After waiting at the entrance for quite some time, Zheng Qiu and Zhou Hua finally realized that Lu Chen and his partner had gone into the hall.

"Well, as the saying goes, never judge a book by its cover. I wouldn't have thought of them as millionaires judging by their appearances," Zhou Hua exclaimed.

"Cut the nonsense. Maybe they just pulled some strings to get inside," Zheng Qiu said in disdain.

The security guard beside them smiled politely. Although it was possible to attend the auction by pulling strings, a verification of assets would still be the prerequisite.

If you were not wealthy enough, you could only build your reputation slightly during the auction.

Since Yuanzhou Group had successfully grabbed everyone's attention in the last few days, its auctions were overcrowded now. Hence, they no longer needed people to boost their reputation.

"That could be possible as well. Forget about it! The auction is starting soon; let's

go in first," said Zhou Hua as he nodded.

The couple then walked toward the entrance.

They met the security manager, Hu Zhijun, as soon as they entered the hall.

"Manager Hu, how much assets does that couple hold?" Zheng Qiu approached him and asked.

Hu Zhijun answered with a smile upon realizing that they were local rich second-generation millionaires, "I'm not sure how much they have in exact, but it should be over a hundred million. Otherwise, they would be barred from entering the auction house."

The couple looked uncomfortable when they heard his words.

Oh my god, those two people are really that rich. What a slap in the face for us!

No way, they must have been seated in Section Five. We need to be at least one section better than them.

Remembering her taunts against the Lu

Chen couple at the bridal shop, Zheng Qiu decided that she must sit at a better section than them.

"Manager Hu, are there any seats left in Section Four?" Zheng Qiu asked suddenly.

"It might be due to New Year's Day, but we don't have as many clients today. Hence, there are still quite a number of empty seats—especially the booths in Section Four," answered Hu Zhijun.

Upon hearing this, Zheng Qiu tugged at Zhou Hua's hand and said, "How about we change our seats to Section Four? We can just rent something cheaper for our wedding photoshoot tomorrow."

If they were to switch their seats from Section Five to Section Four, there would be an additional charge of one million. Zhou Hua furrowed his brows as he was a bit reluctant to do so.

"Just think about it; we mocked them for being unable to afford a wedding dress last time. Wouldn't it be a slap in the face for us if they see us sitting at Section Five today?" Zheng Qiu explained.

After hesitating for a while, Zhou Hua finally nodded his head.

"Manager Hua, please switch our seats to Section Four then," Zhou Hua said to Hu Zhijun.

"Sure, please follow me." Hu Zhijun nodded and brought the couple to Manager Liu.

Since he was only a security manager, seating arrangements were obviously not part of his job.

The company had come up with a rule that clients could upgrade their seats to a better section—as long as they were unoccupied—with a fee of one million.

The couple went into the auction hall right after making the payment. They had purposely spent some time looking for Lu Chen and Lin Yijun in Section Five, but they were disappointed.

"Perhaps they're seated at Section Four as well? However, wouldn't it mean that they have over five hundred million worth of assets?" Zhou Hua said with a frown.

"Thankfully, we have switched our seats to

Section Four. Otherwise, it would be so embarrassing for us," Zheng Qiu said gratefully.

"Hmm, you have a point." Zhou Hua nodded. The couple then walked upstairs to Section Four.

Although there were only booths at Section Four, people could still see who was inside once they entered that level.

Although the couple found their booth after heading upstairs, they could not seem to locate the Lu Chen couple even after searching for a while.

They had a bad feeling now.

Were the couple seated in the booth above them?

The booths above them were only offered to true, qualified bigwigs. If they were to switch their seats from Section Five to Section One, a minimum of five million would be charged.

Nevertheless, Yuanzhou Group would not allow this to happen under normal circumstances—even if one was willing to

pay for it.

This was because the better the section you were seated in, the higher your status it would represent.

If too much liberty were to be taken, the seating arrangements would lose its significance.

"It's better not to meet them here," Zhou Hua said gloomily in the end.

Anger was swirling inside of him. He would not have upgraded their seats to Section Four for a million if he had not been provoked by Zheng Qiu.

As their total assets barely met the one hundred million threshold, they were only qualified to sit at Section Five for free; their one million had been spent in vain.

Most importantly, it would be embarrassing for them if the Lu Chen couple discovered that they were at the auction, sitting in a lower section.

At the same time, Zheng Qiu was deeply regretting her decision too. It cost us a million to get here!

With this amount of money, I wouldn't need to look at the price tag of wedding dresses anymore when buying one.

However, the reality is...

Zheng Qiu was greatly distressed.

She felt even more hatred toward Lu Chen and Lin Yijun as well.

If it had not been for them, she and Zhou Hua wouldn't have spent a million to satisfy their ego.

Although she wanted to leave immediately, she was not willing to admit defeat.

To be honest, she and Zhou Hua had attended the auction several times, but they could afford almost nothing.

In short, they could not afford anything that had caught their attention.

Section One lit up at this moment. Wanting to know who was sitting in the VIP-exclusive booths, everyone raised their heads in curiosity.

As the VIP-exclusive booths were only

available to people with at least five billion worth of assets, meeting a bigwig as such would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Zheng Qiu and Zhou Hua raised their heads to look as well, but they could not see who was inside.

Shortly after, the auction commenced. Despite most of the items' bids starting with a few million, many people were still going after them fervently.

However, Lu Chen and Lin Yijun still had no intention to make a bid even after most of the items were auctioned off.

They had their own aim—the peacock wedding dress.

Of course, Lu Chen wished to see the very last item of the auction—the Jasper Bracelet, which had the same name as Elder Yun's.

At this moment, a young couple walked into the auction house.

The man was dressed up elegantly and looked like he was in his late twenties.

On the other hand, the woman was glamorous and stylish, looking no older than a 22-year-old.

"It's Young Master Cheng; Young Master Cheng is finally here."

"Of course! Rumor has it that the Jasper Bracelet is a rare item with many magical benefits. How could Young Master Cheng possibly let it go?"

"Haven't you guys noticed? Young Master Cheng has a new female companion. This time, it looks like a university student. Young Master Cheng changes his companion just like how we change our clothes."

"That's right. How can he resist changing his companion when there's countless beautiful ladies waiting for him in Dali City?"

Whispers spread through the crowd as the young couple entered the hall.

The young man's name was Cheng Quan, and he was the eldest son of the Dali City's top family—the Cheng Family.

The Cheng Family was well-known in Dali City for its business that dominated the city's real estate, road construction, logistics and other industries.

Cheng Quan did not even bother to look at the people in Section Five and walked straight to his seat in Section One.

However, Cheng Quan's eyes brightened up when he saw Lin Yijun's beautiful face in Section One's only occupied booth. Then, he proceeded to walk toward her.



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"Cheng Quan, what do you plan on bidding today?" asked the beautiful woman beside Cheng Quan.

As she had been asked to accompany Cheng Quan in such a short notice, she thought that Cheng Quan was going to give her a surprise the moment they reached the auction house.

Just the thought of it had made the beautiful woman so excited that she did not even notice Cheng Quan shifting his gaze elsewhere.

"The last item for bid today is a magical bracelet. I'm here for it as I've heard that it can invigorate blood circulation and also slow down aging," Cheng Quan answered casually.

The beautiful woman was so stunned that she could not find the right words for a long time. Rumors about the bracelet spread like wildfire across town; not only did the bracelet possess magical capabilities, it was very exquisite too—it would definitely be a symbol of dignity for the woman who wore it.

"That bracelet is too expensive! Are you

sure you want to bid it for me?" The beautiful woman looked at Cheng Quan excitedly.

"You're dreaming too much. Why don't you take a look at yourself in the mirror? Do you even think that you'll have the opportunity to marry me? I'm bidding it for my future wife," Cheng Quan said scornfully as he turned his head to cast a disdainful glance at the beautiful woman.

With most women, he usually just fooled around and moved on to another one once he got bored. It could be said that he changed his companion more than he changed his wardrobe. At least until now, he had never met a woman who he truly had feelings for.

The beautiful woman cringed when she heard his words, feeling extremely embarrassed.

Luckily, there were not many people on this level, or else she would be so ashamed of herself.

However, she quickly got her head on straight.

After all, she was only after Cheng Quan's money and reputation.

Satisfying her vanity during this period of time would be enough for her; the idea of marrying into the Cheng Family had never come across her mind.

If a girl were to marry Cheng Quan, she would have to come from a family of equal status with the Cheng Family at the very least.

As he ended his conversation with his beautiful companion, Cheng Quan reached the couple's booth and entered without hesitation.

"I've never seen you around, beautiful lady. You must be on vacation at our Dali City, am I right?" He locked his gaze on Lin Yijun and reached his right hand out.

How could Cheng Quan let such a beautiful lady slip away?

Throughout his entire time fooling around with women, he had never encountered a beauty like her.

He did not even notice Lu Chen.

Even if he had noticed him, Cheng Quan would not be bothered by Lu Chen.

Dali City was the Cheng Family's territory; Cheng Quan could get any woman that he liked.

"Do I know you?" Lin Yijun glanced at Cheng Quan. She was not interested in having a conversation with him.

"Aren't we getting to know each other now? I'm Cheng Quan, the Young Master of the Cheng Family. I'm not bragging, but I have the ultimate authority in Dali City. By the way, how should I address you?" Cheng Quan ogled at Lin Yijun's body as he introduced himself. Although Lin Yijun was a married woman with a child, she did not look like one—her skin was as smooth and supple as ever.

"Oh, you're a Young Master. What a coincidence! My husband's a Young Master too, but he's a hundredfold, even a thousand-fold more amazing than you are. Let me give you a kind reminder before my husband gets his hands dirty; get out now while you still have the chance." Lin Yijun's lips curled up into a sneer.

She was no longer the same woman she was half a year ago.

Not only did her powerful husband Lu
Chen have her back now, the billion-dollar
company that she had been solely
managing made her grow into a strong
business woman too.

Hence, why would she even bother talking nicely to a shameless guy like Cheng Quan?

"Oh, you must be from Sichuan. Sichuan women are indeed feisty, but I like it."
Cheng Quan chuckled and turned his eyes to look at Lu Chen.

"Name your price, buddy. I'm interested in your wife. Just to let you know, Dali City is my territory. Although you must have a strong background yourself to be able to sit here, your power remains in your territory. Even if you are a dragon, everything here needs to go through me first. Otherwise, I'm afraid that you won't be enjoying the rest of your new year."

Cheng Quan looked at Lu Chen teasingly.

He had long heard that Sichuan was full of beautiful ladies, and this was verified the

moment he saw Lin Yijun. What a beauty!

Even though she was married, she was still so charming.

Whereas for Lu Chen, Cheng Quan did not have any good feelings toward him.

It was such a waste to let this guy have this beautiful woman all to himself.

"If I were you, I would kneel and apologize now," Lu Chen said icily, clenching his jaw.

Since he had killed Xiao Bieqing, he had no plans to hide his powers anymore.

How could he treat Dali City's small Cheng Family seriously?

He had even dared to fight against the Myanmar government. How would the Cheng Family even pose a threat to him?

"What? Do you want me to apologize?" Cheng Quan could not believe his ears. It was so absurd to hear someone asking him to apologize in Dali City.

He picked his ear and asked mockingly, "I beg your pardon? Could you repeat it

again? I did not hear you clearly during the first-time round."

"Just kneel and apologize if you don't want to implicate your entire family. I'll give you a minute to consider it; don't blame me for not giving you a chance after this," Lu Chen said indifferently while narrowing his eyes.

Cheng Quan's face turned cold at once. He said, "You really have the nerve, bastard. You are the first person who has asked me to kneel. We shall see then; I hope you can safely return to Sichuan."

Cheng Quan thought that the couple was from Sichuan after hearing Lin Yijun's accent.

It was normal for him to be mistaken anyway; Sichuan and Chongqing accents sounded similar.

Just as Cheng Quan was about to walk out of the booth, Lu Chen said coldly, "Did I say that you could leave?"

Cheng Quan shuddered as he had never thought that Lu Chen would be so aggressive.

He turned his head slowly and met Lu Chen's gaze. His eyes were finally blazing with anger.

"What did you just say?" Cheng Quan had never been treated like this before. Lu Chen's words were a humiliation to him.

At first, he had planned to take his time and teach Lu Chen a lesson after the auction. Little did he know that Lu Chen was so eager to find his death, so he decided to fulfil Lu Chen's wish now.

A crowd had gathered to watch the conflict between the two of them. Even the auctioneer had paused the event as it took place at the VIP-exclusive booth.

It was certainly a fight between legends.

Almost everyone stood up to look at Lu Chen's booth, finally getting a clear glimpse of the young couple seated inside.

They looked like extremely rich secondgeneration billionaires as well; it was no wonder they had the nerve to go against Cheng Quan.

"I-It's them!"

As soon as Zhou Hua finally noticed Lu Chen and Lin Yijun, his eyes opened wide in shock.

He found it unbelievable; the couple that he and Zheng Qiu despised so much was actually seated in the VIP-exclusive area.

Whereas for Zheng Qiu, she was astonished moments ago.

Those who were qualified to sit up there had to have at least several billion worth of assets. How could they not even afford a wedding dress that cost four million?

All of a sudden, she felt as though she was an idiot.

Not only did she hurl ridiculous taunts against these bigwigs, she wasted one million for nothing—she was really brainless.



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"Well, it's a bit out of our expectations.

Nevertheless, they are doomed because they have offended Young Master Cheng," Zhou Hua said.

"That's for sure. Dali City is dominated by the Cheng Family; no matter how rich and powerful they are, they are no match for the Cheng Family when they're in Dali City." Zheng Qiu gloated gleefully.

Since the Cheng Family behaved like the local despot of Dali City, offending Cheng Quan is the same as upsetting the King of Hell.

These two people were not going to get away unscathed.

At last, employee from Yuanzhou Group rushed to the scene; it was Manager Liu.

"Dear Misters, both of you are well-respected people. Please do me a favor by calming down first. If there are any grudges between the both of you, why don't we settle it together after the auction ends?" Manager Liu looked at Cheng Quan and Lu Chen.

One was a bigwig with assets worth

several hundred billion; the other was the son of the local despot. He dared not offend either of them.

"Manager Liu, it's not me who's being inconsiderate; this guy has gone too far. Not only did he ask me to kneel and apologize, he kept me from leaving as well. Does he think that he's a dandy from Beijing? Even if he is one, doesn't he still need to show me some respect when he's in my territory?" Cheng Quan said coldly.

Manager Liu had been thrown into a dilemma; the only thing he could do was to turn to Lu Chen and said amiably, "Mister, will you do me a favor first?"

"Must I be the one who does you a favor? Why don't you bring your boss over and see if I'd do him a favor?" Lu Chen looked at Manager Liu mockingly.

Cheng Quan had provoked him by harassing his wife and ignoring his existence. How could he let Cheng Quan off so easily?

He would not put this matter to rest even if ten Cheng Families were coming after him. Needless to say, there was only one Cheng Family after him right now.

Manager Liu looked so embarrassed, but he was not brave enough to answer Lu Chen's question.

This bigwig already had a twelve-digit amount in his savings account. How mind-blowing would it be if the total amount of his assets was revealed?

Lu Chen was right; Manager Liu's boss could only stand aside when faced with Lu Chen.

"What do you want from me, bastard? Since you're not letting me leave, are you thinking of beating me up?" Cheng Quan was suddenly subdued by Lu Chen's animosity and he had no idea why.

However, his unruly personality made him show his true colors again after a short while.

Slap! Slap!

Without another word, Lu Chen stood up and slapped Cheng Quan across his face twice.

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"Keep it in your mind that not everybody needs to obey you. Don't be so narrowminded and go broaden your horizons," Lu Chen said indifferently.

Everyone was stunned at that very moment.

Did he really slap Cheng Quan across the face?

Doesn't he want to live after this?

Cheng Quan is Dali City's despot and the King of Hell!

"That guy is doomed. After slapping Cheng Quan, no one in the world can save him now," Zheng Qiu gloated.

"Indeed. That guy has gone too far; he did not even consider Manager Liu. I don't think he can walk into any of the Yuanzhou Group's auction houses anymore," Zhou Hua nodded and said.

Cheng Quan was stunned for a moment too; he had never thought that Lu Chen would have the nerve to slap him.

Throughout his entire life, this was his first

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time getting slapped by someone.

He was so confused and unused to it.

Hence, he only came back to his senses after Lu Chen had returned to his seat.

"You've got some guts. We shall see!"

Cheng Quan shot Lu Chen a furious glance before leaving his booth.

During the entire time, Lin Yijun had been holding Qiqi in her arms to prevent her from seeing such an inappropriate scene.

After walking out of Lu Chen's booth, Cheng Quan did not leave the auction house; he merely sat in the next booth.

"Are you going to leave it at that, Young Master Cheng?" the beautiful woman beside Cheng Quan asked.

"Leave it at that?" Cheng Quan snorted. There was a murderous look in his eyes.

How could he let it pass like that? He took out his phone and made some calls.

Soon, it was finally the time for the

peacock wedding dress to be auctioned.

The auctioneer might've still been in shock, so he quickly started the bid after giving a brief introduction.

The starting bid was at ten million, making it China's most expensive wedding dress.

Although many tycoons were present during today's auction, no one was willing to pay ten million for a wedding dress.

Lu Chen did not immediately place his bid. Instead, after seeing the bid remain at fifteen million for some time, Lu Chen hiked the price up to twenty million.

Everyone in the hall fell silent as soon as Lu Chen raised the bidding price by five million.

Initially, Cheng Quan planned to compete with Lu Chen, but he dropped the idea after thinking about what he would face at home if he spent a few billion on a wedding dress.

He had a hunch that the Lu Chen couple would be going after the Jasper Bracelet too; that would be the time where he

competed with Lu Chen.

Since no one else offered a higher bidding price after three rounds of asking, the peacock wedding dress was eventually sold to Lu Chen for twenty million.

There was nothing but admiration in Zheng Qiu and Zhou Hua's eyes when they witnessed Lu Chen spending twenty million on the peacock wedding dress.

The Lu Chen couple must be real tycoons if they were offered to sit at the VIP-exclusive area. A few hundred million meant nothing much to them.

A staff member delivered an exquisite box to Lu Chen's booth shortly. After opening the box and letting Lu Chen examine the item inside, the staff member proceeded with the payment.

Not long after Lu Chen settled the payment with his card, the auction was about to come to an end. Finally, the Jasper Bracelet was brought out.

In that instant, the crowd's attention was drawn to the stage as soon as the bracelet appeared.

Although most of them knew that they had no right to bid for this bracelet, publicity efforts done by Yuanzhou Group since a week ago had piqued their curiosity.

They had managed to shape this bracelet into a rare, magical, and mystical item, promoting it as an item that was consecrated by an honorable abbot which would help to invigorate blood circulation, nourish inner strength, and so on.

"I believe that this bracelet needs no introduction as everyone must have heard about its benefits during the last few days. It's not a lie; this bracelet is really that magical as per its introduction. You will be certain that our company hasn't been lying once you get it in your hands. Nonetheless, I believe that many people can hardly wait anymore. Starting from one hundred million with a minimum increase of ten million for each bid, let's begin the auction of the Jasper Bracelet."

Everyone craned their necks to get a better view when the auctioneer revealed the bracelet and its box on the stage.

However, it was only to satisfy their curiosity.

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They knew that Cheng Quan was coming for this bracelet today; his only competitor was perhaps the mysterious young man who had a conflict with him earlier on.

Thinking about this, the crowd turned their attention to the VIP-exclusive area.

Meanwhile, Lu Chen was shocked when he saw the bracelet in the auctioneer's hands from the screen. There was a worrying yet murderous look in his eyes.



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He distinctly remembered that the bracelet in front of him was the exact same one as Elder Yun's. Both of them were made up of 42 beads that signified the 42 levels of the Bodhisattva's training, namely the Stainless, the Light-Maker, the Radiant Intellect, the Manifest, and the Gone Afar.

Although every bead was the same size, each bead was slightly different in colors as it was made by different gemstones.

He did not think that there would be such a coincidence in the world.

This bracelet must belong to Elder Yun.

"How did Elder Yun's bracelet appear here? Has anything happened to him? But who is capable enough to harm him?"

Lu Chen could not calm himself down.

Despite being confident that he now was stronger than Elder Yun in terms of training, he did not think that Elder Yun was someone who could be easily defeated.

Could the Xiao Family's powerhouse be behind all of this?

Lu Chen became upset and confused. Not only was he frustrated by his loss of contact with his father, but also his inability to know about Elder Yun's condition now.

"What happened?" Lin Yijun asked when she saw Lu Chen's changed expression.

"Nothing much." Lu Chen shook his head and looked at the screen. "I'm getting this bracelet no matter how much it'll cost us."

"Is this bracelet really that magical?" Lin Yijun asked curiously.

"It doesn't matter to me whether it's magical or not. I must get it because it looks like something that an acquaintance of mine possesses."

Narrowing his eyes, Lu Chen wanted to investigate how Yuanzhou Group got hold of this bracelet.

The bidding price went up to two hundred million even though Cheng Quan had not called for his bid yet.

However, most of the people stopped after the price rose to 200 million.

This was because Cheng Quan had offered a high price of 220 million.

"It's nothing, everyone. Please don't be wary of me. Feel free to continue bidding! I am only a person who lacks everything but money." Cheng Quan uncontrollably laughed when he saw the bidding had died down.

After being slapped by Lu Chen twice, he was probably just venting his anger out on the person who dared to compete with him.

The crowd became dead silent as soon as Cheng Quan said those words.

Since Cheng Quan had already spoken up, those who dared to compete against him must be seeking their own death.

Of course, it only applied to those people.

"230 million."

Lu Chen called out his bid at that very moment.

Everyone became excited again when they heard a voice coming from Lu Chen's

booth.

Not only was he bold enough to slap Cheng Quan, he even dared to go against him to bid for the bracelet now. It could be said that it was a total fallout between these two men.

"There's drama to watch today."

"Indeed. However, I think that the foreigner will lose."

"Aren't you speaking any nonsense now? Anyone who offends the Cheng Family in Dali City is digging his own grave.
Although the two of them can sit at the VIP-exclusive area, they are certainly no match for the Cheng Family."

As the crowd murmured among themselves, Cheng Quan had a ghastly expression on his face.

Lu Chen was giving him a slap in the face publicly.

Of course, he had also been slapped literally, but he did not dare to fight back.

"250 million!" Cheng Quan snorted and

looked at Lu Chen.

There was a challenging look in his eyes.

Since he did not care about money, he wanted to see how far this competition would go.

Whereas for Lu Chen, would he mind spending this small sum of money as well?

He spared no expense in bidding the bracelet for its magical benefits, not to mention the possibility that the bracelet might belong to Elder Yun too.

"260 million."

Lu Chen hiked up the price again.

Although money was not his main concern, he was not silly enough to raise his bid by several million bucks and let the auction house get the profit.

"300 million!" Cheng Quan was getting irritated as he had never thought that Lu Chen would continue to bid up the price.

Meanwhile, the auctioneer was grinning

from ear to ear; 300 million had far exceeded their expectations for the bracelet.

Seeing that the bidding price was being raised to 300 million at one go, the crowd paid full attention to Lu Chen and guessed whether he would offer a higher price.

No matter how magical the bracelet was, paying 300 million for it was already a bad bargain.

It was impossible for a bracelet to be worth this much.

"310 million." Lu Chen did not lose his cool when he raised his bid by adding 10 million at a time.

Anyhow, he would continue raising his bid if Cheng Quan had the nerve to compete against him.

Cheng Quan was exasperated when Lu Chen continued bidding. Was he really that rich?

"400 million!" Cheng Quan spoke loudly as he clenched his jaw.

He wanted to scare Lu Chen off with his boldness.

Once again, everyone was stunned by Cheng Quan's bold action.

400 million!

Just for one bracelet!

They were of the opinion that Cheng Quan was losing his mind.

Would this foreign rich man dare to bid price up again?

Everyone stood up and looked toward Lu Chen's booth.

"410 million." Lu Chen bid up the price indifferently.

Boom!

Everyone felt as though something had exploded in their heads.

He still dared to raise his bid. Was he really not afraid of Cheng Quan and the Cheng Family?

After all, the Cheng Family was Dali City's despot. He had the nerve to compete against Cheng Quan; did he ever consider if he could leave Dali City safely?

At this moment, Zheng Qiu and Zhou Hua were also looking at Lu Chen's booth in disbelief.

They thought that Lu Chen must be crazy.

It was already a total humiliation for Cheng Quan when Lu Chen stayed in the competition and raised his bid little by little.

"You bastard! You're just fooling around. I suspect that you can't even pay for it!" Cheng Quan stood up agitatedly and yelled at the next booth where Lu Chen was seated.

He believed that Lu Chen was not interested in buying the bracelet, but was fooling with him and letting him overpay.

The crowd became suspicious of Lu Chen as well. Was this guy just looking for trouble?

"This is none of your concern, but the

auction house's. You can continue to bid if you have the money. If not, just shut up," Lu Chen said mockingly after glancing at the furious Lu Chen.

"If I have the money?" Cheng Quan snorted and said, "I lack everything except f\*cking money. I'm offering 500 million now. Do you dare to up my bid?"

Cheng Quan said arrogantly while looking at Lu Chen.

He bid the price up to 500 million in order to satisfy his ego. He did not think that Lu Chen would actually follow through.

500 million was no longer a small amount to the Cheng Family, who had over 10 billion worth of assets. Well, 10 billion were their total assets; the family's current assets only amounted to around 200 to 300 million.

Although he was the only son in the family, he had reached his limits by offering 500 million. If he wanted more money, he would have to ask his father for it.

"He's being crazy! It's already at 500 million! I think that Young Master Cheng is

acting out of impulse now."

"Of course he is. No matter how rich the Cheng Family is, money is not to be wasted as such."

"That guy is planning to challenge Young Master Cheng's bottom line today. Isn't he fearful that Young Master Cheng might kill them after this?"

Whispers ran through the crowd again as they thought Cheng Quan was getting mad.

Undoubtedly, Cheng Quan was being forced to react in such a way because of Lu Chen; that guy was truly not afraid of death.

"510 million," Lu Chen said calmly in the same tone.

Everyone at the auction was once again stunned by his words.



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Cheng Quan was willing to pay 500 million for a bracelet because he had the financial capabilities; the Cheng Family could definitely afford it.

However, was this foreigner able to pay so much for a bracelet as well?

Everyone found this unbelievable.

How wealthy did he have to be in order to afford a bracelet worth 500 million?

Cheng Quan got up to his feet and glared at Lu Chen.

500 million was already his limit; he did not have any money left to spare.

"I demand a verification of his assets. I seriously suspect that he does not have the capabilities to pay for it!" Cheng Quan exclaimed. This was his last resort in forcing Cheng Quan to withdraw as he could not afford to pay more for the bracelet anymore. However, he had to get his hands on it no matter what!

Everyone else was starting to get suspicious about Lu Chen's capabilities too.

"Has he been bluffing us all along? Can he really buy a bracelet worth 500 million?"

"Yeah, I have a feeling that he's only here to look for trouble, specifically aiming at Young Master Cheng."

"Is he really not afraid of death? He's only making Young Master Cheng more furious by treating him with such an attitude."

Murmurs of suspicion stirred from the crowd as everyone fixed their gazes on Lu Chen's booth.

The ongoing auction had become deserted because no more bids had been made.

Everyone was waiting for Lu Chen to make a fool out of himself.

At the end of the day, Lu Chen was still a foreigner. No matter how domineering Cheng Quan had been in Dali City, the crowd still sided with him and were all waiting for Lu Chen to make a spectacle of himself.

Zheng Qiu and Zhou Hua were particularly excited for this to happen.

After all, they were the ones who had wasted one million in order to satisfy their ego in front of Lu Chen, but had failed miserably.

"Where is Liu Xing? Did anyone not hear that I want to verify that bastard's assets?!" Cheng Quan growled after realizing that the auction staff members were not coming to his aid.

"Young Master Cheng, there are no issues regarding this Mister's assets. We have already verified it," Manager Liu explained humbly to Cheng Quan after scuttling toward him.

"I seriously doubt it. There must be some mistake. I demand another thorough check on his assets," Cheng Quan said in a threatening voice while looking at Manager Liu coldly.

Furrowing his brows, Manager Liu was frustrated as he had been placed in a difficult dilemma. Of course, he did not dare to offend Cheng Quan, but he shuddered when he thought about Lu Chen's twelve-digit savings.

This was a bigwig whom even his boss

dared not to offend, not to mention him.

"I'm sorry, Young Master Cheng. As we import our asset verification technology from Europe, I assure you that there's nothing wrong with it. I have reported this to my boss too. As you know, our company aims to be fair and square," Manager Liu explained.

"Don't you think you're being a little too nosy about this? It should only be Yuanzhou Group's concern if I am able to pay for it or not. If you don't have the money, just go home. Stop embarrassing yourself here." Lu Chen looked at Cheng Quan mockingly.

"Did you just say that I don't have the money? What the hell are you talking about?" Anger surged within Cheng Quan; no one had ever dared to talk to him like this.

Did Lu Chen just say that he did not have enough money?

If the Cheng Family were not wealthy enough, very few people would be considered rich in China then.

Cheng Quan bellowed, "I'm offering 600 million now. You can bid a higher price if you have the guts. Let's see who's going to get this bracelet today!"

Everyone was taken aback by Cheng Quan's anger.

600 million!

Cheng Quan was becoming crazy now!

If he were sane, that foreigner would definitely stop hiking up the price.

To be honest, that bracelet was hardly worth several hundred million, not to mention a whopping 600 million now.

Even the auctioneer fell silent. Although it was good news for him to sell this bracelet at such a high price, he was feeling very stressed out and had trouble breathing properly.

This was no longer an ordinary auction anymore; something serious was about to happen.

"You win."

Looking at the eager faces in the crowd, Lu Chen smirked and dropped out of the bidding.

After what he did to Cheng Quan today, Lu Chen knew that Cheng Quan would not let him off the hook.

Plus, he had just made Cheng Quan spend several hundred million in vain. Cheng Quan would surely come after him as soon as the auction ended.

With that being said, why would he still waste a few hundred million for a bracelet?

He could just take it from Cheng Quan for free.

Yes, he was going to take it-not steal it.

Furthermore, he wanted the bracelet to be delivered to him in person by the Cheng Family.

The crowd was dumbfounded.

Lu Chen had dropped out the bidding just like that.

Was he merely fooling around with Cheng Quan today?

If it had not been for him, Cheng Quan would have gotten the bracelet for 200 million at most. Cheng Quan must've gone mad after being forced by Lu Chen to raise his bid up to 600 million!

Indeed, Cheng Quan was about to go mad right then.

At first, he had planned on giving up the bracelet after bidding one last time.

However, it was not that he no longer wanted the bracelet, but he intended on stealing it from Lu Chen after the latter had bought it.

He believed that he could snatch the bracelet from Lu Chen as long as they were in Dali City.

Furthermore, he already had his men waiting outside the auction house. They could do it once the auction ended.

He did not expect Lu Chen to just drop out of the bidding!

This scenario had never come across his mind.

By looking at Lu Chen's indifferent yet tough attitude earlier on, he had assumed that Lu Chen would not back down until he got the bracelet.

"How dare you fool me?!" Cheng Quan's eyes were blazing with fury as he pointed his finger at Lu Chen.

## Thump!

Suddenly, Lu Chen raised his hand and threw his wine glass. It flew over the partition and hit Cheng Quan's forehead in an instant.

The partition between the booths was not tall, and Cheng Quan had not noticed Lu Chen hurling the glass of wine at him; hence, he did not manage to avoid the wine glass in time after seeing it fly in his direction.

"I'm just fooling with you, sucker. Come and hit me if you feel unfair." Lu Chen looked at Cheng Quan disdainfully.

Indeed, Lu Chen had actually given up

when Cheng Quan offered 300 million.

Nevertheless, he wanted to make a fool out of Cheng Quan.

He was worried that their grudges beforehand were not enough for Cheng Quan to come after him.

Thus, he planned to fan the flames.

Cheng Quan was infuriated. This was his first time being humiliated in public.

"You have some guts, bastard. We'll meet each other outside later!" Cheng Quan said through gritted teeth.

"That's great. Why don't you wait for me outside?" Lu Chen looked at Cheng Quan mockingly.

Of course, he was not leaving the auction house now; he still had something to do.

"Do you think that you can hide in here for life?" Giving Lu Chen a scornful look, Cheng Quan was certain that Lu Chen would ask for Yuanzhou Group's protection later. However, as they were in Dali City now, the boss of Yuanzhou Group still needed to be wary of the Cheng Family despite having a strong background too.

Lu Chen smiled. He was going to say more when Manager Liu approached him.

"Mister, President Hua wishes to meet you. I hope that you will follow me to his office," Manager Liu said humbly to Lu Chen.

"Sure, I was just thinking about meeting him too." Lu Chen smiled and picked up the peacock wedding dress. Bringing Lin Yijun and Qiqi along with him, they followed Manager Liu out of the booth.



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Lu Chen went to visit the boss of Yuanzhou Group. It was not because he was afraid of Cheng Quan—it was quite the opposite. In fact, he was worried that Cheng Quan wouldn't come looking for trouble from him. Lu Chen visited the boss in order to find out who gave up the bracelet to Yuanzhou Group for auction.

The boss of Yuanzhou Group was a man called Warren. He was a forty-year-old billionaire in the country who owned a trading fleet which was exclusively involved in foreign trading apart from the auction center.

Lu Chen, his family and Manager Liu entered a spacious guest room to find Warren sitting on a sofa. The man was about 1.75m tall with a clean army haircut and was dressed in a long Tang suit. He looked very healthy and energetic.

"Lu Chen, I'm sorry for asking the both of you to come over and meet me here; I apologize for the inconvenience. I'm Warren, and you can call me sir." Warren stood up from his seat and greeted Lu Chen and his wife while inviting them to sit down.

"Mr. Warren, is there anything important you would like to talk about by inviting me over?" Lu Chen sat blatantly on a sofa opposite to Warren. Few could actually make him address them honorably as 'sir'.

A hint of dissatisfaction crossed Warren's eyes quickly when he heard Lu Chen simply addressing him as 'Mr. Warren'. Within a split second, his eyes returned to normal again.

"Lu Chen, it won't be easy to deal with Cheng Quan, especially after you have offended him. The Cheng Family is a large and prominent family in Dali City; they are similar to a de facto emperor here. However, they do take care of my feelings when doing anything in the city," Warren said while studying Lu Chen carefully. He wanted to see whether Lu Chen would believe his words.

"A de facto emperor in Dali? Unfortunately, they are nothing to me. Still, Mr. Warren, I would like to thank you for your kind advice. If you have the opportunity to visit Chongqing, I'll show you around the city," Lu Chen said with a faint smile.

Lu Chen's subtle yet domineering

temperament greatly surprised Warren.

There were people—though not many—who were bold enough to actually look down on the Cheng Family, especially when they were in the family's territory.

Although the young man was very rich, it was impossible for him to go against the Cheng Family with just money alone.

Being a de facto emperor in Dali, the Cheng Family had the power to conceal and manipulate everything.

However, Warren was startled when he remembered Lu Chen's last sentence.

"L-Lu Chen, are you from Chongqing? Based on your accent, you sound like you're from Beijing." Warren stared at Lu Chen in disbelief.

He was well aware of the Four Great Families in Chongging.

But when it came to the wealthiest person of all millionaires in Chongqing, it had to be the boss of Yi Qi Technology.

Ever since they invented the YQ-01

Aerospace Engine and the Extinguisher-100 Sixth Generation Fighter Jet, the whole world knew about their science and technology park.

Some even went as far as comparing the company with the two largest science and technology research companies—the Silicon Valley and NASA from America.

According to investigations on Yi Qi Technology and its boss, if the company were to list themselves on the share market, its share market price would reach more than several hundred billion US dollars.

Of course, if the company was not publicly listed, the boss of Yi Qi Technology had a personal asset worth about several hundred billion Chinese Yuan.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for him to invest about 50 billion in the development of the science and technology park.

Was he really the boss of Yi Qi Technology?

Warren wondered perplexingly.

"I'm from Beijing, but I've been staying in Chongqing for more than ten years," Lu Chen said calmly.

"Please, do pardon my impudence, but as far as I'm concerned, there's only one millionaire in Chongqing who's really rich, and that is the boss of Yi Qi Technology. Everyone knows about him." Warren smiled awkwardly while studying Lu Chen carefully.

"You're right, I'm the boss of Yi Qi Technology. I believe this is not a secret anymore," Lu Chen said with a faint smile. His tone was calm, and there was not a slightest hint of arrogance in his eyes.

Despite Lu Chen's calm demeanor, Warren was shocked by his true identity.

As if the crazy amount of wealth the boss of Yi Qi Technology possessed was not surprising enough, rumor had it that he has some sort of business cooperation with the military department. Because of this, the military department had even sent an army of five thousand military personnel to safeguard the science and technology park in order to protect Yi Qi Technology. This was a special treatment

offered by the government to a national heavy weaponry manufacturing factory. It showed that the amount of power he possessed was way more than his wealth. With such a powerful background, no wonder Lu Chen was bold enough to declare that the Cheng Family was nothing to him.

"Oh my, it's President Lu. It's an honor to have you here at our company to join in on the auction. It'll definitely bring glory to our company when people learn about your presence here." Warren was grateful for having Lu Chen here at Yuanzhou Group. He dared not address him as 'Lu Chen' anymore; instead, he addressed him as 'President Lu', which was more polite.

"Is there anything else you want to tell me?" Lu Chen asked while changing the subject.

"Oh no, no, there's nothing else. President
Lu, I just wanted to remind you that the
Cheng Family might cause some trouble
for you." An awkward smile crossed
Warren's face. Initially, he had thought of
extorting a large sum of money from Lu
Chen first before helping the latter to settle
his problem with the Cheng Family. But

now, he realized how foolish and bold his original plan was.

"If you have nothing else to tell me, could you help me investigate something? You'll be rewarded if you get it done," said Lu Chen.

"President Lu, please go ahead. It is an honor to be of assistance to you." Warren's eyes flickered with excitement.

His company had reached a bottleneck for the last two years and it was difficult to improve his business any further. If he managed to settle Lu Chen's problem, the latter would give him more businesses; by then, he would be able to boost the economy of his dying company, and Yuanzhou Group would thrive again.

"It's about the Jasper Bracelet which was successfully auctioned off just now. Do you know who brought it here and gave it up for auction? Where did you get the bracelet from? You don't have to be suspicious of me, I will tell you everything clearly. The bracelet belongs to an old friend of mine, and I just want to find him. Of course, if you find out that they are too powerful and you can't deal with them, you

can call me anytime. It's on me if I can't protect your company. I need to find out about this no matter what, and no one can stop me." Lu Chen stared at Warren. He did not threaten or manipulate Warren into helping him with the task.

But with his serious tone, Lu Chen believed that as long as Warren was not a fool, he would agree to help him and would not go against him.

Although he suspected that it most probably had something to do with the Xiao Family, Lu Chen did not have any proof to support his speculation. Besides, he had limited knowledge about Hidden Families.

Furthermore, it was also possible that Elder Yun had offended even more powerful Hidden Families.

Most importantly, he would have no idea even if it was the Xiao Family who was behind this; he knew nothing about this family.

Hence, he had to investigate according to the only clue he had now.

As the matter concerned his company's reputation, Warren remained silent all of a sudden.

All information—including the clients who sent their items for auction and clients who bought the auctioned items—were confidential. They had to keep it a secret.

If they disclosed their client's information to third parties, not only would they offend their clients, it was against the law too.

"Today, Yi Qi Technology will be announcing three of the largest high technology projects which have yet to be discovered by other companies. I'll let your company, Yuanzhou Group, be the agent for one of the three projects. You can think about it first; give me a call when you make up your mind. I'll be staying in Dali for a few days." As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, he left his business card with his contact number on the coffee table before leaving the place with his family.

Although he was worried about Elder Yun, he understood that certain things could not be rushed and that he must wait patiently for it.

Hence, Lu Chen decided to spend some time with his family first before working things out after several days.

By that time, if Warren still refused to help him, he had no choice but to use more drastic measures to force him to agree.



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Much to Lu Chen's surprise, they did not see any of Cheng Quan's men when Lu Chen and his family came out of Yuanzhou Group.

He remembered how Cheng Quan said there would be people waiting for them outside of the building. Furthermore, the sudden change in behavior among the staff of Yuanzhou Group made him smile contentedly.

"It looks like Warren has accepted your offer," Lin Yijun said as she noticed the situation.

Warren must've ordered his company staff to treat them politely.

He had probably gotten rid of Cheng Quan's men too.

Although the Cheng Family was a powerful family who had their own ways in Dali City, Warren was quite influential here as well.

Warren probably did it to challenge the Cheng Family, especially since he wanted to impress Lu Chen.

It was worth doing so in order to prove his

capabilities to Lu Chen.

"Being the agent for one of the latest advanced technologies of my company will be enough to increase the popularity of his company by one or two folds. It's normal for him to be interested in my offer," Lu Chen explained.

He was sure that Warren would call him in a few days. Of course, he was not in a rush either.

After the couple got into their car, they went to buy a nice suit before heading straight to the bridal studio.

The lady in charge of the bridal studio already knew Lu Chen was a tycoon—one that was extremely rich and extravagant.

Hence, she treated the couple politely and respectfully.

She did not care about the fact that Lu Chen had offended Cheng Quan. In her opinion, the fight between prominent figures of society had nothing to do with civilians like them. They only had to buy some popcorn and enjoy the show like normal spectators.

Of course, it would be even better if they could benefit from their fights.

Therefore, the lady treated Lu Chen and his wife nicely when they went to her bridal studio again. She gave such a wonderful service to the couple that she started doubting whether she was behaving like her usual self.

In fact, Lu Chen went there to hire a professional photographer only.

Since it was the best bridal studio in Dali, he decided to hire a photographer from the studio to help them shoot some wedding photographs.

The lady recommended three of her best photographers to Lu Chen for him to pick and choose. But since Lu Chen did not know who the best photographer was, he hired all three of them.

Lin Yijun changed into the peacock wedding dress at the bridal studio, her face glowing with happiness.

She looked extremely gorgeous and elegant in the wedding dress, looking like a peacock fairy who descended to Earth

from heaven.

Her mesmerizing beauty stunned everyone in the bridal studio, including the lady boss herself. Even Lu Chen was surprised by her beauty; he looked as if he had never noticed the beautiful Lin Yijun before.

All of a sudden, he finally realized why women liked to wear wedding dresses during their weddings.

This was because a wedding dress could show the beauty and elegance of a girl, especially an extravagant one like this. It perfectly displayed Lin Yijun's unique grace and sophistication.

At that moment, a look of envy crossed the eyes of the lady in charge and the other girls in the studio as they stared at Lin Yijun in jealousy.

"Mom, you're so pretty!" Qiqi ran toward Lin Yijun and exclaimed.

Lin Yijun lowered her head and kissed Qiqi on her forehead happily. She picked the little girl up and held her in an embrace.

At the same time, Lu Chen changed into

the suit they had bought just now. Then, taking the three photographers with them, they left the bridal studio and went straight to Cang Mountain.

The couple had their schedule arranged perfectly; they would have their first wedding photoshoot at Cang Mountain today before going to Er Lake and Amorous Island tomorrow.

After that, Lu Chen would send Lin Yijun and Qiqi back to Chongqing in a private jet while he stayed on to settle some business.

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As Lu Chen and his family were enjoying their vacation here, Cheng Gongming—the Head of the Cheng Family—paid Warren a visit, who was the Head of Yuanzhou Group.

Cheng Gongming was Cheng Quan's grandfather. Initially, Cheng Quan had ordered his men to attack Lu Chen when he came out of Yuanzhou Group.

However, Warren had completely ignored him and dismissed all his men without

considering his feelings.

This completely angered Cheng Quan, but he did not look for Warren straightaway. He knew that the latter might not save his face.

Hence, Cheng Quan went to see his grandfather and complained that Warren had offended him.

In order to avenge his grandson, Cheng Gongming went to see Warren at his office immediately.

However, he had to wait for about an hour before Warren came out to meet him, which greatly annoyed Cheng Gongming.

"Warren, it seems that you are very arrogant now. I, Cheng Gongming, had to wait an hour before you came out to meet me," Cheng Gongming complained angrily when he saw Warren.

"Oh, Mr. Cheng, what are you talking about? You arrived unexpectedly without informing me beforehand. How am I supposed to know that you're going to visit me today? I rushed all the way back just to meet you here." Although Warren looked

apologetic, he sounded insincere as if he did not really mean it.

Indeed, he did it on purpose to annoy Cheng Gongming.

Before this, he used to fawn over the Cheng Family because he had wanted to open a branch company here in Dali City. However, things were not the same as before, and Warren no longer had to worry about the Cheng Family anymore.

It had been a long time since the Cheng Family did whatever they pleased in Dali City. Now that they messed with the boss of Yi Qi Technology, it was time for them to hand over their controlling power to someone else.

Warren had made up his mind.

If Lu Chen had the ability to deal with the Cheng Family while Warren cooperated with him, he would have the entire Dali City under his control for decades to come, perhaps even longer.

"Hmph! Warren, it looks like you've forgotten how you begged me to help you when you opened your branch company in Dali City," Cheng Gongming sneered coldly.

"Oh, but I do remember that. Haven't I always shown my gratitude all these years by sending you expensive gifts every year? Are you not satisfied with everything I gave you?" Warren said with a smirk.

Cheng Gongming snorted and said, "I'm not talking about that. My grandson lost hundreds of millions at your auction after being cheated by a guy. Because of that, he lost his reputation too. Not only did you not help him, but you even dismissed his men. You don't have much respect for the Cheng Family left, do you? You need to give me an explanation for this!"

"Mr. Cheng, you can't blame me for this." A bitter smile crossed Warren's face. He said, "First of all, I was not familiar with that client. I don't know whether or not he was increasing his bid on purpose to challenge Cheng Quan; I'm really not sure about that. Besides, I wasn't at the auction that day. Second of all, there's a policy in my company which prevents outsiders from causing any trouble at the entrance of the company. My staff was just doing their jobs according to the company rules. I'm sorry if my men injured Cheng Quan's

men by mistake. Why don't I compensate his men with something if they were really injured?" Warren looked at Cheng Gongming.

"Warren, do you really think that I don't know what you're trying to do? Do you think you're strong enough to get rid of the Cheng Family? I've said everything I needed to say today. You have two options: you can either contact that guy and ask him to come over to kneel and apologize to my grandson, or you can wait and see how I take away everything you have and leave you penniless!" Cheng Gongming glared at Warren coldly and said in a serious tone.



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Warren couldn't care less about Cheng Gongming's threat. He shrugged and said, "Mr. Cheng, listen to my advice and just forget about the whole thing. You guys will regret it if you continue to cause trouble."

His words made Cheng Gongming so angry that the latter trembled violently. He could not believe that Warren would dare to threaten him. Cheng Gongming was the one who helped Warren to establish his branch company, the Yuanzhou Group, in Dali. He helped him to build the company up from scraps. Cheng Gongming could not believe that Warren would be such an ungrateful man who had completely forgotten about the help he offered.

"Warren, how dare you threaten me? I'll renounce my name as Cheng Gongming if I didn't tear your Yuanzhou Group apart into pieces, bit by bit!" Cheng Gongming bellowed. Swinging his arm furiously, he left Warren's office.

Warren narrowed his eyes as he watched Cheng Gongming, who left furiously, from the windows. The Cheng Family have been controlling Dali for too long. I hope the boss of Yi Qi Technology will teach them a lesson so that they won't be so arrogant anymore. Apparently, from Warren's point of view, although the Cheng Family was powerful, they were insignificant compared to Yi Qi Technology. This was

mind; he would tell Lu Chen about the origins of the Jasper Bracelet on the next day once Lu Chen and his family were back from their holidays.

As Warren was about to go outside to have some fun, his cellphone rang suddenly. He pulled it out and had a look; it was an unknown number dialing from Beijing. He frowned as it did not seem like a telemarketing number. He wondered who called him as he did not have many close acquaintances in Beijing. So, he still answered the call.

"You are?" Warren asked when the call was connected.

"You don't have to know who I am. You're not qualified enough to know who I am either. The only thing you have to know is that I can destroy your company completely within minutes." As soon as the call was connected, the caller threatened Warren in an arrogant and vicious tone.

"You're a lunatic." Warren snorted and was about to hang up the phone.

He thought it was the Cheng Family's

doing. Although the Cheng Family was really powerful, it would still be difficult to make Warren's company go bankrupt. He was not the same person as he used to be anymore, which was why he was bold enough to go against Cheng Gongming.

"Hey dude, mark my words, my power in Beijing is way beyond the imagination of some small potato like you. You can test my capability if you don't believe me. I'll make sure you're left with nothing within a day. Listen to me carefully, I heard that Lu Chen asked you about the origin of the Jasper Bracelet, right? I have two options for you now. First, kill Lu Chen. Second, follow my instructions and lure him to Beijing." When Warren was about to hang up the phone, the caller's ever so arrogant and daring words stopped him from disconnecting.

"Who the heck are you? Why should I believe you?" Warren asked, startled by the caller's threat. From the caller's words, he realized that the caller was definitely not arranged by the Cheng Family because the Cheng Family did not know that Lu Chen was asking about the origins of the Jasper Bracelet; only a few people from his company knew about the matter. So,

apparently, there were traitors in his company who disclosed the matter to Beijing. Although he was furious, Warren realized this was not the right time to deal with the traitors.

"Dude, let me tell you something. Even though Yi Qi Technology is powerful, what with all the military support and connections they have, they are still incomparable to us," the caller boasted proudly.

Warren was shocked. He did not expect that the caller would be so daring as to say something like that. Stop Lu Chen from leaving Dali? That's like going against him blatantly. Yi Qi Technology is so powerful that it can destroy me completely with ease. How can I even begin to mess with Lu Chen?

Suddenly, another thought crossed his mind. Of course, the Cheng Family!

Warren's eyes flickered with excitement as an idea crossed his mind; he could kill two birds with one stone with the idea. He dared not mess with Lu Chen. However, he had a feeling that the caller was a lot more terrifying than he had imagined. The

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caller's ability to arrange a pawn around him in secret showed that they were indeed capable of destroying his company within a day. Although Lu Chen already made a promise to him, compared to the threat of having his company destroyed, he still chose the option which he thought would be better and more suitable to protect his company from destruction.

It would be great if the Cheng Family managed to make Lu Chen stay in Dali. If they couldn't, then he would have to lure Lu Chen to Beijing step by step.

"Since it's risky for me to do something like this, what's the catch for me?"
Although Warren had made up his mind, he still wanted to make a profit out of the business.

"I believe you're not qualified enough to negotiate with me. Just try me if you don't believe what I said and see whether I can make your company go bankrupt today," the caller threatened Warren bluntly.

Warren's heart skipped a beat. He said, "Okay, I promise you. If I can't kill Lu Chen, I'll lure him to Beijing." "Alright, you're a wise man. I'll give you three days. If you can't kill him, you have to lure him to Beijing. I'll instruct you what to do then." The caller hung up the phone.

Warren took a deep breath. He could not believe that Lu Chen would have such a powerful enemy, but his doubts disappeared when he thought of Lu Chen's Beijing accent. He sat down again, took out a cigar and lit it; it was his favorite brand of cigar which he liked to puff ever since he became successful. He would puff on it whenever he was thinking about some problems. He noticed that the smell of the cigar would stimulate his thoughts and make him more awake. I hope I didn't take the wrong side this time. Warren contemplated the matter for a long period of time, finishing a cigar in the process before he could finally make up his mind. He still had a feeling that Lu Chen was no match for the caller.

Warren was certain about his decision based on two points. First of all, he felt Lu Chen was too young and too rigid in his ways of doing things. It was difficult for a rigid person to achieve success in life. He thought that Lu Chen was too naïve compared to those real great leaders.

Second of all was his natural fear and respect for the leaders in Beijing.

In fact, he was not the only one who feared them; it was because people had a common perspective that people from the capital city were nobler than people from smaller towns. After all, a capital city like Beijing was a place where all powers were centered; it was not a place in which small towns could rival. Although Lu Chen had military support, it was not enough for him to go against the leaders in Beijing. Besides, he wanted to see whether Lu Chen was as incredible as he said he was.

Warren stubbed out the cigar as a vicious look flashed through his eyes. He took his phone and dialed a number. The person he called was none other than Cheng Gongming, who just arrived at home.

"Mr. Cheng, you guys want to see Lu Chen, right? I can arrange for him to meet with you guys, and you guys can even meet at your family's territory. But it'll be your own business on what you decide to do to him after you see him." Warren went straight to the point.

Cheng Gongming, who was still angry with

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Warren, smirked when he received the latter's call. He mocked the submissive Warren, who finally decided not to go against him, by saying, "Warren, I thought you're some kind of f\*cking hero, but it turns out you're still a wimp."

Warren remained calm and unaffected by Cheng Gongming's taunt. He said calmly, "I owe my current wealth and status to you, Mr. Cheng. It was you who offered help to me back then. How can I ever dare to go against you, Mr. Cheng?"

"Hahaha!" Cheng Gongming laughed triumphantly. He said, "You're a wise man. Hurry up and make the arrangements. I want to see him tonight."



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After he hung up on Warren, Cheng Gongming walked over to Cheng Quan when he saw that his grandson was still unhappy. Cheng Gongming asked, "What's the matter? You don't believe me?"

Cheng Quan's eyes flickered with expectation. He asked, "Grandfather, what did Warren say?" He hadn't gone out of his house for a day due to humiliation. He was slapped across the face twice besides being cheated hundreds of millions by Lu Chen. The main reason for his refusal to go out was because his men were dismissed by Warren. If he did not beat Lu Chen up badly until the latter became disabled, he could not show himself in public.

"Hmph! I'm the one who asked him to do so. He wouldn't dare to disobey my orders and go against my will, unless he doesn't wish to stay and do business in Dali anymore," Cheng Gongming said proudly. He was very proud of himself at the moment, thinking that victory was his. Indeed, he was furious when Warren refused to help him earlier. But suddenly, Warren became submissive and chose to obey him. This made him feel that he still had the whole Dali under his control, as if

he was the god of Dali.

"Grandfather, what do you plan to do then?" Cheng Quan asked eagerly.

"Warren will invite that Lu Chen guy to our house tonight. We shall 'take care' of him slowly when he's here," Cheng Gongming said with a sly smile across his face.

"Yeah, yeah. Tonight, I'll make that punk kneel before us and watch me screwing his wife." Cheng Quan clenched his fists excitedly when he thought of Lin Yijun's stunning and beautiful face. Cheng Quan did not mind the fact that Lin Yijun was a married woman with a kid. On the contrary, he was more attracted to this kind of mature woman with unique charisma and elegance.

"As long as you don't kill anybody. In Dali, as long as no one is killed, you can have all the fun and do whatever you like," Cheng Gongming said fondly.

"Don't worry, grandfather. I know that. I won't kill that guy. I'll torture and make him suffer so terribly that he'd wish he was dead!" A sinister smile crossed Cheng Quan's face. He was not afraid of anything

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in Dali as long as his grandfather got his back. He started to think about ways to torture Lu Chen and screwing his wife in front of him on this night.

Meanwhile, Lu Chen and his family went back to the hotel after returning from Cang Mountain. After enjoying their trip and taking wedding photos for one whole day, both of them were exhausted. When Lu Chen and his family were having dinner, Warren called.

"President Lu, I apologize for calling at this hour. Here's the thing I want to tell you about. You want to know about the origin of the Jasper Bracelet, right? The man will come for the money tonight. I agreed to meet him at Bright Villa," Warren said.

"When?" Lu Chen raised his eyebrow and asked.

"At eight o'clock tonight," Warren replied.

Lu Chen raised his arm and glanced at his watch. He still had two hours before the meeting, thus he replied, "Alright, I'll be there on time."

Warren was relieved after Lu Chen agreed.

However, his hand, which was holding the phone, still trembled slightly. After all, Lu Chen was the boss of Yi Qi Technology; him doing this would make no difference with blatantly going against the company. Yi Qi Technology was very powerful and influential; there was no doubt about it. It was not a company which he could afford to mess with. Nonetheless, he gritted his teeth and decided to proceed with his plan when he thought of the mysterious caller's threat.

"Don't blame me for doing this. I have no choice. Even though your Yi Qi Technology is very influential in Chongqing, I'm sure you won't dare to go against those leaders in Beijing. As much as I don't want to be your enemy, I don't want my company to go bankrupt overnight either." Putting away his phone, Warren mumbled to himself with a determined look in his eyes.

Meanwhile, Lu Chen, who just hung up his phone, looked at Lin Yijun apologetically and said, "We have to end our holidays here. I'll take some time off and stay with you guys next time."

"Is it about the Cheng Family's business?" Lin Yijun asked. "That's nothing. My main concern is the bracelet. It belongs to Elder Yun. I need to find out what happened to him," Lu Chen explained.

He knew there was probably going to be a fight next, so he wanted to send Lin Yijun and Qiqi back. As long as they were back in Chongqing, he could protect his family securely with the military power of Yi Qi Technology.

"Okay. You have to be careful. I'll take Qiqi and go back tomorrow." Lin Yijun nodded. Lu Chen told her about Elder Yun before, so she knew that the latter was like a mentor and a friend to Lu Chen.

"No need to wait until tomorrow. I'll ask them to fetch you later." Lu Chen shook his head before picking up his cellphone and called Du Fei.

Luckily, they were not far from Kokang, so it would not take long for Du Fei and the others to reach here; with a helicopter, they would arrive in at most half an hour. Lu Chen had applied and obtained the permission which allowed his gunships and other military aircrafts in Kokang to enter the country, so the military

department would not stop his gunships from flying into the country from Kokang. His fighter jets were still not allowed to enter the country, but he did not need his fighter jets in the state anyway.

After dinner, they went back to the hotel and packed their luggage. After a few minutes, Du Fei and the other's helicopters arrived at the top of their hotel. There were two helicopters in total—Du Fei had arranged for a helicopter to send Lin Yijun and Qiqi back to Chongqing while leaving another one here for further orders.

Lu Chen chatted with Du Fei for a while. When it was about time, he drove to the villa as mentioned by Warren alone. Following the location sent by Warren, Lu Chen arrived at a large mansion. It was not some common villa; it was the most luxurious mansion in Dali. A smirk crossed Lu Chen's face when he saw the mansion; the smirk on his face became more apparent especially when he saw the sign 'Cheng Family' at the entrance of the mansion.

After Lu Chen came out of the car, he saw Warren, who was waiting at the side, walked toward him and personally invited him into the house.

"President Lu, please come over here." Warren greeted and invited Lu Chen warmly.

"You did a good job in arranging today's meeting, not bad," Lu Chen sneered at Warren as a murderous look flashed through his eyes.

Warren wasn't sure if it was because he noticed the murderous look in Lu Chen's eyes or he felt guilty of double-crossing the young man, Warren's heart skipped a beat when he heard Lu Chen's words.

"It's a pleasure for me to be of service to you, President Lu." Warren chuckled to hide his guilt.

"Alright, very well then, I believe you. Since you arranged everything, I'm sure nothing will go wrong," said Lu Chen in a roundabout way as an ironic look flashed through his eyes. But just when Warren felt relieved, he continued, "Do you know what the consequences of going against me are?"

Warren was startled. Suddenly, he started

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to feel a little nervous. He decided to do this because he had no choice, so he felt rather nervous in front of Lu Chen. However, he could not guess what Lu Chen really meant from his words.

"Well, I'm not so sure about that." An awkward smile crossed Warren's face as he did not know how to continue the conversation. Standing in front of Lu Chen, he felt suffocated as though he was overwhelmed by an invisible pressure. Lu Chen was the most complicated and unfathomable young man he had ever met after all these years of working in the business world. In fact, he always thought that Lu Chen was too young and his ability was insignificant compared to those leaders in Beijing, but right now, he doubted on whether he had made the correct choice.

"You'll know soon enough." Lu Chen smiled coldly and walked into the mansion.

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Warren silently broke into cold sweat when he saw Lu Chen heading toward the villa. He had never seen a young man with an aura as strong as his; he was starting to get scared of Lu Chen.

A few simple words with Lu Chen was enough to make Warren feel stressed out.

If the Cheng Family does not kill Lu Chen when he falls into their hands, both the Cheng Family and I are going to die, Warren thought to himself.

However, the crucial part was that Warren did not dare to expose Lu Chen's identity to the Cheng Family. Would the Cheng Family still kill him?

If he disclosed Lu Chen's identity to the Cheng Family, he believed that the Cheng Family would have to kneel down and apologize to Lu Chen.

"I hope I'm just overthinking." Warren shook his head. After consoling himself, Warren strode across the road, catching up to Lu Chen again.

This was the Cheng Family's mansion.

However, the security opened the door to

let them in after spotting Warren, who was behind Lu Chen, winking at him.

Meanwhile, Cheng Gongming and Cheng Quan were both seated on a sofa in the living room of the Cheng Family's mansion, with more than ten sturdy men standing behind them.

These hefty men were bodyguards recruited by the Cheng Family; every one of them was a professional of extraordinary status.

## Ding dong!

The moment he heard the doorbell ringing, Cheng Quan yelled out excitedly, "They're here. Go and open the door."

With that, one of his servants beside him went to open the door. Lu Chen and Warren then came walking in one after the other.

"You did not expect this, did you, kid?"
Cheng Quan stood up when he saw Lu
Chen walking in, viscously staring into the
latter's eyes.

Lu Chen glanced at Cheng Quan from head

to toe before turning his gaze to the group of bodyguards behind him. He then said mockingly, "I came alone. There's no need to dispatch these many men."

"Are you afraid now, kid? You should be. If you kneel down and apologize, I can consider a lighter beating for you," said Cheng Quan, laughing boisterously.

#### "Afraid?"

Lu Chen let out a wicked laugh as he walked toward Cheng Family's sofa to take a seat; he seemed completely comfortable with the situation. "There are things that I'm afraid of in this world, but coming to the Cheng Family's residence is definitely not one of them," said Lu Chen calmly.

Cheng Gongming had been staring at Lu Chen from head to toe; the latter's calm and steady demeanor had subconsciously made him knit his brows.

This kid's courage is extraordinary; he still dared to come alone despite knowing that this is a trap. Even Cheng Gongming's younger self would not dare to come if he had known that this was an attempt to assassinate him.

"You knew we're going to kill you?" asked Cheng Gongming curiously .

Lu Chen raised his head to look at Cheng Gongming as he said laughingly, "I certainly didn't know about it at first. It only came to my realization when I reached your mansion."

Lu Chen shifted his gaze to Warren, who was beside him, and calmly said, "I've promised to let you deal with a top tier technology product. Why aren't you attracted to it? You should know that we are going to release three top tier technological products this year, with every model raking in at least hundreds of billions of profit. This is such a huge amount of profit that even if Yi Qi Technology took a big share out of it, you can still easily make ten billion within a year. I am only curious about the terms which the Cheng Family offered you that they're able to make you unfazed by my products that are of top tier technologies."

Y-Yi Qi Technology?

The Cheng Family was startled after listening to what Lu Chen had said.

Yi Qi Technology had gained much fame for the past few months, be it nationwide or overseas; it was now world-renowned.

Of course, the Cheng Family would know about this burgeoning dominator.

But could he really be the owner of Yi Qi Technology?

Cheng Gongming and Cheng Quan looked toward Warren at the same time; they believed that Warren would surely know about Lu Chen's identity.

Warren was startled too because he did not expect the top tier technology products which Lu Chen mentioned could bring in such a huge profit.

He believed that he could earn more than ten billion if he became a dealer even if Yi Qi Technology would get the larger share from the total profit of hundreds of billions.

Warren's current net worth had only surpassed ten billion. If he decided to collaborate with Yi Qi Technology, his net worth would potentially double again in a short amount of time. Furthemore, it

would only get better from there.

Warren started to regret his decision at that instant. He thought that he should have taken some time to reconsider before making his final decision.

However, it was already too late for any regrets at that point because he had already set foot on the wrong path; he had no choice but to continue walking down that path.

"Cheng Gongming, are you actually believing his nonsense?"

Warren quickly gathered himself when he saw Cheng Quan and Cheng Gongming looking at him. "I have some information regarding him with me. This kid is undoubtedly rich, but he only has over five billion in his savings. Think about it, Yi Qi Technology is a very strong company and the company is like a dominator. How is it possible that its owner only has over five billion in his savings? No one in this world will believe this fact. The only reason he said something like that is because he knows he has fallen into our trap. He's afraid that he won't be able to make it out of this mansion if he doesn't play some

tricks on us."

Cheng Gongming nodded, agreeing with Warren's inference after listening to his analysis.

The fact that Yi Qi Technology had invested 50 billion previously was no longer a secret; the whole world knew about it.

Furthermore, there were a few other major industries under the ownership of Yi Qi Technology. How could someone so capable have only a few billion in his savings?

Even if this kid was really the owner of Yi Qi Technology, he believed that Warren would not have the courage to collaborate with the Cheng Family no matter what.

"Kid, you seem to be much smarter than you look. Unfortunately, whatever trickeries you have planned ahead are useless against me," said Cheng Gongming sarcastically.

"Oh, that's right. I shall answer your previous question now." Cheng Gongming continued saying as if he was showing off,

"You asked Warren what terms have the Cheng Family offered him for him to betray you, right?"

Lu Chen shook his head and replied smilingly, "I wouldn't say that it's a betrayal; it's more like Warren has supported the wrong party."

Warren was not one of his people, so it did not count as a betrayal. He was just ignorant of the current situation.

"Hmph! They are both the same." It certainly got onto Cheng Gongming's nerves when Lu Chen interrupted him. "Listen to me carefully. Warren's company managed to gain traction in Dali thanks to my help. If he dared betray the Cheng Family now, the Cheng Family can crush him in return as well. Do you think he has the courage to help you being in the condition he is in now?" teased Cheng Gongming.

Even though Warren was standing beside them, Cheng Gongming completely ignored his presence.

If Warren had not called Cheng Gongming to yield to him, he would have continued

admitting that Warren was a hero.
However, since Warren called Cheng
Gongming again to collaborate with him,
he despised him even more from the
bottom of his heart.

In fact, how would Cheng Gongming know that Warren himself had never respected him since the beginning?

Warren chose to take this path simply because he wanted to use the Cheng Family as a means to make away with Lu Chen.



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"You're thinking too highly of the Cheng Family," Lu Chen scoffed. Then, he turned to Warren and said, "Warren, why don't you let me in on this matter instead? We've already reached this stage, so what more is there to hide?"

He refused to believe that Warren would collaborate with the Cheng Family out of a sudden simply because of the pressure the Cheng Family was putting on Warren.

From his perspective, the Cheng Family did not have such great capabilities.

Maybe it was indeed the case that Warren's Yuanzhou Group had to rely on the Cheng Family before this, but the current Yuanzhou Group already had the power to go against the Chen Family.

Thus, there must be a bigger reason to have caused Warren to take such a huge risk to go against him.

Warren was startled but he quickly recomposed himself. Nonetheless, he still did not dare to look Lu Chen in the eyes.

He looked at Cheng Gongming and said, "After you left my company, I received a

phone call from Beijing. I don't know who the caller was but I'm sure he can make my company go bankrupt within a day. By then, I will lose everything I have."

"What? You collaborated with us not because you were afraid of me?" asked Cheng Gongming.

Warren sneered in reply, "Mr. Cheng, you're really behind the times. To be frank, why didn't you check the Yuanzhou Group? Do you really still think that I still care about the Cheng Family?"

"You...!" Cheng Gongming was so furious that he nearly vomited blood. He did not expect Warren to disgrace him so daringly.

Warren did so because Cheng Gongming had repeatedly humiliated him; if not, he would have left Cheng Gongming with some dignity.

Cheng Quan only realized that things had gotten out of the Cheng Family's control after listening to the crowd's conversation. He wanted to seek revenge from Lu Chen, but he realized at that moment that things had gotten more complicated.

"Warren, are the two of you not scared that you'll die here?" threatened Cheng Quan in a harsh tone.

Warren replied in a mocking manner, "I've already promised the leader in Beijing that the Cheng Family will help to kill Lu Chen. The Beijing leader said that if you guys fail to accomplish the task, he will make the Cheng Family lose everything. So, you guys had better think of a way to bring Lu Chen down."

He then continued, "I can tell you that Lu Chen is indeed the owner of Yi Qi Technology. However, he had offended the Beijing leader, so the leader wants him dead here today. Think about it, if the leader isn't more powerful than Lu Chen; if he really did not have the potential to take me down within a day, why would I dare to go against the owner of Yi Qi Technology?"

Warren did not stop there; he went on saying, "Everything he said was right. If I stood by his side, he would let me deal with a high-end technological product. The profit will be more than a hundred billion annually. You guys should be believing what I'm saying right? If that Beijing leader claims that he can make the Cheng Family

lose everything, he surely has the capabilities to do so. So, it's time you think about it and decide if you want to take down Lu Chen."

Although his words were only half-true, the part about the Beijing leader threatening him was definitely true.

However, the Beijing leader did not threaten the Cheng Family.

Since the Cheng Family did not know the truth, he wanted to take a gamble that the Cheng Family would have the same thinking as him. He was hoping that Cheng Gongming would not dare to put his family at risk and gamble their lives.

Leaders like them had to go through tons of hardship to be able to reach where they were now and to achieve the accomplishments they had on this day; it would be impossible for them to take in the reality of them losing everything they had.

So, even if he was lying to them, they would not dare to take the risk.

At this moment, Cheng Gongming and

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Cheng Quan were conflicted by this decision.

While they were terrified of who Lu Chen was, there was an important decision to make ahead of them.

They felt so regretful at this moment, especially Cheng Quan.

If he had known that Lu Chen was Yi Qi Technology's owner, he wouldn't have dared to try to win Lin Yijun over. How would he still dare to offend Lu Chen? How would he still dare to ask his grandfather to help him recover his dignity?

If he had not offended Lu Chen, things would not have turned out this way.

Lu Chen then replied in a sarcastic manner, "Warren, I've really underestimated you. However, if I've guessed it correctly, the Jasper Bracelet came from that Beijing leader you mentioned, right?"

Warren ignored Lu Chen's question.
Instead, he said to Cheng Gongming, "Mr.
Chen, you can choose not to believe me,
but I think making a gamble with the
Cheng Family's business that has been

established for decades is not a wise move. You're old now and you might be dead at any time, but what about your grandchildren? Do you think that the Beijing leader will let them off the hook?"

"You dare threaten me? Are you not scared that I'll not let you leave Cheng's residence alive?" Cheng Gongming jumped up in fury, pointing at Warren as he rebuked him.

Warren shrugged his shoulders and replied, "Mr. Cheng, I am just thinking what's best for your family. Yes, I've played some tricks on you, dragging the Cheng Family into this mess. I may have been deceiving, but at times like this, I believe that the Cheng Family doesn't have much choice left, right? I can tell you with full responsibility that the Cheng Family only has two options today. Number one—kill Lu Chen here and now and you will be rewarded by the Beijing leader. Number two—release Lu Chen and await the wrath of the leader in Beijing. Alright, I think you can make the wiser decision now."

Warren looked at Cheng Gongming confidently, believing that as long as Cheng Gongming did not act foolishly, he would make the choice that had been

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orchestrated by him.

"Y-You sure have me deceived!" Cheng Gongming stared at Warren fiercely; he was so furious that he nearly spat out blood.

He thought that Warren was scared of him, which was why he yielded to him, but he did not expect himself to be manipulated by Warren instead.

Being manipulated was a small matter; the more important issue was the Beijing leader. They were properly confused now; if they agreed, they would be controlled by Warren from then on.

Nevertheless, he had to make a choice.

He had indeed grown old and he did not dare to put the Cheng Family's business foundation on the line to gamble that Warren was lying to them.

"Lu Chen, I did not expect my grandson to have offended a reputable figure like you. You've heard him. After knowing your identity, the Cheng Family wanted to apologize to you, but we are left with no choice. Instead of us taking the initiative, why don't you kill yourself to make things easier?" As soon as those words by Cheng Gongming were said, the twenty bodyguards behind him stood forward, surrounding Lu Chen.

These bodyguards had been hired from the Middle East at a high price; all of them were powerful and each one of them could single handedly defeat seven to eight ordinary people.

Warren was finally relieved when he saw those bodyguards step forward.

Even if only one of those bodyguards attacked Lu Chen, he would surely be defeated, let alone twenty of them attacking at the same time.

However, when he turned his head and saw Lu Chen's mocking gaze, his heart began beating violently.

Why was Lu Chen still so composed at a time like this?

Was he not afraid that Cheng Gongming would really kill him?

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Warren could not wrap his head around it. Cheng Gongming was also rather puzzled but he admired him more.

Lu Chen was indeed an extraordinary man to be unfazed under such a circumstance!

However, Cheng Gongming still decided to let all of his bodyguards attack Lu Chen to not leave Lu Chen any chance of survival.

This was connected to his Cheng family's business, so he could not afford to be careless about it.

At this moment, Cheng Quan's phone suddenly rang. After picking the call up, he listened to the two sentences that came from the other end before hanging up the call.

He walked up to his bodyguards and looked at Lu Chen cruelly. "I did not expect you to be so quick-witted. You've hidden your wife before coming to the Cheng residence."

At this moment, Lu Chen was dead meat in his eyes. Although he knew Lu Chen had a remarkable influence and was not someone the Cheng Family could afford to

offend, their goal on this day was to kill Lu Chen, and since his grandfather had given his orders, he did not fear Lu Chen anymore.

Of course, Lu Chen was surely going to die, but he was still thinking dearly about Lin Yijun.

Although that woman had children, she was still the most beautiful woman he had ever met in his life.

She was one of a kind.

"My wife and child have returned to Chongqing. They should be getting off the plane by now," replied Lu Chen mockingly.

"Hmph, do you think I'm a three-year-old? How is there any flight to Chongqing at night? Furthermore, I have been wanting to trap you so I've planted my men at the airport. How can your wife even reach the airport?" Cheng Quan let out a scornful laugh.

Lu Chen looked at Cheng Quan as if he was looking at a fool. Just when everyone was curious about what Lu Chen was up to, the roaring of a helicopter suddenly

came from outside.

Everyone was astounded. Why would there be a helicopter flying over their heads at this time of the day?

No, the helicopter was not flying past them. Judging from the noise, it sounded like it was going to land at the square outside of the house.

"Oh, no! Oh, no!"

At this moment, one of his men came running in a hurry. Before he could finish his sentence, four to five men in combat uniforms swarmed in with machine guns in their hands.

Everyone of the Cheng Family was stunned. Fear flashed across the eyes of the twenty-odd bodyguards; nobody dared to move a muscle.

Warren turned to Lu Chen and saw the cynical look in the latter's eyes. His heart palpitated. Was Lu Chen the one who summoned these men?

God, if it really was Lu Chen who called for them, this would be absolutely terrifying.

He clearly recalled that Lu Chen did not take out his phone after arriving at the Cheng Family's mansion. So, there was only one possibility left—Lu Chen had made the arrangements before he came.

So, he already suspected me before he came? How does this kid have such a shrewd mind? Did he really know that I was going to go against him?

Warren was in disbelief; his heart instantly sank.

If all these men were really hired by Lu Chen, Lu Chen would surely be safe today; not only that, he would surely toy with Cheng Quan to his heart's content.

"Who are you guys?" asked Cheng Gongming, looking frustrated.

The corners of Du Fei's lips exposed a wicked smile before striking the first blow; he had pulled the trigger of his machine gun first.

Bang bang bang!

After a round of heavy gunfire, the twenty bodyguards who were surrounding Lu

Chen collapsed to the ground one by one as the bullets struck them.

Even Cheng Quan had fallen to the ground.

At that brief moment, beside the panic screaming from the crowd, the entire living room echoed with the sound of shallow breathing.

"Who do you think you are? How dare the Cheng Family threaten our Commander?" Du Fei chuckled coldly.

Of course, when they opened fire, they did not shoot at any fatal areas of their bodies; they only aimed at their thighs.

After their thighs were shot, all those bodyguards, including Cheng Quan, had lost their abilities to move.

"Commander?" Cheng Gongming and Warren gasped in astonishment; they thought they had misheard Du Fei.

Meanwhile, Lu Chen was looking at the two of them as he snickered mockingly. "I forgot to tell you guys about something. Not only am I the boss of Yi Qi Technology, I'm also the Commander-in-Chief of the

Killer Shrine in Kokang."

He shifted his gaze to Cheng Quan who was lying on the ground in pain. Then, he said sarcastically, "Didn't you say you didn't believe that my wife has left? So, now I can answer your question because they have left in the combat helicopter. By the way, my men rushed here from Kokang half an hour ago. Are you thinking of asking me a stupid question like why my combat helicopters were allowed to enter our national airspace from Kokang?"

Lu Chen looked at Cheng Quan scornfully; he could barely hold in his laughter at the thought of Cheng Quan's arrogant behavior just now.

Warren and Cheng Gongming's knees went weak and they nearly staggered when they heard Lu Chen's remarks.

Lu Chen was trying to imply just how strong his relationship was with the military.

They could not refute this show of force.

Warren was regretting deeply at this moment; if he had known earlier, he would

have chosen to collaborate with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen's influence had completely exceeded his imagination.

He was not so sure now if the Beijing leader was actually capable of making his company bankrupt, but now he believed that he was going to be dead by this night.

They had heard of Kokang before this; it was said that Myanmar had leased that place to a man from China for a 100-year period.

Common citizens might not know the reason behind this, but they did; it was because Kokang's Killer Shrine had become well-known after winning a battle, striking terror in Myanmar's heart.

Myanmar then had no choice but to lease Kokang to the Killer Shrine's Commander-in-Chief.

However, nobody expected Lu Chen to be the Killer Shrine's Commander-in-Chief.

The thought of this suddenly made Warren very suspicious; the leader in Beijing made him go against Lu Chen probably because the leader himself had no confidence in

facing Lu Chen, right?

Cheng Quan was being ridiculed by Lu Chen; his heart had plummeted to his stomach.

The Cheng Family might have been able to dominate the whole of Dali, but facing a powerful leader like Lu Chen, the Cheng Family was nothing more than a small fry.

The combat helicopters could even fly from Kokang to Dali. If Lu Chen massacred all of them, nobody could step forward to seek justice for them as well.

"How did I end up offending such a terrifying leader?"

Cheng Quan had deep regrets, but he was even more petrified.

Although Du Fei and the other men had only injured their thighs, there was a possibility that they might still kill them afterward.

"W-What are you trying to do?" asked Cheng Gongming in a trembling voice.

Lu Chen lifted his gaze to look at Cheng

Gongming and scoffed, "What am I trying to do? You wanted to kill me just a few moments ago and now you're asking me what I am trying to do?"

Cheng Gongming was so shocked when he heard Lu Chen's reply that he passed out after that.

Indeed, they had wanted to kill Lu Chen a few moments ago. It looked like Lu Chen was not going to let the Cheng Family off the hook on this day.

The thought of the great Cheng Family being exterminated by Lu Chen made Cheng Gongming fume with so much anger that he blacked out right away.

Although Warren did not faint, his heart was filled with despair.

Moreover, he was the one who orchestrated Lu Chen's murder. Even if Lu Chen was merciful enough to forgive the Cheng Family, there was also no way Lu Chen would let him go.



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"Kill them all!" Lu Chen glanced at the Chen Family and said mockingly.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, the Chen Family members' ears rang, feeling as if the world was spinning around them.

This time, Chen Gongming actually fainted.

"No. Don't kill me. We'll give you anything you want!" Chen Quan turned pale and yelled hastily.

"Why should I trust you? Who are you to decide?" Lu Chen raised his brows, and looked at Cheng Quan as if he was telling a joke.

"I'll call my dad right now. He's currently at my maternal grandpa's house, which is only half an hour away from here," said Cheng Quan urgently.

"Okay, I'll give you half an hour's time," Lu Chen replied while leaning back on the sofa, lighting up a cigarette.

After Cheng Quan hung up the call, Lu Chen stared at Cheng Quan again, saying, "Hand over the Jasper Bracelet. You're not fit to possess it."

"Okay, okay. I'll instruct someone to bring it over immediately." Cheng Quan nodded hurriedly, and dialed another number.

After around ten minutes, the pretty lady that was following him around on this day brought an exquisite box to the Cheng Family's mansion.

Seeing the situation of the Chengs, the pretty lady shrieked in horror and tried to run away, but she was grabbed by Du Fei in an instant.

"Don't kill me! Don't kill me!" The pretty lady was thrown onto the floor by Du Fei and she started screaming.

Du Fei snatched the box away from the pretty lady and passed it over to Lu Chen, asking, "Is this the one?"

Lu Chen opened the box; it was the Jasper Bracelet.

He nodded in acknowledgment and closed the box.

Cheng Hu finally came back after a twenty

minutes wait.

Cheng Hu was the father of Cheng Quan; he was also the one in charge of the Cheng family with the ultimate authority to make decisions.

Him and his wife went to his father-in-law's house earlier to pay a New Year's visit to the elders. Upon receiving Cheng Quan's call, he came straight back to the mansion without hesitating.

Cheng Quan was his only son, hence he was awfully anxious about the situation.

Cheng Hu was stunned when he saw the situation at his home; he was out for barely a day, yet something that had exceeded his imagination happened.

"Excuse me, you are?" Cheng Hu put on a composed face, and fixed his eyes on Lu Chen.

"I am the owner of Yi Qi Technology. Your father and son tried to kill me; now I'm giving you a chance to save their lives." Lu Chen grinned.

He was stupefied after hearing Lu Chen's

words. He did not suspect what Lu Chen had said, but he was puzzled as to how his father and son managed to offend the boss of Yi Qi Technology.

"President Lu, could there have been any misunderstandings?" Chen Hu asked, sounding embarrassed.

"Misunderstanding?" Lu Chen snorted. Then he said, "I'll give you a few minutes to find it out from your son."

Cheng Hu had to ask Cheng Quan.

Cheng Quan let the cat out of the bag and told his father how he offended Lu Chen, including asking his grandfather to intervene; he also sputtered out how they were tricked and used by Warren.

Cheng Hu turned his head and took a glance at Warren, looking murderous.

In short, the most grievous matter on this day was that his father had been utilized by Warren; they now had no other way out other than to kill Lu Chen.

The consequence would not be this severe had it been his son being the only one who

provoked Lu Chen.

But, he started feeling uneasy upon hearing what his son said.

Does the Beijing leader, who was behind Waren's back, really exist? Is he really as powerful as Warren claims?

Although he was distressed about it, he was more concerned as to how Lu Chen would deal with the Cheng family.

Lu Chen gave his son an opportunity to call him back to the house; this indicated that there was a chance of turning the situation around.

It was just that he had no idea how much Lu Chen would extort out of the Cheng family.

"P-President Lu, my son is indeed a rascal. Can you please..." Cheng Hu was getting speechless. A chill ran down his spine especially when he was looking at the armed men behind Lu Chen; he believed Lu Chen had the guts to kill his whole family.

Lu Chen stretched his hand outward, stopping Cheng Hu from continuing and

asserted, "My habit is that I'll always pay back double of whatever I received from others. Since the Cheng Family wants to murder me, I'll definitely put the Chenfs to death too. But considering today's the first day of Chinese New Year, I do not wish for any killings to take place, hence I'm giving you an opportunity. I want seventy percent ownership of the Cheng Family's share, in exchange for the dozens of lives of your family. I'll leave it up to your decision."

"Seventy percent?" Cheng Hu's heart skipped a beat; this would be the same as destroying the Cheng Family directly.

"You may reject my proposal. You still have three minutes left to consider." Lu Chen fished out a remote control, which was flickering with infrared light. "This is the remote control of the time bomb. I just have to press on it lightly and the Cheng Family mansion will turn into dust in a split second," Lu Chen explained while flipping the remote control in his hand.

Cheng Hu and the rest had a change of expression; all of them turned pale.

Looking at the remote control Lu Chen held, Cheng Hu was in a dilemma.

To be honest, it did not matter whether Lu Chen was being honest or not, because the Cheng Family would never be qualified as Yi Qi Technology's opponent.

Although the Cheng Family had control over Dali with over tens of billions worth of assets, they were still nothing when compared to Yi Qi Technology.

Even if Lu Chen decided to let them live on this day, he would have more than enough ways to destroy the Cheng Family.

"You only have a minute left," Lu Chen reminded him before standing up and walking out of the mansion.

He was not bluffing; the time bomb was already installed inside the Cheng Family's mansion when Du Fei came in. How could he let them go easily when the Chengs tried to kill him in the first place?

Although it was not a good thing to spill blood on the first day of Chinese New Year, who cared?

He just hoped for his own peace of mind.

There was nothing much that he needed to

be concerned about given his current achievements and influence.

This world had always been controlled by the most powerful men.

Anyway, if Cheng Hu did not agree to his demands before he stepped foot onto the helicopter, he would set off the time bomb when the helicopter took off.

"Father, stop hesitating. He is not only the owner of Yi Qi Technology, but also the Commander-in-Chief of The Killer Shrine in Kokang. These men were summoned here by him half an hour ago!"

Seeing Lu Chen walking away, Cheng Quan was panicking.

Now that he knew the identity of Lu Chen, he had no doubt left of Lu Chen's words about killing his whole family.

The Commander-in-Chief of The Killer Shrine had taken countless lives in his hands; what difference would the Cheng Family make?

"Lu Chen, wait. I agree with your demands!" Cheng Hu finally surrendered

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when Lu Chen and his followers were about to step out of the living room.

He had lost all hope after hearing Cheng Quan's words.

Of course he was familiar with what happened in Kokang; if Lu Chen turned out to be the actual Commander-in-Chief of The Killer Shrine, then he would definitely fulfil his words of killing his whole family.



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"Haha, you're quite the rational one, President Cheng." Lu Chen chuckled and walked back in.

He then called the legal team of Yi Qi Technology to come over and bind an agreement.

The reason why he wanted the Cheng Family's shares was that Dali was the most popular city of manufacturing Chinese herbs; a lot of important herbs distributed around the country originated from Dali and coincidentally, the Cheng Family had monopolized the herbs business.

He currently possessed the whole set of level one civilization technology; soon, his company would unquestionably introduce multiple medical technologies.

To be honest, health issues had always been taken seriously by the current society. Hence, it would be more than easy to make a profit out of this field. As long as the technology passed the safety check, and the effect of the medicine was satisfactory, he would definitely make a bundle.

Lu Chen demanded for seventy percent of the Cheng Family's shares in order to give the Cheng family a path for survival, as well as for them to work for him.

Although he would have the ownership of seventy percent of Cheng Family's shares, he would leave the Cheng Family in charge of the operation of the pharmaceutical company.

In fact, as long as the Cheng Family did their job well, they would make more money than they were currently making when Lu Chen introduced the medical technologies, even though they only possessed thirty percent of the shares.

But this would totally be based on the attitude of the Cheng Family; if they had a bad performance, or a traitor appeared, Lu Chen would not mind expelling all of them from the company.

That night, the legal team of Yi Qi
Technology had flown to Dali on a private
plane, working overnight to sign the equity
transfer contract with the Cheng Family.
The Cheng Family's pharmaceutical
company was now officially the subsidiary
company of Yi Qi Technology.

Cheng Hu had also agreed to Lu Chen's proposal that he would still be the one running the company.

After witnessing Lu Chen and his followers leaving with Warren, the Cheng Family were finally relieved.

Had it not been the fact that Cheng Quan was sent to the hospital to receive treatment, Cheng Hu would have doubtlessly broken his leg; it was exactly because of his arrogance that the whole Cheng Family was snatched away to become a part of Yi Qi Technology.

Although they still had the ownership of thirty percent of the shares, they would never be able to get the rest of the seventy percent back.

They would even lose their thirty percent of shares if they did not perform up to standard in the future.

"Father, this is the aftermath of you spoiling him. If you had not oblige to his wishes all the time, how would we be in this position today?" Cheng Hu glanced at his father and said helplessly.

Cheng Gongming sighed heavily, finally realizing his mistakes.

The Cheng Family's business had been smooth sailing for decades, causing them to have the delusion of being invincible and having absolute control in Dali.

Who would have thought that his arrogance and the indulgence of his grandson would bring them such a disaster.

Nevertheless, though the assets of the Cheng Family were seized by Yi Qi technology, they were still fortunate considering that the worst case scenario did not happen.

"What do you think they'll do to Warren?" Cheng Gongming diverted the topic.

Cheng Hu slouched onto the sofa weakly, seemingly unwilling to answer the question.

The main reason why the Cheng Family was stuck in this debacle was because of Warren, so it made sense that he did not have a good impression on Warren.

"It was exactly because he knew Warren was the mastermind behind this incident that he did not kill us and only snatched seventy percent of our shares instead. I don't think he will let Warren walk away that easily. It's just a matter of whether he'll seize Warren's company," said Cheng Hu.

"Based on the layout of Yi Qi Technology, they won't just limit their expansion within the country. They will definitely emphasize their focus internationally, hence owning a logistics company with cargo ships that can go abroad is necessary. So I think Lu Chen will first pressure Warren into transferring all his shares of the company to Yi Qi Technology before killing him," said Cheng Gongming as he analyzed the situation.

"Yes, but Warren has a Beijing leader supporting him in the shadows, so it really depends on whether Lu Chen or the Beijing leader is more powerful. But the Beijing leader must be afraid of something as he dared not kill Lu Chen on his own, thus assigning the task to Warren instead. But still, these are all assumptions. We'll find out after observing for a few days." Cheng Hu nodded, wishing that Lu Chen would kill

Warren.

After all, the Cheng Family would not be in this tragedy if it were not for Warren.

Meanwhile, at the premise of Yuanzhou Group, Warren was trying to defend himself by saying, "President Lu, I was forced to do so. That person threatened me that if I don't kill you, he'll make my company go bankrupt. I had no other choice but to betray you." He was hoping that Lu Chen would go easy on him.

However, he knew clearly that Lu Chen would not spare him for what he had done.

Nevertheless, Lu Chen did not kill him at the Cheng Family's mansion and brought him back to his company instead; this had given him room for imagination for other possible outcomes.

In his opinion, he thought Lu Chen might be interested in his company. If giving away his company could save his life, he did not mind doing so.

"Stop your nonsense. I'll give you two choices. Number one, I'll kill you straight away. Number two, transfer the ownership of your company to me and bring me to the so-called Beijing leader. I'll consider sparing your life then," Lu Chen snapped.

Just like what Cheng Gongming had analyzed, Yi Qi Technology's goal was to expand internationally, not just in the country.

Hence he needed a logistics company with big cargo ships.

Coincidentally, Yuanzhou Group had exactly what he needed.

He initially offered Warren an opportunity to thrive, but not only did he not appreciate it, he even tried to murder him instead; there was nothing left for him to say.

The only mercy Lu Chen could offer him was just to snatch his company away.

"I choose number two." Warren did not hesitate at all and nodded.

He knew that he was in no position to negotiate terms with Lu Chen; he also believed that Lu Chen would not hesitate to end his life if he had chosen the first option. Why would the Commander-in-Chief of a military junta care about his insignificant life?

"Get your legal team to come over now," demanded Lu Chen.

He always paid attention to efficiency when it came to working. Although it was already late at night, he wanted to wrap it up by this day.

They worked till past twelve in midnight and transferred all the shares owned by Yuanzhou Group to Yi Qi Technology.

Lastly, the former company of Warren was renamed as Yi Qi Yuanzhou Group.

As for the funds available in Warren's personal bank account, Lu Chen left it untouched.

As long as Warren brought him to the Beijing leader, he would keep his promise of not ending his life.

In the end, Lu Chen called for the presence of the few people in charge of Yuanzhou Group to have a meeting, then brought them for supper after the meeting.

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These few people would still be in charge of the operation for these few days; he would then decide who would be transferred to manage Yi Qi Yuanzhou Group after he settled the issue of Elder Yun.



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Lu Chen ordered Warren to contact the Beijing leader after having supper, but the person's phone had been switched off.

Until the next day, Warren still could not put the call through as the person's phone was not turned on.

The phone was switched off all along; Warren had been calling the number the whole day but he still could not get through.

Under this situation, Lu Chen could not even try to investigate the person's identity.

"P-President Lu, the phone has been switched off and I can't get through." Warren's back was drenched in cold sweat now.

He knew that Lu Chen would kill him for sure if he did not manage to contact that person.

Guessing that the leader might be someone from the Xiao Family and Elder Yun was taken away by them, Lu Chen was in fact having the same thoughts as Warren.

Since it was the Xiao Family, they would definitely take the initiative to contact him again.

Then there was no need to keep Warren around anymore; he had served his purpose.

After making a throat-slitting gesture at Du Fei, Lu Chen started to walk outside.

"President Lu, I can do anything for you as long as you don't kill me. By the way, I still have four billion in my card. I can give them all to you too!" Warren became extremely terrified after seeing Lu Chen's gesture. He dashed toward Lu Chen and immediately kneeled before him.

He was only in his forties and he really did not wish to die yet.

It would be better to start all over again penniless than being killed now.

"I think he deserves another chance," Du Fei said at this moment.

Lu Chen turned to look at Du Fei, who explained, "Just hand him over to me. Perhaps there are still places that I can

make use of him. Whereas for his money, we can invest it in Kokang, or use it to develop The Killer Shrine."

The reason why Du Fei wanted to keep Warren alive was mainly because of the four billion in his account.

Although The Killer Shrine could be regarded as invincible in Myanmar now, Du Fei had heard news about Naypyidaw purchasing weapons from the Soviet Union worth as much as five hundred million. The Killer Shrine might be the reason that had provoked Naypyidaw to become determined in going into an arms race with Kokang.

Naypyidaw was already so poor in the first place; if they put all their budget in purchasing weapons, civil unrest would only increase and speed up their collapse.

This was Du Fei's ambition.

If they purchased a new batch of weapons with the four billion, Naypyidaw would surely be agitated.

"Fine. Then I will just leave him to you." Lu Chen nodded then walked outside. Letting his chauffeur drive his car back, Lu Chen took his private plane and returned to Chongqing.

The New Year holidays quickly came to an end after he went back to Chongqing.

On the day when everyone returned to work, Tang Qingshan brought his son Tang Dalong over to visit Lu Chen's family again.

Seeing them at his door, Lu Chen had no choice but to invite them in.

They could be regarded as his relatives since Tang Qingshan was Lin Yijun's godfather.

Moreover, Lu Chen would certainly not give them the cold shoulder as Tang Dalong was a capable employee in the company.

"Lu, this is the Big Red Robe tea that I've asked my friend to bring from the Wuyi Mountain. Have a try and let me know how it is," Tang Qingshan said enthusiastically as he passed an exquisite box of tea leaves to Lu Chen.

Lu Chen received it with a smile and let the housekeeper make some tea with it.

"I heard that you and your family had been traveling in Dali City for the past few days. Are Yijun and Qiqi not back yet?" Tang Qingshan asked curiously when he did not see Lin Yijun and Qiqi around.

"They're at Yijun's mother's place," Lu Chen replied.

His mansion was so huge that it still looked spacious even after Lin Dahai and his family had moved in.

Seeing Tang Dalong remaining silent, Tang Qingshan gave him a little nudge to prompt him to speak.

But Tang Dalong was always awkward when facing Lu Chen; he did not know where to start.

To be honest, he was forcibly brought over by his father on this day.

"Dalong, you can just speak frankly to me," Lu Chen said with a smile after seeing their reactions.

Since Lu Chen had started the conversation, Tang Dalong could only smile awkwardly and said, "President Lu, I

heard that the company is planning to send a senior manager over to Dali City to manage the Yi Qi Yuanzhou Group. I would... I would like to give it a try. But I'm not sure what kind of person you are looking for, President Lu?"

As the company's legal team returned before Lu Chen, his idea of sending someone from the higher management over to manage the Yi Qi Yuanzhou Group was leaked out.

Of course, Tang Dalong only got the news from one of the lawyers that he had been on good terms with.

He was a man with an annual pay of over a million by working as the Human Resources Manager at Yi Qi Technology now.

But this position was surely incomparable to a position to manage a business that was worth ten billion.

Since he was not considered as one of the company's decision-makers yet, he would definitely not be chosen if the selection process went as usual.

However, he had an advantage over others due to his relationship with Lu Chen's family.

In fact, he was not going to grab this opportunity at first, but it became impossible after his father had heard about it and forcibly brought him over.

Once this opportunity was seized, his son Tang Dalong would officially enter the Yi Qi Technology's decision-making management level.

Other than that, Tang Dalong's annual pay would definitely increase from million to over ten million.

Lu Chen looked at Tang Dalong.

To be honest, Tang Dalong had never crossed his mind when he thought about the candidate to manage the Yi Qi Yuanzhou Group in Dali City.

As Tang Dalong was only a Human Resources Manager, it was true that he was still not qualified enough to enter the decision-making level.

"Do you have the confidence? If you have, I

can give you a chance. But if you don't meet our requirements, I will have to bring you down too." Lu Chen decided that there was no harm in giving Tang Dalong a chance after considering for a while.

Anyway, this guy had studied abroad before. Perhaps he would be a fit as the Yi Qi Yuanzhou Group would mainly interact with foreign clients in the future.

"Yes! I have the confidence in managing the branch company!"

Tang Dalong became excited when he saw Lu Chen agree to his request.

To be honest, he had never expected that Lu Chen would agree to it.

As he did not like the idea of depending on connections, he would not come to Lu Chen if it were not his father forcibly dragging him along.

Still, he did not expect that Lu Chen would actually agree to his request.

"Lu, be rest assured. Dalong had always been an honest and clever man. He must be confident at the things that he had promised people. I'm sure that he'll manage the branch company well," said Tang Qingshan in an attempt to say something good for his own son out of excitement.

But he was not exaggerating either; Tang Dalong was indeed an honest man.

"Okay. I will give you a year's time. If you don't meet my requirement in one year, you can come back then," Lu Chen said.

Since Yi Qi Technology would keep expanding its business, of course Lu Chen would be willing to train Tang Dalong because more talents would be needed in the future.



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This incident would be resolved if Tang Dalong was assigned to Dali.

However, he would have to settle the affairs here before heading to Dali City.

Lu Chen had handed over this matter to Wang Wei. In the end, Wang Wei promoted the vice manager of the Human Resources Department to replace Tang Dalong. After that, he prepared to recruit a new vice manager.

After he started working, Lu Chen immediately got into contact with Li Qingcheng.

It was before New Year when they had planned to acquire an aircraft engine company to assemble the engine for YQ-01. After the news was disclosed, Lu Chen got a call from Li Qingcheng. He then told her that he would visit her engine production plant after New Year.

He took the initiative to contact Li Qingcheng on his first day of work, though he believed that Li Qingcheng would surely approach him a few days later even if he did not contact her first. However, too many things happened after that, so there was no time for him to waste.

Li Qingcheng's gorgeous face instantly brightened up when she received the call from Lu Chen.

She did not wait for her phone to ring any longer before picking up the phone the moment she saw that the call was from Lu Chen.

"President Lu, did you have fun during your holidays?" asked Li Qingcheng as she broke into a smile.

Although she knew that Lu Chen would not be able to see the smile on her face, Li Qingcheng still put on a smile, perhaps due to her work habit.

"Not bad. Right, let me get straight to the point. Do you remember telling me about taking us to your engine production plant before New Year? When will you be available?" Lu Chen straightforwardly asked.

"I am available today. It is only an hour flight to Qianyang since you own a private

plane," Li Qingcheng replied.

Even though she had other things planned for this day, she immediately postponed them without any second thoughts.

It was apparent that collaborating with Yi Qi Technology was more important than everything else.

"Alright. Come over to the Science and Technology Park, then we will head over to Qianyang together," answered Lu Chen before hanging up the call.

Li Qingcheng still kept her smile on her face for two minutes even after the call was hung up.

After composing herself, she then picked up her phone to call her secretary to let her come in her office.

"President Li." The secretary quickly came over to Li Qingcheng's office.

"Bring along the lawyers. We are going to pay Yi Qi Technology a visit," said Li Qingcheng.

"What? Yi Qi Technology has agreed to

collaborate with us?" The secretary stared at Li Qingcheng with a pleasantly surprised look.

It was before New Year when Li Qingcheng made a call seeking for collaboration. She knew that there must be good progress with the matter as they are about to head to Yi Qi Technology.

"Yes. We are bringing them over to Qianyang to have a look at our production plant," Li Qingcheng said as she nodded.

"Is it necessary to bring along the lawyers since we're only visiting the production plant? It might take a few days before we can arrive at any conclusion." According to her past experience, the secretary believed that Yi Qi Technology would not sign any agreements right away even if they have already agreed to collaborate with her company.

"Just bring them along," Li Qingcheng replied determinedly.

Of course, she knew that even if Lu Chen had agreed to collaborate with her, the chances of signing an agreement with her on this very day was quite slim; they might not even go into any negotiations yet, but she always liked to be well-prepared.

What if Lu Chen felt the urgency to negotiate with them right on the spot? Were they only going to call over the lawyers then and risk wasting Lu Chen's time?

Li Qingcheng's principle was that she would take up her own time to wait for her clients, rather than letting her clients wait for her.

"Alright." Since Li Qingcheng had insisted, the secretary could only nod and leave her office to start making the necessary arrangements.

Half an hour later, Li Qingcheng and her team finally showed up at the Science and Technology Park.

When Li Qingcheng met with Lu Chen, she was all smiles when she saw that he had brought his team of lawyers with him to Qianyang as well.

Her secretary could not help but feel at awe when she realized the disparity between Li Qingcheng and herself. It seemed like Lu Chen was also thinking of negotiating on this day if he had decided to settle on the production plant. Otherwise, he would not have brought his lawyers with him to Qiangyang.

Li Qingcheng's engine production plant was located at the new district in Jinyang. The government had given this newly-developed district a lot of preferential policies to attract a huge amount of businessmen to expand their businesses here.

Li Qingcheng had come here to build an engine production plant at that time.

However, her engine production plant manufactured vehicle engines; business was rather great and they did not experience any financial losses.

The reason Li Qingcheng wanted to sell the company's equity to Yi Qi Technology was because she wanted to take this as an opportunity to have more collaborations with Yi Qi Technology in the future.

She had foreseen the unlimited potential of Yi Qi Technology for the years to come.

Li Qingcheng's company would not make any breakthroughs in the near future if they weren't making any changes as they had run into a bottleneck.

Her ideals were for their family business to surpass the Four Great Families in her lifetime, or at least become on par with their standards.

The collaboration between her and Yi Qi Technology would give her the opportunity to achieve her goals in a short amount of time.

Her production plant was quite huge and was known as the Xun Jie Engines Group. The production plant took up such large tracts of land that it was enough to increase a few more production lines for aircraft engines.

The production of aircraft engines normally would not take up many production lines. Since his main purpose was to sell and assemble the sixthgeneration Extinguisher-100, Lu Chen felt that it would suffice to add another five production lines.

If they intended to export their aircrafts or

expand their facilities in the future, it would still be feasible.

Nevertheless, Xun Jie Engines Group owned five production lines for their vehicle engines. If they managed to seal the deal, Lu Chen would surely have to increase the number of vehicle engines production lines since he was planning to produce the Omni-Engine.

However, after observing the configurations of the plant and the site, they concluded that they had enough land for further expansion.

Li Qingcheng kept Lu Chen company, explaining the different scenarios to him along the way.

The manager of the production plant would then explain to Lu Chen when it came to things which she did not have a grasp of, hoping that Lu Chen would settle on their production plant.

"President Lu, what are your thoughts? The production plant is not far from your aircraft company and it has the capability to expand more production lines. We also have enough well-trained employees." Li

Qingcheng directed her question toward Lu Chen after they had finished their tour around the entire plant.

The thing was, Lu Chen did not express any opinion throughout the whole visit. Li Qingcheng started getting anxious because she could not figure out whether Lu Chen would settle on their production plant or not.

"Are you planning on a wholly owned subsidiary or are you only selling part of the company's equity?" asked Lu Chen.

He would certainly prefer a wholly owned subsidiary because he could take over the entire production plant at one go.

"I'm selling part of the company's equity," replied Li Qingcheng. If she sold the whole company to Lu Chen, how was she going to secure any more opportunities in collaborating with Yi Qi Technology?

That was why she could only sell part of the equity.

"If you're only selling part of the equity, my idea would be for Yi Qi Technology to take over the technical aspects and hold 70

percent of the shares. Of course, the profits made by the engines will be shared among us. Take your time to consider it." Lu Chen turned around and walked toward the office in the production plant after offering his proposal.



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For Lu Chen, he could live with earning less money, but he must have absolute control over the company's stakes.

This way, there would not be any situation that would spiral out of control when a conflict occurred in the future.

Furthermore, this acquisition case may look like Li Qingcheng was at the losing end but logically speaking, even if Li Qingcheng held 30 percent of the shares, she would still be gaining significant profits.

In addition to that, the YQ-01 aircraft engine had the core of a sixth-generation fighter jet which cost an exorbitant amount. Various fifth-generation fighter jet companies would want to purchase the core to upgrade their fifth-generation fighter jets to a generation 5.5 fighter jet, significantly closing the gap between their fifth-generation jets and the sixth-generation jets.

The Chengdu Aircraft Industry Group, the Shenyang Aircraft Corporation and the other local super aircraft companies were already preparing to purchase the YQ-01 aircraft engine from Yi Qi Technology to

upgrade their fifth-generation fighter jets.

There were also some international companies that had expressed their interest in negotiating with Yi Qi Technology on the possibility of purchasing the YQ-01 aircraft engine.

Of course, even if Lu Chen was willing to export this aircraft engine model, Beijing would surely prohibit him to do so because this sixth-generation aircraft engine was one of the most advanced technologies in the military; of course they would not allow the technology to be exported.

However, Lu Chen knew that once the second generation of the YQ aircraft engine had been developed, this model could then be exported.

By then, it would surely fetch a high price when sold internationally.

Nonetheless, although it might seem like Li Qingcheng was in a deficit, she would surely gain a huge profit if she was willing to look at it from a long term perspective.

"Fine, I think your solution is very pertinent, President Lu. Let's head to my office to

discuss further." Li Qingcheng did not hesitate at all before agreeing to Lu Chen's suggestion.

She must have thought of this solution before.

To be honest, technical skills were the most important factor in earning money. The technical skills which Lu Chen possessed were top-notch, and she had already given this a thought a few days ago. If Lu Chen came up with a solution like this, she would still agree to it even if he wanted 80 percent of the equity.

"You're a straightforward person, President Li. Let's go then. Our team happened to be here today so let's seize the opportunity to settle this matter today." Lu Chen put on a smile before walking to the office area.

The aerospace companies were still waiting for the YQ-01 to be dispatched at this moment so that they could build the sixth-generation fighter jets. Thus, he did not want to waste any time.

Furthermore, the military was also waiting for them to hand in the goods.

As for the smaller projects for production of the various materials for the sixth-generation fighter jets that were below one billion, Lu Chen did not ask about those; he just let Wang Wei and Xu Shuting handle those matters.

Nevertheless, to boost Chongqing's economic development, Lu Chen was prepared to pass down those projects to the local entrepreneurs in Chongqing to be the agents or to produce them.

The reasons behind his action was firstly, to boost the economic development of Chongqing, and secondly, to make preparations to establish the Chamber of Commerce.

If he was able to hand out more benefits, those companies that would collaborate with Yi Qi Technology would surely stand by his side.

The two companies had a smooth negotiation. Be it Lu Chen or Li Qingcheng, they were not the type of people who would bicker over petty benefits.

After signing the agreement, Li Qingcheng invited Lu Chen and his men to a

hospitable dinner at Qianyang before they returned to Chongqing.

The next day, Xu Shuting went to give Lu Chen a report the moment he arrived at the company.

"Young Master Lu, the Chen Family has won the project for the construction of the military base. They also secured the project for the production of the materials for the body of the sixth-generation fighter jets. They also want to obtain dealership for some of the miscellaneous parts, but I have yet to give them a reply," reported Xu Shuting.

Lu Chen nodded and said, "Give those two projects to them for the time being, but try to give the rest of the projects to some other decent companies."

"By the way, the Zhang Family, Liu Family and Zuo Family have also come to compete for the projects. Their offers were actually quite high. In fact, the offers were even higher than the Chen Family but we did not select them." Xu Shuting did so because she knew that these three great families had a big grudge against Lu Chen. Hence, it was impossible for them to

collaborate with those families.

The reason she told him about this was because she wanted to see how Lu Chen would react. She wanted to observe if they should collaborate with these three great families.

"We don't need to collaborate with those three great families for any of the projects," replied Lu Chen determinedly.

The three great families stood out only in terms of their complicated networking, but Lu Chen could not be bothered by their meagre amount of assets.

He even believed that in one year's time, or two at most, the Qingcheng Group was going to overtake these three great families.

Furthermore, if he wanted to nurture some companies, those companies which he had set his eyes on would surely surpass these three great families in a matter of a few years.

Lu Chen believed that those businesses that could obtain Yi Qi Technology's dealership would easily exceed the three great families in a few years' time.

Lu Chen was quite busy for the next few days because Ding Dacheng and the others had finally developed the supercomputer.

This computer also applied quantum technology but because of its super Al chip, its calculation speed was five times faster than the most advanced quantum computer that was available in the world.

This quantum computer, which was developed by China, was the most advanced computer in the world before Yi Qi Technology's supercomputer emerged.

However, if Yi Qi Technology announced this groundbreaking development to the world, the supercomputer would once again represent China in redefining the technology of computers in the world.

After countless testing to ensure it was error-free, Lu Chen finally decided to make this staggering news public.

As predicted, the world went crazy over the news when the announcement was made.

Countless media from all over the world fanatically covered this astonishing news for days because there was once again a breakthrough in quantum technology. This meant that China was going to surpass America and the Soviet Union in the fields of communication, information warfare and even aerospace.

Firstly, considering the matter of warfare, the wars in the future would surely be information-based; the party that had more information and the most accurate ones would increase their chances of winning by leaps and bounds.

Moreover, China had developed the sixthgeneration fighter earlier than America and the Soviet Union. If quantum technology was also applied in the military affairs, then China's military power would surely become unparalleled.

Yi Qi Technology had once again shaken the whole world within these few days. During the discussion among the leaders of different countries, 'Yi Qi Technology' was the term that had been mentioned the most times throughout their discussions.

Within the short period of a couple of

months, Yi Qi Technology had released three top-notch technological advancements in a row which had stunned the world; of course all the international leaders were astonished.

This was a threat, especially to America, as their status as the dominator was being challenged; they could not counter this move at all.

They had held a couple of important meetings during these few months to come up with a solution against Yi Qi Technology.

However, Yi Qi Technology did not expand internationally during this period, so they could not sanction Yi Qi Technology even though they wanted to.

What frustrated America the most was that the materials and technology which Yi Qi Technology used were all acquired independently; none of those items were imported.

This was largely due to the fact that China had the largest resource of rare-earth elements. So, with the acquiring of advanced material technologies, Yi Qi

Technology consequently could refine those materials on their own that were far more superior than the ones that were imported.

Since their self-refined materials had already exceeded the quality of the imported materials by leaps and bounds, there was no need for them to import those materials anymore.



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Lu Chen was going to negotiate with the Beijing leaders about the matter of the materials.

The rare-earth elements were materials that were indispensable in the production of military weapons and aircraft equipment. Although China was the country that had the most rare-earth element natural resources in the world, they had been exporting it for the past few decades. Furthermore, for most of the time, they would import those rare materials again after exporting them, paying a higher price for them.

Hence, Lu Chen was prepared to persuade those leaders to stand their ground against those foreign pressures and sell those materials that were going to be exported to him instead. After refining those rare-earth elements, he would then sell them to various major suppliers in the country at a low price.

This would bring countless advantages to the country, so he was confident that the leaders would see eye-to-eye with him about this.

They would surely understand where Yi Qi

Technology was coming from to have stated this proposal.

Of course, Lu Chen had his own ambitions by doing this.

As Yi Qi Technology would grow stronger, they would become a target to the world. By then, the other countries would surely want to restrict their expansion overseas.

Thus, he had to make the necessary preparations to be able to handle the changes in the international market in the future.

Yi Qi Technology's future priority would surely be the international market.

Coincidentally, these few days were the debut of the supercomputer, so Beijing had promptly sent its leader over.

Minister Liu Changfeng, the leader who previously came to negotiate with Yi Qi Technology, was still the one who came this time.

The reason Yi Qi Technology announced the supercomputer was to release the super Al chip.

The super AI chip could be employed for military applications and also in communication systems; these were two huge advantages, so Beijing immediately proceeded with the buyout of the product.

The negotiation went quite smoothly.

Besides China, this super AI chip could only be used by Yi Qi Technology for research and development from then on.

China had given Yi Qi Technology 50 billion as technological compensation. However, this compensation would be paid in a three-year-installment—the government would pay 30 billion in the first year and 10 billion in the next two years respectively.

Then, Lu Chen mentioned the issue of purchasing the rare-earth elements. After ensuring that Yi Qi Technology indeed possessed one of the most advanced refining techniques, Liu Changfeng immediately agreed to Lu Chen's request after having consulted with the Beijing counterpart.

Thus in the future, all the rare-earth elements would not be exported anymore. Instead, all of them would be sold to Yi Qi Technology.

As soon as this news was reported, the whole world was sent into shock again.

The rare-earth elements were materials that multiple countries were competing among themselves to get their hands on. Now that China suddenly announced this news, of course it would cause a stir among the countries.

Countless countries stood forward to voice their objections, requesting China to revoke this foolish decision and to continue exporting the rare-earth elements as usual.

Nevertheless, China did not respond to those requests.

A week later, foreign media suddenly noticed that China was testing a few supersonic weapons. According to preliminary calculations, its speed was eight times faster than the speed of sound, completely exceeding the speed of all the fifth-generation fighter jets and the air defense systems of other countries.

Three days later, the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces announced that they had successfully tested mounting guided missiles on the sixth-generation fighter jets that had been bought in from Yi Qi Technology; the guided missiles would be mounted on the fighter jets within a month.

This model of guided missile was called the Supersonic Electromagnetic Bullet; its impact and speed were far more superior than railguns.

The moment this news got out, all the media who were pushing China to revoke the decision of banning the export of rareearth elements were left speechless.

It was a bitter pill for them to swallow.

On the other hand, this was exciting news for the people of China.

They were now able to leave America and the other great countries speechless with just one model of weapon alone; this was a first in history.

On this day, Yi Qi Technology had made the local headlines once more.

For the next couple of months, Lu Chen had planned to invest ten billion to build a

factory to refine the rare-earth elements; he was also planning to establish a rareearth elements company.

With the advancement of science and technology, the importance of rare-earth elements was gradually coming to light.

Not only were the rare-earth elements applicable in the military and aerospace industry, they were also required in daily applications for civilian use; they were becoming more widely-used.

Lu Chen was planning to build the rareearth elements company in the Middle Sea, but before this, he still had a Chamber of Commerce to establish first.

This was also a result that every relevant party was hoping to see.

Yi Qi Technology did not gain power for its own sake, but it had also driven many businesses in Chongqing into a stage of rapid development. Chen Guangxing was not the only one who was hoping that Lu Chen would build a Chamber of Commerce; even Xie Weihao had brought up this matter when Minister Liu Changfeng came for the negotiation

previously.

He hoped that while Yi Qi Technology spearheaded the business efforts in Chongqing, they would also boost the growth of more businesses at the same time.

Political achievement was one of the agendas as well. If a leader like Xie Weihao was born in the ancient days, he would be an extremely important minister of the dynasty, thus he hoped that the people would be able to improve their standards of living under his rule.

Just when Lu Chen was making preparations for the establishment of the Chamber of Commerce, an intense quarrel was happening in a luxurious mansion in Beijing.

"Uncle, since we have confirmed that Lu Chen was the one who killed Aunt Bieqing, why are we still not avenging her?" Xiao Anyi asked Xiao Tai, the patriarch of the Xiao Family.

Xiao Anyi, who was Xiao Tai's nephew, was a junior in the Xiao Family. Nonetheless, he was a young man who had the most potential in the Xiao Family.

He had been under Xiao Bieqing's good care since young. After knowing that Xiao Bieqing was killed by Lu Chen, he had been wanting to seek revenge for his aunt ever since.

"Anyi, your aunt's cultivation wasn't any less superior than mine, and yet she was no match for Lu Chen. Even if I fight against him, surely I can't beat him as well," explained Xiao Tai.

"Uncle, Lu Chen must have used a modernized weapon to be able to kill Aunt Bieqing. The reason Lan Ling was annihilated in Kokang was because she fell into his trap and his army wiped everyone out. We are now within our own country, so his army cannot enter here. Furthermore, we have Yun Zhongqi in our hands. If he doesn't obey our instructions, we can just kill him. Isnt it simple?" asked Xiao Anyi confidently.

"The only thing I'm worried about is the possibility that Lu Chen doesn't care if Yun Zhongqi is alive or dead. Moreover, Lu Tianxing has returned to the Lu Family. I heard that the brother of the Lu Family's

patriarch is barely hanging in there. Lu
Tianxing wants to exit the mountain again
and take over the position as the patriarch
of the family. If he gets wind that we were
the ones who killed his son when he
becomes the Lu Family's patriarch, he
would surely stop at nothing to battle the
Xiao Family," said Xiao Tai.

"Then what should we do? Are we not going to seek revenge for Aunt Bieqing?" asked Xiao Anyi with a frown.

"We'll patiently wait for the right opportunity. Lu Chen nearly exterminated the entire Lan Family. The Lan Family will surely not let him off the hook. We'll wait for the Lan Family to make their move first. After that, we'll reap in the benefits as the third party," said Xiao Tai as he shook his head.

Xiao Anyi returned to his residence feeling discontented; he was very displeased with Xiao Tai.

"Young Master Yi, the patriarch is a coward. Why don't we bring Yun Zhongqi to Chongqing and make Lu Chen meet us alone? I refuse to believe we still can't kill that one single brat with our forces

combined." After Xiao Anyi returned home, Xiao Dapeng, who was his bodyguard, made this suggestion to him.

Being Xiao Anyi's bodyguard and also one of the older experts in the Xiao Family, his skills were considerably strong.

After hesitating for a second, Xiao Anyi immediately agreed with Xiao Dapeng's suggestion. "Great, we'll do that. I'll see if Uncle Xiao Tai will be embarrassed at his own cowardice or not when the time comes."



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On the same day, Lu Chen was preparing to head to work when he received a phone call from an unknown caller. As he pulled his phone out to take a look, he saw that it was a number from Beijing. Immediately, he figured out that it might be from either the Xiao Family or one of those leaders in Beijing.

A cold smirk tugged on his lips, and he picked up the call.

"This is Lu Chen, right? If you want to ensure Yun Zhongqi's life, come over to Geleshan. Remember—you can only come alone. Otherwise, be prepared to collect Yun Zhongqi's corpse instead." The caller didn't wait for Lu Chen to reply before hanging up.

"Go to Geleshan," Lu Chen said to Lin Tong.

Lin Tong had been the one driving Lu Chen around when he was in Chongging.

To be honest, Lu Chen had thought about changing drivers, because the Three Marquises of the Water Margin had been busy; Song Hai had taken over the reins of the Sakura Ring, while Shi Jin had become

a general. Lu Chen wanted to let Lin Tong do whatever he wished.

However, Lin Ting said that he wanted to drive Lu Chen around, so he could only nod and follow along.

At any rate, Lu Chen wouldn't treat him badly even if he was just a chauffeur.

"Young Master, what's the situation?"

"Someone has kidnapped a person who is very important to me," Lu Chen said in a flat tone.

"Do you want me to call the Sakura Ring?" Lin Tong asked.

Although he mainly chauffeured Lu Chen around, Lin Tong still had a high ranking in the Sakura Ring.

Lu Chen shook his head and said, "No. Just focus on driving; I'll call Xu Jing."

As he spoke, he dialed Xu Jing's number. After discussing his plans with Xu Jing, Lu Chen then hung up the phone.

It was apparent that the Sakura Ring

wouldn't be able to resolve such a situation. Only the might from the Science and Technology Park would do.

Once the schools at the Science and Technology Park were established, Qiqi began attending classes there. Therefore, Xu Jing spent most of his time training the security guards over at the park.

Of course, Lu Chen had also given him the position of Vice Manager of Security. However, his role was different from other vice managers; he wasn't in charge of managing security. Instead, Xu Jing was only responsible for training the guards.

Half an hour later, Lu Chen instructed Lin Tong to stop the car after he had driven them over to the manor estate at Geleshan's peak.

He felt that the other party should be somewhere around the estate.

Lu Chen pulled out his phone to call the mysterious caller, who picked the phone up almost instantly.

Lu Chen asked, "I've already reached Geleshan Villa Estate. Where are you?"

The other person was obviously caught off guard. He probably hadn't expected Lu Chen to rush over this quickly.

However, that pause was simply momentary. "We're in the fifth villa. Remember—come alone, or you'll be picking up a corpse."

"Alright, I'm here alone." With that, Lu Chen ended the call.

"Young Master, let me come with you. I can watch your back," said Lin Tong.

Lu Chen shook his head and got out of the car. "You don't have to. Even if you did, you can't help me."

Lin Tong nodded. He knew that his strength paled greatly in comparison to Lu Chen's. If Lu Chen himself couldn't handle it, he certainly wouldn't be of any use there.

"Young Master, take this." As he spoke, Lin Tong handed over his revolver—which came with a silencer on it—to Lu Chen.

Lu Chen raised an eyebrow as he took the revolver from him.

Even though he was confident that he could take care of this, he would be able to catch the enemy offguard with a gun in his hand.

Lu Chen hid the gun. He took note of the numbers on the villas and headed deeper into the estate.

He soon arrived at Villa 5. Seeing as how there were no security guards by the entrance, he simply strode in.

"Are you Lu Chen?"

Right at that moment, a group of twelve to thirteen people emerged from the manor, surrounding Lu Chen in an instant.

It was Xiao Anyi, Xiao Dapeng and the others.

"The Xiao Family?" Lu Chen raised an eyebrow as he questioned them in a dull voice.

"Looks like you've got eyes, twerp. It is precisely I, Xiao Anyi, the eldest son of the Xiao Family. Xiao Bieqing, whom you killed with your very own hands, was my aunt. I am here today to avenge her death," said

Xiao Anyi as he chuckled coldly.

"So, it was indeed you guys," said Lu Chen in a calm and composed manner.

"Since you are aware of it, put your hands up and surrender. I am going to take your head and place it on my aunt's grave as an offering!" Xiao Anyi uttered in a dangerous, vicious tone.

"Well then, that depends on whether you have the ability to see your will through." Lu Chen looked at Xiao Anyi with a cruel gaze, his eyes filled with displeasure.

Prior to crossing paths with Xiao Bieqing, he had always thought that the Xiao Family were strong and powerful figures. In fact, he did not even dare to reveal his true identity for over half a year.

It wasn't until he killed Xiao Bieqing that he realized they weren't as strong as he had imagined them to be.

Xiao Anyi was merely someone junior to Xiao Bieqing. Judging by how he had the guts to come to Chongqing alone to look for him, Lu Chen knew that Xiao Anyi was certainly a pompous and presumptuous man.

Arrogant people were typically not that strong.

"Hmph, you think you're so powerful? Let me test your abilities then." Xiao Dapeng snorted coldly. He took a step forward before sending his fist straight towards Lu Chen.

Lu Chen neither evaded the blow, nor did he take it head-on; instead, he retaliated with his own punch.

#### Bam!

Their fists collided with each other. Lu
Chen was completely unaffected, but Xiao
Dapeng only managed to regain his
bearings after staggering several steps
backward.

Lu Chen's strength had improved quite a great deal since his clash with Xiao Bieqing a few months ago. To top it off, Xiao Dapeng was nowhere close to being Xiao Bieqing's match.

With such an immense gap between their abilities, Xiao Dapeng couldn't even keep

up with any of Lu Chen's blows.

Xiao Anyi and the rest of the Xiao Family couldn't help but pale in horror. It was clear that they hadn't imagined Lu Chen's strength to be this terrifying.

Did Xiao Bieqing really get herself killed by Lu Chen when she went up alone against him?

Why was he such a monster?!

In an instant, Xiao Anyi had somewhat regretted his decision. He realized that he should have listened to his uncle and stifled his desire for revenge for the time being.

"Your subordinate is such trash. Why not come and face me yourself?" Lu Chen looked at Xiao Anyi, smiling wickedly all this while.

The color drained from Xiao Anyi's face; Xiao Dapeng was his bodyguard, and he was way more powerful than Xiao Anyi. If Xiao Dapeng couldn't take any of Lu Chen's attacks, wouldn't Xiao Anyi be walking towards his own death if he tried to take Lu Chen by himself?

"Get him!"

Upon hearing Xiao Anyi's furious shriek, a dozen or so of the most powerful Xiao Family members charged toward Lu Chen.

Xiao Dapeng quickly joined the fray once he regained his breath.

He didn't believe that they would fail to defeat Lu Chen with their numbers.

However, he was shocked once again; apart from himself, everyone else did not even have the chance to fight back against Lu Chen.

Whoever Lu Chen struck was basically incapacitated in an instant.

In just a minute, only Lu Chen and Xiao Dapeng were left standing.

By then, Xiao Anyi had already entered the manor.

"The Xiao Family members are truly such vermin. With that puny strength of yours, how dare you come all the way to Chongqing to exact revenge on me?" Lu Chen stared at Xiao Dapeng in displeasure.

Xiao Dapeng had taken several punches from Lu Chen straight-on. By now, he had suffered some internal injuries; blood could be seen trickling from his mouth.

His fury came to a fever pitch at Lu Chen's mockery. Just like that, he spat out a huge glob of blood.

"You brat, kneel right now if you don't want Yun Zhongqi to die!"

Right at this moment, Xiao Anyi came back with a restrained Elder Yun.



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Elder Yun had long lost the relaxed demeanor he had the last time Lu Chen saw him.

Right now, Elder Yun was an old man who had lost the will to live after being tortured by Xiao Anyi for so long. His eyes were hollow and his breaths were weak. It seemed as though he could die at any moment.

Lu Chen's heart clenched at the sight of Elder Yun. A gleam of murderous intent flashed through his eyes.

Just as Xiao Dapeng was Xiao Anyi's bodyguard, Elder Yun was also someone who protected Lu Chen. He was the one who taught Lu Chen almost all of his martial arts knowledge and other skills ever since Lu Chen was a child.

He should have called Elder Yun 'Master', but Elder Yun refused that term of address.

That was how they formed a masterstudent relationship that was also rather like a friendship.

Since the Xiao Family had tortured Elder

Yun relentlessly because of Lu Chen, Lu Chen decided to end the Xiao Family then and there.

"You twerp, I know that he's your master. If you want to save him, kneel down before me. Otherwise, I will snap his neck!" Xiao Anyi threatened once again.

Elder Yun shook his head at Lu Chen, signaling for him not to follow Xiao Anyi's order.

"Are you going to kneel?" Xiao Anyi asked in a low voice. The grip he had on Elder Yun tightened.

"Stop it!"

Murderous intent flashed through Lu Chen's eyes again, but upon seeing Elder Yun's pained expression, his heart sank. In the end, he slowly kneeled.

Right before Lu Chen's knees were about to make contact with the floor, a suddenpewresounded —a bullet had driven itself right through Xiao Anyi's head.

Lu Chen raised his head and realized that it was Xu Jing who fired the bullet. He had

just arrived in the nick of time.

Xu Jing had used a silencer with his gun. By the time Xiao Anyi realized that something was amiss, it was already too late for him to dodge. Just like that, he took a bullet to his head.

Seeing this, Lu Chen dashed right over to Elder Yun.

Xu Jing, on the other hand, opened fire on Xiao Dapeng.

Xiao Dapeng could have evaded the bullets, but all he could think of was Xiao Anyi's safety. By the time his body caught up, he couldn't dodge any of the shots as well. However, none of the bullets struck him in his vital areas.

Xu Jing had purposely left him alive; otherwise, he would have long since put a bullet in Xiao Dapeng's head.

Lu Chen went to check on Elder Yun and realized that he had been poisoned. Right then, Elder Yun couldn't even speak.

"Lu Chen, how should I handle these guys?" Xu Jing asked.

"Kill all of them and get Song Hai to dispose of the corpses," Lu Chen said in a frigid tone.

"Lu Chen, you can't kill me!" Xiao Dapeng hastily begged for mercy.

"Why don't you give me a reason for not killing you?" Lu Chen looked at Xiao Dapeng with contempt.

"That's because you have already killed Xiao Anyi. If you kill me, we, the Xiao Family, will certainly never let you rest!" Xiao Dapeng threatened him.

"Is that so? Oh dear, I'm so scared. Well then, let them come at me."

Lu Chen chuckled coldly and pulled out his gun. He aimed it right at Xiao Dapeng's head and pulled the trigger.

Xiao Dapeng's eyes widened. However, before he could even form a thought, he died just like that.

Even when he died, he didn't get the mercy of closing his eyes.

Lu Chen didn't stop right there after killing

Xiao Dapeng. Instead, he turned his gun on the rest of the Xiao Family members and opened fire on them.

How dare the Xiao Family torture Elder Yun into such a state? He had already bore a heavy grudge against said family.

After shooting several times, a few stragglers clambered up and made a hasty exit towards the villa's entrance.

However, how could they possibly outrun a bullet?

Xu Jing had also been among the most elite back when he was still amongst the troops' ranks. With a few consecutive pulls on the trigger, the last of the Xiao Family were left to lie in a pool of their own blood.

After putting his revolver away, Xu Jing took his phone out to call Song Hai. He explained the situation to him before ending the call and sending his location to Song Hai.

Lu Chen, however, called Lin Tong and instructed him to drive over to the villa.

A few minutes later, Lin Tong arrived in his

car and stopped it in front of Lu Chen, who then helped Elder Yun into it.

He wasn't sure what kind of poison the Xiao Family had forced down Elder Yun. The only thing he could do was to send him to the hospital in order to administer an antidote.

The doctors immediately ran tests on Elder Yun as soon as he was taken to the hospital. Even so, Lu Chen was relieved—Elder Yun's poison wasn't one without an antidote. The doctors even said that it could be neutralized as they had some plasma on hand that could counteract it; Elder Yun would simply need to rest for one or two days before he could fully recover.

However, what surprised the doctors was that Elder Yun returned to being as right as rain half an hour after they had injected him with the plasma.

Elder Yun was someone who was skilled in the way of martial arts. After dozens of years of practice and honing his body, he was physically sturdier and hardier than most young people.

Once the poison had been neutralized, his inner energy began to recover gradually.

Once his inner energy had returned to how it was, Elder Yun would certainly regain his strength.

"He's a master in martials arts; that's why his body is how it is." Seeing how taken aback the doctors were, Lu Chen explained it to them.

"A master in martial arts? Is he like the masters in those martial arts novels?" exclaimed a pretty nurse.

"More or less." Lu Chen chuckled. He thanked the doctors before leaving the hospital with Elder Yun.

After they got in the car, Lu Chen asked curiously, "Elder Yun, how did you end up in the Xiao Family's clutches?"

Judging from their level of martial arts, one could easily tell that the Xiao Family were not that powerful. Someone of Elder Yun's caliber would have surely defeated them.

"Ah, please do not bring it up anymore; I

was careless and fell into their trap." Elder Yun sighed. He seemed to be recalling the events that happened.

"A year ago, Xiao Zhiyuan said that he wished to challenge me, and I agreed to it. Who would have thought that he would poison my tea? I have been friends with him for decades now. I hadn't expected him to become a dog to the Xiao Family," said Elder Yun.

"Xiao Zhiyuan?" Lu Chen was at a loss for words. "Weren't you there when I was participating in the Stone Gambling Competition at the Middle Sea? Even back then, Xiao Zhiyuan was no match for me; how could he possibly challenge you?"

"Ah, I didn't know that you were in the competition. Had I known about it earlier, I would've guessed that Xiao Zhiyuan had ulterior motives."

If he had known that Xiao Zhiyuan couldn't even beat Lu Chen at stone gambling, Elder Yun would have been more alert when he issued that challenge.

"Never mind. Leave the Xiao Family to me; I will destroy them once I have the time to

do so," Lu Chen said with a shake of his head.

"I have heard of your current strength now. You have done well; nevertheless, do not commit too many massacres. It will not bode well for your reputation," said Elder Yun.

"Reputations are nothing before absolute might. I created a grudge that could not be resolved back when I killed Xiao Bieqing. What's more, I have also killed so many of the Xiao Family members today—they will certainly not let this go." Lu Chen shook his head.

"Yes, that is true. However, your father had been troubled for several days when he heard that you killed Xiao Bieqing," Elder Yun said as he nodded.

"You know where my father is?" Lu Chen looked at Elder Yun upon hearing that. He had asked Lu Zhong years ago, but Lu Zhong was unable to tell him anything. This meant that both his father and Elder Yun had always been concerned about him.



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