zhang Daoren felt like he'd

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just been struck by thunder. After years of being in love with Chen Churan, she'd gone and bedded a married man while still single!

At that instant, Zhang Daoren felt like his heart was being stabbed with a barrage of arrows, while the others went wide-eyed at Chen Churan's words. The eldest Chen daughter, doing such a thing?



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Lu Chen's mouth fell open. Did this woman suddenly decide to drag her own name through the mud? Even if she did, could she leave his name out of it? He was a married man!

Chen Xiaobing clapped a hand over her mouth in surprise, both at her sister's boldness and at Lu Chen's 'ferocity' in bedding her so quickly.

More importantly, Chen Churan seemed well aware that Lu Chen was taken, and yet she went through with it anyway? Was she not afraid that Grandpa would beat her up?

Lei Mingchao and Huang Youjun were also sending Lu Chen shocked looks; their eyes flickering as they were contemplating whether to tell Lin Dahai about Lu Chen's affair.

Lu Chen hastily explained, "Zhang Daoren, please listen to me. She's just bluffing—"

"Shut up, you jerk!" Zhang Daoren yelled, feeling like he'd murder Lu Chen any second.

Lu Chen fell silent. It seemed like this misunderstanding would be hard to clear

up, and he was just about to explain further when he received a message. The number was unfamiliar to him, but a second glance at the contents confirmed it was from Chen Churan.

“You stain my shirt, so I use you to get Zhang Daoren off my case. We’re even.”

Reading Chen Churan’s message, Lu Chen smiled wryly in resignation. Chen Churan had screwed him over hard, but what could he do?

At the moment, Chen Guangxing over at the City Council leaders’ table saw Lu Chen, and smiled at the others, “Please excuse me for a moment, I’m going over to meet a friend.”

With that, he walked over to Lu Chen’s table and nodded at his daughters and nephew before gently clapping him on the shoulder with a smile, “Buddy, I didn’t know you were here. Come, let me give you a toast.”

Yu Zhengtao and the others did a double take at his words. They knew Chen Guangxing as the most powerful patriarch of one of the oldest and well-known

families in Chongqing, and he'd always been more powerful than even Tycoon Lu due to the prestige of the Chen family. A bigshot like him, a man powerful enough to discuss Chongqing's economic development with people like Xie Weihao, toasting Lu Chen himself?

Several other tables surrounding them also displayed similar expressions of shock. Who was this young man, to have the top patriarch of Chongqing himself toast him?

Chu Qiaozhi widened his eyes too, as he was thinking the same question. As a rich second-generation among the inner circles of the likes of Zhang Daoren, he was well aware of what kind of a bigshot Chen Guangxing was and that he—no, his own father had been waiting for a chance to meet Chen Guangxing. So who on earth was this Lu Chen to have Patriarch Chen himself toast him?

Could it be that Chen Guangxing approved of Chen Churan and Lu Chen's relationship? No way! He'd never let his precious daughter marry a married man of no discernible background, right? But why else would he get any recognition from

Patriarch Chen?

Lu Chen smiled when he turned to see Chen Guangxing, then stood with his wine glass in hand. "I was planning to toast you, but decided not to when I saw all the VIPs over there."

Chen Guangxing nodded. He knew Lu Chen was a low-profile guy and that the City Council leaders over at the table were eager to meet him. Lu Chen probably didn't want to toast at the table itself, knowing the commotion it would create.

"Understandable. Let's toast for this glass first, and drink together another day." Chen Guangxing smiled and took the initiative to clink glasses.

After they downed their alcohol, Chen Guangxing said, "I'll be off, then. Churan, Xiaobing, do spend some more time with him."

Just as he was about to leave, Chu Qiaozhi held up his glass, "Hi, Patriarch Chen. I'm Chu Qiaozhi, son of Chu Yunfei. Here's a toast to your success."

Chen Guangxing took one look at him and shook his head. "I'm a lightweight drinker.

You drink with them instead.” It was painfully clear that even Chu Qiaozhi’s father was nothing to Chen Guangxing, let alone Chu Qiaozhi himself. As such, the toast was not accepted.

Chu Qiaozhi’s wine glass froze in midair, and his look of embarrassment gave Zhang Daoren a pause as he was just about to toast too. “I’m sure Uncle Chen’s a busy man, too busy for us young ones.” He tugged Chu Qiaozhi into his seat in an attempt to mask their embarrassment at being ignored.

“How did you become friends with Patriarch Chen?” Yu Zhengtao turned to Lu Chen, still shaken. Sure, Lu Chen was slightly loaded and seemed to have a few tricks up his sleeve in the antique field, but that barely warranted attention from the Four Great Families, let alone the respect of Chen Guangxing himself.

“Hmph, the Chen family’s not even in the jewelry business. Even if you somehow scored a rough stone channel, you’d never get anywhere near their radar. Next thing we know, you’re going to tell us they’re rebuilding Chongqing with you,” Yu Zhengtao scoffed. He’d never really liked

Lu Chen, and was definitely skeptical of his claim.

“Don’t listen to him, Grandmaster Yu. He just got lucky and helped Mr. Chen that one time, then pretended that it made him special.” Zhang Daoren was well aware of Lu Chen’s true relations with the Chen family. The way he saw it, Lu Chen only got attention from them because he defeated Han Tian and helped Mr. Chen beat his grandfather.

As for the matter of doing business with the Chen family, Zhang Daoren did not believe that one bit because to qualify for that, Lu Chen must be among the top ten businessmen in all of Chongqing, and there was no Lu other than Lu Zhong who came close to being so powerful. Since Lu Chen had no relation to him, Zhang Daoren was sure he was just bluffing.

“If you’re so bad*ss, why don’t you help my grandfather too?” Chen Churan sneered at Zhang Daoren, annoyed at him being a snob. She had just realised that compared to Lu Chen, this showboating Zhang Daoren was so annoying.

Zhang Daoren’s face fell, because Chen

Churan was right. He'd never be able to lend a helping hand to Old Master Chen even if he was ten times the man he currently was.

"I say, Xie Weihao is coming over to our table! Young Master Zhang, could it be that your father recommended you to him, so he's personally assessing you?" Chu Qiaozhi's eyes suddenly lit up when he saw that Xie Weihao headed straight for their table. Remembering that Zhang Daoren said something about giving a toast before being sent back by his father, he assumed that Xie Weihao was here to meet with Zhang Daoren.

When everyone looked up, they realised with shock that Xie Weihao was indeed heading over. After hearing Chu Qiaozhi's words, they all looked to Zhang Daoren with admiration. This was Xie Weihao they were talking about!

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“Do you see it now? I told you, Xie Weihao and the rest were discussing some serious business, and I’ll make sure to have a toast with him once they are finished with their talk. Now Xie Weihao is coming to join our table personally. It’s surely because I didn’t go over to have a toast with him, that’s why he is coming over.” Zhang Daoren looked at Lu Chen provocatively as he saw Xie Weihao heading directly toward their table.

Chen Guangxing had come over to give Lu Chen a toast just now, but Lu Chen did not give him face. Although Chen Guangxing did not say anything about it, he must have felt extremely pissed inside.

Now that Xie Weihao was coming over personally, he could help him teach Lu Chen a lesson.

“Young Master Zhang, you have to introduce me to Xie Weihao later on. I would also like to give him a toast.” Chu Qiaozhi looked at Zhang Daoren expectantly.

“Don’t worry, we have such a good relationship. Once I’ve experienced the good things, of course I’ll share it with you.

I'll introduce you to Xie Weihao myself later on," said Zhang Daoren.

"All right, all right. Young Master Zhang, you're my brother, my true brother!" said Chu Qiaozhi excitedly but his provocative gaze was still fixed at Lu Chen.

He had just been embarrassed by Chen Guangxing, and now he could finally save his face.

All the other people were looking at Chu Qiaozhi enviously and were just imagining how great it would be if they could be acquainted with Zhang Daoren.

Seeing Xie Weihao heading toward their direction in person, Huang Youjun, Yu Zhengtao and even Lei Mingchao had an expectant and eager gaze in their eyes.

Truth to be told, if they had the opportunity, they would want to give a toast to Xie Weihao as well, and that opportunity had just presented itself at this moment.

"Mr. Zhang, sorry to inconvenience you later on." Yu Zhengtao looked at Zhang Daoren, hoping that Zhang Daoren would introduce him to Xie Weihao.

Huang Youjun and Lei Mingchao also had an expectant look on their faces as they stared at Zhang Daoren and waited for his reply.

“Don’t worry, Grandmasters. I know how to conduct myself, unlike some other people who think that the world revolves around him just because he is acquainted with a bigshot.” Zhang Daoren threw a disdainful glance at Lu Chen and had a mocking look on his face.

“You’re right, regardless of how capable a person is, things will still not work out for him if he has a bad character,” said Lei Mengchao sarcastically while looking at Lu Chen as well. The meaning behind his words was that although Lu Chen had quite the skills in antiques, his manners were terrible.

“A person’s character is very important. Hopefully, some of the youngsters also have a good character,” added Yu Zhengtao ambiguously.

He had no good impression toward Lu Chen right from the start. Since Zhang Daoren had promised to introduce them to Xie Weihao, of course he would help

Zhang Daoren and tease Lu Chen together.

Lu Chen just listened to their conversation while still looking composed. He did throw a mocking glance briefly, but the crowd did not take notice of it.

“Hey, Xie Weihao, why did you come over in person? You guys were discussing something just now, so I dared not to interrupt you guys. You just have to ask my father to announce it and I’ll go over and give you guys a toast immediately.” At this moment, Xie Weihao was finally at their table, and Zhang Daoren went to greet him eagerly with an excited look on his face.

Unexpectedly, Xie Weihao just took a quick glance at him before walking past him and went straight to Lu Chen.

“Brother Lu, if I hadn’t seen Patriarch Chen going over to give you a toast, I wouldn’t have known that you were also here. Come, let’s go and have a few drinks at our table,” offered Xie Weihao with a smile.

The rest of the people were just astounded, and their eyes went wide; they were tongue-tied.

An honorable person like Xie Weihao just addressed this brat as his brother?

Was this brat some kind of saint?

“How are you, Xie Weihao? I noticed you guys were discussing something earlier, that's why I didn't go over to greet you guys.” Lu Chen stood up and faked a smile.

“We were talking about you, actually. We must really thank you this time. Come, let's go over and have a chat.” Xie Weihao cracked a smile and put his arms around Lu Chen's shoulders as they started walking away.

Of course, he wanted to thank him because three days ago, Lu Chen had helped the police to raid the den of the robbers and had rescued more than twenty hostages.

All the City Council leaders were stunned when they heard Director Xu Zuojun reporting the circumstances of the incident.

They could not believe Lu Chen had such a courageous side to him.

If there happened to be a misstep, his life would be on the line.

Furthermore, Lu Chen had offered himself up to be a hostage and was taken away by the robbers, just so that he could save the other hostages. Everyone was appalled by his actions and bravery.

If any one of them was in his shoes, they would not have been as decisive and unwavering like Lu Chen.

Even Xie Weihao admired Lu Chen inside.

However, Lu Chen just let out a wry smile and accompanied him to his table.

It was not his intention to have such a high profile, but Xie Weihao was not allowing him to do so.

Everyone at the scene started to get rowdy in an instant.

If they had known that Lu Chen actually did not want to go over and have a drink, the crowd would most probably attack him and might even beat him to his death.

Not a single soul in the venue would have

the courage to decline Xie Weihao when he offered to have a drink together.

Only an evildoer like Lu Chen dared to have such thoughts.

There were astounded gazes among the crowd, as well as some who had an envious and jealous look in their eyes.

Some of them even had a puzzled look on their faces.

Meanwhile, Zhang Daoren's face had turned into an auburn color, just like the color of a pork liver.

Xie Weihao was so hospitable toward Lu Chen and even addressed him as his brother, but he treated him so coldly and did not even bother to lay his eyes on him.

His father was the patriarch of the Zhang family, and he was sitting at the same table with Xie Weihao as well.

Why?

Why did Chen Guangxing and Xie Weihao have to worship Chen Lu so badly?

What kind of capability did Chen Lu possess to earn him the respect of the two heavyweight leaders at the same time?

Chu Qiaozhi, Yu Zhengtao, Lei Mingchao and the rest of the people just could not wrap their heads around it.

Was Lu Chen some kind of saint? How could people always be so appalled whenever they were at the same table as him?

The situation at Shangri-la previously was slightly better.

That was mainly because Lu Chen triumphed over Zheng Xihe in stone gambling, and that shocked the crowd.

However, it was a whole new level this time, as if an earthquake had just happened.

It was the top patriarch and Xie Weihao after all!

Not only did these two heavyweight leaders treated him with respect, they even addressed him as their brother.

Who would believe it if someone said that this brat had no capabilities at all?

Nevertheless, what kind of capabilities did he possess? How was he able to suppress the number one patriarch and Xie Weihao?

Chen Churan and Chen Xiaobing's eyes just went wide.

Lu Chen had defeated Han Tian with a single punch the other day and had helped their grandfather to be victorious over Zhang Shengqiao. Thus, it did not come as a surprise that their family had a good relationship with Lu Chen.

However, they were taken by surprise because even Xie Weihao was so respectful toward Lu Chen and even called him as his brother. What kind of connection must a person have with Xie Weihao to achieve such a relationship?

How was this guy so mysterious that people were going insane?

Chen Churan just stared at Lu Chen, and she was just baffled.

On one hand, Lu Chen had tugged at her

heartstrings, but on the other hand, he was already married.

Meanwhile, Chen Lu and Xie Weihao had gone over to the main table, and Xie Weihao instructed the waiter to bring him another chair.

Everyone was staring at Lu Chen up and down with curiosity, especially the three other main patriarchs, excluding Chen Guangxing. They just had a look of disbelief in their eyes.

They were already astonished when Chen Guangxing went over to give Chen Lu a toast earlier.

They did not expect Xie Weihao to invite Chen Lu over personally as well. They couldn't be more curious of Chen Lu's identity and were waiting for Xie Weihao to introduce him to them.

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“This is Lu Chen. He is also an entrepreneur in Chongqing.”

Xie Weihao noticed everyone was waiting for him to introduce Lu Chen, so he just briefly introduced Lu Chen to them.

He knew that Lu Chen liked to keep a low profile. Even when he was in the city, he had treated leaders from different departments to meals, but only a handful of people knew his true identity.

Of course, Xie Weihao wanted to protect Lu Chen’s privacy and did not disclose Lu Chen’s details.

Although Xie Weihao just briefly introduced Lu Chen, everyone on that table was observant and knew that Lu Chen must have his forte since Xie Weihao had invited him over personally.

Hence, even Zuo Jialiang, the host and the patriarch of the Zuo Family, did not look down on Lu Chen.

“Nice to meet you, Mr. Lu. Your business must have great potential for Xie Weihao to invite you over personally. Come, I’ll toast to you.” Zuo Jialiang stood up and

became the first to give Lu Chen a toast.

“Hello, Patriarch Zuo. I just owned a small supermarket, what potential can there be? Xie Weihao is just giving face to me.” Lu Chen just smiled as he raised his wine glass and clinked glasses with Zuo Jialiang.

If Zuo Qingcheng had been at the table as well, Lu Chen would have surely said a few sarcastic remarks to him.

This was because in the past few days, Zuo Qingcheng was still persistent and had sent his men to Lu Chen’s supermarket to stir trouble. Fortunately, all of them were apprehended by the police for further investigation.

Those who knew Lu Chen’s true identity, like Chen Guangxing and Xie Weihao, just smiled and did not utter a word.

The same went to those who had no clue about Lu Chen’s identity, like Zuo Jialiang and Zhang Xingquan, as they just cracked a smile.

Of course, Chen Guangxing, Xie Weihao and the other people like them were

laughing at Lu Chen for being perfunctory toward the crowd. On the other hand, Zuo Jialiang and Zhang Xingquan, with the rest of the people, were smiling at Lu Chen because he wanted to keep a low profile and knew how to conduct himself.

“Even Patriarch Zhou took the initiative to toast to him. This guy must be remarkable.”

Once Lu Chen and Xie Weihao went to the main table, everyone fixed their gaze at the main table curiously. They watched as Zuo Jialiang took the initiative to toast Lu Chen, completely appalled.

It was understandable when Chen Guangxing and Xie Weihao gave him a toast since they knew each other.

However, when he went to the next table, even the head of the table, Zuo Jialiang, was eager to give Lu Chen a toast.

What could this mean?

Obviously, Lu Chen was not just an average joe!

“Young Master Zhang, even your father

has taken the initiative to give a toast to that brat," said Chu Qiaozhi to Zhang Daoren, who felt very much embarrassed.

Zhang Daoren just nodded his head. He had witnessed his father, Zhang Xingquan, eagerly toasting to Lu Chen, and he was certainly a fool if he still believed that Lu Chen was just an insignificant person.

He looked over to Yu Zhengtao and said coldly, "Master Yu, didn't you say Lu Chen was just some average guy? Does he look like he is just some average guy?"

Yu Zhengtao felt awkward instantly.

If he still thought that Lu Chen was merely Lin Dahai's son-in-law, then he must be really naïve.

How could he be just an average guy when so many remarkable leaders had offered a toast to him?

Lu Chen was feeling slightly resignedly as people who did not even know him started toasting to him, all thanks to Xie Weihao.

Those who knew him, like Director Xu Zuojun and Director Zuo Sichen, toasted

him even more readily. After a round of toast, he downed quite a bit of alcohol.

Thus, after that one round, Lu Chen finally gave a toast to Xie Weihao alone and everyone one last cup of toast before he stood up and excused himself. Something exciting was going to unfold later, so how could he get himself drunk before that?

Xie Weihao nodded his head. He had drunk with Lu Chen a few times before this, and he knew that Lu Chen was a lightweight drinker, so he did not force him to continue drinking.

Zhou Jialiang and the rest of the people did not have any comments since Xie Weihao had already let Lu Chen leave the table.

Everyone's gaze was filled with envy and curiosity when they saw Lu Chen return to their table.

They were eager to know Lu Chen's true identity and the reason why so many leaders had so much respect for him.

Zhang Daoren was the only one with a glum look in his eyes.

“Mr. Lu, who are you really?” Just when everyone was looking at Lu Chen in a puzzled manner, Chen Xiaobing finally asked the question that was lingering in everyone’s heart.

Everyone just stared at Lu Chen after hearing her question.

Even Yu Zhengtao, Lei Mingchao and Huang Youjun did not suppress their curiousness and confusion. They just fixed their gazes at Lu Chen and did not even blink their eyes.

“I am just like the rest of you, a normal human with flesh and blood,” explained Lu Chen with a smile.

Humph!

The crowd just rolled their eyes.

“He is just the owner of a supermarket.”

Right at this moment, there was a snort, resolving all the doubts in everyone’s heart.

“It’s Young Master Zuo. I think we can trust Young Master Zuo’s words.”

“You’re right, Young Master Zuo has a good character among the Four Great Sons. Nonetheless, this guy has the respect of so many leaders. Is he really just a supermarket owner?”

The crowd started becoming rowdy when they saw that it was Zuo Qingcheng.

Although they felt like they could trust what Zuo Qingcheng had said, the scene from just now was still fresh in their minds.

“Which supermarket?” Zhang Daoren’s eyes suddenly lit up as he looked toward Zuo Qingcheng and asked.

Zuo Qingcheng turned his head to look at Zhang Daoren and replied to him smilingly, “Brother Daoren, you’re here as well. Come, let me give you a toast.”

He then raised his wine glass and gave a toast to Zhang Daoren. They were the Four Great Sons and they had the same status. Their relationship was the kind where they laughed with each other when they met, but cursed each other behind each other’s back.

After the two of them gulped down the glass of wine, Zuo Qingcheng then answered Zhang Daoren's question, "Lu Chen's supermarket is called Sheng Shi. His business is quite good."

He was aware since a long time ago, during Old Master Chen's 70th birthday dinner, that the grudge between Zhang Daoren and Lu Chen could never be resolved. When Zhang Daoren asked about the name of Lu Chen's supermarket, he knew that Zhang Daoren would certainly stir some trouble over there.

Coincidentally, his brother-in-law had failed his expectations these past few days and did not cause much trouble for Sheng Shi Supermarket

If Zhang Daoren would join forces with him, things would get even more exciting.

Three days ago, Lu Chen had the guts to give him a slap across his face and disfigured him. So, he had already prepared to take on Lu Chen's supermarket.

"Sheng Shi? What a good name. It means peace and prosperity," said Zhang Daoren

sarcastically before looking over to Lu Chen.

He had been investigating Lu Chen's background since the past few days and it turned out that Lu Chen was just someone who managed a supermarket.

Sheng Shi, Sheng Shi.

Zhang Daoren repeated those words silently and kept those words firmly in his heart.

Lu Chen just squinted his eyes when he noticed the evil intentions in Zhang Daoren's eyes. He knew that Zhang Daoren was surely going to cause trouble to his supermarket once again.

Looks like I have to find an opportunity to teach this brat a lesson. If not, he'll be more and more bold, Lu Chen thought to himself. At the same time, he felt that his old schoolmate, Wu Lei, was having a slight misfortune. Just when he wanted to show his skills off, his supermarket was continuously targeted by some people.

After that, Zuo Qingcheng started chatting and drinking with the people at this table.

He did not have a single word with Lu Chen throughout the night.

The atmosphere was slightly peculiar and everyone could see that there had been bad blood between Zuo Qingcheng and Lu Chen.

Moreover, Zuo Qingcheng did not leave the table anymore and just stayed at their table afterward.

After plenty of wine and food, only then did the odd atmosphere disperse.

It was because the showcase of the legendary luminous pearl was about to begin, and everyone could not wait to see it.

Lu Chen took a look at the time as an expectant look crept upon his face.



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“I bet some people have not seen the legendary luminous pearl before, right?” asked Zuo Qingcheng mockingly as he looked in Lu Chen’s direction.

Although he did not mention Lu Chen, everyone understood that the person he was hinting at was Lu Chen as soon as he asked that question.

“Lu Chen, so many leaders were toasting to you just now, so it means that you must have seen plenty of wonders in the world, including the legendary luminous pearl, am I right?” In contrast to Zuo Qingcheng’s implicit manner, Zhang Daoren just lashed out at Lu Chen directly.

“Why? Are you trying to bully me as well?” replied Lu Chen teasingly.

“I did not say such a thing. You’re the person who defeated an expert like Han Tian, so how would I dare to bully you?” Zhang Daoren chuckled.

“It doesn’t matter whether you dare or not. The thing that matters is that you should ask Mr. Zuo how his face got disfigured,” answered Lu Chen calmly with a smile.

Everyone was taken aback. Was Lu Chen trying to say that he dared to even beat Zuo Qingcheng and disfigured his face?

The most absurd thing was that even after he had beaten Zuo Qingcheng up to the point where he was disfigured, he still had the audacity to come to the Zuo's family residence to join the exhibition of the legendary luminous pearl. Just how arrogant was Lu Chen?

Zuo Qingcheng looked absolutely sullen. The incident where Lu Chen gave him two slaps across his face three days ago, and even disfigured him, was still fresh in his mind. He did not expect Lu Chen to disclose the incident so brazenly without giving him some face.

"Lu Chen, you will regret this!" Zuo Qingcheng clenched his teeth.

"What is it? Are you thinking of bullying me again?" mocked Lu Chen.

Lu Chen knew what Zuo Qingcheng meant when he said that Lu Chen would regret his actions.

He had managed to find out the person

who had been stirring trouble at his supermarket in the past two days. His name was Zu Xiaojun and he was the one who sent his men to cause trouble at his supermarket. The police knew full well of his every action, but because he was Zuo Qingcheng's brother-in-law, they did not want to act rashly.

Lu Chen did not pressure the police. He had asked the police to show up because he wanted to maintain some order and calm the situation down. He did not want the situation to escalate to the point where things would be very difficult to handle.

There was only one viable solution to this, and that was to strike terror in Zuo Qingcheng's heart. That way, Zuo Qingcheng would not have the courage to simply provoke him anymore.

Therefore, the best part of the show was set to be tonight.

"Did you really think that after you reported to the police, nobody will stir trouble at your supermarket anymore?" ridiculed Zuo Qingcheng as he stared at Lu Chen.

Lu Chen just gave him a smile and did not

say anything else. In fact, he did not even request Xu Zuojun to do anything at all as he did not want to trouble Xu Zuojun.

Nevertheless, if he had really wanted Xu Zuojun to mess Zu Xiaojun up, Xu Zuojun would surely be on his side as well.

However, that wouldn't resolve the issue, unless Zuo Qingcheng submitted to him completely.

"Mister, the patriarch wants you to bring the legendary luminous pearl over so that everyone can have an appreciation for it." Right at this moment, Zuo family's butler came over and said to Zuo Qingcheng.

Zuo Qingcheng nodded his head and said to Lu Chen, "We shall continue with our matter tomorrow. Tonight, let me show you how an authentic legendary luminous pearl looks like."

"Really? I'm afraid you're going to disappoint us," Lu Chen chuckled.

"You're overthinking. The two legendary luminous pearls I own are surely the oldest legendary luminous pearls in the world. Why would they be a disappointment?"

scorned Zuo Qingcheng.

“What I mean is, no matter how amazing something is, it’s truly remarkable only when you have it in your hands,” implied Lu Chen.

Zuo Qingcheng was stunned. He did not seem to get what Lu Chen was trying to say.

However, he did not have time to argue with Lu Chen anymore. He just let out a scoff and arrogantly left with the butler.

Zuo Qingcheng then went to Yun Fei Group’s underground vault where they safekept their precious jewels. Ordinary people had no access to this place and they did not have the authority to enter the place as well.

These two legendary luminous pearls were the keys that allowed Yun Fei Group to rise once again. Based on today’s turnout, they seemed like they were quite successful too.

The Four Great Families, Xie Weihao and all the leaders of the city were present, and they were showing much respect to the

Zuo family.

Once he showed the legendary luminous pearls to the crowd, the banquet tonight could be considered as a success already.

Zuo Qingcheng was feeling extremely excited as he entered the vault and walked toward the safe where the legendary luminous pearls were kept.

Previously, he had lost the rough stone channel to Zhou Zunfei, and Zhou Zunfei lost it again to Lu Chen afterward. This had sent his Yun Fei Group into an unprecedented jeopardy in an instant.

Today, he must let Yun Fei Group rise from the ashes again.

Zuo Qingcheng took out the key to the safe and unlocked the safe emotionally.

However, the very next moment, he was left dumbfounded.

There were no pearls inside the safe, but instead, there was only a paper note left inside.

Zuo Qingcheng was so shocked that he

turned deathly pale. These two legendary luminous pearls were not only the hope for his Yun Fei Group to rise, but were also what the leaders had been waiting to see the whole night.

If he could not present the legendary luminous pearls, he could only imagine what all his guests would think of him.

They would surely think that he had lied to everyone just so that he could make a show of Zuo family's power.

It would not be such a big deal if the people he was lying to were ordinary people.

However, his guests today included Xie Weihao, the City Council leaders and even the patriarchs from a few great families, and they had all been invited by the Zuo family personally.

If he lied to them, there was no doubt that nobody would trust the Zuo Family anymore from then on.

Who would still support him then?

This was a disastrous blow!

A moment later, Zuo Qingcheng regained his senses. He took the paper note out from the safe and read it under his breath.

“This is just a small lesson for you and your Zuo Family. If you dare to bully me again, you won’t be just losing the legendary luminous pearls. You’ll lose something that even your Zuo family cannot afford.”

This was what was written on the note. Zuo Qingcheng burst with rage after reading the contents of the note.

He then recalled the conversation that had taken place just before he came in; he would be a fool if he still had no idea who the culprit was.

“Lu Chen, just wait! I’ll get you back for this!” cursed Zuo Qingcheng as he clenched his jaw.

“Mister, where is the legendary luminous pearl? All the leaders are waiting for you,” asked the butler cautiously with a frown when he saw his master coming out in a furious manner.

“They have been stolen,” replied Zuo

Qingcheng icily.

“What? How is this possible? You are the only one with the key to the vault and the entire procedure was monitored closely. Who could have possibly entered?” asked the butler in disbelief, astounded.

“I'm going to check the surveillance footage right now,” answered Zuo Qingcheng furiously. He headed to the surveillance room, curious of how Lu Chen actually managed to steal his legendary luminous pearls.

Yun Fei Group's surveillance room was huge, and there were usually more than twenty staff on duty inside. However, when Zuo Qingcheng opened the door, all of the staff were unconscious in their chairs.

Zuo Qingcheng became even more infuriated. He went to check the surveillance footage, only to discover that the entire surveillance system had been damaged and there was no way of checking the footage.

“Lu Chen, you can't get away with this!” Zuo Qingcheng did not bother to find evidence from the surveillance footage

anymore. From that note alone, he was certain that it was Lu Chen who had stolen his legendary luminous pearls.

He let out a scoff and strode toward the hall.

He must get his hands on Lu Chen and make him surrender the legendary luminous pearls. At the same time, he wanted Lu Chen to be jailed for the rest of his life.



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After the butler returned to the main hall with Zuo Qingcheng, he directly approached the main table and whispered into the ears of Zuo Jialiang, "Bad news, Patriarch. The legendary luminous pearl was stolen."

"What?" Zuo Jialiang was shocked and he stood up in clamour, causing the leaders to look at him in surprise.

Usually, people with high prestige like Zuo Jialiang had the ability to conceal their emotions way better than others; they would never react in such great shock for trivial matters.

Not only did Zuo Jialiang react in great shock, he had also completely lost his self-control.

What matter was it that caused him to completely lose his cool?

"Hey everyone, I'll talk to you later. I have something important to attend to." Zuo Jialiang realized that he had lost his cool, hence he immediately told the others that he had an emergency. Thereafter, he left the main table together with the butler.

“Where’s Qingcheng?” Zuo Jialiang asked the butler in a low voice once they entered a room.

“He said that the thief of the legendary luminous pearl could be a person named Lu Chen, so he went to find him already.” The butler had no idea who Lu Chen was. He thought that Lu Chen had escaped after stealing the legendary luminous pearl from their family, and Young Master Zuo should be out there looking for Lu Chen.

“Lu Chen?” Zuo Jialiang frowned. He definitely knew who Lu Chen was. He was the young man who had earned Xie Weihao’s respect just now, so how could he be the thief?

Moreover, Chen Guangxing seemed to know him very well. How could a person like him be a thief?

Were there any things between them that he was unaware of?

Zuo Jialiang’s heart pounded intensely as he pondered upon it.

Things would seem extremely scary if it turned out to be exactly what he thought.

It would put the Zuo family into a death trap.

The impact wouldn't be so severe if the legendary luminous pearl was indeed stolen. The Zuo family could make a public apology and offer some benefits to various City Council leaders in order to relieve the pressure on this matter.

But what if the Chen family was secretly taking the opportunity to create a storm out of this?

If this was indeed true, Zuo Jialiang dared not imagine what would happen next, as he had no idea on how to respond appropriately to stabilize the situation.

"What should we do, Patriarch? Young Master Zuo's effort in hunting down the thief, Lu Chen, would definitely fail. Now the big shots must be waiting for us to present the legendary luminous pearl to them," the butler said.

Slap!

Zuo Jialiang gave a slap across the butler's face and reprimanded, "Who told you that Lu Chen is the thief? Be careful

when you speak, or else I'll chase you out of the Zuo family."

The butler was stupefied after he was slapped.

Young Master Zuo said it himself, I'm just repeating what he said, he thought.

But how would he dare to refute? He could only reply obediently, "Got it."

Zuo Jialiang ignored the butler. He pulled the door open and left the room.

He knew which table Lu Chen was sitting at, and he was going to stop his son from reacting stupidly.

He believed in his son's judgement. His son wouldn't accuse Lu Chen of stealing the legendary luminous pearl without any proof. Since he dared to say that Lu Chen was the thief, he must have obtained sufficient evidence.

However, he couldn't allow his son to reveal this matter in public because this was a trap. At the very least, he could sense that this was a trap.

Zuo Qingcheng was already walking toward Lu Chen furiously, and there were about twenty bodyguards behind him.

The people surrounding them were shocked. Zuo Qingcheng did not leave to get the legendary luminous pearl, but he left to get a group of bodyguards to surround Lu Chen instead. Did the enmity between them grow so large to the extent that the eldest son of the Zuo family lost his temper in public?

Zhang Daoren and the others were dumbfounded. They didn't expect that Zuo Qingcheng was so bold to offend Lu Chen in this manner.

Even if he had resentment toward him, he shouldn't take revenge on him in a situation like this!

He was the successor of the Zuo family, and yet he couldn't even keep his composure!

The sisters of the Chen family were shocked too. Their eyes widened in surprise as they watched Zuo Qingcheng approaching Lu Chen angrily with a group of bodyguards.

As the successor of the Zuo family, how could he act so recklessly?

Huang Youjun and the other two grandmasters couldn't figure out Zuo Qingcheng's intentions too. After all, Zuo Qingcheng wasn't a person that would react in such a manner.

Why did he lose his temper? What happened to him?

Did Lu Chen do anything that greatly angered Zuo Qingcheng and the family?

"Lu Chen!"

Zuo Qingcheng started yelling violently before he arrived.

The crowd trembled when they heard his scream. Judging from Zuo Qingcheng's outrageous scream, it seemed like he was really angry.

Lu Chen was calm and composed without any sign of panic.

He stared at the furious Zuo Qingcheng calmly and said jokingly, "What's the matter, Young Master Zuo? Are you trying

to bully me with the people you have?”

At first, Zuo Qingcheng was still behaving rationally. However, when he heard Lu Chen’s words, he lost himself instantly and reprimanded, “F**k! Not only will I bully you, I’ll be sure to break your leg today!”

Then, he turned toward the group of bodyguards behind him and yelled, “Destroy him!”

The crowd immediately stood up and left as the situation worsened, putting some distance between themselves and Lu Chen. Even the sisters of the Chen family had no choice but to distance themselves from Lu Chen.

They weren’t afraid that Lu Chen would get hurt. Even a strong man like Han Tian was defeated by Lu Chen with just one punch, so how could these bodyguards possibly hurt Lu Chen?

Sometimes, having more people didn’t mean one would win the fight.

Yu Zhengtao and two other grandmasters backed away much earlier. They were getting old, and they couldn’t stand to be in

this situation. They could possibly lose their lives if something went wrong.

Lu Chen didn't make a move. To be honest, he was a little threatened by the twenty bodyguards, but that didn't mean he didn't have the ability to defeat all of them.

He was actually waiting for Zuo Jialiang to appear.

He believed that Zuo Jialiang would never turn a blind eye on such a huge chaos.

"Stop it, everyone!"

At this moment, Zuo Jialiang finally arrived at the scene. The group of bodyguards were about to rush toward Lu Chen, but they immediately stopped when they heard their patriarch's scream.

"Leave right now," Zuo Jialiang yelled toward the group of bodyguards.

"Yes sir!" The head of the bodyguards answered and led the group of bodyguards out of the main hall immediately.

The crowd were relieved after witnessing the situation.

“Dad, he stole...” Zuo Qingcheng watched as his dad instructed all the bodyguards to leave. He couldn’t endure it any longer. He wanted to tell him that Lu Chen stole the legendary luminous pearl.

However, before he could finish his words, he was slapped by his father.

“Go back at once! I’ll deal with you later.”
Zuo Jialiang shouted.

Zuo Qingcheng was dumbfounded and embarrassed. This was his father, and he wasn’t stupid after all. His mind cleared instantly after being slapped by him.

Even though he knew that Lu Chen was the thief, how could he reveal it in public?

It would be fine if he could get hold of Lu Chen tonight. However, Lu Chen was very close to the City Council leaders as well as the Chen family. Would the Zuo family be so daring to offend Lu Chen?

After his mind was cleared, Zuo Qingcheng took a long hard look at Lu Chen, then left the scene dejectedly.

Zuo Jialiang finally glanced at Lu Chen and

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said, "I'm really sorry, Mr. Lu. I failed to teach my son to behave properly."

Zuo Jialiang was impressed by Lu Chen's calm composure. He didn't even blink his eyes when he was faced with the attacks of twenty bodyguards; it was evident that Lu Chen was indeed mentally strong.

Zuo Jialiang felt challenged to be faced with an opponent like him.



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“Oh, Patriarch Zuo, you’re finally here. You sure scared me silly just now!” Only at this point did Lu Chen pretend to come back to his senses. He patted his chest with a panicked look on his face, as if he was really scared.

Everybody there rolled their eyes, for they all saw how calm Lu Chen had been just now. But now that Patriarch Zuo was here, he was putting on a show, and it looked so fake.

Zuo Jialiang obviously knew that Lu Chen was putting on a show but he still played along. “So sorry. Qingcheng drank a bit too much today and went overboard. I do hope that you don’t mind about his inappropriate behaviour.”

“Did he drink too much? I thought I saw that he barely drank a few glasses. Surely the stuff that he was drinking wasn’t fake booze?” Lu Chen said with surprise.

“Hehe.” Zuo Jialiang laughed drily. Then he said, “Maybe he really did drink some fake booze at some other places before this.”

Of course he couldn’t reveal that Qingcheng had drunk his alcohol, because

that would be an equivalent to saying that the alcohol he served that day was fake booze.

Only then did the butler realize that this young man was Lu Chen.

However, he was puzzled; this guy stole their legendary luminous pearl, and yet he wasn't trying to escape. Instead, here he was, still having the guts to drink alcohol at the premise. 不过想到之前左嘉良那一耳光，管家心里However, when the butler thought of Zuo Jialiang's slap, he didn't dare to say anything even if he felt doubtful about it.

"Lu, can I please have a word with you in private?" When Zuo Jialiang looked at Lu Chen, he more or less believed that Lu Chen was the one who had stolen the legendary luminous pearl from his house.

However, how did Lu Chen have the ability to break into his family's secret room and steal the legendary luminous pearl from the safe?

How did he do it?

"Alright. Just now, Prince Qingcheng

scared me silly and my legs are still shaking. I do hope that Patriarch Zuo would give me a reasonable explanation.” Lu Chen nodded his head, then he got up to follow Zuo Jialiang out of the living room.

However, he walked with sure footing, nothing like the scared silly state he professed to be in.

The crowd actually stared in contempt at Lu Chen’s legs as he walked.

As they watched Lu Chen and Zuo Jialiang leave the main hall, Xie Weihao, Chen Guangxing, and the rest were all dumbfounded because until now, they still didn’t know what had happened, especially since Qingcheng had brought a group of bodyguards with him, as if he wanted to beat up Lu Chen; did Lu Chen do something despicable?

“Did you see how angry Zuo Qingcheng was just now? What could cause a man like him to become so angry?” Zhang Xingquan said suddenly.

The crowd was startled, then they laughed knowingly.

They were all men, and so they knew what could cause a man to lose his reasoning—it must have been having someone he cared about murdered, or having his wife taken away.

Since Lu Chen didn't kill Zuo Jialiang, it must be that Lu Chen had taken away his wife.

Could it possibly be that Lu Chen had brought upon Zuo Qingcheng some sort of unfounded charge of crime?

The crowd looked at each other with knowing smiles; nobody said anything further.

At Zuo Qingcheng's office at the Yun Fei Group, Lu Chen was casually leaning against the chair that he was seated on while being stared upon by both father and son of the Zuo Family.

Zuo Qingcheng was seething with rage, but he had gotten a grip on himself and was able to control his emotions now.

"Lu, let's not beat around the bush. The two legendary luminous pearls are very important to our family. So, please be

gentlemanly and return them to us. I can give you one hundred million in cash as repayment,” Zuo Jialiang said straightforwardly.

Lu Chen raised his head and looked at Zuo Jialiang. He smiled slightly as he said, “Patriarch Zuo, aren’t you curious as to how the legendary luminous pearls ended up in my hands?”

It was true; Lu Chen had engaged the Legendary Thief, Liu Zixiu, to steal the legendary luminous pearls.

Liu Zixiu had no choice; he didn’t want to see his six years old daughter end up having no one else to depend on, hence he agreed to Lu Chen’s request. Lu Chen then rescued him, and in return, Liu Zixiu was willing to serve Lu Chen.

As long as Lu Chen agreed to raise his daughter, he would even be willing to kill and perform arson for Lu Chen.

And Lu Chen had instructed Liu Zixiu to leave a note behind to inform the Zuo family that he was behind the theft of the legendary luminous pearls.

Zuo Jialiang was stunned because he didn't expect Lu Chen to admit to it. Furthermore, there was something more hidden behind his words.

Could it really be some kind of a plot?

"Please enlighten us," Zuo Jialiang said.

"If I told you that it was because Young Master Zuo here bullied me, and I'm taking revenge on him, would you, Patriarch Zhang, believe me?" Lu Chen maintained his smile.

"Huh?" Zuo Jialiang didn't expect this. However, he sighed with relief.

As long as it wasn't the sort of plot in which the Zuo Family was the victim that he previously expected, it would be easier to settle the matter.

"Qingcheng, what on earth is going on?" Zuo Jialiang looked at Zuo Qingcheng and saw that the expression on his face was worried. Without even needing to guess, he knew with certainty that it was his son that hitched onto the Zuo family's power to bully Lu Chen.

"I..." Zuo Qingcheng felt uncomfortable in his heart. However, he said, "I sent people to wreak havoc at Lu Chen's supermarket."

"Why would you do that?" Zuo Jialiang asked in a stern voice.

Zuo Qingcheng didn't say anything else. His feud with Lu Chen wasn't something that just began recently. It was the sum total of a lot of things that caused him to have such deep-seated hatred toward Lu Chen.

Therefore, he thought that his father had asked him an idiotic question, and he couldn't be bothered to answer it.

Slap!

Zuo Jialiang landed a slap on Zuo Qingcheng's face, then scolded, "Lu Chen is Xie Shujie's friend. So, no matter how big the feud between the both of you, you must let go of it upon considering his relationship with Xie Shujie. And yet you actually dared to send people to Lu's mall to cause trouble. You're just asking to get beaten up!"

Zuo Qingcheng felt wronged. How was I

supposed to know before this that he was Xie Shujie's friend? If I knew about his relationship with Xie Shujie, I wouldn't have provoked him again and again.

However, he couldn't figure out how Lu Chen, as someone who ran a supermarket, would have the ability to befriend someone like Xie Shujie.

Could it be possible that the annual revenue from his supermarket was on the level of billions?

Zuo Qingcheng shook his head. He felt that he was overthinking it as this was impossible.

He knew about Lu Chen's supermarket. He purchased it from the Hu Family not that long ago. Although they didn't make losses, they probably would not have that much profit either.

Although Lu Chen knew Xie Shujie, it certainly wasn't business that brought them together.

Then how did he gain the respect of Xie Shujie?

Actually, when Zuo Jialiang found out that Lu Chen ran a supermarket, he was also curious about how did Lu Chen earn the respect of Xie Shujie and Chen Guangxing?

“Hurry up and apologize to Lu!” Although he had his doubts in his heart, his family’s legendary luminous pearls were still in Lu Chen’s hands. And now, there was a large group of big shots outside waiting for him to show them the legendary luminous pearls so that they could admire it. Therefore, the priority was to get the legendary luminous pearls back from Lu Chen.

“Lu Chen, I’m sorry for sending people to mess with your supermarket. It was my fault. Please forgive me.” Although Zuo Qingcheng felt extremely reluctant, he still had no choice but to apologize to Lu Chen.

Lu Chen mocked him by saying, “Everything that happened between us cannot be settled with a mere apology.”

When they heard what Lu Chen said, the father and son of the Zuo Family were stunned. They didn’t know what Lu Chen wanted them to do before he would be willing to return the legendary luminous

pearls to them.



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“Lu, I guarantee that if this disobedient child of mine dares to cause trouble at your supermarket again, I will break his leg!” As soon as Zuo Jialiang heard what Lu Chen said, he understood the meaning behind Lu Chen’s words.

“Patriarch Zuo, you said it yourself. When the time comes and you don’t break his leg, I would personally break his leg. At that time, don’t blame me for not giving you face,” Lu Chen said as he looked at Zuo Jialiang.

Zuo Jialiang felt dissatisfied. He was saying that out of apology, but he didn’t expect Lu Chen to really take his words seriously.

However, since he still didn’t know the whole of Lu Chen’s background, to convince Lu Chen, he could only smile and say, “Lu, what you said was right. If this disobedient child still doesn’t know how to behave, you may teach him a lesson on my behalf.”

“Okay, so everything’s fine if nothing happens at my supermarket, but once something does happen, I’ll have no choice but to seek you out, Patriarch Zuo,”

Lu Chen said.

“What has it got to do with me if other people go to your supermarket and cause trouble?” Zuo Qingcheng’s expression darkened. He could accept this and not wreak havoc at Lu Chen’s supermarket anymore, but he knew for a fact that Zhang Daoren still had plans to do so.

“All I know is that you were the one who told him about my supermarket,” Lu Chen said nonchalantly.

Although he wasn’t worried about Zhang Daoren causing trouble, there was no harm in taking extra precautions.

Furthermore, he had no time to entertain these snobbish rich kids.

The construction of the Science and Technology Park was in full swing. Since most of the required manpower was already in place, more and more of his time would be spent on the Science and Technology Park.

“Who?” Zuo Jialiang asked Zuo Qingcheng.

“Zhang Daoren. They have a feud too,” Zuo Qingcheng said.

Zuo Jialiang was speechless; this Lu Chen sure is good at looking for trouble.

Although Lu Chen knew Xie Shujie, he was the only person in the whole of Chongqing who dared to offend two different heirs from two different powerful families at the same time.

“Lu, don’t worry. I’m on pretty good terms with Zhang Xingquan, so I’ll talk to him. I’m sure he wouldn’t allow Zhang Daoren to mess around,” Zuo Jialiang said.

“Then I’ll have to trouble you, Patriarch Zuo. Right, I can return the legendary luminous pearl to you, but you have to pay a hundred million for it. This is to teach Zuo Qingcheng a lesson, and also as the fee that I have to pay for the person who did the deed for me.”

In actuality, Lu Chen didn’t have to pay Liu Zixiu a lot of money. In fact, he could even choose not to pay him anything as Liu Zixiu would still work for him.

However, he never ever mistreated his own

people, so he was ready to give Liu Zixiu a sum of money.

Zuo Qingcheng felt really unhappy. First, Lu Chen stole something from his house, and now he was going to sell the same thing back to his family? What was that about?

但他知道今天他们还真不敢得罪了陆尘，只得有苦也只能往肚里吞了。

But he didn't dare to offend Lu Chen on this day, so he could only hold it in.

"Okay, give me your account number, and I will arrange for the money to be transferred to you." One hundred million was not a small amount of money, but to the Zuo Family, it was an amount that they could definitely afford.

What was more important was that the two legendary luminous pearls were worth more than one hundred million on this night.

This was also the reason why Lu Chen dared to ask the Zuo Family for one hundred million, because he knew how important the legendary luminous pearls

were to the Zuo Family.

Although the two legendary luminous pearls were worth a lot of money, to him, those were nothing more than luxury goods and they didn't mean much to him because he wasn't an antique lover.

The reason he learned about these things from Elder Yun was just a matter of short-lived interest.

Lu Chen gave Zuo Jialiang his account number, and Zuo Jialiang immediately called his chief finance officer to arrange for the transaction.

Then, Lu Chen made a phone call and asked someone to deliver the legendary luminous pearls over.

Since he had achieved his objective for the day, he had no interest in staying any longer. Thus, he bid his farewell to Zuo Jialiang and got ready to leave.

As Zuo Jialiang watched Lu Chen's back, he realized how impressive this young guy was.

Everything was under his control from the

beginning till the end. Although Zuo Jialiang was an experienced player in the corporate world, he had still fallen into Lu Chen's trap.

Zuo Jialiang looked at the expression of reluctance and depression on Zuo Qingcheng's face and helplessly sighed internally.

If only his son was half as capable as Lu Chen was; if he really was that capable, then he thought that in the future, the Zuo Family would prosper even more.

Only after witnessing how capable Lu Chen was on this day did he discover that Lu Chen and his son were not even on the same level.

Lu Chen coolly left the premise of the Zuo Family after he bid his farewell with Xie Weihao, Chen Guangxing and the others in the main hall.

The crowd was very curious about what had actually happened between them.

However, although they were curious, they couldn't raise the question in public.

After leaving the Zuo Family's premise, Lu Chen got into his car, in which the Legendary Thief, Liu Zixiu was already seated in there.

After Liu Zixiu stole the legendary luminous pearl from the Zuo Family, he didn't go far away but instead, stayed inside Lu Chen's car and waited for his instructions.

"Good job. Today, you managed to pull it off, and you even managed to help me solve a big problem," Lu Chen said as he sat in the co-driver's seat.

Liu Zixiu was sitting in the driver's seat, and so he was planning to just let Liu Zixiu take the wheel.

"I should be the one to thank you for giving me a second chance at life, and for giving my daughter a stable environment to grow up in," Liu Zixiu said sincerely.

He had committed several thefts within his lifetime, and he knew that he would get caught sooner or later. Therefore, he didn't hold much hope for his life in the future.

What he cared about the most was the

proper raising of his daughter and her future.

“Don’t worry. I will definitely keep my promises. I’ll arrange for your daughter to get into the best primary school in these two days. In two years time, I’ll start a school and invite the country’s best teachers to teach there,” Lu Chen said.

In the future, the Science and Technology Park would have thousands of employees. Among them, there would surely be many people with families. So, when they move into the residential area of the Science and Technology Park, they would be quite a distance away from the colleges in the city, which would definitely pose a problem to the employees in the matter of sending their children to school.

Therefore, Lu Chen planned to build a combined school which consists of an elementary, middle and high school for his employee’s children. At that time, he would send Qiqi there too.

In the Science and Technology Park, other than a school, there would also be various commercial areas, relaxation and entertainment facilities, and also natural

environments.

Although it was called the Science and Technology Park, it was more of an exclusive little castle that wasn't opened to the public.

"You're thinking of building a school?" Liu Zixiu was surprised. He did not really understand Lu Chen yet, so he thought that this idea was not very realistic.

"To be more accurate, it's not that I'm just thinking about it, but more like it's already included in the development plans. We should be able to start the construction in spring next year." Lu Chen nodded his head. Right now, the priority was the research labs and the workers' housing, while things like the school were part of the second phase of the project.

Liu Zixiu nodded and didn't ask any further questions despite the astonishment he felt.

He knew that there were questions that he shouldn't ask, so he didn't ask them.

"Give me your card number and I'm going to transfer a million to you. Consider it

your pay. From now on, if your performance is good, I will be sure to pay you generously,” Lu Chen said.

Liu Zixiu nodded without being pretentious by giving Lu Chen his card number right away.

Although Lu Chen didn't ask for anything much, he knew that he owed his life to Lu Chen. Therefore, what he could do now was to perform well so that he could save some money for his daughter, so that even if something was to happen to him one day, he wouldn't have to worry that Lu Chen would mistreat her.



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Lu Chen brought Liu Zixiu with him to look for Du Fei; he was thinking of letting Liu Zixiu follow Du Fei.

"This is Du Fei. You must've heard of him before." Then, Lu Chen turned toward Du Fei and said, "This is Liu Zixiu, nicknamed the 'Legendary Thief'."

Liu Zixiu was stunned, for he never thought that Lu Chen would actually take him to see Mr. Du, who was the big boss who had recently gained much influence in the underworld.

He became even more suspicious of Lu Chen's identity.

Since Lu Chen was able to rescue him from the police, this showed that he had a very close relationship with the police forces.

However, Lu Chen was close to a powerful underground boss too. Did that mean that he had influences on both ends of the law?

"Mr. Du, how are you?" Liu Zixiu got over his suspicions and hurriedly shook Du Fei's hand.

"Hi. I've heard about you before. I would love to witness your legendary skills in stealing for once," said Du Fei as he sized Liu Zixiu up, all the while smiling.

"Well, Mr. Du. Look at your cell phone," said Liu Zixiu as he retracted his hand and smiled.

Du Fei was stunned, because he didn't know when the cell phone in his pocket had ended up in Liu Zixiu's hands.

The most important thing was that Liu Zixiu had stood still in front of him the whole time; the only time the former moved was when he shook his right hand with him, and now the cell phone had ended up in his right hand.

"You really are the Legendary Thief. I admire your speed," Du Fei praised and stuck up his thumb.

He had already figured that when Liu Zixiu shook his hand and retracted it, the latter must've darted his hand toward his pocket, but his movements were so fast and subtle that Du Fei didn't realize it at all.

And it was exactly at this moment when

Liu Zixiu had taken the cell phone out from Du Fei's pocket; his hand's speed was really incredibly fast.

Of course, speed was not all there was to it; Liu Zixiu did not get his nickname of the 'Legendary Thief' out of nowhere, he must have depended on true skills.

"Mr. Du, you flatter me." Liu Zixiu smiled humbly as he gave the cell phone back to Du Fei.

"Fei, he will follow you from now on," Lu Chen said.

"Okay, haha. I am honored to have a skilled expert like the Legendary Thief helping me. This is more than I can ask for," Du Fei smiled and said.

"Have you ever thought of coming over to the right side of justice?" Lu Chen suddenly asked Du Fei.

"I have some difficulty answering your question. Do you think that after I've gone over to the side of justice, there would be someone fit enough to lead the gang? Don't tell me that the Three Marquises of the Water Margin would be fit for the role.

Those three can manage it if they have someone supporting them from their back, but once that support is gone, they would be nothing but a bunch of wimps." Du Fei was stunned at first; it was not that he'd never thought of what Lu Chen said, but now that he'd made a reappearance in the underworld, he could not just ignore his brothers like he did before. Otherwise, who would trust him in the future?

Lu Chen nodded, for he had always been unsatisfied with the Three Marquises of the Water Margin.

However, Lu Zhong had brought the Three Marquises of the Water Margin up for his sake, so he still had to take into consideration their past relations.

Furthermore, the Three Marquises of the Water Margin were more suited to certain tasks.

However, if they were to become the big bosses, the whole gang would fall apart in their hands.

"I'm just giving you options. But no matter what decision you make in the future, please do me a favor by not bringing in the

culture and behaviours of the gangs to the rough stone channel with you," Lu Chen said seriously.

Du Fei nodded, feeling complicated emotions in his heart.

He understood what Lu Chen meant by giving him the management rights of the rough stone channel—it was to pave a way out for him should he choose to turn over to the right side of justice.

If he were to leave the underworld and instantly begin his life by becoming the boss of a rough stone channel company, in addition to drawing the lines between him and the other forces in the underworld, no one would dare to accuse him as an underworld boss.

"Alright. No matter what I decide in the future, I will not let the rough stone channel company be polluted by the underworld," Du Fei said firmly.

"Uh, right. Do you have any ideas for the company's location already?" Lu Chen asked as he nodded.

"I've been busy dealing with the Wang

family recently, so I haven't had time to deal with this. What's important is that, as you know, I'm the tough boss of a gang, and I know nothing about running a business," Du Fei said as he shook his head.

"You should have told me earlier." Du Chen was a little speechless. So many jewellers were waiting to import the rough stones from him, and until he got the company in order, he could not go to Myanmar with a contract to collect the rough stones. "Oh, never mind. Tomorrow, I'll arrange for someone to come and help you. However, you will have to work well with him, and hurry up and get the company in order. As for the matter of the address, just take your time in choosing it some time later." Lu Chen knew that he couldn't blame Du Fei for this. Firstly, Du Fei had helped him deal with the Wang family. Next, Du Fei was not cut for business dealings to begin with, so it was natural for him to not be able to settle the matter that soon.

Liu Zixiu didn't understand what the two men were talking about at all. However, the one thing he understood was that Lu Chen was trying to pave a way for Du Fei to turn over a new leaf.

Once upon a time, he wouldn't have believed that an underworld boss could turn over a new leaf.

But if Lu Chen could save him, then he believed that Lu Chen could also get Du Fei out of the dark side.

After Lu Chen left, Liu Zixiu couldn't stop himself anymore. So, he asked, "Mr. Du, I'm curious. Who exactly is Young Master Lu?"

Du Fei studied Liu Zixiu as he held up his cup and took a sip of the wine. Then, he said slowly, "Brother, to tell you the truth, although I've known him for quite a number of years already, until now, I still don't know his real identity."

"Huh?" Liu Zixiu was stunned, feeling that the whole matter was unbelievable.

"However, all you need to know is that he is trustworthy, and that you can trust him with your life," Du Fei said after putting down his wine glass.

Liu Zixiu was a little distracted, and he seemed to be thinking of something else.

"Want one?" Du Fei picked up a packet of

Chaotianmen Cigarettes from his bed and offered one to Liu Zixiu.

Chaotianmen Cigarettes was a local Chongqing cigarette brand and cost only ten bucks per packet.

It surprised Liu Zixiu that Du Fei, who was the big boss of the Green Dragon Club of the underworld, actually smoked cigarettes that cost only ten bucks per packet.

Before this, he saw some of Du Fei's underlings smoke Tianzi Cigarettes that cost 45 per packet.

"This cigarette is not bad. I've been smoking it for the past few years," Liu Zixiu said as he lighted his cigarette.

Although he was the Legendary Thief, he had been broke ever since he escaped to Chongqing. Therefore, even smoking cigarettes that cost ten bucks was not bad.

"Yeah, this was the first pack of cigarettes she bought for me. As soon as I smoked it, I fell in love with the taste. After that, I found other cigarettes difficult to get used

to.” Du Fei took a deep breath in and as he thought of his wife.

Of course, Liu Zixiu didn't know his background. He was still very curious about Lu Chen's identity, not just for his own sake, but he also had to think for his daughter's sake.

“Right, Mr. Du, is Young Master Lu also from the underworld?” Liu Zixiu asked as he smoked the cigarette.

“How did you get to know Lu Chen?” Du Fei didn't answer Liu Zixiu right away. From Liu Zixiu's two questions, he felt that this guy didn't trust Lu Chen very much.



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It had been some time since the company mentioned that Yi Qi Technology wanted to relocate some of their administrative staff. Thus, every employee in Dong Jia Electronics was working very diligently and was trying to have a good work performance, in hopes that they would catch the eye of the headquarters.

Yi Qi Technology had indeed become their headquarters in the eyes of these Dong Jia Electronics' staff.

However, one month had passed and there was no news from the headquarters' side yet. All the staff at Dong Jia Electronics were starting to wonder if the headquarters had forgotten about them.

If Xia Jun had not mentioned this matter regularly during meetings, they would have forgotten all about it.

"General Manager Xia, have General Manager Lu and the others forgotten all about us? It has been more than a month but we haven't heard any news from them yet," Fan Ming asked Xia Jun.

Over the past month, Fan Ming had recognized his position in the company

and was beginning to reconcile with Xia Jun.

“I've just been to the Science and Technology Park to take a look a few days ago. It's still under construction, so what can you guys do if you go there anyway? Help them with the construction?” Xia Jun chuckled.

“You're right, you're right. It's just that some of the employees do not understand this and think that General Manager Lu has forgotten about us,” explained Fan Ming while cracking a smile.

“General Manager Lu is an influential person. He'll always have a thorough discussion before deciding on a matter. How would he just forget things that easily? It's just that we haven't reached the planning stage yet. Tell the others not to worry, and that it's just useless for them to be worried. The Science and Technology Park is the face of Chongqing, and the people working there are chosen from tens of thousands of candidates. How could common people be employed there just like that?” added Xia Jun.

Fan Ming nodded and did not question

what Xia Jun had said. Yi Qi Technology was not an average company, so surely they have very strict requirements.

Just at this moment, the secretary knocked on his door before coming in and said, "Take a look, General Manger Lu. I think its Chairwoman Xu from the headquarters," informed the secretary as she pointed downward to the outside of the window.

Xia Jun and Fan Ming swiftly stood up and glanced outside the window. There was an elegant woman stepping out from a big Land Rover and, without a doubt, it was Xu Shuting. She was one of the acting chairpersons over at the headquarters.

"Come, let's head downstairs and welcome her." Xia Jun swung his office door open hurriedly and headed downstairs.

Fan Ming and his secretary followed closely behind.

Just when the three of them stepped out of the elevator on the first floor, Xu Shuting had also just reached the door of the elevator.

“Chairwoman Xu.”

“Hello, Chairwoman Xu.”

“Hello, Chairwoman Xu.”

The three of them quickly cracked a smile and greeted her.

Xu Shuting took a moment to get a grasp on the situation before putting on a faint smile. “I hope you don’t mind my surprise visit, General Manager Xia.”

Actually, Xu Shuting had come over today because Lu Chen had given her a call last night. He wanted to relocate some of his staff over to the headquarters since the headquarters had been short-staffed recently.

She was supposed to let Xia Jun know beforehand.

However, Xia Jun was among those people whom Lu Chen wanted to transfer. So, she wanted to see if this company’s general manager was as capable as what Lu Chen had described.

As one of the top students who returned

from overseas, Xu Shuting had never slacked in her work. Since Lu Chen had entrusted her and Wang Wei with managing Yi Qi Technology, she felt obligated to not let Lu Chen down.

Thus, even though Xia Jun was the general manager of Dong Jia Electronics, she still wanted to come over and observe him for a bit.

This explained her surprise visit to his company.

“Sure, no problem. Welcome, Chairwoman Xu.” Xu Shuting had a faint suppressing demeanor, and even an experienced manager like Xia Jun felt slightly intimidated by it.

Furthermore, the fact that Lu Chen entrusted this woman and Wang Wei with the management of Yi Qi Technology proved that this woman was not just an average woman. How could he have the courage to look down on her?

“Do you mind if I take a tour around the company?” Xu Shuting looked over to Xia Jun; she still had a faint smile on her face.

Of course, that faint smile of hers could be interpreted as the smile of a professional, or it could be a genuine smile too.

“Sure, sure. Let me give you a tour.” Xia Jun was stunned for a second, but he quickly gave her a reply with a chuckle.

Even Fan Ming and the secretary dared not have direct eye contact with Xu Shuting.

It was because they had never met a woman with such awe-inspiring manner. Furthermore, this woman was so young.

Xia Jun, Fan Ming, and Xia Jun’s secretary then led the tour and brought Xu Shuting for a walk around Dong Jia Electronics. In overall, she was quite satisfied with what she saw, including the environment of the company and the working environment in each department.

What surprised her was that she could feel the lively enthusiasm from his management of Dong Jia Electronics, and also from most of the employees there.

Of course, the main reason behind that was because everyone was still waiting for the headquarters to promote those who

were talented. That was why they were all so engrossed in their work. If not, there would not have been such a scene.

And this was also why Xia Jun dared to take Xu Shuting to visit every department.

“General Manager Xia, I’m not sure if General Manager Lu has called you up yet. The reason I’m here today is because he wanted me to transfer a few people from here,” said Xu Shuting directly as soon as they returned to Xia Jun’s office.

“General Manager Lu has not been in contact with me yet. Perhaps you already have some people in mind?” asked Xia Jun.

“Aside from the one called Liu Yanqi, I’ll need you to recommend another five employees,” replied Xu Shuting.

“Liu Yanqi?” Xia Jun and Fan Ming were taken aback. Liu Yanqi had been a salesperson in the company for quite some time. Moreover, Lin Yijun had just recommended Liu Yanqi to him a few days ago, justifying that she had the potential to hold a supervisor’s position. He did not expect General Manager Lu to transfer her

to the headquarters.

“Yes, General Manager Lu personally selected her.” Xu Shuting also had no clue who Liu Yanqi was, and how she could be noticed by Lu Chen.

Actually, Lu Chen wanted to present Liu Yanqi with this opportunity because she had earned it when she helped Lin Yijun to escape from the evil hands of Wang Wenxue.

“General Manager Lu personally selected her?” Xia Jun became even more surprised. They recalled that Liu Yanqi and Lin Yijun were not on good terms. Was it because of Lin Yijun?

“Why, is there any problem?” asked Xu Shuting. Her brows were drawn together when she saw the surprised look on both their faces.

“N-No. By the way, Chairwoman Xu, has General Manager mentioned about transferring Director Lin over?” asked Xia Jun.

“No. However, he did imply that he wanted to promote Director Lin to Vice President

and promote Vice Director Fan to the director of the marketing department. Oh, and Lu Chen also mentioned about you. He wanted you to go over and see him once you are done arranging your matters here today. I think General Manager Lu wants to transfer you over as he has high regards for you,” explained Xu Shuting.

“Oh, all right. Once I am done handling my matters here, I will give General Manager Lu a call.” Xia Jun had already predicted that Lu Chen would make such an arrangement, so he was not that surprised by it.

What shocked him was that he did not directly promote Lin Yijun to become the president.

However, he thought about it for a moment and realized that Lin Yijun actually did not have the capabilities to become a president yet. He believed that he would still be staying at Dong Jia Electronics for the time being.

Xia Jun then recommended a few staff who had been performing quite well during this period of time to Xu Shuting. After that, he asked his secretary to inform

those staff to come over to his office.

“I will personally inform Liu Yanqi.” Fan Ming then returned to the marketing department after giving his instruction to Xia Jun’s secretary.

Fan Ming felt slightly dejected that Lu Chen did not transfer him over to the headquarters and had chosen Liu Yanqi instead. However, he still felt thankful that he had regained his position as the director.

Thus, he prepared to give Liu Yanqi the good news in person.



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