"Your father had gone back to his family at the end of last year. From what I've heard, your second uncle is seriously ill, so your grandfather wanted your father to go back and be the family's next patriarch," said Elder Yun.

"I wonder why he never got in touch with me despite knowing everything about me. Is it because I killed Xiao Bieqing? He wasn't the one who caused it in the first place," said Lu Chen, who was quite baffled.

"He might have something else in mind. Mainly, he doesn't have much influence back home, and it is likely that many people won't be listening to him even if he becomes the family patriarch. The Lu Family's situation is extremely complicated; perhaps that's why he doesn't want to expose your identity," explained Elder Yun.

Lu Chen nodded without questioning any further. Suddenly, he asked, "By the way, Elder Yun, where is my family actually located?"

He had always wanted to know the answer to this question ever since he discovered

his identity.

He had asked Lu Zhong before, but Lu Zhong said that he couldn't let him on about it because Lu Chen's father didn't want to tell him. Therefore, the question remained unanswered until now.

Elder Yun hesitated at Lu Chen's question. Eventually, he answered, "The Lu Family is now at Pruce Island in Europe. They are the de facto ruler of that island country; therefore, do not go back rashly until you have absolute power, or they will tear you into pieces."

Lu Chen raised his brows at Elder Yun's words. What's the point of me going back if they really are this kind of people? he thought to himself.

He was only surprised by the fact that the Lu Family was in control of an island country in Europe. This was way more impressive than other Hidden Families!

Of course, upon hearing Elder Yun's explanation, he finally understood the reason why his father didn't want to get in touch with him for fear of exposing his presence.

But...

Lu Chen curled his lips into a sneer. No matter how powerful the Lu Family were, their influence couldn't reach beyond Europe. If they came to China—especially Chongqing—they would have to submit themselves to him.

"Elder Yun, why don't you stay in Chongqing and spend the rest of your life here?" said Lu Chen all of a sudden.

Since Elder Yun was pushing 80 years old, he wanted Elder Yun to stay. Lu Chen felt that Elder Yun should have some rest instead of continuing to run errands for his father.

Elder Yun gave it a thought and nodded. He then said with a smile, "That's a good idea. I'll stay to help you teach Qiqi then."

Lu Chen's eyes lit up. He smiled and said, "That's great!"

It would be a blessing for Qiqi to have Elder Yun teaching her, since he was a knowledgeable man; it was Elder Yun who taught him almost all of his skills. Lu Chen was excited that Elder Yun decided to stay. Qiqi could only learn knowledge from those teachers, but she could learn all kinds of survival skills and techniques from Elder Yun.

Although his children would never have to worry about their survival given his current accomplishments, it was only natural for every father to hope that his children would have a bright future.

Following that, Lu Chen put all of his focus on setting up the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce's premises was set up at a five-star hotel which belonged to the Chen Family. Since the Chen Family donated the five-star hotel for public use, Lu Chen suggested waiving their membership fees as well as giving them priority on many matters in the future.

The other members of the Chamber of Commerce had some criticism about this, but they chose to discuss their opinions in private rather than amplifying the matter.

Nearly half of the entire Chongqing's enterprises joined the Chamber of

Commerce on the day it was founded. The other half were mostly enterprises which had close ties to the Three Great Families; they refused to join the Chamber of Commerce until the Three Great Families did.

The remaining enterprises were taking a wait-and-see approach; not every businessman was willing to pay the annual membership fee of one million.

The membership fees would be managed by the Chamber of Commerce's foundation. The money was for public use, and would be used for investments aside from regular expenditure. If the investments made money, the Chamber of Commerce would distribute the dividends among its members. If the investments suffered a loss, everyone in the Chamber of Commerce would lose money together.

Of course, not much money would be made from investing such a small amount of money. However, if the investments were well managed, the Chamber of Commerce's members would be able to recover their costs.

The Chamber of Commerce's main

purpose was to drive the development of Chongqing's economy while supporting weaker enterprises. This effort was mainly led by Yi Qi Technology and the Chen Family. Therefore, Lu Chen was eventually chosen as the Chamber of Commerce's Chairman, while Chen Guangxing held the position of Vice Chairman.

On the other hand, Li Qingcheng, who had risen to prominence, held the position of General Manager; this was equal to the Director's position in the organization.

The other positions in the Chamber of Commerce were also filled after a round of selection from the members.

However, Lu Chen was surprised when Chen Guangxing recommended Chen Churan as his assistant.

Upon seeing Lu Chen's stare, Chen Guangxing said with a laugh, "Don't stare at me like that. It's my daughter who insisted on coming; I'm only conveying her wishes to you. Just make a call and refuse her if you don't want my daughter to be your assistant."

"Why don't you make the call to refuse her

yourself?" Lu Chen was a bit speechless, but he didn't give much thought about it. After all, it would be good to have an assistant. That way, he wouldn't have to come to the Chamber of Commerce whenever something came up.

With an assistant to represent him, he wouldn't need to handle many matters personally.

His purpose of setting up the association was to make more enterprises flourish, not to have people flattering him at the Chamber of Commerce's premises every day.

"She would have listened to me if my words had an effect on her," said Chen Guangxing with a wry laugh.

"Well, let her come then. Allow me for being blunt, though—I'm very strict with my people. If she is unable to bear the hardship later on, don't blame me for not saving your face," said Lu Chen with a smile.

"You don't have to save my face. If she can't bear the hardship, I'll just let her go back and learn martial arts with her

grandfather," replied Chen Guangxing with a smile.

Chen Churan finally reported for duty on the evening before the meeting.

"What would you like me to do, Chairman?" She looked at Lu Chen, smiling.

Lu Chen looked up and saw Chen Churan in a business attire that perfectly showed off her figure. She looked like a professional assistant indeed.

He raised his brows in response and said, "You can start by cleaning the desks and chairs."

Chen Churan was stunned; she had not expected Lu Chen to have her clean the office.

She pursed her lips in displeasure. Alright then, since you've asked me to clean the room, I have no choice but to do it, she thought.

However, she soon realized that the entire office was as clean as a pin—there wasn't a speck of dust at all.

Nevertheless, she took a towel and pretended to wipe down the furniture.

After half an hour, Chen Churan put the towel down and walked to Lu Chen's desk. She said, "Chairman, I'm done cleaning."

"Okay. You may rest for a while. We're going for a meeting soon," said Lu Chen casually without raising his head.

He was running over his script to see what he could do to his first speech at the Chamber of Commerce in order to arouse everyone's enthusiasm.

Giving a speech was an art, but it wasn't Lu Chen's specialty. Thus, he had to do some last-minute preparations.

It wasn't that he wanted to make things difficult for Chen Churan, but he was in no mood to map out her job.

However, Chen Churan thought that Lu Chen was deliberately giving her a hard time. Her face puffed up in anger as she decided to sit on the sofa and fiddle with her cell phone.

She wasn't afraid that Lu Chen would

criticize her since it was him who asked her to take some rest in the first place.

After another half an hour had passed, it was finally time for the meeting. Lu Chen put his speech draft away only to find Chen Churan fiddling with her phone, which made him quite speechless.

However, he didn't make any comment about it. "Let's go for the meeting," he said.



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The presentation for the Chamber of Commerce went so well that Lu Chen himself was surprised by it; he felt like he did not present it to the best he could.

However, he forgot that with his current stature, he did not need any extravagant vocabularies to perform well in his presentation. All he needed to do was to draw out a blueprint for everyone and let every member see some hope within it. That was enough to convince everyone to believe in his plan.

Those projects from Yi Qi Technology alone were enough for the entire Chamber of Commerce to digest.

Furthermore, with Lu Chen and Chen Guangxing's influence, in addition to the support from Li Qingcheng who was gradually working her way to the top, they had an absolute advantage over the Three Great Families when competing for government projects.

Thus, everyone had their utmost confidence in the future of the Chamber of Commerce.

After returning home at night, Lin Yijun had

already prepared dinner.

"Could you relocate several bodyguards from the Science and Technology Park? I was hoping you could help me protect this person," asked Lin Yijun, taking out a photograph to show it to Lu Chen during dinner.

Lu Chen then took the photograph from Lin Yijun and examined it. It was a photo of a tall woman who had exquisite facial features. She had a slender body, and was walking on a red carpet; behind her was the name of a film festival.

"This must be a rising star," said Lu Chen as he glanced at the photograph. One year ago, he had hired a group of popstars to attend his concert, but he did not notice this female star.

"Yes, she just rose to fame today. Her name is Hu Yue. I heard that she has a high chance of winning the Best Actress Award for this film festival. She is currently the latest trending star of the younger generation. Didn't Ding Dacheng give us a few projects for our latest products? I was thinking of inviting her to be the ambassador of our latest products," said

Lin Yijun.

Lu Chen nodded. Unlike Yi Qi Technology, Lin Yijun's Dong Jia Electronics did not need to do any advertisements; they only needed an official post to shock the world.

Not many people knew about Dong Jia Electronics. Unless they could find some stars to promote their products or advertise them on television and the Internet, it was quite difficult to promote their products—especially new ones.

"These stars nowadays are so full of themselves. Who is going to kidnap her? Is there a need for a bodyguard to protect her?" Lu Chen shook his head as he felt that Hu Yue was a show-off. He had hired countless superstars over the years, and none of them needed protection.

Nevertheless, he still took his phone out to take a photo of Hu Yue's picture. He then sent it to Xu Jing, instructing him with the task of escorting her.

"This was a request from her management company. Let's just cooperate with them. By the way, she will be arriving at the airport at one o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow," said Lin Yijun.

Lu Chen gave her a nod before sending Hu Yue's itinerary to Xu Jing.

After receiving Lu Chen's instructions, Xu Jing arrived at the airport half an hour in advance the next day.

As soon as he arrived at the airport, he saw a group of youngsters gathered outside of the airport, crowding the area.

Some of them were holding up banners with words like 'Hu Yue, we love you' written on it. Xu Jing immediately knew that these were fans of the star whom he was there to pick up.

Xu Jing was not really into movies or TV series, so he could not wrap his head around these stars. He was even more confused by these hardcore fans, wondering what was going on in their minds.

However, he did know that these die-hard fans were usually out of their minds.

Hence, he did not squeeze into the crowd because he did not want to stir up any

unnecessary trouble.

"Yesterday, Miss Hu said that she'll be arriving at the airport at one o'clock today. It's already half-past-one; I'm so excited that I'm about to meet my idol!" A girl who looked like she was 17 or 18 years old held up her phone while talking to the people beside her in excitement.

"Me too, I'm so nervous as well. I didn't expect that Miss Hu Yue would come to Chongqing." One of the girls nodded, feeling thrilled.

"This is my first time meeting a popstar up close. Moreover, she is my ultimate idol. I can't take it anymore; I think I'm about to faint."

Xu Jing furrowed his brows as he listened to the crazy conversations among the crowd. These fans are really insane, he thought to himself.

He retreated to one side as he glanced at the time. Hu Yue was about to exit in a few more minutes, so he leaned against the hood of his car to take a smoke.

Just as Xu Jing finished smoking his

cigarette, he suddenly heard a loud scream coming from the entrance of the airport. Turning his gaze toward the commotion, he could see a group of people screaming at the top of their lungs at the entrance, frantically waving the banners in their hands.

Then, four bodyguards in black walked out with a demeanor that warned people not to get close to them. Behind them was a beautiful lady wearing a scarf.

Although her sunglasses had covered half of her face, people could still recognize her. She was Hu Yue, the superstar.

A woman in her 30s following Hu Yue from behind was also wearing a pair of sunglasses.

There were four more bodyguards behind her assistant.

With a total of eight bodyguards escorting her, it was a huge convoy. Xu Jing had seen one other person with such a treatment before, and that was Lin Yijun.

However, in her case, it could not be helped because Lin Yijun had been

kidnapped twice. Naturally, they had to take precautionary measures.

Does Hu Yue, the superstar, also have many enemies like Lu Chen?

Xu Jing shook his head and was left speechless.

You already have eight bodyguards—yet you are complaining that it isn't enough, asking Lu Chen to bring some more. Even the President does not necessarily have treatment like yours.

Luckily, Lu Chen had only sent me over. If not, people might think that Yi Qi Technology really cares about a trending star like you.

When the fans started taking photos, the assistant behind Hu Yue scolded, "No photos allowed!"

Xu Jing was baffled. You told your fans to welcome you, but you don't allow them to take photos of you. What kind of logic is this? She is so full of herself.

At this moment, Xu Jing was confused by these fans.

It is plain to see that superstar Hu Yue wanted you guys to come just to increase her publicity.

Luckily, my girlfriend doesn't idolize any stars. If not, she might drive me crazy, Xu Jing thought to himself.

When Hu Yue exited the airport and saw that nobody from Dong Jia Electronics was there to welcome her, she instantly became displeased and said, "Assistant Liu, where are the people from Dong Jia Electronics? Why haven't they arrived yet? Don't they know that I arrive at one o'clock?"

"I'll ask them right away." Assistant Liu was also getting upset. This just showed that Dong Jia Electronics was not giving them any respect at all.

"You don't have to call anyone. I'm here to pick you guys up." Xu Jing forced his way through the crowd before talking to the assistant.

Hu Yue glanced at Xu Jing from head to toe before asking in an irritated tone, "Dong Jia Electronics only sent you?" "Yes." Xu Jing nodded. He then added with confidence, "I alone can protect you."

Hu Yue glared at Xue Jing in disdain after hearing Xu Jing's remark. She then folded her arms, not uttering a single word anymore.

Xu Jing was stunned. He did not understand what Hu Yue was trying to do. At this moment, Assistant Liu went ballistic.



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