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Second Elder...”

Du Heng frowned and said, “A few days ago, the Second Elder said he wanted to go to Mexico for a visit, so I arranged for someone to send him there.”

Wu Yongzhen breathed a sigh of relief and nodded, saying, “That’s good. If he were in America, it would be a bit troublesome. If he discovered something and reported back to the wise ruler, we’d be in trouble.”

With that, Wu Yongzhen waved his hand and said, “Alright, go ahead. Proceed according to plan.”

“Yes, Grand Commander.” Du Heng bowed respectfully, turned, and left.

The current headquarters of the Left Army Commander’s Office is located in Miami’s affluent area. However, for ease of movement, the Left Army Commander’s Office did not set up its headquarters on the most valuable artificial island. Instead, it built a medium-sized yacht club directly in the bay. The club is next to the dock, and many yachts come and go every day, making it relatively less likely to attract outside attention.

Moreover, there are both land and water routes for entry and exit, which greatly enhances security.

Wu Yongzhen chose Miami for this rotation because of the Getty family, a connection he saw as a scholar. He could use the Getty family to secretly sell unplanned shale oil production.

To facilitate communication, Rachel’s mother bought a yacht and registered it under the name of this yacht club. This way, she could explain her relationship with the Left Army Governor’s Office to the Getty family. Du Heng, in her image, was a member she happened to know at the yacht club. Du Heng managed several shale oil production companies, and the Getty family was deeply involved in the oil refining industry; everyone could get what they wanted.

The Getty family didn't suspect this connection. After all, people joined yacht clubs, cigar clubs, and even private island clubs for certain businessmen to cultivate various relationships. Encountering supply chain partners at yacht clubs was commonplace.

With the cover and guise of this yacht club, Du Heng's access to the Getty family's artificial island seemed perfectly legitimate.

He simply drove his mid-sized yacht from the yacht club's dock to the Getty family's island.

Rachel's mother was already waiting at her dock.

She had just informed her husband that Du Heng would be arriving soon.

Rachel's father valued Du Heng highly because every time Du Heng came to discuss cooperation, he would include a low-priced grey contract in addition to the regular contract. Du Heng could provide him with large quantities of shale oil at least 20% below market price. Although the discount might not seem like much, the sheer volume made the price difference substantial.

Moreover, Du Heng would bring him another source of income: laundering the money into cash and gold of equivalent value for Du Heng.

American tax audits are among the strictest in the world; in America, murder and flight are far easier than tax evasion.

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The Left Army Governor's Office secretly increases shale oil production by a large amount each year. The IRS doesn't monitor their actual production capacity, but it does monitor every penny flowing into the Left Army Governor's Office. This annual increase of hundreds of millions of US dollars in shale oil production cannot be done through normal sales channels because it must be kept secret from Wu Feiyan. It is sold privately to the Getty family. The Getty family first tries to launder this shale oil, getting it into their refineries. They then use fabricated costs to add so-called loss-reduction equipment and technology to mix this batch of shale oil into their refineries for processing before selling it through normal channels.

These processed petroleum products, through the Getty family's global distribution network, are laundered round after round, becoming heavy, anonymous, untradable cash and precious metals before being returned to Du Heng. Including money laundering costs, at least 50% is lost in this process.

In other words, of the 100 million US dollars worth of shale oil secretly produced and sold by the Left Army Governor's Office, only about 50% ultimately returns to Wu Yongzhen in cash.

Even so, it was acceptable to Wu Yongzhen. After all, he didn't care about selling his family's land; he only cared about getting fifty million US dollars for free. The extent of the losses was irrelevant to him, as all production costs were borne by the Poqing Association.

Because of this deep-rooted gray-area relationship, Rachel's father valued Du Heng highly, and the two had a good personal relationship. He would personally receive Du Heng whenever he visited the Getty family.

As Du Heng slowly docked his yacht at the Getty family's pier, he was unaware that a pair of eyes were watching him intently.

charlie wade had spotted him even before he reached the shore, for no other reason than Du Heng's cultivation level.

Du Heng's cultivation was slightly higher than Song Ruyu's, but he looked older, at least forty years old, so overall, his cultivation speed wasn't faster than Song Ruyu's.

Rachel's mother, Shirley, was already waiting there. When Du Heng disembarked and walked onto the pier, she immediately greeted him respectfully, saying in a low voice, "This subordinate supplies Vice-Commissioner Du." Du Heng smiled slightly and said calmly, "Madam, you needn't be so polite. I'm here on the Grand Commander's orders. I first need to confirm with you whether your husband knows about the information your daughter Rachel received from the Rothschild family tonight."

Shirley replied without hesitation, "Don't worry, Vice Commander Du, my husband knows nothing about this."

"That's good." Du Heng nodded in satisfaction and said, "Tonight, the Grand Commander wants to buy some spot oil from your husband, hoping to make a small profit using this rare inside information. We'll need your cooperation on some details. Is your husband home?"

Shirley nodded and said respectfully, "Yes, Vice Commander Du, my husband is already waiting at home."

"That's good." Du Heng smiled and waved his hand, saying, "Go see him."

charlie wade, hidden in the shadows, did not follow Du Heng to the Getty family. He didn't care about the private transactions between the two sides. What he truly cared about was this Vice Commander Du. He was like a vanguard sent by the Tiger Bee Group; as long as he could leave a mark on him, he would definitely find his lair.

Furthermore, there's another crucial matter: he needs to ascertain the facial features of Du Heng, the Assistant Commander. Aside from its headquarters, which is completely isolated from the world, the other members of the Po Qing Society, including the Five Military Commands and various scholars, are all living in seclusion. Du Heng, as an Assistant Commander of the Left Military Command and a confidant of the Grand Commander, must frequently interact with the outside world. Without any clues, even passing by someone from the Po Qing Society face-to-face wouldn't yield any results. However, once he has his facial features, finding him will be much easier. The ground network system can search for him 24/7 worldwide.

Now that Du Heng has surfaced, almost every step he takes will be under the surveillance of his ground network system!

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Rachel's father, David Getty, had been waiting at home for some time.

He was delighted to see Du Heng, extending his hand to shake his and saying with a smile, "Mr. Du, what brings you here so late? There's never been a precedent for this."

Du Heng smiled and said, "Our chairman has some business to discuss with Mr. Getty; it's about crude oil."

David Getty smiled and said, "No problem. May I ask how much shale oil Mr. Du plans to sell through us this time?"

Du Heng shook his head and said seriously, “We don’t plan to sell; we plan to buy.”

“Buying?” David Getty asked, puzzled. “You’re a shale oil extraction company, not a refining business. Why are you suddenly buying crude oil?”

Du Heng didn’t hide anything and smiled, “Our chairman has some concerns about the situation in the Middle East lately. He thinks it’s likely to worsen, so he wants to stockpile some oil in advance to see what happens.”

David Getty was somewhat surprised. He said, “Mr. Du, the situation in the Strait of Hormuz has eased recently. I’ve heard that a new round of talks is about to begin, and the passage has improved somewhat. It won’t be long before international crude oil prices fall. Although it’s unlikely to plummet, it should at least adjust by 15% to 20%, considering how much it rose recently.” Du Heng smiled and shook his head, saying, “Everyone has their own judgment. Our chairman thinks the situation is more likely to become tense in the future. So, let’s see if Mr. Getty can sell us a portion of your family’s oil reserves and the crude oil that is about to arrive. We are willing to offer a 5% premium. If the oil price falls, we will bear all the losses and the 5% premium. If the oil price rises, we will only earn the difference between the 5% increase and the profit. For the Getty family, this should be a very worthwhile deal.”

David Getty nodded slightly. The core of doing big business is hedging. When oil prices rise, you can’t put all your money into going long; when oil prices fall, you can’t put all your money into going short.

The Getty family is optimistic about the future trend of the Strait of Hormuz because the situation has indeed gradually eased amidst fluctuations recently. Therefore, they expect oil prices to gradually decline. They intend to reduce crude oil imports for the foreseeable future, and then increase imports once prices drop. However, the crude oil that has already arrived or is about to arrive was purchased at a high price, making it relatively unprofitable. If they can sell it at a higher price now, they can gain an extra 5% profit, which would be a boon for the Getty family.

As for whether they might miss out on a significant gain, the Getty family isn’t concerned. They are not in the crude oil reselling business, but rather in their existing refining and processing operations. If crude oil prices rise, refined oil products and derivatives will follow suit. Ultimately, consumers will pay the price, so they’d rather not miss out on that 5%.

Without hesitation, David Getty said, "Since Mr. Du is interested in going long, we can cooperate by transferring some crude oil to you. However, the question is, do you have sufficient storage capacity? We have millions of tons of crude oil arriving at the port

soon. If you want this crude oil, you need to be able to process it." Du Heng smiled and said, "Mr. Getty, we want all the crude oil that you won't need for production in the next five days, as well as the crude oil that will arrive at the port by sea. Our chairman wants to make a short-term profit. If the price rises within five days, we will find a buyer directly, and the transaction will be completed immediately upon the arrival of the tanker. If the price falls, it will be the same; we will accept the loss and leave the market. After five days, we will not occupy any additional tanker or storage space of yours."

David Getty laughed and said, "Then there's no problem! I'll have someone compile all the information on tankers arriving in the next five days and their carrying capacity for you. You can see how much you need, and once you've made your order, we'll sign the agreement directly."

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"No problem!" Du Heng nodded in satisfaction and smiled, "Thank you, Mr. Getty!"

Du Heng was full of confidence. After all, this market dynamic was no longer just a matter of insider information. The Rothschild family's influence in the American and international crude oil markets was almost absolute. If other families were still predicting market trends, the Rothschild family *was* the market. If this information could be wrong, then there would be no reliable insider information in the world.

If tens or hundreds of thousands of tons of crude oil were to rise by ten percent, after deducting the 5% given to the Getty family, there would still be a profit of more than thirty US dollars per ton. A million tons would easily bring in more than thirty million US dollars. Adding to the inventory he currently controlled, Wu Yongzhen could take away hundreds of millions of US dollars in one go.

After Du Heng finalized the details with David Getty, he got up to say goodbye and left.

The Getty couple saw him off at the dock, and Du Heng bid them farewell before sailing back alone on his yacht.

Du Heng, piloting his double-decker yacht back alone, was unaware that he had an extra passenger—charlie wade, who was hiding in the lower deck.

charlie wade had been pondering how to deal with Du Heng. He wanted to know more about the Left Army Governor's Mansion, and the best way was to give Du Heng a psychological suggestion. After all, Du Heng's cultivation was far inferior to his own, making him easy to control.

However, charlie wade also had a nagging worry: the whereabouts of the other two elders of the Breaking Qing Society were currently unknown. If one of them was at the Left Army Governor's Mansion, then if the psychologically manipulated Du Heng returned, he would be exposed.

After weighing the options, charlie wade decided to first detain Du Heng and get all the information he wanted to know, including details about the elders of the Po Qing Society. If the elders were in the United States, he would simply kill Du Heng and store his body in his spatial storage, leaving no trace for anyone to find.

If the elders weren't there, that would be ideal; Du Heng could then become his puppet. If he wanted to take action against the Left Army Governor's Mansion, having

Du Heng's support would make things much easier. So, while Du Heng was focused on navigating the yacht, charlie wade silently walked up from the lower deck and said calmly behind Du Heng, "Stop the boat."

Upon hearing charlie wade's voice, Du Heng's first instinct was extreme shock and panic. As a cultivator trained by the Po Qing Society, his sensitivity was far beyond that of ordinary people. Moreover, as Wu Yongzhen's mouthpiece, he was extremely cautious in his comings and goings. Subconsciously, if he hadn't even noticed someone behind him, that person must be far stronger than him.

Du Heng was terrified. While thinking of a countermeasure, he used a delaying tactic to first shut off the yacht's engine. Then, he carefully turned around and said nervously, "Master, spare my life..."

charlie wade did not stop Du Heng from turning around. The moment their eyes met, Du Heng's eyes widened as if he had seen a ghost, and he murmured in shock, "wade... bruce wade?! You... you weren't dead?!"

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Upon hearing Du Heng mistake him for his father, charlie wade immediately realized that Du Heng had not only met his father but might even have had some interaction with him.

He coldly questioned, "You know my father?"

Du Heng had initially thought he was seeing a ghost; after all, it was incredibly eerie for someone to suddenly appear on his clothes or behind him on the sea at night without him noticing.

But when charlie wade suddenly mentioned his father, he instantly realized and exclaimed, "You...you're bruce wade's son?! Then...then you must be charlie wade?! You're still alive?!"

charlie wade sneered, "It seems you know quite a bit about our family." Du

Heng didn't know anything about charlie wade's background. He released his spiritual energy to investigate but couldn't detect any fluctuations. However, he still dared not let his guard down. After all, charlie wade's ability to suddenly appear behind him was not something an ordinary person could do. Could his strength far surpass his own?!

Amidst the tension, Du Heng, while preparing to confront charlie wade at any moment, tried to ease the atmosphere with an awkward smile, saying, "Your father, like your mother, was quite famous in the American Chinese world back then. After all, they were both shining examples of the Chinese community. I had some contact with your parents, but we weren't close. After they returned to China, we completely severed ties."

Du Heng wasn't lying.

He was a junior officer in the Left Army Commander-in-Chief's Office, which happened to be in charge of North America. Long ago, he had been ordered to contact bruce wade and Lydia (Ava) (Charlie's mom) under a false identity. Moreover, the order came directly from

headquarters. At that time, even Wu Yongzhen, the Grand Commander of the Left Army Commander-in-Chief's Office, didn't know why the Emperor had ordered them to approach bruce wade. Furthermore, not long after he made contact with bruce wade, bruce wade and Lydia (Ava) (Charlie's mom) returned to China together. Later, bruce wade and Lydia (Ava) (Charlie's mom) were killed, and the Emperor ordered a global search for the missing charlie wade. He also obtained charlie wade's information.

Because charlie wade's maternal grandparents lived in America, the An family was the primary suspects in charlie wade's disappearance. The Left Army Commander's Office searched extensively throughout North America but ultimately found no clues and gave up.

Because of this, although Du Heng had never met charlie wade, he knew his name.

charlie wade stared coldly at Du Heng and questioned, "What else do you know about my parents?" Du Heng spread his hands, shrugged, and said sincerely, "Actually, I don't know much about your parents. Hearing that they were killed in China, I'm honestly quite saddened."

He then looked at charlie wade and said very frankly, "charlie wade, what are you doing here? This is the Left Army Commander's headquarters of the Broken Qing Society. It's very dangerous for you here. Listen to me, leave here as soon as possible, and don't let the other members of the Broken Qing Society find you!"

Du Heng deliberately used sincere words to try and lower charlie wade's guard. Then, taking advantage of charlie wade's apparent relaxation, he immediately attacked. A silver hidden arrow flew out from his sleeve instantly. Driven by spiritual energy and an array, the arrow was extremely fast and powerful, heading straight for charlie wade's face.

Du Heng's plan was simple: to kill charlie wade with one blow.

charlie wade was Wu Feiyan's target, whom she had been searching for for many years. If he killed him, he would definitely receive a large reward.

charlie wade had been on guard against Du Heng for some time, monitoring his every move. When charlie wade sensed the fluctuation of spiritual energy within Du Heng's sleeve, he immediately prepared to respond.

Du Heng's cultivation was indeed far inferior to his, so as soon as Du Heng's sleeve arrow shot out from his sleeve, charlie wade immediately enveloped it completely with his powerful

spiritual energy. The sleeve arrow, which was full of killing intent just a second ago, was now frozen in mid-air.

Du Heng was terrified by this scene. He stared wide-eyed at charlie wade, muttering, "You... how did you do that?! You're a cultivator too?!"

charlie wade sneered, "You think you're invincible with your petty tricks?" With a thought, the sleeve dart, wrapped in his spiritual energy, flew directly into his hand. charlie wade played with the dart, smiling as he said to Du Heng, "I'm not only a cultivator, but a cultivator whose strength far surpasses yours!"

Du Heng asked in horror, "What... what do you want to do? I have no grudge against you, and I have nothing to do with your parents' deaths. Please, have mercy and spare my life. Whatever you want me to do, I will cooperate fully!"