

Slap!

Lan Zuo gave Lan Ling a slap on her face, thereupon he said in a deep voice, "How much time have I given you already? How could you screw up such a simple matter?! This is your last chance. If you can't settle this, both you and your father can go and hang yourselves!"

Lan Zuo was one of the powerful members of the Hidden Families' Lan Family and they had their eyes on Lu Chen's company, Yi Qi Technology, thus he wanted Lan Ling to take Lu Chen down. Unexpectedly, after such a long time, Lan Ling failed to defeat Lu Chen, hence Lan Zuo had no choice but to come to Chongqing personally.

In Lan Zuo's eyes, the Lan Family from the central plains were nothing more than their servants and cannon fodder.

In fact, the Lan Family from the central plains weren't from the main family. Instead, they were just a clan that was founded by the side branch of the family back then.

On the other hand, Lan Zuo's family was a

direct descendant of the Lan Family.

This was one of the reasons why Lan Ling did not dare to fight back.

Of course, the main reason was...

The Lan Family of the Hidden Families were very powerful; they weren't people that an ordinary family like them could deal with.

"I understand. I won't disappoint you this time," said Lan Ling solemnly.

"I will give you another three days. If you can't settle this within the next three days, I'll have your head!" said Lan Zuo as he harrumphed coldly.

"Yes, Uncle Zuo!" Lan Ling nodded her head respectfully.

Not only was Lan Zuo the direct descendant of the Lan Family, he was also an extraordinarily powerful person. Furthermore, he would inherit the position as the Patriarch of the Lan Family in the future. Therefore, Lan Ling did not dare to act impudently in front of him.

Lan Zuo snorted coldly and left Lan Ling's mansion under the escort of several men.

After Lan Zuo left, only then did Lan Ling's servants dare to breathe out loud.

Lan Zuo's aura was just too overwhelming to the point where they could not breathe.

"Miss, I've warned you that the Lan Family of the Hidden Families are determined to get their hands on Yi Qi Technology. This time, the Young Master Lan even came to Chongqing personally. Obviously, we can now see where they stand," said Lan Jing after he sighed.

Lan Ling nodded her head then asked, "Uncle Jing, why do you think they want Yi Qi Technology so badly? Logically speaking, with their capabilities and fortune, they wouldn't need to take such a huge risk just to acquire Yi Qi Technology, which is only worth tens of billions, right?"

Lan Ling had always been puzzled about this, but she dared not ask her father, let alone Lan Zuo. Hence, she could only suppress her curiosity.

Lan Jing glanced at the other servants in

the room, thereafter he said, "Please leave us."

"Yes, sir." They nodded their heads and excused themselves from the room.

After they went out, Lan Jing said, "I heard that the Lan Family had obtained a magical pearl, which they later on spent many years doing research on it, yet it was a futile attempt. That was when they resorted to science, and because of that, they had abducted many scientists to conduct the research. Rumors had it that it was a new technology that they haven't seen before. As such, they needed an actual science and technology park to support and complete their research. However, if they were to build an actual science and technology Park, it would attract the attention of the other families. On the other hand, they would feel uneasy if they were to cooperate with other science and technology parks since the ones with actual resources were under the control of a few powerful countries. Currently, Lu Chen's Yi Qi Technology is the only private company around, hence they intend to snatch the company away from him."

“What kind of pearl is that? Have you seen it?” Lan Ling looked at Lan Jing curiously. *Could this never-before-seen technology be the legendary martial arts technique, or perhaps a treasure that was left behind by an ancient martial arts practitioner?*

As for the unprecedented technology, Lan Ling did not believe any of that bullcrap.

Technology had only been formally developed over the last century. To be more specific, its development had improved by leaps and bounds over the last 40 to 50 years. So, how could a mysterious pearl have any connections with technology at all?

She guessed that that pearl was more likely a treasure that was left behind by an ancient martial arts practitioner, and the only reason why the Lan Family could not crack the mystery of the pearl yet was because they had not obtained the solutions yet.

Lan Jing shook his head and said, “I only heard rumors about it; I don’t really know the actual details.”

Lan Ling nodded her head and said, "Okay, Uncle Jing. I plan to discuss this matter with Lu Chen, so please make the necessary arrangements."

Lan Jing thought about it for a moment before he said, "Miss, there is no need for that. Lu Chen would not give the Science and Technology Park to the Lan Family. I think we should just kidnap either his wife or daughter and force him to meet us. He would only have two options by then: he can either start a fight with us, or he can hand over the Science and Technology Park to the Lan Family."

Lan Ling looked somewhat conflicted.

The last time she tried to kidnap Qiqi, she knew she had already crossed the line. If she were to abduct his wife or daughter again this time, she believed that Lu Chen would not show her any more mercy.

Seeing as Lan Ling was hesitating, Lan Jing sighed and said, "Miss, a relationship between you and Lu Chen is impossible; he will never fall in love with you. Now that Young Master Lan had come to Chongqing in person, the main family would definitely destroy our Lan Family if we fail to

accomplish our mission. As you can see, the pearl is very important to the main family. In fact, it is even more important than us. Do you really wish for the main family to annihilate our Lan Family?"

Lan Ling was shocked, but still couldn't make up her mind.

"Miss, if Lu Chen cooperates with us, we will not harm him. Besides, if he did not have Yi Qi Technology anymore, you would have the opportunity to get closer to him," advised Lan Jing again.

Lan Ling gritted her teeth and nodded her head in the end. "Same rule applies as before; we cannot harm anyone."

Lan Jing heaved a sigh of relief and said, "According to my investigation, Lu Chen's wife, Lin Yijun, has eight bodyguards by her side. Moreover, all of them are hired mercenaries with guns, and they are all very powerful, hence it'll be quite difficult to kidnap her. On the other hand, his daughter, Qiqi, has only one bodyguard, obviously we have a higher chance of success if we kidnap her instead."

Lan Ling frowned and said, "Uncle Jing,

think about it. Why do you think Lu Chen would allow just a single person to protect his daughter?”

Lan Jing thought about it and asked, “Miss, are you trying to say that the bodyguard protecting his daughter is more capable than Lin Yijun’s eight bodyguards combined?”

Lan Ling nodded her head and said, “His daughter was kidnapped once before, hence I believe that Lu Chen would take extra measures to protect her so that he wouldn’t have to experience the feeling of seeing his family undergo a second kidnapping attempt. Therefore, I feel that the bodyguard that is protecting Qiqi is the most powerful one of them all.”

However, Lan Ling’s words were different from her thoughts.

She knew that the person protecting Qiqi was Xu Jing. Moreover, she was even aware that Zhou Zunfei’s men were able to snatch Qiqi away from his hands after they injured him.

She merely wanted Lan Jing to abduct Lin Yijun out of her own selfish intentions.

Lan Jing thought about it and felt that her analysis was logical, thereafter he nodded and said, "Okay, I will make the necessary arrangements to abduct Lin Yijun, and I will deliver her to you latest by tomorrow."

With that, Lan Jing left the room. Lan Ling then walked to the balcony and gazed at the scenery outside; it was unclear as to what was going through her mind at the moment.



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Ever since Lu Chen transferred 70 percent of the shares of Dong Jia Electronics to Lin Yijun, she had been working hard throughout this period of time and would be the last one to get off work almost everyday.

As the President of the company, she had to work overtime everyday and that made her managers feel ashamed of themselves, yet it served to improve everyone's enthusiasm for their jobs at the same time.

Throughout this period, the company's performance had reached a record high.

This made Lin Yijun very excited, and she planned to treat all the managers to a meal this evening in order to boost their enthusiasm.

After work, Lin Yijun asked her secretary to book a restaurant beforehand, thereafter the lot of them went to have their meal.

After dinner, Lin Yijun took her leave first as some of them wanted to go for karaoke.

As of now, she had adapted to her new

position as their boss and knew that she had to maintain a distance with her employees. Therefore, she could only treat them to a meal, but she had to give the karaoke session a pass.

Her bodyguard drove the car as Lin Yijun was under strict protection.

Ever since she was abducted the last time, not only did Lu Chen equip the bodyguards with guns, he even hired a few more people to strengthen her team of bodyguards.

The previous team of bodyguards who had experienced Lin Yijun's kidnapping harbored a sense of guilt and remorse, especially since Lu Chen did not blame them for it.

Hence, whenever the four of them went out, they would be extra vigilant as they could not afford any mistakes.

"Guys, we should be careful. There is an Audi A8 following us from behind at about 50 meters away," said the bodyguard in the passenger seat.

This bodyguard happened to be one of the

first batch of bodyguards to experience Lin Yijun's kidnapping.

"Tiger, aren't you being a little paranoid? The car is 50 meters away from us. Isn't that how you would normally drive a car?" The driver who spoke belonged to the second batch of hired bodyguards. He checked his rearview mirror and did not notice anything strange about the situation, hence he couldn't help but smile and give his opinion.

"Trust me. I want you to turn left and enter the small road. I believe that there is someone lying in ambush ahead," said Tiger.

"If there is an ambush, wouldn't it be more dangerous to drive into a small road? President Lin, why don't you make the decision then?" The driver felt that Tiger was being paranoid.

"Tiger, are you sure that we are being followed?" Lin Yijun asked from the backseat.

"Yes, President Lin, that car is deliberately keeping a certain distance from us. They do not want us to notice their presence,

but the more careful they are, the more it looks fishy. I am certain that they are making our car their target. If my guess is correct, a car would block our way at the intersection ahead,” said Tiger with determination.

After all, Lin Yijun’s previous abduction was due to their carelessness. Moreover, they did not have any weapons on hand back then, thus they were no match for those gunmen.

“Okay. Yu, please listen to Tiger then,” said Lin Yijun to the driver as she nodded her head.

“Okay, President Lin.” The driver nodded his head. Although he felt that Tiger was overreacting, his boss had spoken, and so he had to follow her orders.

As the saying went, ‘Once bitten, twice shy’. Lin Yijun had no choice but to take precautions.

Still feeling uneasy, she took out her phone and gave Lu Chen a call.

“We are being followed, and Tiger said that they might attack us at the next

intersection,” said Lin Yijun after Lu Chen answered the call.

“Where are you all now?” asked Lu Chen.

“We are on the Inner Ring Road. In approximately ten minutes, we will reach the Li Jiaba Intersection; our enemies might be lying in wait there,” said Lin Yijun after she took a look at the layout of the roads.

“Alright. I happened to be close to that intersection. I will reach it in ten minutes. Tell them to slow down. I’ll reach soon, and I’ll wait for you all at the intersection,” said Lu Chen.

“Okay.” With that, Lin Yijun hung up the phone and said to the driver, “Yu, slow down the car; drive it at 50 km/h.”

At the moment, the car was driving at 80 km/h and they were still ten minutes away from the intersection. If they were to decrease their speed to 50km/h, they would arrive at the same time as Lu Chen and his men.

“Okay, President Lin.” The driver nodded his head as he drove to the side lane and

slowed down the car.

“Look, the Audi A8 is slowing down as well,” said Tiger as he took a look at the rearview mirror again.

At this moment, the driver finally nodded his head in acknowledgement. Soon after, the Audi A8 increased its speed again. Obviously, they were tailing them. Their enemies must have been afraid of rousing their suspicions, and thus increased their speed after slowing down in the beginning.

“Prepare for battle,” said Tiger as he took out his pistol.

The six people in the car behind him pulled their pistols out as well and released the safety locks on their guns.

However, Lin Yijun’s Cadillac Escalade was an imported car with a bulletproof feature. Moreover, it was far more superior than the Audi A8 in every aspect. Even if they were to crash their cars into each other, they wouldn’t suffer much damages.

Although they were prepared for battle, they believed that their enemies weren’t that dumb as to crash their Audi A8 into

them.

Sure enough, the Audi A8 caught up to them in the blink of an eye. Seeing the Audi A8 speeding toward them, Lin Yijun couldn't help but feel anxious.

However, the Audi A8 passed them by naturally, and there was nothing strange about it.

Everybody heaved a sigh of relief, but they still believed that there was an ambush at the intersection ahead.

Feeling restless, Lin Yijun picked up her phone again and gave Lu Chen a call.

"Where are you now?" asked Lin Yijun.

"I am approximately five minutes away from you. Just drive at your normal speed. I will reach ahead of time," said Lu Chen.

"That car that has been following us passed us by after we slowed down," said Lin Yijun.

"What kind of car is that?"

"Audi A8."

“Okay, I got it.” With that, Lu Chen hung up the phone.

“Can you please drive onto that lane and take note whether any Audi A8s are driving by?” said Lu Chen to Lin Tong.

“Young Master Lu, there are so many Audi A8s on the road; it might not be the one we are looking for,” said Lin Tong. However, he still obeyed Lu Chen’s orders and drove the car onto the left lane.

“I want you to take a picture of the license plates of the cars that pass by after three minutes.” Regardless whether somebody was following Lin Yijun or not, Lu Chen had to investigate it in detail.

That was because his grudge with the Three Great Families wasn’t resolved yet, and he even killed Zuo Qingcheng in Kokang just a few days ago. Moreover, Lan Ling had been acting quite strange as well; he did not know what was going on with her.

In addition to that, there was the matter with the Di and Xia Family in the Middle Sea, who were most probably thinking that the deaths of both Di Jun and his father as

well as Xia Shu and his daughter were caused by him. He could not say when or whether they would seek their revenge on him.

Apart from that, there was still the matter with the Xiao Family.

Although he felt that the Xiao Family weren't as strong as he imagined, he was out in the open, and he had a family to protect. Meanwhile, his opponent was lurking amongst the shadows, thus he had no choice but to be on his guard.

There were just so many hidden dangers. As such, Lu Chen couldn't afford to be careless at all.

After a few minutes, Lin Tong suddenly informed him, "Young Master, there are several cars that are acting suspiciously around the front corner!"

Chapter 305 Realizing That They Have Been Followed



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