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"Do you think Haymitch Zhao and his guys will accept you without me?" Chief Zheng jumped up from the sofa and shouted at his son, "Don't you dare mention this again in the future."

Edgar had never seen his father being so angry at him before, so he was pretty intimidated. He did not make a sound and only sat there quietly.

Hearing the loud voices in the living room, Edgar's mother came in and tried to reason with the both of them.

The both of them broke up their verbal argument and left the living room. One went into the study, the other went into the bedroom.

Edgar, who was lying on the bed, felt very upset. He didn't understand why his father thought of Fade so highly.

He couldn't understand why his father was still defending Fade although Fade had made such a mess of things.

At the same time, he secretly decided that even if his father did not approve of his idea, he would still proceed with it quietly. Offending Fade in return for pleasing Haymitch Zhao and the gang was a good deal anyways.

Having made up his mind, he took out his mobile phone and began to think about how to kick start his plan.

All of a sudden, his bedroom door was pushed open, and his father, Chief Zheng entered.

Edgar was startled. His gaze flickered with guilt when he looked at his father, and he quickly put down his mobile phone as

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though nothing had happened.

Chief Zheng immediately saw through his son's antics and guessed what he was up to. He hurriedly warned Edgar, "I have to warn you, don't you dare do anything stupid. Otherwise, you will only get yourself into trouble."

Upon hearing his father's words, Edgar pouted unhappily, "The biggest trouble for me now is offending Young Master Haymitch."

Chief Zheng's anger rose. He held himself back and once again tried to advise his son, "Why do you think I asked you not to go against Fade Chen? It is for your own good!"

"For my own good? What can I gain? Befriending a small commoner doctor in exchange for the friendship I have with Young Master Haymitch and the guys?" Edgar retorted disdainfully.

Chief Zheng growled in a deep tone, "Do you think that Dr. Chen is really just a simple doctor?"

Upon hearing this, Edgar couldn't help but frown, "Do you mean he's not? What do you mean? Does he have any other identity?"

Chief Zheng nodded, "Yes."

Edgar was shocked to hear what his father was saying. He quickly asked, "What other identity?"

Chief Zheng shook his head and replied, "I don't know either. However, I'm sure that he must have other powerful identities. I asked the people from the hospital and found out that Fade isn't a doctor from the City Medical Center. In fact, he isn't even a professional doctor."

"Not a doctor? Then what could he be?" Edgar asked doubtfully.

Chief Zheng continued, "I'm not sure myself. But Dr. Daphne Tao and Dr. Chen are very close. She hinted to me that Dr. Chen's

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identity is shrouded in mystery, but he's pretty influential. Even some big gang leaders have to give in when they see him."

"Big gang leaders giving in to him?" Edgar frowned and said in disbelief, "Is that even possible?"

Chief Zheng continued, "Whether that is possible or not, you are not allowed to act rashly before we learn the truth. Moreover, setting aside Fade's identity, he is my savior after all. You are not allowed to hurt him."

"But... How about Young Master Haymitch, I..." Edgar was still unconvinced.

Chief Zheng said sternly, "Let's put that matter aside first. We'll wait until I can find out who Dr. Chen really is."

Since his father was so adamant about it, Edgar couldn't say anything anymore. He nodded and agreed.

When Edgar was having a serious discussion with his father, Haymitch and the other young rich men were in the hospital. They were furious and were complaining to their family members who had arrived to visit them, "We need to teach that Fade Chen a lesson!"

Haymitch in particular, was full of resentment. He said to the middle-aged woman sitting beside his bed, "Mom, I have never been beaten up this badly since I was a child. We must get Dad to help me with this matter."

"Don't worry, Haymitch. Your father knows what that Fade Chen did, and he already sent his people to employ some martial arts professionals. We'll get back at him for you," Haymitch's mother comforted.

Haymitch nodded after hearing what his mother had to say. A thought then crossed his mind as he quickly added on, "Also, the girl named Yuri Zhang from Bay City University, I want her to learn a lesson too."

Haymitch's mother nodded, "Oh. That's simple. Don't worry, I'll arrange it. After all, your dad is in charge of the Cultural Festival this time. He will ensure that the team from Bay City University gets bad results."



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After listening to his mother's words, Haymitch nodded with satisfaction, the anger on his face subsiding. Time passed quickly. A few days later, the Long City Stadium was packed with people despite it being a weekend. The crowd was around 4 to 5 times larger than usual.

Amongst them, there were many people who came from miles away just to enjoy the show. There were even reporters who were setting up their gears in preparation for filming.

The stadium was soon filled with the bustling crowd.

The Cultural Festival was the reason why everyone had arrived. It was one of the most anticipated events of the year.

This was one of the most highly recognized events in Long City. This year, not only was it organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Education, it also was sponsored by many big entertainment companies in Long City. Everyone knew that the event would be on a different scale than in the past, as it was largely advertised around the city.

Before the show started, the audience in the stadium were already in high spirits.

Fade who was amidst the crowd looked around and smiled, "I didn't expect it to be so lively."

Yuri who was accompanying him chuckled, "Well, the whole district's university attended the show. It's quite expected for an event this big."

At this moment, several teams passed by the stadium and entered the backstage. Immediately, the crowd on the viewing deck burst into loud cheers. Some even made banners and cheering posters in support of their favourite teams, turning the whole place into a concert.

At the sight of this, Fade was a little surprised and exclaimed, "Wow, this really looks like a concert! "



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Yuri smiled and replied, "Indeed! Since entertainment companies are involved this time round, everyone knows that if they perform well, their chances of being noticed by these companies are larger. It's easier for them to be picked and trained by these companies to become future superstars. Hence, all the schools have sent out their best students, some even already having a fanbase online due to being small influencers on social media. It's quite normal for their fans to cheer them on at the scene like this."

Fade nodded in realization, "I see!"

One of the students from Bay City University who was with Yuri grinned and added on, "There are indeed fans who came to support their idols personally. However, not all of them are true fans who attend out of love for their idols."

"Um - " Fade paused for a moment and immediately understood her.

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It seemed that in order to build hype for themselves, some schools or students deliberately hired people to be their “fans” to cheer for them.

With that remark, Fade couldn't help shaking his head. "I didn't expect this to be happening in a cultural festival."

Yuri said, "Anyways, the result of the competition ultimately depends on the performance. The number of fans are not that important."

Hearing this, the student added on, "Do you know, Brother Chen? Yuri is the same too! She has quite some fame in Bay City and can be considered as an idol there. Many of our fans in Bay City volunteered to come and cheer for her, but Yuri declined them herself."

She sighed, "The others are willing to spend money to hire fans to cheer for them, but Yuri, you are doing the exact opposite. This..."

Yuri hurriedly explained, "I just don't think it's necessary. In addition, if we lost the competition, they'll be disappointed too."

The classmate giggled and put an arm around Yuri's back, "Oh Yuri, you are always lacking in confidence! With your voice and appearance, it'll surely land our performance in at least the top three! There's no way we could lose!"

Fade knew about Yuri's character, so he was not surprised at all by her actions. He smiled and said, "As long as Yuri is happy, it

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doesn't matter if she has fans or not. If she really wants to be a superstar, I can always bring her to Long City since I know some people in the entertainment companies here."

Yuri's face reddened after listening to him.

On the other hand, her classmate sighed and commented, "It's so nice to find a rich, influential and loving boyfriend, don't you think so, Yuri? Why can't I find a boyfriend as good as yours too!"

Yuri's face reddened at her classmate's teases. She gently nudged her and clarified, "Don't talk nonsense. Big Brother Chen and I are just friends. We—"

Just then, there was a burst of cheers around followed by fanatic shouts.

"Yuri Zhang, I love you!"

"Yuri, please sign for me!"

"All the best! Goddess Yuri."

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The three of them were stunned by the loud cries and cheers. It was only then that they realized that they had unconsciously walked to the backstage entrance while chatting away.

Some of the audience shouted Yuri's name when they saw her. Although she had asked her fans not to come, many still came to support her. Right now, they were shouting their cheers in unison, creating much hype in the arena.

Seeing this, Yuri quickly stopped fooling around with her companions. She waved sweetly to her fans as a sign of thanks, even



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stopping to take pictures and sign autographs for them.

Just as she was busy signing autographs for her fans, another group of people emerged behind them. The girl leading the group was lean and tall, dressed sexily in a pair of leather hot-pants and leather jacket.

As soon she emerged, a deafening cheer welcomed her arrival.

All of a sudden, a group of fans dressed in uniforms appeared with the girl's portrait in their hands. A bunch of them held up the girl's posters and banners while chanting her name together. Their thunderous voices echoed in the stadium, completely covering out the chants by Yuri's fans. The stadium shook with the roar of voices as if it could cause an earthquake.

The girl seemed to be very familiar with this kind of situation. She walked out with a confident smile and kept waving to her supporters.

When Fade saw this, he was very curious and asked, "Who is this person? Why is she so influential? A lot of stars do not even have this kind of fan base, do they?"

Yuri did not mention anything, but her classmate put on a distasteful look as she explained, "Her name is Elena Zou and she is a senior student in the dance faculty of Bay Source University. She is also an influencer that often does livestreams on her channel, which is why she is quite famous online."

"When the Cultural Festival was just announced, someone on the Internet made a popularity poll to let everyone vote for their favourite schools and participants. Originally, Bay City University and Yuri were ranked first, whereas Elena was only ranked third. However just a day before the end of the polling campaign, her votes suddenly increased by 100,000 and surpassed Yuri quickly, placing her first in the popularity poll."

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"Moreover, many rumours about her has arisen even before the show has started. There's been rumours about her sure win in the festival due to her overwhelming charisma and appearance; rumours about how she trained so hard that she sprained her leg; and even rumours on how the other trainees and participants aren't as good as her."

"The bottom line is that all kinds of rumours have been spread wildly which drastically increased her popularity. Currently, she is one of the top choices in the running as the festival's champion."

"As for these fans, they were obviously hired. Otherwise, how could they be so professional and well-trained?"

After listening to this, Fade stared at the girl with heavy makeup. He couldn't help but shake his head, commenting to himself, "This girl has gone a little overboard in order to win."

However, it was none of his business, so Fade didn't want to linger too long on it. He just walked towards Yuri.

At this moment, Yuri was taking a picture together with a fan, and had her back against the aisle.

At the same time, Elena was walking towards them on the aisle. With a large crowd following behind her like a lost puppy, she suddenly bumped into Yuri hard.

Yuri didn't expect that someone to bump into her from behind, so she lost her balance easily. She shrieked out of shock and was falling face-first onto the ground.

In the nick of time, Fade managed to swoop in and save her from the fall.

"Yuri, are you okay?" he asked with concern.

Yuri shook her head and assured him, "I'm fine!"

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Despite her assurance, she still looked slightly pale as she turned around to see who the culprit was.

Elena did not even utter a word of apology despite bumping into Yuri. Instead, she continued to smile and wave at the crowd as though nothing had happened.

Noticing this, Fade's eyes narrowed as he asked sharply, "Did she bump into you on purpose?"

Yuri waved her hand to dismiss it, "No, it's not. I'm sure it was just an accident—"

"If it was an accident, how did she manage to bump into you with so much strength? In addition, even if it was an accident, she should at least come over to apologize," Fade said coldly before walking over to Elena.

"Big Brother Chen, don't—" Yuri shouted. She wanted to stop Fade, but her classmate came over and stopped her, advising, "Yuri, you can't be too kind. Otherwise, you'll definitely be taking advantage of in the future if you choose to enter the entertainment industry. You must resist when you have to, and sometimes you even have to take the initiative to fight back. Only then will others learn not to take you lightly!"

"I—" Yuri was still worried.

At the same time, Fade walked over to Elena and said, "Hold up!"



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Elena Zou was responding to her enthusiastic fans when she heard the voice behind her. She turned around immediately. She took a look at Fade Chen and slightly lifted the corners of her mouth, flashing a disdainful smile. She then turned around and continued interacting with her fans, ignoring him completely.

Fade snorted when he saw her disrespectful attitude. He then stepped forward and growled, "I asked you to stop. Didn't you hear me?"

His voice shocked Elena and she trembled out of the shock.

It was only then that she turned around to look at Fade in disdain. She frowned and said spitefully, "What are you doing?"

Fade pointed towards Yuri and said, "You just bumped into her. Apologize to her now!"

"Apologize?" Elena sneered. "Are you kidding me? Are you asking me to apologize to her? For what?"

Fade replied coldly, "You bumped into her on purpose and almost hurt her just now. Apologize immediately and overlook this matter."

"Excuse me? Who are you to ask me to apologize to her? Hmph!" Elena crossed her arms in front of her chest and stared down at Fade. "Besides, I didn't bump into her at all."

With this, she turned around and continued to ignore Fade.

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Her attitude displeased Fade and his expression sank. He replied, "I already warned you, you asked for it."

Elena snickered, "Warned? Hah, who do you think you are? I - "

Before she could finish her words, Fade slapped her directly in the face. A crisp and loud slap resonated through the arena the moment his palm made contact with her face.

Elena was stunned and was out of it for a while. After a few seconds, she came to her senses and screamed, "How dare you slap me! I'll kill you. I—"

While speaking, Elena waved her arms and tried to grab Fade in an attempt to scratch him and hurt him.

Fade responded with another big slap on the other side of her face. The searing pain shot through Elena and shut her up. She didn't dare to scream anymore but she could not hide the hostility and hatred on her face.

With Fade's slaps, Elena did not dare to simply make a move anymore. She could only look at her classmates and her fans in hope that they could help her.

However, after seeing Fade's strength, nobody dared to come up to help. Moreover, most of her fans were hired and not true fans. They were fine with chanting her name, but if fighting was involved, they wouldn't want to take the risk.

Therefore, although Elena shouted very loudly, only a few enthusiastic fans were willing to voice out for her. Apart from that, no one else stood up for her.

Fade continued to stare at her and repeated himself, "Apologize, right away!"

After the blows, Elena did not dare to retaliate anymore. Despite still feeling spiteful, she quietly walked up to Yuri and said softly, "I'm sorry that I bumped into you just now."

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Yuri shook her head and said, "It's okay. Just be careful next time."

Although Yuri had already forgiven her, Elena still didn't dare to move without Fade's permission. The only thing she could do was to keep looking at Fade with questioning eyes.

Fade looked at Yuri, then waved at Elena and said, "Get lost!"

Elena immediately left in a hurry as if she had been granted amnesty.

However, after leaving his sight, Elena suddenly raised her lowered head, her eyes filled with resentment and menace. She gritted her teeth and announced sinisterly, "Yuri Zhang, I will remember this. I won't forget the humiliation I faced today."

Some of her schoolmates came over to calm her down. Elena said coldly, "Later when performing, all of you must work harder! We must beat Bay City University in this show. I must beat Yuri Zhang."

"Don't worry, Elena. Bay Source University will surely win this time."

"Yuri Zhang is nothing. She's just a country bumpkin from a small town. You'll win for sure, Elena."

"Moreover, Elena, haven't you had dinner with Principal Liu and the others? You'll surely be able to sign the contract with them after the competition. Don't worry."

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Her teammates assured her and managed to improve Elena's mood.

On the other hand, Fade joined the audience after sending Yuri off. He had remembered to give her a few words of encouragement to boost her confidence, and was currently waiting for the performances to start.



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It wasn't long before the judges and personnel walked onto the stage and got into their respective positions. Everyone was hyped up and waited excitedly for the show to start.

Finally, at nine o'clock sharp in the morning, the National Cultural Festival officially began.

Firstly, there were speeches from the organizing committee, including the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education, the entertainment companies, and the representatives from the schools.

After enduring a series of boring speeches, the emcee finally announced the highlight of the show - the performances by all the schools. Instantly, applause thundered throughout the entire stadium.

The order of performances was determined by drawing lots prior to the event. Now, the teams started to perform one-by-one based on their turn.

The first team to perform on stage was a group of students from a university in a small town. They performed a group dance and won some applause. However, the performance was just so-so.

The judges started to grade them soon after their performance. An average score would be announced after combining the scores of all the judges.

After a while, the first team was announced to have a score of 72. Over a total of 100, it was considered an average score.

After announcing the first team's score, the second team started their performance and soon obtained their score too. The performance and scoring continued to be carried out in this manner.

Time passed by very quickly. In the blink of an eye, more than a dozen teams had finished performing. Most of the performances were a combination of singing and dancing, and their scores were basically between 70 to 80 points. Although the performances

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were good, they were lackluster performances and could only be considered ordinary.

Even so, the students at the event enjoyed the performances. This was because most of the performers were beauties and were eye candy to the students there. This outshined the fact that their performances were just ordinary.

As this was a huge event, all the participating universities sent out their best talents for the performance. As such, most of the girls on stage were pretty and alluring. It was a pleasing sight to the audience, and they constantly took photos and videos of them with their mobile phones.

Although the overall performance of the first few teams were only average, some of the gorgeous girls in the teams still attracted huge attention from the audience. There were even some entertainment companies who had decided to contact the girls after the show.

The show continued as another team stepped onto the stage.

Everyone could see that there was a huge difference between this team and the previous teams. When they arrived onto the stage, there was a burst of enthusiastic cheers and shouts in the stadium. The atmosphere heated up with their arrival.

With the burst of cheers, the rest of the audience were intrigued and had their eyes all on the team onstage.

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However, when Fade Chen saw the cheering crowd and the team on the stage, his mood sank. This was because the team on the stage was from Bay Source University - where Elena Zou was from. Those who were shouting her name in the audience were those who were hired by her.

Although those who knew the truth scoffed at her appearance, most of the audience here did not know about it at all. Seeing as the amount of fans who supported Elena were aplenty, they grew curious and looked forward to her performance.

Even the judges became more serious as they straightened their backs and looked attentively at what the team was about to perform.

In the midst of cheers, Elena led her team from Bay Source University on stage. They had prepared a dance for their performance.

Soon, the music started and the cheers gradually died down. Elena stood in the center of the formation. As soon as the booming music started, she shed her short leather jacket to reveal her sleek and smooth waist.

Then, she began to dance energetically.

Subsequently, the other members also followed suit. Clad in bralettes and hot pants, they began to bop to the electronic dance music, showing off their fair skin and curvy moves.



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The atmosphere in the stadium heated up along with the energetic beats of the music. It was complemented with bold dance moves by beautiful young girls on stage, turning the whole performance into a dancing club floor in minutes.

The audience couldn't help but move to the beat of the music and started jumping up and down in excitement. Their cheers rose along to the music as the whole stadium was captivated by this group of girls.

Elena ended their heated performance with a cool and swift swipe of her long and slender leg, pairing it perfectly with the end of the last music note.

Immediately after that, there were waves of enthusiastic cheers and screams by the audience. With the help of the fans Elena hired, the atmosphere seemed to have reached a climax.

Even the judges were taken by the music and the performance, their faces flushing with excitement.

In the end, the team got a total score of 88 points.

Such a high score caused a roar in the crowd. After all, there were barely any teams that managed to score above 80, let alone close to 90.

Elena, along with her team members, bowed with a sweet smile on their faces to thank the audience and the judges before exiting the stage.

Fade sighed and shook his head gently. He thought to himself, "In terms of their technique and artistic value, they are only as good as the previous few teams."

"However, I have to admit that in terms of performance, the crowd is definitely captivated by the team's performance. To top it off, Elena's charisma, beauty and sexiness is even more alluring to the audience, allowing them to fully immerse themselves in

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their performance."

With that thought in mind, Fade had to admit that Elena's move to hire fans to spice up the atmosphere was indeed a smart one.

Fade was still deep in thought when the next team went on stage to perform a dance as well. Despite having good techniques, the impression that they left on the audience was subservient in comparison to the previous team. As such, they only managed to obtain a score of 68, which was the lower score so far.

The following team performed singing instead of dancing, allowing them to narrowly escape being compared to Bay Source University's heated dance moves. As a result, their score was raised to 77 points, but they were still regarded as average.

After that, many teams completed their performances without a glitch. Most of them did alright, averaging in scores within the range of the previous ones. The only more captivating team amongst them was from Long City, who performed a unique, traditional dance. Their performance was an eye opener compared to the other teams, giving them a score of 85. For now, it placed them in second place right behind Bay Source University.

The performance went on, with fewer teams left behind to perform. Eventually, only the team from Bay City University was left.

Following the emcee's announcement, the team from Bay City University came on the stage.

A group of beautiful girls in dancing costumes walked onto the stage. As the soothing music started, they began to dance gracefully with the rhythm.

The song that the team had chosen was slow and melodious. Although the dance was graceful and well choreographed, their performance was not as moving and impactful as the previous few teams.

Therefore, despite their performance, it did not manage to attract the crowd's attention.

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The lack of response was because the audience had already seen many different performances. It had also been a few hours since the festival started and everyone was already tired. Their performance which was slow and calm in nature had therefore failed to appeal to the public.

Some of them even began to leave their seats.

Similarly, the judges were not very focused. Some were sipping water and twiddling their thumbs in disinterest. and some of them were even on their phones.

Judging by the situation, the participants and the audience started to discuss the verdict.

"Well, looks like the results are fixed. I'm sure that Bay Source University will be in first place."

"It's been decided a long time ago, okay? Elena Zou is too sexy. When she was dancing, my heart was racing like mad."

"Seems like Elena Zou is the most outstanding performer this time. Those major entertainment companies will probably make their move soon."

"It's likely that they've already made their move."

"No wonder she's the champion. Although the competition has yet to end, the companies are already fawning over her."

"To be honest, the traditional dance performance by Long City University was also good, seeing as they got second place."

"Yes, especially the lead dancer. Although she is not a stunning beauty, she is quite the beauty herself. Unlike the sexy charisma that Elena has displayed, she looks more elegant as though she just walked out from a painting. I personally like her a lot."

"I remember that there was an online popularity poll before the festival, right? I vaguely remember Elena winning first place, and



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the second place was a girl from Bay City University. Where is she now?"

"Who knows? I found it strange that the girl even managed to obtain first place in the beginning of the voting period. Maybe she even cheated."

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While the crowd was busy discussing the results, the students of Bay Source University gathered around Elena with excited smiles on their faces.

"Bay City University is the last one performing. Even if they get their results, I'm sure we'll win the competition."

"In fact, we don't even have to wait, no one can beat us now. Look at the reaction of the audience, how could Bay City University stand a chance against us?"

"That's right. Bay City University is all just talk. I can't believe that they even tried to promote this nobody called Yuri Zhang to suppress the popularity of our Elena. What a joke!"

At the mention of Elena, the students turned their sights towards her and looked at her with admiration. This was because just a moment ago, several big entertainment companies from Long City approached her and offered her appealing contracts. As of now, they just needed Elena's signature to seal the contract.

It could be said that Elena was now on her way to fame. With the help of the entertainment companies, they were sure that she would become the hottest superstar of the future. The gap between them and her would only grow further apart in the future.

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Therefore, at this time, some smarter students already began to suck up to Elena.

"Don't even mention Yuri Zhang! She's not even at the same level to compete with Elena, okay?"

"That's right. Bay City University had said before that they would win the championship. But now, I don't think they can even make it into the top ten."

"Yuri Zhang? She didn't even show up. Maybe she was scared and ran away after seeing Elena's performance!"

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Although Elena was talking modestly, she was actually feeling very proud of herself, her arrogance pouring out from the look in her eyes. She thought secretly, "Oh Yuri Zhang, see? You'll never be able to compete with me."

"As for that man who slapped me, I'll be sure to find you and teach you a good lesson after entering Director Liu's company," Elena thought with malice.

While Elena and the others were talking, Bay City University's team had been performing on the stage for nearly three minutes.

The soothing music coupled with the graceful dance was supposed to look visually appealing, yet it was making people sleepy by the minute.

More and more people left, while those who stayed started to talk out of boredom. Everyone was obviously not very interested in

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this last performance.

However just when everyone was losing focus, someone suddenly noticed a girl appearing on the stage.

Dressed in a pastel green gown, the girl's hair was tied into a ponytail that swung around as she stepped onto the stage. She had light makeup on her face but still looked graceful and sweet.

Holding a microphone, she slowly made her way to the center to the stage and stared fearlessly into the distance. Her gaze was calm yet soothing. Raising her microphone, she opened her mouth and started singing.

Her voice rang out sweetly. It was as though it managed to transport the audience to another dimension. Her voice was the embodiment of clear spring water flowing down from the mountaintop; like the breeze blowing in the midsummer and like the crystals floating down slowly on a snowy winter's day.

The noisy atmosphere suddenly began to quiet down as the girl sang. Almost everyone was stunned, and then they couldn't help but cast their eyes on the stage.

Without any care in the world, the girl sang her heart out on stage. Everyone was captivated by her voice that was crisp and clear. Unbeknownst to them, they were slowly brought into the girl's world through her voice, their eyes were glued to the initially dull performance.

The audience immersed themselves in Yuri's beautiful voice. Complementing her singing was the graceful dance movements that now looked like a work of art.

With that, Yuri sang of a story that brought the audience on an imaginative journey into a world of fantasy. The lyrics she sang painted pictures of mountains and streams that were vividly brought to life in front of the audience.



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When the song ended in high spirits, Yuri and the dancers bowed to thank the audience.

It was only then that the audience suddenly came to their senses. All of them gave a standing ovation, sending waves of applause and cheer ringing throughout the stadium.

The audience who were ready to leave the stadium a while ago were suddenly overwhelmed with emotion and began to discuss the performance excitedly.

"This voice is too beautiful."

"This is the sound of nature! I've finally had a glimpse of the sound of nature!"

"What's the name of the girl who was singing? Her voice is so beautiful!"

"It's not just her voice, look at her appearance! Her looks are definitely top-notch!"

"Yes, she's very pure. The more I look at her, the more I can feel my heart pounding wildly."

"I've decided, she will be my goddess from now on!"

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The audience were excited and so were the judges. A moment ago, they had almost decided to end the competition and give their verdict. Yet now, their eyes were lit up with joy and they immediately started to discuss their decision fervently.

Elena, who was initially full of herself backstage, now had an ugly look frozen on her face.

The students around her who had been talking about the last performance earlier had shut their mouths.

They looked at Elena's twisted expression and started comforting her.

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"Elena, you don't have to worry. Although this performance was not bad, it's definitely not as good as ours."

"That's right. Yuri can't be compared with you."

"Yes, Elena, don't be discouraged. You are already a star so you're already a level higher than her."

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While they were comforting Elena, the judges announced their final scores.

The emcee announced loudly, "The final score for the last team, Bay City University is, 98 points."

"Wow!" The tension in the stadium rose with the announcement of the highest score for the whole festival.

"98 points! This is the champion!"

"Not only is the team the champion, but their score also surpassed the second place by 10 points! That's amazing!"

"That's awesome! No wonder Bay City University was the last to perform!"

"Yuri Zhang is just remarkable. Goddess Yuri, I love you!"

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Upon the verdict, Elena could not maintain her calm demeanor any longer. Her gaze was fierce and unfriendly, while her fist was clenched tightly.

However, it was not over yet on stage.

Originally, after the host announced the scores, it would be the time to compile the rankings and proceed with the awards

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ceremony.

However at that moment, an elder with gray hair suddenly stood up from the judges' seats. He held up his microphone and asked Yuri, "Young lady, what's your name?"

Yuri was stunned upon hearing him address her before replying obediently, "My name is Yuri Zhang, sir."

Hearing this, the elder nodded in approval and said, "Yuri, let me introduce myself. My name is Erasmus Sun, and I am the principal of the Long City Music Academy. I would like to formally invite you to join our academy and become my apprentice."

His sentence left everyone in awe and admiration even before Yuri could make up her mind.

"Erasmus Sun, I didn't expect it to be Master Erasmus."

"Master Erasmus is a very important person in the local music industry. He is an extremely influential icon here in Long City."

"Really? He's that powerful?"

"The ignorance! You don't even know Master Erasmus? Have you heard of Susie Song, the songstress, and Bob Lin, the prince of love songs? They are all students of Master Erasmus."

"What? He's so powerful? Yuri is so lucky to have such an opportunity!"

"This is more than just being lucky! Did you hear Master Erasmus offer for her to become his apprentice and not just a student? This means that he's going to coach her personally! Just think of it, Yuri is going to be his personal apprentice if she accepts!"

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After hearing the various discussions, everyone realized the weight of Erasmus' words and they couldn't help but feel excited for



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Yuri.

"That's amazing! She actually got Master Erasmus' approval?"

"Goddess, what are you hesitating for? Accept it quickly!"

"You'll definitely have a bright future if you become Master Erasmus' apprentice!"

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Yuri Zhang was in a daze and didn't know what decision to make.

Suddenly, another woman in her forties stood up from the judges' seats and said to Yuri, "Hello, Yuri, I'm Elisha Ding, the vice principal of Long City University Arts Faculty. I am here to officially invite you to join our school."

Erasmus Sun, who was waiting for Yuri's response, was anxious when he heard this. He shouted at Elisha, "Elisha, how can you compete with me for her? I've invited her first."

Elisha looked embarrassed and said, "Old Master Sun, there's no point in saying who wanted her first. Besides, our university is more famous than your music academy in Long City. Yuri has greater potential for development if she choose our school."

Hearing this, Erasmus immediately snorted and said, "Although your university is famous, our Long City Music Academy is more prestigious in terms of music. Miss Zhang, don't be confused by her. Come to our school."

Seeing this scene, not only Yuri but the audience were dumbfounded. They stared at the two people who were arguing. They never thought that in this competition, the two big shots in the arts industry would quarrel over Yuri.

Just when everyone was surprised, another person stood up and joined in their debate.

He was a middle-aged man in a smart suit. He introduced himself, "Hello, Miss Zhang. I'm Harvey Hong of Egret Entertainment. Our company is one of the best entertainment companies in Long City. If you sign the contract with our company, we are willing

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to—"

However, before Harvey could finish his words, someone beside him stood up as well.

"Mr. Hong, are you bragging? How dare you say that you are one of the best entertainment companies in Long City? Our Black Iron Entertainment is in fact one of the best entertainment companies in the Long City. Miss Zhang, if you come to our company. We are willing to..."

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In an instant, almost all the big shots of the entertainment companies stood up and offered various proposals to try to win over Yuri.

Seeing this, Erasmus and Elisha, who were originally arguing with each other, were now allying for Yuri.

"Miss Zhang, you have great talent, and you will definitely become a star in the future. But now, you don't have enough vocal music knowledge, so my suggestion is that you acquire the proper knowledge and improve yourself before you start your music career," Erasmus said.

"Yuri, I agree with Old Master Sun's words. If you start your career now, you may be able to be popular for a while. But without deep foundation, it will be difficult to sustain this kind of popularity. So, I suggest you take the path of becoming a star after you have learned thoroughly," Elisha said.

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Under such circumstances, the audience was not only confused, but completely stunned. They couldn't believe that all the big shots would fight over Yuri together.



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For a moment, excitement grew in the stadium. The audience became more excited. Many people took pictures and posted them on the Internet. At the same time, they explained what had happened here, which immediately caused a commotion on the Internet.

At this moment, in the backstage, the other competitors' expressions didn't look too good.

Especially Elena Zou from Bay Source University. At this time, her face was very gloomy. She glared at Yuri who was on the stage with hatred and she gritted her teeth.

At this time, Yuri finally came to her senses. She bowed to thank the invitation of the judges and the bosses of the entertainment companies, and then said that she would think about the proposals. Then she left the stage.

As Yuri stepped down from the stage, the atmosphere gradually quieted down.

After that, the program continued. The host announced the top ten places, and then issued the honorary certificates and medals to the participants.

The backstage staff handed over the results to the host. The host was ready to walk on the stage to announce the results, however, when he looked at the results, he suddenly froze on the spot. He turned his head to look at the staff behind him and asked, "Is this result wrong? How come Bay City University is ranked—"

Before he could finish speaking, the staff said in a cold voice, "This is the final result. Just announce it as it is."

The host frowned discontentedly and said, "But the judges' remarks were not like this. If I—"

The staff said in a cold voice, "There are deduction points at the back of the paper. You can read it."

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The host took a closer look at the deducted items and frowned even deeper. He said, "There seems to be no such items in the original rules. This—"

The staff snorted, pointed somewhere behind him, and said coldly, "This is the order from the Deputy Minister Zhao. Do you want to argue with him?"

The host glanced over and saw a middle-aged man and a young man. They were Archibald Zhao, the Deputy Minister Zhao of the Cultural Department, and his son Haymitch Zhao.

Originally, Archibald had said that he would not come to the show. However, he suddenly appeared and made such a scene, which made the host feel quite surprised and stunned.

Seeing this, the staff snorted and said, "Why are you still standing here? If you don't want to do it, then we'll change to someone else."

The host's face turned pale. He quickly shook his head and said, "I'll do it, I'll do it."

Then, he went up the stage with a pale face.

The moment the host came to the stage, the audience cheered excited.

The host immediately began to announce the names of the winning teams in ascending sequence.

Every time the audience heard a name, they burst into applause. The higher the ranking, the more wildly they cheered.

One by one, the names of the teams were announced, and the winning teams came to the stage respectively.

When the name of the second place was announced, Elena, who was from Bay Source University, walked to the stage sullenly

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with a gloomy face.

Then, the host paused for a moment, and the audience also quieted down. Everyone was looking forward to the final announcement of the first place, which was the appearance of Yuri from Bay City University.

Even the judges on the judges' seats couldn't help but stand up at this time. They clapped their hands gently to cheer for Bay City University.

But just as everyone was smiling and expecting, the host said, "The first place belongs to Bay City University, with a score of 98 points."

Hearing this, the team from Bay City University stepped onto the stage, and the cheers and applause from the audience thundered.

But at the last moment, the host suddenly changed the statement and announced, "Because the performance of Bay City University went against the rules, after some deliberation, the organiser decided to deduct 15 points from Bay City University. Therefore, the final score for Bay City University is eighty-three points. After adjustments, they ranked tenth place. Bay Source University, which was originally in the second place, has now moved forward and won this competition ."



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After the host finished announcing, the heightened enthusiastic cheers and applause suddenly quieted down. All those who present were stunned and looked at the host.

A few seconds later, an intense debate broke out on the spot.

"Why were points deducted from Bay City University?"

"What kind of competition is this? It's all internally fixed."

"What on earth are you guys doing? It's clear that Bay City University is the winner."

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The host's face turned pale and explained, "During the performance by Bay City University, we found that there were parts which were lip-synced. So, according to the rules set by the organisers, 15 points were deducted as penalty."

As soon as the host finished explaining, the stadium erupted with anger.

"Bullsh\*t, how could it be possible for Bay City University to lip-sync?"

"I was sitting in the first row at that time, and I heard it clearly. It was all Yuri Zhang's voice. How could it be lip-syncing?"

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Erasmus Sun and Elisha Ding, who were sitting on the judges' seats, couldn't sit still anymore. They questioned the results outrightly.

"We are the judges. Who gave you the right to randomly deduct points?"

"I'm certain that Yuri Zhang didn't lip-sync. The point deduction made no sense."

"Please add the points back immediately and announce the rankings again?" Erasmus said angrily.

In the face of the angry questioning, the host had to insist and said, "This is the result after thorough investigation by the organisers. It can't be changed."

Erasmus got angry when he heard this. He threw whatever he was holding on the ground and shouted, "Who's the organiser? Who's the person? Show me how this thorough investigation was done. Please explain to me"

The host was rendered speechless by the questions and stammered, "This, this, I..."

Erasmus grew even angrier when he saw this. He bellowed, "If you didn't give me a satisfactory answer about this matter, I'll definitely pursue this matter to the end."

Elisha also nodded and said, "And me too."

The host didn't know what to do at all. Just as he was losing it, a cold voice could be heard as the person walked up to the stage and said, "This is the decision of the Ministry of Culture. Do you still want to question it?"

Hearing the voice, everyone looked over and saw two figures walking onto the stage. The person who spoke was a middle-aged man with a stern look.

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Ordinary audiences might not know this man, but the judges on the scene and the people in the teams recognized him at a glance. This person was Archibald Zhao, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Culture, and also the person in charge of this competition.

Instantly, there was a sudden cry of surprise.

"Deputy Minister Zhao, this is actually a decision made by Deputy Minister Zhao himself?"

"Deputy Minister Zhao is such a high-ranking official. How could he speak out in person? Is this for real?"

"Maybe there's really something going on internally."

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With Archibald's words, the atmosphere at the scene suddenly changed from resentment to trust, with some of them still doubted secretly.

However, Erasmus, who were sitting at the judges' seats, remained indifferent. He did not back down and said, "Deputy Minister Zhao, why did you deduct points off Bay City University? I hope to hear a reasonable explanation."

Archibald Zhao glanced at Erasmus and replied in a cold voice, "The host had explained the reason just now. Lip-syncing!"

"Impossible!" Erasmus said decisively, "I've been in the music industry for so many years, how could I not notice the lip-syncing! I'm sure Yuri Zhang didn't lip-sync. So, I want to ask Deputy Minister Zhao to review and change the scores of Bay City University."

Archibald snorted and said, "There's no need. This score was determined by the expert panel after discussion. There's no room



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for amendments."

"How could you..." Erasmus was furious. "If this competition continues on like this, I'll quit being the judge."

Archibald Zhao remained unmoved and said coldly, "Old Master Sun, you are getting old. If you are not feeling too well, don't force it. Not just being a judge here, but also your role in the music school."

Hearing this, many people on the scene were shocked and their expressions suddenly became a little subtle.

They could tell that Archibald Zhao was very aggressive and placed great importance to the score this time. He did not even hesitate to threaten a veteran like Erasmus Sun forthrightly.

Seeing this, the people who were going to speak out at this time shut their mouths inadvertently. After all, many of their works were related to Archibald's scope of influence. They were unlikely to offend officials like Archibald for just a score in such a competition.

The scene quieted down. Archibald's eyes turned cold, and then he waved his hand and said, "The score is set."

Hearing this, everyone was full of anger and disbelief, but there was nothing they could do. They could only glare at Archibald.

However, Archibald was not affected. At this time Haymitch Zhao added, "In addition to this lip-syncing incident, there were also other malignant events by Bay City University. Two days ago, I went to the place where Bay City University was rehearsing with my friends for inspection, but we were beaten up ruthlessly. As a result, eight of us were injured seriously. Some of us are still lying in the hospital right now. I hope that this matter will be investigated properly."

Archibald was surprised upon hearing this and he said, "Is there such a thing? Then we must investigate this carefully."

Haymitch said directly, "There's no need to investigate. I have the relevant evidence."

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After that, Haymitch waved his hand, and then a video was played on the big screen. The video happened to be the scene when Fade Chen was beating up Haymitch and the others.

As soon as the video was played, it immediately caused a clamor. Everyone couldn't help but start pointing fingers and debating.

As for Fade, when he saw the video, his face darkened. Because he could see at a glance that the video was edited. The video cut off all the scenes when Haymitch and the others were teasing Yuri and the other girls, leaving only the fight scene.

In the eyes of those who didn't know the truth, it was Fade who beat Haymitch and the others.

All of a sudden, there was a lot of discussion on the spot. Doubts towards Bay City University suddenly became louder.

Even the judges on the judges' seats couldn't help frowning at this moment.

Seeing this, Archibald announced, "Since the evidence is certain, please call the security guards to arrest the relevant individuals immediately. Then call the police and let the police deal with them. At the same time, cancel the competition result of Bay City University, and disqualify them from the competition for the next three years."

As soon as the punishment was announced, the scene was once again in an uproar.

Many students and teachers of the Bay City University were filled with righteous indignation. They stood up one after another in an attempt to explain.

"That wasn't the case. They were the ones who assaulted us first. We were just—"

"This video was edited and falsely presented. It is not the truth."

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However, before they opened their mouths, a group of security guards suddenly rushed over and surrounded Fade Chen and the people from Bay City University.



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Suddenly, the scene was a total mess. Many students from Bay City University looked terrified.

Haymitch, with an extremely proud expression, looked at Fade Chen and whispered, "Kid, I've told you, don't go against me. Now, do you regret it?"

Fade looked at Haymitch coldly and said in a hostile tone, "I should be the one saying this to you."

"Haha, do you realize what's happening? Are you still trying to act tough? Let's see how tough you are when we arrive at the police station?" Haymitch said fiercely. Then he glanced at Yuri Zhang and smiled, "By the way, after you are sent to the police station, I will take good care of this little beauty for you."

Hearing this, Fade's eyes suddenly sank, and his tone suddenly turned icy. He said coldly, "I have said before, if you act rashly, not only you, but your father will also regret it."

Haymitch didn't take it seriously at all. He chuckled and said, "Haha, really? Then I really want to see how I will regret it."

After that, Haymitch waved his hand and shouted, "This gangster is extremely vicious. Put him on handcuffs and take him away."

All of a sudden, the security guards gathered around and were going to handcuff Fade in a rude way.

When Yuri saw this, she couldn't help but look anxious. She wanted to rush over, but was stopped by the security guards.

Elena Zou and the others, who were also standing on the stage, were originally disappointed and were ready to leave after

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receiving the award. But the situation changed unexpectedly. People from Bay City University had offended Deputy Minister Zhao and their points were deducted, which made Bay Source University the winner of this competition.

Moreover, now, Yuri and Fade were going to be taken away by the police. Under such a situation, Elena couldn't help but be overjoyed. With the pleasure of revenge on her face, she said, "It's payback for going up against me earlier on. Haha, you ungrateful thing, you have actually provoked Young Master Zhao and Deputy Minister Zhao. You're looking for trouble."

At this moment, the smile on Elena's face could no longer be contained. Yuri would definitely be finished after this incident. No matter how amazing her singing was, and even if she really did not lip-sync, with Deputy Minister Zhao's words, no entertainment company in the Long City would dare to sign her on.

With Yuri removed from the list, Elena, who had a striking performance, would naturally become the most sought after talent by many entertainment companies. Thinking about this, Elena was already dreaming of her bright future.

At the same time, in a corner of the audience seats, a young man in his twenties looked at the chaos on the stage and could not help shaking his head. He whispered to himself, "That Fade Chen, he couldn't beat Young Master Haymitch after all."

"Now, Young Master Haymitch is taking his revenge. I have lost the opportunity to ingratiate with him. I'm afraid that it's impossible for me to reconcile with Haymitch in the future."

"Father had made a wrong judgement in this matter after all!" This young man was none other than Edgar Zheng. He came to the stadium to watch the performance because he was worried about the dispute between Haymitch and Fade. Originally, he thought that the concert would end peacefully, but he didn't expect the twist.

Just as Edgar shook his head and sighed, his cell phone suddenly rang. He took out his cell phone and saw that it was his father,

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so he picked up the phone and said, "Dad, I am at Long City University. Young Master Haymitch and Deputy Minister Zhao have already made their move at the scene here. We have already—"

However, before Edgar could finish his words, Chief Zheng's frantic voice came from the other end of the phone. "I don't care what method you use. Stop whatever Archibald and Haymitch is doing. Don't let them take action, especially on Mr. Chen."

When Edgar heard this, he couldn't help frowning and asked in confusion, "Dad, I just said that Deputy Minister Zhao has already taken action."

"Then quick, stop them right now," Chief Zheng roared.

Edgar was even more puzzled. He said, "Dad, what's wrong with you? That's Deputy Minister Zhao. How can I stop him?"

"I don't care what method you use, we must stop them. Otherwise, something big will happen. By then, all of us will be in trouble," Chief Zheng shouted frantically.

Edgar frowned and said, "Dad, he's just a small time doctor. Nothing big will happen."

Chief Zheng roared, "Small time doctor? Do you know Mr. Chen's identity? You said he is a small time doctor."

"What identity? Is Fade Chen a big shot?" Edgar asked.

Chief Zheng yelled, "Let me tell you, not only is he a big shot, he's the most influential of them all. He is..."

After listening to his father's words, Edgar couldn't help but tremble. Then his eyes widened and his face was full of disbelief. He said, "Dad, you said that Mr. Chen is... How, how could this be possible?"

"I have done a thorough investigation. There's no doubt about it. Go stop them now, otherwise, if we provoke Mr. Chen, everyone



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will be in trouble. I am already on my way there," Chief Zheng roared.

Edgar suddenly came to his senses and said hurriedly, "Dad, I see. I'll go right away."

After that, Edgar hung up the phone, and then ran madly towards the stage.

At this moment, on the stage, the security guards had surrounded Fade and were about to take action. Haymitch smiled lecherously and walked toward Yuri. Elena, on the other hand, looked at this scene with a smile of sweet revenge on her face.

Just when they were about to make a move, suddenly, there was a loud roar, "Stop, everyone stop."

Hearing the cry, Haymitch looked up and saw that the man who had rushed over was Edgar. Suddenly, Haymitch frowned and shouted coldly, "Edgar, how dare you come here again?"

Edgar had no time to explain. He gasped and exclaimed, "Young Master Haymitch, you can't do anything to Mr. Chen. Let him go immediately."

Haymitch's eyes darkened and he snorted, "Edgar, I did you a favor before and didn't make trouble for you, but you still wanted to take advantage of me. You come to give me trouble again. Let me tell you, today, I will teach this kid a lesson."

Edgar knew that Haymitch would not listen to him. He immediately looked at Archibald and said, "Deputy Minister Zhao, don't touch Mr. Chen. He is not an ordinary person. If anyone touches Mr. Chen, everyone will suffer."

"Not an ordinary person? Haha, then who is he?" Haymitch sneered disdainfully, then waved his hand and shouted, "Take action now."

Edgar rushed to the security guards and tried his best to stop them. At the same time, he shouted, "You really can't do this. Uncle Zhao, you really can't. Please do me a favor and let me finish my words."

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Archibald snorted and said in disdain, "Edgar, even if your father comes over right now, there will be no negotiation on this matter."

Following that, Archibald frowned and shouted angrily, "What are you waiting for? Take him now! Anyone who dares to stop us will be arrested for disrupting official business."

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While speaking, a security guard walked over to Edgar Zheng and held him down directly. He was going to drag Edgar away. The rest of the security guards had Fade Chen and Yuri Zhang surrounded.

Seeing this, Edgar was very anxious. Ignoring everything else, he shouted directly, "Mr. Chen is Master Chen! Everyone stop!"

Hearing Edgar's cry, Haymitch said rudely in a cold voice, "What Master Chen? That's bullsh\*t. Edgar, I'm going to teach this kid a lesson today."

While they were talking, the security guards had already made a move on Fade. Fade glanced at the security guards coldly and with just a little force, he sent the security guards around him flying.

Then, Fade slid forward and grabbed Haymitch by the throat. His eyes were cold and he said in a cold voice, "Are you looking for trouble?"

Haymitch was shocked from the sudden strangulation. Next, he clapped his hands frantically and said with a gasping sound, "Let go of me, let go..."

At that time, Archibald Zhao came back to his senses. His face darkened and he shouted, "Do you know what you are doing? Let go of him now."

Fade did not pay attention to Archibald at all. He slowly tightened his grip on his right hand that was holding Haymitch's



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throat. Haymitch's cheeks turned purple, he was having difficulty breathing.

Archibald was really anxious when he saw this. At this time, the police had arrived.

Seeing this, Archibald rushed straight over to the police and shouted, "Hurry, catch him. He wants to kill my son."

"Deputy Minister Zhao!" The policeman rushed over as soon as he saw Archibald. He shouted at Fade, "Stop!"

Fade did not move at all but maintained his grip on Haymitch's neck coldly. At this moment, Haymitch had almost fainted.

Seeing this, Archibald was so anxious that his eyes became red. He shouted to the police, "Shoot him, shoot him to death."

The policeman saw the situation and was hesitant for a moment. Then he took out his pistol and pointed it at Fade. He ordered coldly, "Stop, or I'll shoot."

Edgar, who was dragged aside, saw this and panicked. He immediately shouted at the top of his lungs, "Uncle Zhao, don't shoot. That's Master Chen—"

"What idiot Master Chen?" Not waiting for Edgar to finish shouting, Archibald muttered impatiently. Then he glared at the other security guard and waved for him to drag Edgar away.

But at this moment, Edgar blurted the last part of his statement, "He's Master Chen, the one above the Sun Family in Long City!"

When Archibald heard this, a chill ran down his spine and his body trembled.

As the largest family in Long City, the Sun Family had great power. Especially with Francesca Sun, a master of martial arts of the Black Level, they were regarded as invincible in Long City.

Even a high-ranking official at the governor level in Long City had to give face to Francesca Sun, let alone Deputy Minister Zhao

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himself.

For such a powerful Sun family, there was only one person who was said to be above them. He was the master of martial arts who had defeated Francesca Sun.

Thinking of this, Archibald faintly remembered that the master of martial arts was indeed very young, and his surname seemed to be Chen.

"Is this kid really Master Chen?" For a moment, Deputy Minister Zhao's heart skipped a beat and he muttered to himself.

However, seeing his son's painful look, Archibald didn't want to believe what he heard was true. He shook his head hard and said coldly, "I don't know any Master Chen. All I see is a violent guy trying to strangle my son"

"Sergeant Wang, please shoot!" Archibald shouted at the police.

The policeman was also nervous at the moment. He aimed his gun at Fade, his arms trembling slightly. He was hesitant in pulling the trigger. After all, once he fired the gun, it would definitely be a big case.

Seeing that Sergeant was hesitating, Archibald shouted disapprovingly, "Shoot! What are you hesitating about? Do you want to watch my son die in his bare hands?"

The policeman gritted his teeth and was about to shoot.

However, at this moment, there was a sound of sudden brake. Before the car stopped completely, Chief Zheng dashed out of the car. Chief Zheng took in the situation at the scene, and was utterly shocked. He hurriedly shouted, "Deputy Minister Zhao, don't do it. That's Master Chen. Don't shoot!"

Hearing this, Archibald could not help but narrowed his eyes and secretly felt that something was not right. However, when he

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saw his son's condition, Archibald said through gritted teeth, "Shoot."

"But..." Sergeant Wang hesitated when he heard Chief Zheng's words.

Archibald gnashed his teeth and said, "Just shoot. If anything happens, I'll take full responsibility for it."

At this point, Sergeant Wang had no other choice but to pull the trigger. Suddenly, there was a gunshot, and the bullet flew towards Fade.

"No!"

Edgar, Chief Zheng, and Yuri were all shocked at the same time. They widened their eyes and exclaimed.

However, the distance between the two sides was less than ten meters, and Fade did not intend to dodge at all. In the blink of an eye, the bullet was right before him.

At this critical moment, Fade's eyelids twitched slightly. He glanced at the bullet, then raised his right hand and grabbed it directly.

Before everyone could yell in surprise, Fade had let go of Haymitch from his right hand, and threw him on the ground. Then he raised the same hand and accurately intercepted the bullet.

Just as everyone thought that Fade's hand was at loss, Fade opened his right hand, and a yellow bullet appeared in his palm. The metal bullet had turned into a small flattened iron at this moment. Not only that, Fade's right hand was not injured nor scratched at all.

Right at that moment, the people who were watching the episode here were dumbfounded. They were all stunned motionless at the incredible sight.



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At this time, Chief Zheng also rushed to Archibald and said, "I said that he was Master Chen. I told you not to shoot. Why did you..."

Archibald swallowed his saliva, but he couldn't say anything at all. After witnessing this situation, he had completely believed that this person in front of him was Master Chen, who was above the Sun family.

And he had just fired a shot at such a big shot. At this point, he couldn't imagine what kind of consequences he would face.

While Archibald was still in shock, Fade walked over and said in a chilly voice, "Why don't you let everyone go?"

Archibald suddenly came back to reality and ordered the security guards to release Yuri and the others.

Fade looked at Yuri and asked with concern, "Are you okay?"

Yuri shook her head with a teary face, she bit her lip and said, "Brother Chen, I'm fine."

Fade patted Yuri's head gently, then looked at Archibald and Haymitch coldly, then said in a low voice, "Do you have anything else to say?"

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Hearing Fade Chen's words, Archibald Zhao couldn't help but shiver. He rolled his eyes and thought of something, then he quickly said, "Master Chen, we didn't know it was you. That's why..."

Fade snorted and said, "Didn't know it's me? Then, based on what you meant, if it wasn't me, you would have shot the person to death."

"No, no that!" Archibald hurriedly waved his hand, trying to explain.

However, Fade did not give him a chance at all. He straightaway raised his right hand and shot out a stream of energy towards Archibald's legs. The energy went straight into Archibald's legs.

Archibald's legs went limp and he fell to the ground with a thud. Following that, blood oozed out from his legs.

Then, Fade glanced at Sergeant Wang and said coldly, "It's just right. The police are here. Please take him away!"

Sergeant Wang had heard of Master Chen's name, plus he was the one who fired the gun just now. He was too surprised at this moment. When he heard Fade talking to him, he quickly nodded and arrested Archibald.

Archibald's face turned pale when he saw this. He gritted his teeth and shouted, "Master Chen, I beg to differ. In the situation just now when you wanted to kill my son, am I not allowed to fight back?"

"Even if you had a special identity, I won't accept it. I want an appeal, I will take this to Capital City. I won't accept this matter no

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matter what," Archibald shouted.

Seeing this, Fade glanced at him coldly and said without emotion, "You don't accept it, you still have the guts to object?"

"You said I was going to kill your son? Then why didn't you say that you misused your power to suppress the competing team on purpose. That your son Haymitch forcefully snatched the girl and humiliated her? And the other dirty things that you two have done, do you want me to list them out one by one?" Fade thundered.

Archibald was stunned when he heard this. He knew that his dirty secrets were exposed. The other person had full knowledge of his illegal acts.

Instantly, Archibald no longer had anything to say. His eyes lost focus, and he collapsed to the ground, muttering on something.

Fade snorted and shot out another energy to cripple Haymitch's legs. Then he waved his hand and said, "Take him away!"

In an instant, the police acted and took Archibald and Haymitch away.

After the two of them were arrested, the order in the stadium gradually returned to normal. The result of the competition that was announced earlier was being revised. Bay City University resumed its original first place position.

Edgar and Chief Zheng approached Fade with flattering smiles on their faces. Edgar in particular, apologized every now and then to Fade for his previous attitude. There was a hint of flattery in his words.

How could Fade not know what he was thinking? Fade said blandly, "I didn't take it to heart what happened before. What's more, you have helped me a lot that time."

After listening to these words, Edgar suddenly felt like a big rock was lifted off his chest. He felt much more relaxed.



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Immediately, he showed a flattering smile and intended to come over to talk to Fade. Fade waved his hand and said flatly, "Thank you for what happened here. You guys probably have things to do, please go ahead!"

Upon hearing this, Edgar's heart sank. He knew that Fade had no intention of making friends with him, so he smiled helplessly, then turned around and left with his father.

Sitting in the car, Edgar and Chief Zheng couldn't help sighing.

Chief Zheng glared at his son and scolded, "I have told you before, but you didn't listen to me. I have asked you to ingratiate with Mr. Chen and interact with him more. But you—"

Edgar said, "I didn't know his identity was so... If I had known, I wouldn't have shown him the attitude!"

"That was also—" Chief Zheng still wanted to say something, but in the end, he waved his hand and said instead, "Forget it. It takes luck to make friends with such a high-level person. It's okay if we can't be friends with him. After all, it's better than offending him."

Edgar also sighed and nodded, agreeing with his father. But at the thought of these incidents, he still felt very regretful. After all, Haymitch, whom he had spent so much effort to please before, was just the son of a deputy minister.

And Fade's identity was much superior than Haymitch's. In the end, he missed the golden opportunity presented right before him. Edgar sighed.

Although the Zheng family's father and son regretted their missed opportunity, their situation was much better than that of the father and son of the Zhao family.

At this moment, the two of them were lying in the car bleeding, with pain written all over their faces.

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Archibald looked at his son Haymitch angrily and complained, "I have taught you to behave, but you refused to listen, and went ahead to mess things up. As a result, you provoked a big shot. This time, we're finished."

Haymitch was somewhat discontent and said, "How would I know who the kid is? Besides, I didn't go too far this time. I just teased a female student. It's not a big deal. What can he do to us?"

Archibald looked at his son's indifferent expression and was immediately simmered with anger. He shouted, "What can he do to us? He can take away my title and send me to prison for the rest of my life. He can even kill us on the spot without any consequences."

His father's words scared him and he said in disbelief, "Is he really that powerful? Dad, after all, you are the Deputy Minister. Aren't there any chances to turn things around?"

Archibald said in a low voice, "You still don't understand. What does that person's identity tell you? Let me tell you, it's very likely that he is an Earth Level master."

"Any Earth Level master is a distinctive existence in Chinese civilization. Not mentioning that we are just local officials, even the nation's special department, Stealth, will have to give way to Earth Level masters."

"It can even be said that a word from him is more credible than the words of the governor and party secretary of Long City combined."

"Do you think there's any room to negotiate under these circumstances?"

Hearing his father's words, Haymitch was completely dumbfounded. In the past, he only vaguely knew that Master Chen was very powerful, even more powerful than the Sun family. But he did not realize how powerful he actually was. At this moment,

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after listening to his father, he realized that Fade was more powerful than he had imagined. Suddenly, Haymitch's eyes lost its gleam. Originally, he still held a glimmer of hope, but now he was completely dumbfounded and in despair. His eyes were filled with horror and boundless remorse.

Back at the university, after dismissing the Zheng family's father and son, Fade approached the Bay City University team and said with a smile, "Yuri, congratulations on winning the competition."

Yuri smiled shyly and said, "We should be the ones thanking you, Brother Chen. If it weren't for you, we couldn't have won the competition."