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"Of course, I just registered an account. Do you like it? It's just that the profile picture is a little ugly. Dear, why don't we take a beautiful photo and use it as our profile picture?" Fade Chen said with a smile.

Quin Lin felt that her head was about to explode, and she said helplessly, "Fade, I know that you are trying to provoke her. But you are taking a huge risk on this bet, gambling with the entire Life Elixir Wine factory. You should know that Liza is very picky, and many cuisines and beverages of famous restaurants have been criticized by her. Moreover, she might not be able to get use to the oriental taste of Life Elixir Wine."

Fade said confidently, "Don't worry, honey. The Life Elixir Wine will definitely win her over."

Quin still wanted to give Fade some advice. At this time, the sound of a chime could be heard from Fade's cell phone. Fade looked at it and laughed immediately, "Dear, look at that, I did say that she will respond!"

The gourmet, Liza, saw Fade Chen's challenge on Weibo and she instantly became furious. She quickly replied to the message, "You are just trying to provoke me with this stunt! Don't employ this method again. I won't fall for it."



"So, you are afraid to come!" Fade immediately replied with his Weibo account, with the user name Brother Fade.

Liza immediately responded, "Afraid? Haha, what a joke, I won't deign to come!" Liza's Chinese was quite fluent, and she even used complicated words.

Fade continued, "You still don't dare to come!"

These words seem to annoy Liza. After a pause, she replied, "You are the keyboard warrior hired by Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, aren't you? You keep pestering me in such an unreasonable manner. Even if I accept your challenge, can you make this decision on behalf of the Life Elixir Wine company? Do you have the right to close down the factory?"

Fade immediately replied, "Of course! I'm the general manager of the Life Elixir Wine company."

"General manager! It must be tiring for a keyboard warrior to take on such a role," Liza responded immediately. Obviously, she did not believe "Brother Fade".

Fade wanted to prove his identity, and he glanced at his wife, Quin. His eyes lit up. He moved closer to her and took a picture of both of them.

"What are you doing?" His wife asked. She was a little surprised and confused.

On his side, Fade had already sent a photo of the two of them to Liza and said, "Look, a photo of the



president of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc by my side. My identity isn't fake!"

After several minutes, Liza responded to Fade's message. It seemed that she had been trying to verify whether Fade's photo was authentic or fake.

At this time, Liza, after confirming the information, sent a message again. "Do you really want to make this bet with me?"

"Of course, why, don't you dare to accept the bet?" Fade responded.

Liza immediately replied, "Since you are so arrogant, I don't mind closing down a company with false advertising like yours. I agree to your challenge. You decide the time!"

Fade said, "You can do it anytime. If you can get here now, we can start right away."

"Ok, three o'clock today afternoon. I'll go to your factory. Do take note, I'll bring a reporter to record the scene," Liza responded.

"Okay, we are ready at any time." Fade responded, and then he stopped conversing with her.

Seeing Fade's confident expression, Quin was no longer worried. She went to make arrangements with her subordinates to prepare for the challenge.

Soon, it was three o'clock in the afternoon. Fade had arrived earlier at the Life Elixir Wine manufacturing plant, and he was waiting for her.

At about 3:10, Quin came in with a foreign woman. This woman must be Liza, the gourmet.

Liza was in her twenties. She had short brown hair, and her skin was tan. Her legs were long and slender, but they seemed strong. She carried a huge traveling bag on her back. It was obvious that she was an outdoorsy type of person who traveled a lot. This lined up with her identity as a gourmet.

Behind Liza, there was a man with a camera in his hand. He was probably the reporter hired by her.

"Miss Liza, it's nice to meet you!" Fade went forward to greet her politely.

However, Liza obviously disliked him. She turned her face and said unhappily, "Manager Chen, if there is no further issues, let's begin now!"

Fade realized that his words and tone on Weibo had caused Liza to be biased against him, so he explained with a smile, "Miss Liza, before we begin with our bet. I would like to apologize to you. The messages I posted on Weibo may have been a little harsh. Please forgive me, Miss Liza."

Liza was a little surprised by Fade's apology and her eyes softened at his words. However, she still said coldly, "Manager Chen, even if you apologize to me now, I will not lower my standards. I hope you can understand this."

"Of course! Everyone agrees that Miss Liza is a

professional with high standards." Fade said with a smile.

"However, before starting with our bet, I would like to ask Miss Liza something. We don't do any false advertisements in regards to the Life Elixir Wine. Why do you have this opinion?" Fade asked.

When Liza heard his words, she couldn't help but frown and she said coldly, "Your Life Elixir Wine company deliberately got close to Keele Corporation and spread news that Keele Corporation is going to take over your company. Isn't this a malicious move to take advantage of Keele Corporation's fame?"

Fade's tone turned cold when he heard her words. He said solemnly, "Keele Corporation did intend to take over the Life Elixir Wine company. The negotiations have fallen through, and we have rejected their terms. It is impossible for us to use Keele Corporation to become more well-known."

"Keele Corporation took the initiative to buy your company?" Liza said in disbelief and looked at Fade.

Fade said, "If Miss Liza doesn't believe me, you can inquire about this news from Klaude. He is a member of Keele Corporation and he's a member of the founding family. He was the one who came here to negotiate with us on buying the Life Elixir Wine company."

"Klaude!" Liza said, and her brows furrowed. She continued in surprise, "I heard from Klaude that your

Life Elixir Wine company was using Keele Corporation. He didn't mention anything to me about the attempt to take over the Life Elixir Wine company."

"What?" Fade and Quin could not help but be startled when they heard this. Then, they looked at each other and their brows were furrowed.

"What's wrong? Is there any problem?" Liza asked, and she held her hands in front of her chest.

Fade immediately responded, "I don't know what Miss Liza heard from Klaude. But I can assure you that our Life Elixir Wine company does not have any bad intentions."

Liza did not speak and she curled her lips. Obviously, she did not believe Fade's words.

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Seeing this, Fade Chen didn't want to explain any further. After all, verbal explanation would only cause his argument to appear weaker. Since she didn't believe his words, then let her witness the facts!

Therefore, Fade made a gesture of invitation and said, "Let's start with our bet. Miss Liza, this way please."

Then, they went straight into the factory's manufacturing plant. After passing through the production lines, they watched as the workers produced bottles of Life Elixir Wine step by step. Finally, they stopped at the end of the production lines.

Fade pointed to the end of the production lines, where bottles of Life Elixir Wine were being prepared for packaging. He said, "The Life Elixir Wine here is an official product of our company that is sold to the public. Miss Liza, if you want to verify the product, you can choose any bottle. Of course, if Miss Liza does not trust the quality of this particular production line, you may choose the final product of any other line."

Hearing Fade's words, Liza was rather astonished. After all, she had mentally prepared herself for the

worst. For example, she had expected for the other party to prepare in advance a selective version of the wine for her, or perhaps offer her a bribe.

But she didn't expect Fade to allow her to choose which wine she wanted to taste. He even brought her to the production lines.

In this situation, it was unlikely that Fade was faking the contents of the Life Elixir Wine. In that case, it would have been necessary to change almost all the products in the factory. Only in this way could Liza select the wine prepared by Fade in advance. If he decided to take on such an enterprise, it would cost a lot of money and it would need a lot of preparation time.

Therefore, Liza changed her attitude toward Fade. She realized that this guy was not as fierce as he seemed when he was arguing with her on Weibo. At this moment, he actually seemed quite polite.

However, Liza was after all a professional gourmet, and she quickly regained her focus. She fixed her eyes on the winebottles at the end of the production line.

Finally, after looking around carefully, she randomly picked up a bottle of wine in the middle of the production line.

Liza poured a glass of water, took a sip, and cleansed her mouth, so that her taste and judgment would not be affected.



After cleansing her mouth, she made a gesture to the photographer. Immediately, the photographer fixed his camera on her.

On camera, she looked serious. She picked up the wine bottle with her left hand gently and allowed the camera to take pictures of it from all angles.

She put her right hand on the bottle, unscrewed the lid, and then... there was no further movement. Liza was stunned.

Seeing this, the photographer was rather surprised and he reminded her, "Miss Liza, it's time for you to pour some wine and taste it."

Liza, at this moment, did not hear what the photographer was saying. She lowered her head and stared at the wine in her hand with twinkling eyes, and her nose twitched violently.

With the twitching of her nose, her facial expression alternated between confusion, excitement, curiosity, and shock.

The unique fragrance of the Life Elixir Wine that had floated out of the bottle just now had shocked Liza. It was not the scent of any normal wine, but a special type of soothing fragrance.

She took a few breaths and felt a cool and refreshing sensation seeping into her nose and down her throat. She suddenly felt tremors in her body and her spirits lifted.

"What, what's going on here? How could this wine have such an effect on me?" Liza thought, and her eyes lit up. She started to mutter quickly in a foreign language.

Then, she carefully poured out half a glass of liquid from the Life Elixir Wine bottle. Her hands were slightly trembling, and she picked up the glass to observe its contents carefully. The liquid had a shimmering quality, and was crimson in color.

After observing the wine and its appearance, Liza picked up the glass and took a small sip.

When the liquid entered her mouth, her eyes widened instantly, and she had an incredulous expression on her face. She felt as though she was lighter, and her whole body seemed to float on fluffy clouds. It seemed as though there was a breeze gently blowing past her, and the whole world seemed delicate and soft.

"This, this wine is amazing!" She said. When the mouthful of wine entered her stomach, Liza could not help but pour the rest of the wine into her mouth.

In an instant, an intoxicated expression appeared on her face.

After finishing one glass of wine, Liza simply put down the glass. She picked up the bottle in one hand and gulped down the wine. She did not act like a professional gourmet at all.

Witnessing this, the reporter who was recording the scene next to her was completely dumbfounded.

He had collaborated with Liza many times. He had seen how many famous cuisines and beverages she had tasted in hotels and restaurants all over the world. However, Liza had never been so excited and wild like today. She had completely forgotten her identity as a professional gourmet and turned into a greedy diner.

"Gulp, gulp!"

Liza soon finished the bottle of wine. She flung the empty bottle on the table, and she was completely intoxicated. Her eyes were full of excitement and she stared at the other bottles.

Seeing this, Fade smiled slightly. He patted Liza gently on the shoulder and stealthily injected a gust of inner energy into Liza's body to help her dispel some of the effects of the liquid. After all, she had drunk a bottle of wine at once, and the amount was a little too much for her.

Liza came to her senses and saw Fade standing in front of her with a smile. She couldn't help but blush. She lowered her head and felt a little embarrassed.

"Miss Liza, can you evaluate our company's Life Elixir Wine now?" Fade asked, and he chuckled.

Liza took a breath and looked at Fade with an earnest expression. She nodded firmly and said,

"Manager Chen, your company's Life Elixir Wine is really scrumptious and enticing. It's so delicious, that I don't know what words I should use to describe the feelings I have when I drink it."

"I usually score the cuisines and beverages out of a hundred marks, but I will rate this Life Elixir Wine as one hundred and one. It has exceeded all of my expectations."

Hearing her words, the staff of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc could not help but heave a sigh of relief. Fade also pinched Quin's hand and he smiled gently at her.

At this time, Liza walked up to Fade and Quin, and she bowed to them. She said earnestly, "Manager Chen, President Lin. Before this, I was not aware of your company and its products. Therefore, I made indiscriminate comments which hurt the reputation of your company. I would like to apologize to the both of you. I will definitely make a corresponding clarification and make a compensation to your company."

Liza was a person who dared to admit what she had done wrong. She did not shy away from taking responsibility for her actions. Therefore, Fade had a good opinion of her.

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Fade Chen smiled gently and said to Liza, "Miss Liza, you don't need to pay any compensation to us. I have a question for you. Why did you think that our company's Life Elixir Wine tasted bad before this?"

When this matter was brought up, Liza frowned and said doubtfully, "The Life Elixir Wine I had drank before this was terrible. Thinking back to it now, the wine that I drank was somewhat similar to the Life Elixir Wine I just drank. However, the taste was quite different."

"The taste was like a glass of the Life Elixir Wine wine mixed with two glasses of clear water and a glass of red wine."

"Mixed wine!" Fade said, "Miss Liza, have you been tricked by someone else? Life Elixir Wine is in short supply at Bay City, and there will be some unscrupulous businessmen selling fake versions of it."

Liza heard his words and she was stunned for a moment. She shook her head and said, "It shouldn't be possible. The store I went to was a large one, and Klaude had introduced me to it. He also told me that the Life Elixir Wine in that store was the most authentic version around."

"What? Klaude again!" Fade and Quin said, and they both frowned.

Klaude had leaked the news that the Life Elixir Wine company was trying to use Keele Corporation. He had also recommended Liza to taste the Life Elixir Wine at that particular store.

Recalling how Klaude had been rejected by the company, Fade and Quin could not help but suspect that he was targeting them. Perhaps he still had some further plans.

Even Liza, who had been kept in the dark before this, felt that Klaude was acting strangely. She had heard the doubts of Fade and Quin, and wondered what was going on.

Thinking of this, Fade was a little anxious. He couldn't help but ask, "Miss Liza, your trip to China and Bay City this time, does it have anything to do with Klaude?"

Liza was shocked, then she nodded and said, "He influenced my trip. My initial plan to tour Asia was to visit Japan, and then China. However, Klaude informed me that there was a wonderful wine in China called the Life Elixir Wine. It could cure my teacher's illness."

"That's why I came to China first, to Bay City, and I asked Klaude to help me find the Life Elixir Wine. After tasting it, I felt that it was overrated. Not only did it not have any healing properties, it had a

bizarre and repulsive taste. Therefore, in a fit of anger, I posted that blog."

"Your teacher?" Fade asked.

Speaking of her teacher, Liza looked proud and said, "My teacher is Douglas."

Hearing this name, Fade was still confused. Quin's eyes widened immediately, revealing her surprise. She said excitedly, "Douglas, the creator of the 'Heavenly Kitchen', who was well-known 30 years ago. That Douglas?"

Liza nodded and said, "Yes, that's him! When I worked in Heavenly Kitchen, Mr. Douglas helped me a lot and taught me a lot. My achievements today are inseparable from my teacher's guidance. It can be said that Mr. Douglas is my second father."

Fade still did not understand the reputation and status of Douglas. Quin quickly introduced to him, "Miss Liza is considered popular in the culinary world in recent years, but Mr. Douglas has been famous in the culinary world for more than 30 years. Moreover, Miss Liza's fans are mainly young people, but Mr. Douglas's fans come in all ages, and his influence is several times greater than Miss Liza's."

Hearing this, Fade was a little surprised at Douglas's fame. At the same time, he looked at Liza, then at Quin, and he tried to give Quin a hint with his eyes. Liza was in front of them, and it was not very nice for Quin to say that Liza was not as influential as

Douglas.

Unexpectedly, Liza understood what Fade was trying to hint to Quin. She shook her head and said, "President Lin is right. I'm not as popular as my teacher. My fans are all young people, and they are mainly young people who communicate online. Moreover, my popularity is helped by my gender and looks."

"But my teacher's popularity is far greater than mine. His fan base is not only young people who communicate on the internet, but also many middle-aged people, including a lot of famous entrepreneurs, politicians, celebrities etc. They are all fans of my teacher. Some of them would even wait for a whole year, in order to have a chance to have dinner with him," Liza said with admiration. Her eyes shone bright, and she was respectful toward her teacher.

After hearing this, Fade had a rough idea about Mr. Douglas. Then he said, "Miss Liza, your teacher's illness is..."

When it came to this matter, Liza's expression darkened, and her voice was a little low. She said, "My teacher came from a poor background. He had been working hard all these years to achieve his present position. However, he faced many minor health problems. The joints in his arms ached, and this not only affected his life, but also his cooking



skills. It caused him much pain and misery in these recent years."

"Although my teacher has tried many medical treatments, his illness was not completely cured. Even the top doctors in Micovia told him that if he gave up his career and rested for at least three years, then only he could recover fully."

"My teacher couldn't bear to give up the career that was his passion for his whole life. In the end, I tried to seek out remedies and herbal medicines in various countries. Therefore, here I am," Liza explained, with a hint of regret and sadness in her tone.

After hearing what Liza had said, Fade thought for a while, touched his chin, and asked her, "If your teacher's illness is really rheumatoid arthritis, then the Life Elixir Wine can cure him."

"The Life Elixir Wine can cure him, is that true?" Liza asked, and she widened her eyes suddenly and rushed toward Fade excitedly, pressing Fade's arm with her hands. It was obvious that she had a deep affection for her teacher.

Fade nodded and said, "After all, it is called the Life Elixir Wine. As the name implies, it is a type of wine that helps the body recuperate and restore itself. It will help cure your teacher's illness."

"That's great!" Liza said excitedly, and she looked at Fade. "Mr. Chen, can you sell me some of the Life

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Elixir Wine? I would like to bring it back to my teacher."

Fade shook his head and said, "No!"

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"Ah!" Liza said in shock, and her face fell. She lowered her head and was ready to beg him, as she said, "Mr. Chen, what I did just now was my fault, I..."

Seeing her in this state, Fade Chen gestured his hand with a smile and said, "Miss Liza, you misunderstood my words. I said no, not because I won't give you the Life Elixir Wine, but because I won't give you the current batch of Life Elixir Wine."

"Are there other versions of the Life Elixir Wine?" Liza asked in confusion.

Fade explained, "The Life Elixir Wine on this production line is manufactured for the average person. Although it possesses medicinal properties to treat arthritis, there are other properties and effects. It can treat insomnia, or act as a light tranquilizer. It can alleviate anxiety, have cooling effects and help strengthen the muscles. Therefore, if you bring back this version of the Life Elixir Wine, the therapeutic effects to treat arthritis will be less."

"Mr. Chen, what are you trying to say?" Liza asked.

Fade smiled and said, "I can adjust the recipe and weaken the other effects, and strengthen the medicinal effects for arthritis. In this way, the therapeutic effect for joints will be much better."

Hearing what he had said, Liza was suddenly excited, and tears came out of her eyes. She rushed to Fade and gave him a close hug. When their bodies were pressed tightly together, Fade felt a sense of firm elasticity under her tan skin.

However, his wife was right beside him, so Fade didn't dare to let his imagination run wild. His hands were stiff and he didn't move. Then he coughed twice, "Ahem, ahem."

Liza came to her senses and released Fade. She was blushing, perhaps from shyness or excitement.

"It will take some time for us to adjust the formula and manufacture the wine. Miss Liza, please wait for our production. In two days, we will send someone to deliver the wine to you," Fade explained.

Liza immediately said, "Thank you so much, Mr. Chen!"

Then, Fade and Quin Lin bade farewell to Liza. Fade began to prepare the unique version of the Life Elixir Wine for Douglas. Quin returned to the company and contacted Liza. Both parties clarified the incident on Weibo.

Liza formally apologized to Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc on Weibo, saying that the previous incident was due to her being misled by someone else, which caused her to make those comments. Now, after tasting the wine personally on the spot, she had realized the qualities of the Life Elixir Wine and she

praised the wine and Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc on Weibo without any hesitation.

Quin immediately announced that Liza was hired by Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's Life Elixir Wine branch as the official taster to control the taste and quality of the company's products.

As a result, the scandal that had arisen due to Liza's Weibo post finally ended. Because of this matter, many Liza's foreign fans became aware of the Life Elixir Wine in China, and they showed a keen interest in it. They even made trips to visit Bay City, just to have a taste of the Life Elixir Wine.

Of course, there were still a group of people who did not believe the so-called reconciliation between the two sides. They thought that Liza had been bribed by Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc with money, and that she was making these statements against her will.

At the same time, Fade also produced the Life Elixir Wine which was tailor-made for Douglas. He sent someone to deliver it to Liza for her to send it to her teacher in Micovia.

But just as everything was going well, there was some news on Klaude .

Klaude announced that Keele Corporation would be setting up a new wine company in South Hanover City, the neighboring city of Bay City to produce the newly developed line of wines called "Superhero Wine".

The so-called "Superhero Wine" was a collaboration between Keele Corporation and other companies such as Marvel and DC Corporation from Micovia.

For example, the "Hulk Wine" would enhance strength.

Another example, "Spider-Man Wine", could help ease muscle tension and enhance the speed of movement.

Such effects immediately attracted a lot of people, especially young fans.

However, after peeling off these fancy packaging, the professionals soon found out that the so-called "Superhero Wines" were just health-care wine with certain effects, which were not much different from the other herbal wines on the market.

The day after the "Superhero Wine" line was launched, there was more news.

An ordinary old man in China had believed in the rumors and drank some Life Elixir Wine. He then fell seriously ill after drinking it. After his family took the liquor to have it tested, the results showed that there was not any problem with the Life Elixir Wine.

The old man's family did not believe the test results, so they asked someone to send samples of the liquor to a foreign team for further examination. The results of the test were shocking. It was said that there were a variety of substances in the wine that



did not conform to the standards of Micovia in regards to health preservation. The test also indicated that it was very likely that these substances would cause all kinds of harm to the human body.

As soon as such news came out, the Life Elixir Wine company, which had just recovered from the previous scandal, was suddenly involved in this bigger crisis.

When Fade heard the news, he immediately rushed to the company. Sure enough, the company office was hectic and busy.

Quin, who was in the president's office, looked solemn. She was busy with phone calls.

"Dear, how is the situation right now?" Fade came forward and asked.

Quin's complexion was pale, and she said, "Now, all the major media outlets have reported on this matter, and news has spread on the Internet. But it is really a strange situation. The old man's family has not contacted our company, and we are not able to contact them as well."

Fade nodded and said, "I suspect that someone deliberately made up this story to defame our company. After all, there was a huge mistake in the news itself. Our Life Elixir Wine is expensive, and only a small amount is sold to the public. Some older person who can buy the Life Elixir Wine, and

whose family can send samples to Micovia for tests, is not any ordinary person."

"I asked an acquaintance in Micovia for some information. The team mentioned in the news is indeed from a well-known testing lab in Micovia. But the so-called samples were not sent from China, but from Micovia. Also, the person who sent the samples is from Keele Corporation," Quin said in a low voice.

Fade's expression suddenly darkened and he said coldly, "Keele Corporation has just opened a new company near Bay City and launched a new line of wine. Now, our Life Elixir Wine suddenly has a problem with quality control. It can't be a coincidence!"

Upon hearing this, Quin's face fell. She said, "As for Klaude, I've contacted him and asked him about this matter. However, he denied any involvement and refused to admit that this matter has something to do with him."

"I didn't expect Klaude to be such a person. He failed to take over our company and now he resorts to such a despicable method," Quin said. Her face was ashen, and she was clearly angry.



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At this time, the secretary knocked on the door, and walked in to make a report. "President Lin, I have the latest news on the Superhero Wine."

"What news?" Quin Lin asked in a hurry.

The secretary said, "There will be a press conference for the Superhero Wine in three days. This will be the official launch of the Superhero Wine series in China. The press conference will be held at the mall next to the company office of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc."

"What!" Quin said, and she slammed her hand on the table. She stood up. This was undoubtedly a competitive move against the Life Elixir Wine company.

Seeing his wife's furious expression, Fade Chen stepped forward and consoled her. He said, "Dear, don't worry. It's not that we don't have any chance."

"What chance do we have?" Quin asked.

Fade spoke confidently, "I am confident in the taste and effects of the Life Elixir Wine, and I have faith in our customers who have tasted the Life Elixir Wine. Even if they advertise their new products to many people, they can only create rumors about us."

"But..." Quin was still worried.

Fade put his arm around his wife's shoulder with a smile and said, "There's nothing to be worried about. I have already thought of an idea. The most important thing for you now is to have a good rest and wait for the press conference in three days."

Although Quin seemed doubtful, she had extraordinary faith in Fade.

Concurrently, at the top of a five-star hotel in South Hanover City, Klaude was lying on the bed. He had always seemed powerful and authoritative in the eyes of outsiders. However, he now had a pained expression, and he was groaning constantly.

Beside him, a few doctors from Micovia were in a flurry, using all kinds of instruments and medical equipment to treat him. However, their attempts were futile.

On the night of the gala, when Fade had punched Klaude, he had a lingering injury. At that time, he did not apologize to Fade, and the injury did not heal.

Later, Klaude had contacted some doctors from Micovia. They had arrived to examine him. After a professional diagnosis and treatment, they found no issues with Klaude's physical body. However, he still felt an immense pain.

As a result, every night, Klaude was tortured by this pain, which caused him to have insomnia.

As for Mike next door, it was even more tragic for

him. His private parts were injured badly. Not only did he have no reactions in his genitals now, but he felt waves of pain from it every night, as though it might fall off. He was so frightened that he couldn't sleep. In just a few days, he had lost a lot of weight.

As for their obedient follower Boris Song, there was no treatment for him. He didn't have a Chinese doctor, or any doctor from Micovia. He could only endure the pain and he clenched his teeth as he laid down in bed every night.

In fact, Mike couldn't stand it any longer, and he wanted to apologize to Fade and alleviate his pain. However, Klaude refused to let him go to Fade, at least before the press conference of the Superhero Wine. He was not allowed to ask Fade for forgiveness.

After many days in pain, it was finally the press conference to launch the Superhero Wine series.

As a renowned international beverage company, Keele Corporation was part of the wine production. Therefore, hundreds of reporters and colleagues came to the conference before it even started. The venue was full of people.

At around ten o'clock in the morning of the press conference, the venue was filled with a huge crowd. There were more than a thousand people present.

At the cheers of the crowd, Klaude made his entrance in a suit. He immediately garnered a round

of applause.

Then, the press conference started officially and proceeded as planned. It introduced the effects of the Superhero Wine, as well as the relevant investment and development information. It also mentioned their partners, sponsors and other information.

It was undeniable that Keele Corporation was well-known internationally. Every business decision was incomparable to other methods of the ordinary businessmen. The resources they had in every aspect were pretty much the best in the country.

After the introduction, it was time for the reporters to ask questions.

The first few questions were mainly about the Superhero Wine. Klaude answered them one by one.

Then, a reporter in the crowd suddenly raised his hand and shouted, "Mr. Klaude, there was a rumour that you intended to take over the Life Elixir Wine company at Bay City, but you didn't succeed in doing so. Now, you are launching this Superhero Wine series which is similar to the Life Elixir Wine. My question is, is your launch a commercial move to compete with the Life Elixir Wine company?"

This topic immediately ignited the atmosphere of the venue. There was no doubt that everyone was interested in this topic.



Klaude seemed to be prepared for this question. With a confident smile on his face, he said, "About this matter, I can tell you this. Keele Company is an international corporation, and we have never heard of these unknown small companies."

"So Mr. Keele, what you are trying to say is that the alleged acquisition is just rumors created by the Life Elixir Wine company to hurt Keele Corporation?" The reporter continued to ask.

"That, I don't know!" Klaude said with a half-smile. Although he didn't say anything, his expression clearly indicated that he thought so.

Someone in the crowd was dissatisfied with his answer and said, "Some time ago, Miss Liza, the famous gourmet, personally clarified to the public that the Life Elixir Wine company did not start rumors about Keele Corporation."

"I do not know Miss Liza personally. I don't really know how she got this news," Klaude proceeded to answer.

The reporter then raised the next question, "Whether these rumors are true or not, the Superhero Wine and Life Elixir Wine are now competing against each other. May I know your thoughts on this matter, Mr. Klaude?"

Klaude shook his head and said with a chuckle, "Competition? I don't think so. Keele corporation is the largest international beverage corporation in the

world, and our products have always been top notch."

"As for certain small companies, I heard recently that they haven't even been able to guarantee basic quality standards, and they are not able to pass the standards of inspection in Micovia. I think that we are not at the same level at all, so there really isn't any competition."

As soon as he said that, the crowd instantly became lively. The journalists's questions came one after the other.

"Klaude, are you saying that there's an issue with the Life Elixir Wine?"

"Mr. Klaude, in your opinion, does the Life Elixir Wine company not pose any threat to the Superhero Wine?"

"Mr. Klaude, what are your views on the issue of quality control that the Life Elixir Wine company is facing currently?"

Klaude's face was full of smiles, and he said confidently, "As a businessman in the beverage industry, I won't comment further. I just want to tell my colleagues that in the business world, we have to act with integrity. Also, we have to honor our consumers and customers."

When the reporters heard his words, they were all excited. They immediately began to take pictures of



him.

At this moment, the sound of a cold voice could be heard, "Yes, we need to act with integrity as businessmen, but we also need to act with integrity as human beings!"

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The sound of this voice immediately attracted everyone's attention, as well as the photographers and reporters present.

A young man and woman were walking over with stern expressions on their faces.

As soon as the crowd spotted both of them, many people's eyes lit up instantly, particularly the reporters. At this moment, their eyes were gleaming in excitement.

"That, that is President Lin, Quin Lin of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc!"

"And that is the owner of the Life Elixir Wine formula, Fade Chen, Mr. Chen!"

"Why did they come to the press conference of the Superhero Wine?"

"Obviously, they're here for a showdown."

"Haha, there will be fireworks."

Amidst the noise, Klaude's gaze landed on the two of them, and his handsome face twitched slightly. However, a confident smile appeared instantly on his face as he whispered to himself, "Quin, I didn't want to fight with you, but I didn't expect you to marry such a pitiful man. Therefore, you are now my



enemy.”

"No matter what you have prepared for me, I will crush you into pieces! I am supported by Keele Corporation," he thought to himself. Klaude seemed determined for battle, and his gaze became sharper.

At this time, the reporters rushed over and surrounded Fade and Quin. They were like a tidal wave.

"Mr. Chen, who were you directing your words to, when you said that one needed to act with integrity as human beings?"

"President Lin, Mr. Klaude denied Miss Liza's clarification just now. May I know your thoughts on this?"

"Mr. Chen, do you have confidence that the Life Elixir Wine can compete against Superhero Wine?"

Fade coughed, then he gestured with both hands to suppress the noise of the crowd. He spoke clearly, "Today, we are here to clarify the rumors and issues surrounding Life Elixir Wine, particularly in regards to our quality control."

Without waiting for the reporters to speak, Fade said immediately in a low voice, "Regarding the rumors, I won't say much. I'll invite someone else to explain to you what happened."

"Someone else? Who would that be?"

"Did Mr. Chen dig up some inside information?"

"Look, someone's coming!"

In the midst of the chatter, a woman with short brown hair with a tan came forward.

As soon as they saw her, many spectators and reporters there became excited. They clicked on the cameras in their hands and took photos without pausing at all.

"It's Miss Liza, the gourmet. Liza is here!"

"I didn't expect Mr. Chen to invite Liza here."

"What the hell is going on? Liza was the one who criticized Fade and the others for these rumors, wasn't she?"

Amidst the uproar, Liza walked forward and glanced at Klaude, who was on the stage. She said, "The rumor that the Life Elixir Wine company is trying to use Keele Corporation is a complete lie. The truth is, Keele corporation became aware of the effects of the Life Elixir Wine and came to negotiate a take over of the company from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. However, negotiations fell through, and their offer was rejected by President Lin and Mr. Chen."

"Thereafter, Mr. Klaude told me his side of the story. However, the situation he described to me was the opposite of what had happened. He said that Keele Corporation had no intention of taking over the Life Elixir Wine company, and that the other party was deliberately spreading false rumors. Due to my trust

in Mr. Klaude, I believed him. I also tried the Life Elixir Wine that he provided for me and disliked it. Therefore, I posted on Weibo my negative opinion of the Life Elixir Wine and the company."

"Later, I went to the Life Elixir Wine manufacturing plant of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, and tasted the Life Elixir Wine in person. There, I realized that the taste and effects of the Life Elixir Wine were incomparable. The wine I had tasted previously was a false version, and I had been misled and deceived."

Although everyone was aware of Liza's clarification due to her previous post on Weibo, she only used the word "deceived" as the reason of making that post. No one knew the truth behind the matter.

Now, she was announcing the details of her deception in public, letting everyone know the truth. It seemed that Klaude was behind all of this.

All of a sudden, there was an uproar, and the journalists turned their eyes to Klaude. In a split second, he was bombarded with many questions.

"Mr. Klaude, may I ask if Keele Corporation really tried to take over the Life Elixir Wine company?"

"Miss Liza said that she was deceived by you. Is that true?"

"Mr. Klaude, could you give us some further details on this matter?"

Klaude's face fell, and he glared at Liza. However, Liza was not intimidated at all, and she glared right back at him.

Klaude turned his gaze away and cleared his throat. Then, he spoke in a low voice, "I am disappointed to hear Miss Liza's words. Although Miss Liza and I are not close friends, we are acquaintances. I am not sure why she is making such defamatory accusations against me."

"Defamatory accusations?" Liza said. She was not a good-tempered person, and when she heard the nonsense that Klaude was spouting, she exploded immediately. "Klaude, you are shameless indeed. You won't admit to what you have done, you..."

Klaude was calm and composed. He ignored Liza's words and insinuated, "Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc has just invited Miss Liza to be their chief gourmet. I wonder how much Miss Liza received, and how much will she make annually?"

As soon as he said this, everyone's expression shifted, and they looked at Liza with suspicion in their eyes.

Obviously, Klaude's words were implying that Liza had slandered him due to the money she received from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

Liza was instantly furious. The expression on her face turned dark, and she yelled, "Klaude, I thought we were friends. I didn't expect such treacherous

behavior from you. You manipulated me just for your business."

"Miss Liza, I don't know what you are talking about!" Klaude replied, and his expression was cold. He shook his head and said, "I would like to give you a piece of advice. Your fame did not come overnight. I would suggest that you don't destroy your reputation over such a minor issue."

As soon as he said that, the crowd was divided into two groups.

Some people supported Klaude, and they suspected that Liza was bribed by Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc.

Many others were fans of Liza, and they believed her words.

Liza was not bothered by the people who were doubting her. She simply sneered, fixed her gaze at Klaude, and said, "I would say the same to you. As a member of your family, if you commit a crime, it will affect the reputation of Keele Corporation. How will your family think of you then?"

Hearing her words, Klaude's face fell slightly. However, he recovered his self-assured pose and declared, "I am a man of integrity and character. Keele Corporation's reputation will not be negatively affected."

"Really now?" Liza said, and she smirked. Her next reply was laced with sarcasm, "Mr. Klaude doesn't

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believe my words. He suspected that I was bribed. So, shall I invite someone else to explain what is going on?"

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Her words caused the crowd to become curious, and they started to buzz and chatter amongst themselves.

"Is there someone else arriving soon? Who could that be?"

"I don't know! Miss Liza is such a famous gourmet, and she is now under suspicion. Can this new person handle the pressure of this situation?"

"Yes, I feel suspicious about the situation too. No matter who comes forward and no matter what they say, Klaude will just use the same argument. There will be no way for the other party to prove their innocence or defend themselves."

"This time, I think Quin Lin and Fade Chen were too anxious. They came forward recklessly and started a fight with Klaude."

"They have no choice. Klaude has the backing of Keele Corporation. Once Keele Corporation starts selling this 'Superhero Wine', there will be no chance for Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's Life Elixir Wine."

"Look, he's here."

As the crowd looked on the scene, a white man in his fifties walked forward. He had short curly hair,

and his cheeks had a tinge of redness. He had some freckles that were common amongst white people and a big belly as well. On his face, he had an earnest expression.

Some Chinese people, especially the younger generation, were confused when they saw him. They didn't know who he was.

However, the foreigners, mostly the older ones, beamed instantly when they saw him. They positioned their cameras toward the man and took photos continuously. Their enthusiasm when they saw him was greater compared to when they saw Liza enter.

At this time, Liza introduced proudly to everyone, "Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you my teacher, Mr. Douglas!"

"My teacher is the founder of 'Heavenly Kitchen', an exclusive chef for Michelin Restaurant, a world-renowned gourmet foodie and a guest professor at Harvard University..."

As this series of titles were announced, even those who didn't know who Douglas immediately knew that the man in front of them had an impressive background.

Klaude, who was still on stage, swayed a little when he saw Douglas. The expression on his face instantly became dark.





At this time, Liza and her teacher faced the crowd. Then she said, "Dear teacher, please speak."

Douglas nodded and said, "Actually, when Liza invited me here, I wasn't aware of any rumors surrounding the Life Elixir Wine. Also, I was not aware of the issues of quality control."

Everyone was a little confused when they heard his words.

What did Douglas mean by saying that? If he didn't know anything about the rumors, then what was he doing here?

Everyone looked confused. Douglas's tone became deeper as he said, "I am aware of one thing though...Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's Life Elixir Wine is definitely an excellent beverage, and its quality, taste, and effects are top-notch. I can say that the Life Elixir Wine is the most delicious beverage that I've ever tasted."

Everyone was stunned when they heard his words, and their expressions were full of shock. They did not expect Douglas to give the Life Elixir Wine such a high rating.

Klaude's face fell, and his expression turned darker. He explained forcefully, "I have great respect for Mr. Douglas, as well as his sense of taste. However, a delectable item does not mean that it is safe for consumption. Those test results..."

Before Klaude could finish speaking, Douglas interrupted him. He said, "As for the dubious test results, it is not authentic. Liza sent me a few bottles of the Life Elixir Wine from the factory. I sent the bottles to a lab and had the contents tested, and the results showed that there is nothing wrong with the products."

"Also, the Life Elixir Wine has medicinal properties, and it can be used for treatment. After drinking the Life Elixir Wine that Mr. Chen specially made for me, my arthritis, which had lasted for many years, was cured. I could then continue my career as a chef. Therefore, the main purpose of my trip to China this time is to express my gratitude to Mr. Chen."

Hearing his words, everyone was shocked, especially the reporters from the west. Many of them were fans of Douglas, so they were aware of his arthritis problem. He had gone for treatment numerous times, but the treatments didn't have much effect on him. There were even rumors of his retirement at some point.

Unexpectedly, a few bottles of Life Elixir Wine from China had cured Douglas's problems.

It was such an incredible wine, and it was now vouched by Douglas, with his high status and fame.

Many people at the scene changed their minds immediately. They were doubtful just now, but now they firmly supported Fade and his companions.

This was the effect of Douglas's long-standing fame and reputation.

So, for a time, reporters began to ask Klaude questions, one after the other.

"May I ask, Mr. Klaude, what are your comments on Mr. Douglas's words?"

"Mr. Douglas said that there is no problem with quality control. I would like to ask you, Mr. Klaude, why do you insist that it doesn't meet the inspection standards?"

"Mr. Klaude, were the rumors on the takeover just now true?"

Listening to all the questions that he was bombarded with, Klaude felt a sudden headache. The sweat on his forehead rolled down, and he felt that he was in a trance. He was about to lose his balance.

Just as he was about to fall, he gritted his teeth and forced himself to focus. He knew that at this moment, he could not admit to defeat. That was absolutely not possible for him. His product would be a failure before it even started selling.

Also, the investment funds that he acquired from his family would be lost. He would lose his place in the family, and this would cause his status in the family to fall. He might be disowned by his family.

As soon as he thought of these consequences,



Klaude couldn't care less about Douglas's status and fame. He said, "I've always believed in Mr. Douglas's words, but this time, I feel that he is perhaps exaggerating."

"What do you mean by that? Are you saying that I'm lying?" Douglas asked. He exhaled violently and his beard flew up. Also, he widened his eyes and glared at Klaude. Many supporters of Mr. Douglas also glared at him.

Claude felt tremendous pressure instantly, but he still gritted his teeth. He stuck to his guns and said, "I am not sure. I am just saying what I feel. As for the sensational rumors that was mentioned beforehand, about the takeover and the failing standards of the wine, the truth is still not clear."

"What I am trying to say, is that I read about these things on the news. Even if Miss Liza and Mr. Douglas praises the Life Elixir Wine and its effects, what does it have to do with us? I was talking about the current news."

At this moment, this guy was completely acting like a rogue. Even if those negative news were proved to be fake, he would never admit that these fake news had nothing to do with him.

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Klaude's shameless words immediately caused the sound of hissing at the scene, especially from Douglas's fans. Some of them couldn't stand it anymore and they began to throw things directly at the stage .

However, on the Internet, the netizens who were watching the live broadcast were fighting at this moment.

A group of people cursed Klaude in anger. They asked him to get out of the country, and resolved to boycott the new product.

On the other hand, the other group of people still chose to believe Klaude in this situation. They even took the initiative to find various excuses for him.

"I still believe in Klaude. He's so handsome and polite. How could he lie and create false rumors?" Klaude's supporters said.

"If he was a local Chinese man, I would believe that he did such a thing. But Klaude is from Micovia. I don't believe he would resort to such shameless behavior," they said.

"Klaude is backed by Keele Corporation, which is the largest beverage company globally. They are better than the small domestic factories. They are

definitely not the problem . If there's a problem, the small factories in China are probably involved," they argued.

"I support Klaude. Let's boycott the evil small factory!" Klaude's supporters said again.

"I'm a Marvel fan, and I support the heroic effects of the wine. I like The Incredible Hulk the most, and I hope there will be special bottles of wine based on him!" they said.

"I'm also a Marvel fan. The heroic effects of the wine are extremely cool. It's not at the same level compared with the old-fashioned Life Elixir Wine," they said again.

It was very lively at the scene and on the Internet.

Although Klaude came under fire, he still stuck to his guns and denied resolutely that he had any involvement with these issues.

At this moment, Fade Chen snorted coldly. He looked at Klaude and said, "It seems that you won't shed a tear until you see the coffin! You leave me no choice but to expose all of your scandals. Is that what you want?"

When Klaude heard this, he felt anxious. However, his face still had the expression of self-righteousness. He said, "I don't have any skeletons in the closet. Just try attacking me, if Mr. Chen wants to target me. I, Klaude, have never been

afraid.”

"Really?" Fade said, and the corners of his mouth were raised slightly, revealing a sneer. Then he shouted, "Come down!"

"Come down!" Everyone looked up instinctively as they heard this command. They thought to themselves, "Who is coming down? Is that person coming down from the sky?"

When everyone raised their heads to look around, the sound of footsteps could be heard.

Everyone looked on, and all of them gazed at the person who was coming down, in amazement.

At this moment, the person who was coming down was actually Klaude's managing partner, Mike. He had been smiling and standing beside Klaude all this time.

Mike walked down from the press conference stage and came toward the reporters. Only then did the crowd understand why Fade had said "come down" just now.

"Mike, what are you doing?" Klaude asked in shock. His face was filled with horror as he stared at Mike. He shouted, "Mike, come back now."

Mike didn't bother to listen to Klaude at all. Facing the reporters's cameras, Mike said, "This is the truth of the matter. Half a month ago in Micovia, Klaude pulled me..."

Then, Mike reported directly, without hiding anything, on how Klaude had discussed with him the take over of the Life Elixir Wine company, and how they had created rumors with malicious intentions. Finally, they had set up a new company to destroy the Life Elixir Wine company.

When the whole story came out of Mike's mouth, everyone was shocked, and the reporters swarmed to the stage.

Klaude's face was pale. He knew that he could do nothing to save the situation. He immediately ordered the security guards to stop the reporters and turned around to run away.

However, at this moment, there was a siren outside, and Klaude was caught as he was running out of the building.

At the same time, the Internet was also in an uproar. The people who had supported Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc suddenly gained the upper hand and achieved victory. They yelled in glee and attacked Klaude's supporters.

"Haha, did you guys enjoyed the slap in your faces? You crazy fans were still so proud just now!" they teased Klaude's supporters.

"Didn't someone say just now that someone from Micovia wouldn't do such a thing? Let's continue to discuss that!" they shouted.



"I wonder who has integrity now, the corporation, or the evil small factory?" they said.

"Haha, those people who supported Klaude just now, come out and show yourself now!" they yelled again.

The scene was chaotic, and the press conference concluded after an announcement. Many reporters surrounded Fade and his companions, and they were bombarded with many questions.

Fade was not used to being in the public eye, so he allowed his wife and the others to stand in front of him. He squeezed out of the crowd quickly and ran away.

The fat man, Mike, somehow came over to him with a nervous and ingratiating expression. He said cautiously to Fade, "Mr. Chen, I, I did what you asked me to do. This, this last treatment, when will you..."

Fade took out a pair of silver needles and said, "Let's do it now, I have time anyway."

"Ah, here?" Mike questioned. He looked around the parking lot they were in, and there were people walking through it.

"Forget it then!" Fade said. Mike gritted his teeth, took off his pants, and said, "I'll do it. I'll do it."

Unexpectedly, Fade looked confused. "Why did you take off your pants? For the last treatment, all I need to do is pierce a few needles into your back," he said.

Mike was speechless and felt awkward. He pulled up his pants immediately and began to take off his clothes. Some people were snickering nearby.

Soon, Fade pricked a few needles into Mike and said, "Okay, it's done!"

Mike put on his clothes, frowned and tried to move his junk. He felt much better and was instantly overjoyed. "Alright, finally, it's better. Thank you, Mr. Chen," Mike thanked him.

After saying that, Mike almost wanted to rush back to the hotel immediately, call a few girls, and celebrate. He was so bored during this period of time as his junk couldn't be used.

Subsequently, just as he was about to leave, Fade's faint voice could be heard behind him. He said, "By the way, I forgot to tell you that although you are cured now, I'm afraid that your junk will be ruined again if you 'exercise' it right away."

"What! This... Mr. Chen, you promised to cure me, I..." Mike whined and looked bitter.

Fade had an innocent expression, and he said, "Yes, you've been cured! However, you have just recovered. The number of times you can use it is limited. You can't use it too much. For example, you can only use it for five times at most this year, and you can double it to ten times next year. In this way, you can only recover fully after five years."



"What, five or ten times a year!" Mike yelled in shock. He felt as though the sky was about to collapse. This was insufficient to satisfy his lust for women. "Mr. Chen, can you..." Mike requested.

"No!" Fade declined firmly and he said, "This is the best therapeutic treatment for you. If you are not happy with it, I'll help you return to your previous state."

"No, no, I am happy with it, I am happy with it!" Mike said. He was truly terrified, and quickly gestured his hand. Then, he left helplessly with a bitter look on his face.

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Looking at Mike's back as he left, Fade Chen felt that the situation was rather ludicrous. Mike, the awful person who had attacked Willa Lu, was the ace up Klaude's sleeve.

Three days ago, Klaude, Boris Song, and Mike were still suffering from unbearable pain every night as they hadn't apologize to Fade.

Klaude and Boris could still endure the pain as the pain was located at their chest and on their back. However, Mike's injuries were at his crucial parts, and he had never been a resilient person. That was why in just two days, he couldn't endure the pain anymore.

Thus, Mike came secretly to Fade to ask for his help in order to relieve his pain. He had admitted his mistakes, apologized to him, and even paid him a compensation.

Fade had thought over this matter and had agreed to treat him. But he also remembered the upcoming press conference, so he didn't cure him completely. He left the last treatment till after his testification at the press conference. As a result, his plan went smoothly.

As for the number of times Mike could have sex in a

year, it was the punishment that Fade deliberately gave to Mike the pervert.

Everything went smoothly after that. The Superhero wine series, which had just been established by Klaude for a few days, was cancelled before it was even officially registered as new products.

Due to the huge impact of this incident, involving famous personages such as Liza, Douglas and Klaude, many foreigners became aware of China's Life Elixir Wine. They were curious about this mystical wine.

Douglas's fans, in particular, were middle-aged people who had achieved great things in life. They were wealthy and had time to spare. Therefore, after hearing from Douglas that the Life Elixir Wine had such amazing qualities, they actually traveled thousands of miles to China just to purchase bottles of Life Elixir Wine.

Due to this development, Quin Lin seized the opportunity to expand the production scale of the Life Elixir Wine company. Now, the company would be able to manufacture three times more products than its original factory. The production was also accelerated, and she began to export the Life Elixir Wine to other countries..

For a short period of time, Fade's Life Elixir Wine that was casually brewed by him became popular internationally .

Klaude and Boris Song were bailed out by the embassy of Micovia after being arrested. They had been taken in by the police, and the embassy had negotiated with the law enforcement officers. After being released, they actually took the initiative to meet Fade and they apologized to him. This caused Fade to feel surprised.

In the end, he discovered that the pain encountered by these two guys was really unbearable. They had hired a famous doctor in Micovia and they had undergone treatment for half a month, yet there was no improvement at all.

Before that, they had been gritting their teeth and enduring the pain because of their new factory. Now, the factory had closed down, so they no longer had the motivation to tolerate the pain, and they finally couldn't bear it anymore. They came to Fade to beg for forgiveness and wanted to ask for treatment.

Fade rejected them without hesitation and drove them away. Anyway, the pain would not cost them their lives. Moreover, it would only last for half a year, and then it would slowly disappear and everything would eventually return to normal.

The six months of torture was the punishment Fade had given to them.

As business grew steadily, the New Year passed quickly in this bustling atmosphere.

The working adults rushed back from all over the

country and they started work again. The students also rushed to the schools from their hometown and began a new semester of their studies.

Therefore, in the past few days, Fade received a lot of special gifts. These gifts came from the hometowns of the various senders. The people who sent him gifts were Xenia, Momo Soo, and Yuri Zhang. Even Housekeeper Wong brought a lot of gifts for him too.

Amidst the hustle and bustle, Tom Wei from Long Enterprise also sent an invitation to Fade.

It was tradition for Long Enterprise to gather every year on the 18th day of the first lunar month. Brothers and friends would be invited to join them, have dinner with them, and gifts would be given out. This gathering would indicate a merry begin of the new year .

Moreover, this year's gathering was different from the gatherings of previous years, and the scale was much larger than before. Due to Fade's fame, Long Enterprise had conquered Bay City and monopolized the businesses there. Therefore, there were not only local friends who would be attending this gathering, but also many big shots from the surrounding cities. They would be coming to congratulate Long Enterprise on their success.

Of course, they were mainly coming due to Fade's reputation. Therefore, Fade was the true protagonist

of this gathering.

In this regard, Fade felt that he could take advantage of this gathering to let people know who he was and what he stood for. He could also threaten evil people with bad intentions by warning them not to get themselves in trouble.

On the 18th day of the first lunar month, Fade arrived at Long Enterprise early in the morning.

Because of the large scale of the gathering this time, Tom had specially rented a large conference hall that could accommodate thousands of people.

Before eight o'clock in the morning, people from all over Bay City arrived one after the other, and the hall was quickly filled.

At 10 o'clock in the morning, everyone was seated. Tom immediately announced the opening of the gathering, and then he invited Fade to come out, to a round of warm applause.

Although Lunatic Chen's name was quite well-known in the vicinity, there were still many people who had never seen this legendary big shot. They couldn't help but stick their heads out and stretch their necks to look at Fade.

When some big shots saw that the famous Lunatic Chen was only a young boy in his early twenties, they could not help but have some disbelief and doubts in their hearts.



"This is Lunatic Chen, the top dog of Bay City?" the other big shots asked.

"This boy is only in his twenties. Is he really that powerful?" they questioned again.

"It can't be a mistake, can it? This person is our boss!" they said.

Fade's eyes swept around the hall, and he immediately noticed the doubts in everyone's eyes.

He didn't explained much. He stood up and said, "Today marks the beginning of the new year for Long Enterprise. Your arrival and presence means a a lot to me, and thank you for showing respect to Long Enterprise and myself."

"I won't say anything more. Let me propose a toast with a glass of warm wine to show my sincerity," Fade said.

Then, Fade raised the wine glass with his left hand and glanced at the crowd.

Although some of the big shots still had doubts, Lunatic Chen was well-known and infamous, and no one dared to offend him in such an occasion. Therefore, they got up and picked up the wine glass on their table.

As they held their wine glasses, some people couldn't help muttering to themselves, "This wine is obviously cold. Why did he said that it was warm ? Is there some mistake?"

Just as everyone was wondering about this issue, Fade suddenly clapped his left hand as he stood onstage.

Instantly, a bottle of white wine on the table flew directly into the air, and then Fade tapped his left hand gently on the bottle.

The thick glass bottle exploded instantly, and countless droplets of liquid flew across the room.

"What is he doing?" the people questioned in their hearts. Everyone was shocked and confused.

At this moment, as he gazed at the wine droplets that were soaring in the air, Fade's eyes shrank in a split second, and he swept his left hand with his sleeve.

In an instant, a red flame emerged from Fade's sleeve. The burning flame floated in the air, and instantly ignited the droplets of white wine which were soaring in the air.

Suddenly, the sky above the hall was incandescent with blue flames, which caused the scene to be breathtaking .

Even more astonishing was when Fade flipped his palm gently and launched a blow in the air. He created a gust of wind which caused the burning droplets of wine in the air to float up. Once the droplets were high above, they began to plummet down.

Countless droplets of wine descended upon them and they fell perfectly into each guest's wine glasses. Their wine glasses glowed instantly, emitting a sapphire blue light.

The blazing droplets heated up the cool liquid in the glasses, turning it warm.

Then, Fade raised his glass and said in a clear voice, "Let's have a glass of warm wine!"

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Seeing Fade Chen down the wine in one gulp on stage, the crowd came back to their senses. They immediately raised their glasses and followed suit.

Then, everyone put down their wine glasses, and they were completely shocked.

At this moment, they finally understood what Fade was talking about. He actually heated up the wine directly for thousands of people on the spot.

Everyone was impressed by his magic skills. He had produced burning flames with a single wave of his hand, and he had ignited the wine droplets soaring in the air. Also, he had precisely positioned each droplet to fall into each guest's glass. These actions demonstrated Fade's high skill in martial-arts and his ability to control the movement of various objects with precision.

Everyone surrendered to him in their hearts, and they did not doubt him anymore.

Tom Wei couldn't help but smile in excitement after witnessing this. He glanced at Fade, gave him the thumbs up, and whispered, "Brother Fade, well done. The big shots from all over the country are intimidated by you right now!"

Fade smiled faintly. He sat down and said to Tom,

"Let's continue with the order of events!"

Tom nodded with an excited smile on his face. Then, he announced that the gathering would continue with the subsequent events planned.

The following event was a demonstration of loyalty from all parties present. They brought gifts to Fade on stage to show their loyalty to Long Enterprise. Tom also saluted them and gave them gifts after that, indicating to them that Long Enterprise would allow everyone to grow stronger together.

The gifts were not luxury items that were expensive or showy. However, these gifts were all carefully prepared by the big shots. Each gift had its own individual characteristics, which demonstrated their sincerity.

This year, Tom also prepared unique gifts. The gift was a special medicinal liquid, which could enhance the strength of a warrior, raising their skills to the next level. For example, an early stage Yellow Level warrior could become a middle stage Yellow Level warrior. These gifts were also inspected by Fade to vouch for their effectiveness.

Although they were useless to Tom, this gift was considered precious to all the big shots. After all, enhancing the strength of a warrior would bring them good fortune.

As a result, the big shots from all over the country were even more convinced of Fade's power and

Long Enterprises' supremacy.

In such an atmosphere, everyone presented their gifts. Next, it was time for everyone to eat and drink together.

But just as Tom was about to announce that the dishes were served, there was a sudden sound of footsteps at the door of the venue. Then, two figures pushed the door open and walked in slowly.

The sound of the door opening immediately attracted everyone's attention.

As soon as they saw the two people coming in, many people's expressions changed dramatically, and their eyes were full of surprise. Then, they looked over at Fade.

At this moment, Tom's expression also turned gloomy. He pounded the table and stood up, staring at the two figures coming toward him.

One of them turned out to be Aaron Wan, who had already evacuated Bay City and had fled for his life.

Tom pointed at Aaron and shouted in a deep voice, "Aaron, how dare you come back here!"

Aaron looked calm. He was not in a hurry, and he held a delicate box in his hand. He walked forward slowly and said, "Tom, what are you talking about? I purposely came with Mr. Cui to congratulate Mr. Chen with this gift!"

Speaking of Mr. Cui, everyone's eyes fell on the man

next to Aaron.

The man next to Aaron was about thirty years old. He had a neutral expression, and the corners of his eyes were slightly raised. With his hands behind his back, there was an unmistakable pride in his eyes.

He was wearing a pair of shoes made of cloth, and he wore pale blue robes. His hair was in a bun on his head, he dressed like an ancient priest.

"What gift did you bring?" Tom asked. He looked at Aaron with vigilance in his eyes.

Aaron chuckled and continued to walk forward. He stopped at the center of the room and looked at Fade. He opened the exquisite box slowly and said, "This is the gift I'm giving you."

As he opened the lid of the box, everyone finally saw what was inside. In a split second, everyone's expression shifted dramatically.

Tom became furious instantly. He slammed the table, pointed to Aaron, and shouted, "Aaron, Brother Fade spared your life. Do you want to get yourself killed right now?"

"Kill him, he's a crazy fanatic!" the big shots shouted.

"F\*ck, how dare he mock Brother Fade. Kill him!" they shouted.

"How dare Aaron provoke Brother Fade even after the Wan family is ruined. He is looking for death!"

they shouted again.

Amidst the angry voices, Aaron kept a straight face, and there was still a faint smile in the corner of his mouth. He took out the plastic alarm clock in the shape of a clown from the box. Then he looked at Fade and said, "Why are you guys so angry? In my opinion, isn't this alarm clock suitable for Mr. Chen? A lunatic and a fool, it is close to the time of death, isn't it?"

"How dare you!" Tom shouted. He was infuriated. He rushed down from the stage and slapped Aaron.

Although in the past, Aaron possessed stronger skills than Tom, his inner energy was completely destroyed by Fade. Therefore, it was impossible for him to block Tom's attack at this moment.

As Tom made his move, the angry roars of the people around him continued to sound.

"Slap him to death!" the people shouted.

"Aaron, how dare you! Are you looking to die?" they shouted.

"Master Wei, don't strike him to death with your hand. Beat him till half dead, and then torture him!" they shouted again.

Amidst the voices of the crowd, Tom launched his palm. He had recently reached the late stage of the Yellow Level. The force of his attack was powerful, and the sound of wind could be heard. Aaron had no



chance to escape this powerful force.

But at this time, a hint of panic flashed in Aaron's eyes, and then he immediately recovered. He even had a confident smile on his face.

"You will die!" Tom shouted. Tom was incensed when he saw Aaron in this calm state. He launched a deadly blow with his palm.

At this time, Aaron looked at the man in long robes next to him and said respectfully, "Mr. Cui, sorry to trouble you."

Mr. Cui nodded slightly and then took a step forward.

In a flash, the long robes on his body moved automatically, creating a strong gust of wind. His sleeves were blown by the strong wind, and he raised his right hand, which was as pale as turquoise jade. He bent his fingers slightly and made a gentle flicking movement toward Tom's palm.

"Puff!"

With a soft explosion, Mr. Cui shot out a stream of energy from his fingertips and struck Tom's palm.

Tom's expression shifted instantly. He flew backward from the impact as though he had been struck by a heavy hammer.

Witnessing this scene, everyone who was shouting loudly just now was shocked.

"Master Wei lost. How could that be possible?" they said in confusion.

"Who is Mr. Cui? How could he be so powerful?" they asked.

"No wonder Aaron was so arrogant. Looks like he has asked a master for help," they said.

"Look, look at the symbol on Mr. Cui's robes," someone shouted.

Everyone's eyes turned to Mr. Cui's robes abruptly. At the corner of his fluttering robes, a small and delicate symbol was clearly visible.

The symbol was formed by three curved lines in silver which were side by side, like the character "Water" in the Oracle bone script.

Some martial-artists could not help but be startled when they spotted this symbol. "This, this is the symbol of the 'Third River Clan'!" they shouted in shock.