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Fade did not speak. A red light burst out of his palm and rushed into the bracelet before dissipating the black gas in it. Following that, he patted Susie on the back gently to comfort her.

After a while, Susie finally eased up a little. She stared at Fade with a bitter smile and uttered, "I didn't expect that what you said was true."

Fade consoled, "Sister Song, all things will eventually pass."

Susie nodded before turning around and replied, "Fade, let's go back. I don't want to stay here any longer."

Fade said, "Just a moment."

After that, Fade strode into the main hall. He slammed his palm and a burst of energy went to the Buddha statue.

Suddenly, a thick black gas rushed out of the Buddha statue. Susie could feel the thick black gas and cold wind whistling even without the help of Fade's positive energy.

Susie could not help but worry and called, "Fade, be careful."

Fade turned to smile and replied, "Sister Song, don't worry. I'll be fine."

Following that, Fade clapped his hands together and two streams of crimson energy surged out and materialized into two fiery dragons. The dragons roared and shot into the black death energy.

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The scorching air ignited the death energy instantly and swiftly burned it out.

The whole hall seemed to become warmer and brighter as the death energy completely vanished.

However, Fade did not leave. Instead, he took a step forward and put his right hand into the broken Buddha statue to retrieve a fingernail-sized black jade bead.

Fade fixed his eyes on the black mist surging slowly in the jade bead. He smiled and muttered under his breath, "This death energy must have accumulated for at ten years. Not bad."

Subsequently, Fade tucked it away and exited the hall.

The black jade bead was the source of death energy of the Buddha statue in the hall. Death energy was useless for ordinary people but it was useful to Fade.

The Nine Sun Flaming Skill which Fade practiced was an extremely bright and positive technique. Therefore, it needed to blend with extremely negative and cold materials to refine and further improve it.

Death energy was a type of universal energy and it happened to be cold and negative. It might not be as good as colder materials like the Ice Lotus, but it was pretty useful for the current him.

Either way, it was a good choice to refine his positive energy or use it as an attack. Therefore, Fade kept the jade bead containing the death energy.

Moreover, taking away this jade bead was equivalent to dissolving the death energy in the Scarlet Spirit Temple and the nearby villagers would no longer die as a result of being contaminated by the Death energy.

Susie spotted that Fade had taken something out of the Buddha statue. She was curious but she did not ask. After all, she did

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not know anything about martial artists.

After that, they went down the hill.

Fade took Susie out of the village swiftly. After getting in the car, he asked, "Sister Song, are we going back to the hotel?"

Susie nodded and replied, "Let's go back."

After the horrible experience, Susie no longer had the mood to continue sightseeing.

Soon after, Fade returned to the hotel with Susie.

Subsequently, Susie went back to her room. She was about to open the door with her key card when the opposite door opened with a click. Following that, a man in his late twenties walked out.

The man glanced at Susie with a smile and spoke softly, "Miss Song, what a coincidence to be meeting you here."

As soon as Susie saw the man, her face darkened and she said icily, "I didn't know Young Master Hsia is here in Bay City."

Jonas Hsia, who Susie addressed as Young Master Hsia, did not mind Susie's cold attitude. Instead, he approached Susie and said, "Miss Song, I know that you are here to gather inspiration in Bay City, so I came to accompany you."

"I don't need you to accompany me!" Susie said coldly. She seemed to recall something and asked, "How did you know I'm in Bay City? And you even know my hotel room number."

Jonas smiled gently and replied, "It's not hard for someone like me to find out. Nevertheless, you missed the point. The point is my feelings for you, Miss Song."

Susie did not pay attention to Jonas's confession. Instead, her expression changed and she asked, "Was it Loren?"

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Jonas's eyes flickered when he heard this and he said, "I have nothing to do with Miss An."

He might have denied it but Susie could tell from his glimmering eyes that it had something to do with Loren An.

At the thought of this, Susie felt a chill run down her spine. She turned away to enter her room and wanted to close the door behind her.

However, Jonas merely waved his hand and two muscular bodyguards immediately stepped forward and blocked Susie's door.

Susie was frightened. She glared at Jonas and shouted, "Jonas, what are you trying to do?"

Jonas walked over to Susie and chuckled, "Miss Song, we're friends, right? I've come for you all the way from Capital City. Don't you want to have a chat with me?"

"No!" Susie retorted firmly and tried to close the door desperately. However, her strength was no match for the two bodyguards. Instead, they pushed open the door easily.

Jonas swaggered into Susie's room smilingly and said, "Miss Song, we are acquaintances after all. Are you going to be so horrible to me?"

Jonas bluntly broke into Susie's room as he spoke.

Susie's face tensed and she wanted to get out of the room.

However, Jonas spread his arms and blocked Susie's way. Following that, he put his hands on Susie's shoulders and smirked maliciously, "Miss Song, I know you are in a bad mood now. Why don't we go in and have a good talk?"

"Get out!" Susie shouted and slapped Jonas's hand away. Subsequently, she retreated to the back of the hotel room. "Leave!"

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What you're doing now is against the law," she exclaimed.

Jonas did not seem to care and continued sauntering into the room. He raised his head to stare at Susie before shaking his head and sighed, "It's a rare opportunity. Do you think I'll give up when I'm about to succeed?"

"What, what do you want to do?" Susie stammered. She was getting increasingly nervous when she heard this.

Jonas took out a black bracelet from his pocket and said, "Susie, I have spent a lot of money and time on you. However, you have always been indifferent to me."

"I didn't want to resort to this kind of thing but now, I can't wait any longer."

As he spoke, the bracelet in Jonas's palm was coated with a dark glow and it flew towards Susie.

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Seeing the bracelet in Jonas's hand that was identical to hers, Susie felt a chill in her heart. At the same time, her guess was confirmed.

Jonas's arrival must have something to do with Loren.

For a moment, Susie was completely disappointed with Loren. She struggled to shout, but the black gas invaded her mouth and nose. Suddenly, she felt cold all over, and her body became stiff. She couldn't move a muscle.

She couldn't even make a sound.

Terror overwhelmed Susie's eyes. She glared at Jonas with a warning look in her eyes.

However, since Jonas was using force to conquer Susie, naturally he would not care about Susie's feelings.

He threw the stiff Susie onto the big bed in the hotel, then waved his hand, signalling his bodyguards to leave.

Immediately, there was an impatient look in his eyes. He hastily took off his clothes, licked his lips and looked at Susie. He said excitedly, "Susie, I've been waiting for this moment for a long time."

"Now, I finally can enjoy your body!" Jonas's eyes gleamed with lewdness, and he rushed towards Susie.

He was not worried about the consequences. His status was extraordinary, and he thought that he could suppress this sort of news. On the other hand, as a topnotch celebrity, Susie would not expose it even if she had been sexually assaulted. Otherwise,

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it would be a huge blow to her career.

"I'm coming!" Jonas rushed over greedily.

Susie's face was full of despair and tears flowed down from the corners of her eyes. Looking at the devilish Jonas, she closed her eyes helplessly.

At the critical moment, with a smash, someone kicked open the door of the hotel room.

Before Jonas could turn his head to see what was going on, he felt a pain on his neck. A man had lifted him up by his neck.

Then, a huge force threw Jonas out. He fell heavily on the ground, uttering a painful and muffled groan.

"Who are you?" Jonas frowned, looked at the young man in his twenties in front of him, and asked.

Fade did not answer, he merely gave Jonas a cold glare.

Jonas suddenly felt a shiver and said, "I'm Jonas Hsia, from Capital City. Don't touch me, otherwise, I..."

"Shut up!" Fade frowned and with a single kick, he had sent Jonas into unconsciousness.

Susie, who was lying on the bed, heard the noise and slowly opened her eyes. Seeing the man at the bedside, she was delighted and said, "Fade, you're here! Jonas was going to..."

Fade smiled faintly and said, "Susie, don't worry. I knocked the guy out."

Susie let out a sigh of relief. However, she immediately noticed that her clothes were in disarray, and some intimate parts of her body were exposed.

Fade, who was beside the bed, had seen everything.

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Instinctively, Susie wanted to pull over the quilt to cover her exposed body. However, after moving for a while, she realized that she could not move at all.

"Fade, I, I can't move..." Susie pleaded and was close to tears.

Fade smiled. He bent down and placed his palm on Susie's lower abdomen. He injected a stream of positive energy into Susie's body and completely dispelled the poisonous black gas.

Then, he pulled over the quilt and gently covered Susie. He said, "Susie, I'm done, you can move now."

Susie tried and found that she could finally move. She wrapped herself tightly in the quilt.

Then, Fade poured a glass of hot water for Susie to calm herself down.

Finally, Fade pointed to the unconscious Jonas and asked, "Susie, what's going on with that guy?"

Susie's eyes burned with anger. She said, "He is Jonas Hsia. He is from an influential family in Capital City, and he has been bothering me."

"I had avoided him recently, but Loren told him my whereabouts in Bay City, so he came to pester me again."

Hearing this, Fade's eyes turned cold and he asked, "Do you need me to kill him?"

Upon hearing this, Susie shivered. She quickly shook her head and said, "No. He is from the Hsia family. If he had gotten killed, the Hsia family would not let it go easily."

"Moreover, when I go back this time, I will explain the situation to the company," Susie said.

Fade nodded, then took out a bracelet and handed it to Susie, saying, "Susie, take this bracelet with you. Protect yourself well."

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Susie looked at the unattractive bracelet that Fade handed her, but she still kept it.

This was because of what Elder Sun's had said, as well as her experience in the past few days. Susie realized that Fade was not an ordinary person. Naturally, the bracelet he gave was not an ordinary bracelet.

Immediately, Susie put the bracelet on her wrist and said, "Fade, thank you."

Fade said, "Susie, do you want to change a room or perhaps move to another hotel?"

Susie shook her head and said, "Forget it, let's go to the airport. I'll take the nearest plane back to Capital City. I'm worried that Loren will do something when I'm not at the company."

Fade nodded and said, "Okay, I'll take you to the airport then."

Susie nodded, and she looked at Fade. She blushed and said, "Fade, go out for a moment. I want to change my clothes."

Fade covered his eyes with both hands, and then deliberately revealed a gap between his fingers. He smiled and said, "You can change now. Don't worry, I won't take a peek."

"You are not peeping at me. You are blatantly staring at me!" Susie grabbed a pillow and threw it at Fade.

Fade laughed and avoided the pillow. Then he picked up the unconscious Jonas and threw him out.

A moment later, Susie changed her clothes and packed her luggage. She walked out of the room and said to Fade, "I'm ready. Let's go."

Fade looked at the refreshed Susie and whistled. He smiled and said, "Susie, you're beautiful again."

"You're a sweet talker. Let's go, or we won't be able to catch the flight," Susie said.

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"Susie, wait a minute!" Fade picked up Jonas and his two bodyguards and walked into the room. Soon, Fade came out, clapped his hands and said, "Okay, Susie, let's go."

Susie asked curiously, "What did you do to Jonas and the others?"

He said, "Nothing! I just took off all their clothes and threw them on a big bed. And I threw all their clothes downstairs."

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Susie immediately burst into laughter. "Nothing? If this matter spreads out and people find out that the Hsia family's Young Master was lying on a bed with his bodyguards, completely naked, who knows what would happen?"

Hearing this, Fade Chen came up with an idea and immediately took out his mobile phone. "Susie, thanks for reminding me. Yes, I have to call a few reporters to give them a piece of exclusive news."

After that, Fade began to call the reporters. Next to him, Susie was taken aback. She looked at Fade and said, "I, I really didn't expect you to be so bad!"

Fade replied, "Susie, you've wronged me. How am I bad? I'm taking revenge for you! You can't repay my kindness by slandering me!"

Susie smiled and said, "You're a bad guy indeed. You don't need to argue anymore. I'll always remember this!"

"Susie, if you insist, then I'll be really bad!" Fade glanced at Susie playfully.

Susie's heart skipped a beat and she asked, "Really bad? What do you have in mind?"

Fade's eyes fell on Susie's voluminous bosom. He made a grabbing gesture with his big hand, saying, "What do I have in mind? I think what Jonas did just now was quite good. Tsk tsk!"

Susie noticed Fade's unnerving gaze. It was as if it could penetrate her clothes to reach her skin. She felt hot on her skin as if it

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was caught alight!

Susie crossed her arms in front of her chest in a hurry. She glared at Fade and said, "Well, I didn't expect you to be thinking of such things."

"Susie, you are a beautiful celebrity. Am I a man if I don't have that kind of thought?" Fade said.

Susie scoffed, "Admit that you're lecherous, pervert! You don't need to find an excuse."

"Susie, I didn't do anything but I'm now a pervert. I feel wronged!" Fade shouted, "Or if you let me take advantage of you and call me a pervert then I won't be wronged!"

Fade glanced at Susie sneakily as he spoke.

Susie stretched out her hand and hit Fade, saying, "Hmph, don't even think of taking advantage of me. Hurry up, there's not much time left, or we won't make our flight."

Fade could only help Susie pick up the luggage, and then quickly walked out. At the same time, he did not forget to sigh, "I feel so wronged! I didn't gain any advantage and was called a pervert, I also have to work hard labor."

Looking at Fade's aggrieved look, Susie laughed. "Okay, stop complaining. When we arrive at the airport, I will give you some benefits!"

Hearing this, Fade's eyes lit up and he was full of energy. "Susie, this is what you said! I want some real benefits."

"I promise, it's a real benefit. Let's go!" Susie urged with a smile.

Fade suddenly felt energized, as if he had been injected with steroids. He carried Susie's luggage down the stairs and got into

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the car quickly, then they headed for the airport.

At the airport, Fade stood in front of Susie with a smile on his face and said with a smile, "Susie, where's the benefit you promised me?"

Susie waved at Fade. She smiled charmingly and said, "Fade, come here."

Fade came close to her happily. Then, Susie took off her sunglasses and kissed Fade on the cheek softly.

Then, Susie immediately put on her sunglasses, turned around, and said, "Well, I gave you the benefit. I'm going to board the plane!"

Fade touched the cheek that Susie kissed, waved to her, and said, "Susie, stay safe."

Watching Susie enter the boarding gate, Fade turned around and left. However, when he left, he touched his cheek and muttered, "Susie is too stingy. She merely gave me one kiss, and it was just a peck on my face. I must ask her to compensate me the next time I meet her."

Fade had sent Susie off. The next day, Fade sent Yuri, who had completed all the necessary procedures, away to Capital City.

After a day's rest, Fade and Quin returned to Long City together.

After all, they had stayed in Bay City for almost half a month, so they had to go back to Long City to have a look at their businesses. Especially for Quin, as she needed to take care of the business at Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's headquarters.

Moreover, after this period of recuperation in Bay City, Quin's mood significantly improved. She finally got rid of all the worries from before.

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Back to Long City, Quin went to the company without any rest and began to settle work that had been accumulated during the period she was away.

Fade was not so passionate about work anymore. He went back to the villa in Long City and had a good rest for a day. The next morning, he went to the company in a lazy manner.

Midway his journey, when Fade passed by a store, he found that the storefront was very crowded. People rushed to squeeze into the store, and at the same time, people kept shouting.

"I have money. Sell it to me!"

"Boss, do you have any more goods? Give me one."

"I'll double the price. Sell it to me."

"Get out of my way. I've spent three times the price to buy it."

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Seeing this scene, Fade was curious. "What is this store selling? It's so popular!"

Just as Fade stopped to watch, a shady-looking man came over and said to Fade, "Are you also here to buy Fei's Life Elixir Wine?"

"Let me tell you, there's nothing left in the store. You can't get it!" he said.

"Fei's Life Elixir Wine!" Fade started to pay attention to the situation, as he was the one who created Fei's Life Elixir Wine for Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc to distribute!

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Although the previous Life Elixir Wine was also a hot-seller, it was not popular to such an extent. Moreover, judging from the clothes of the bidders on the spot, they were all ordinary people. They don't look rich at all.

Fade was confused. He asked the man next to him, "There are no goods in the store. Do you have any goods in hand?"

The man smiled and said, "Of course. If I don't have the goods, I won't be here to sell it!"

"What's the price?" Fade asked.

The man rubbed his hands and said, "Fei's Life Elixir Wine has been very popular and it's not easy to get one. It took me a lot of effort to get some."

"Just tell me, how much is it?" Fade asked.

The man stretched out two fingers and said, "This number!"

"Two thousand?" Fade asked.

The man's face twisted and he said, "Are you kidding me? It costs way more than 2000 yuan. I'm talking about 20,000 yuan!"

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When Fade heard the price, his brows knitted tightly together.

The Life Elixir Wine was divided into the high-end version and the ordinary version. Among them, the original price of the high-end version was only about 5000 yuan, while the ordinary version could be bought for 500 yuan.

Now, this guy was selling the ordinary Life Elixir Wine at a price of twenty thousand yuan. It was absurd.

Fade said, "Twenty thousand, that's too expensive! The price in the market before was only five hundred yuan."

When the man heard this, he immediately smiled and said, "I think you haven't been out for a long time. Five hundred yuan is the price from so long ago. Now, don't mention five hundred yuan, even if it is five thousand yuan, you still won't be able to buy any."

"I'll tell you the truth. The price of 20,000 yuan is already considered cheap. If you go elsewhere, it will definitely cost more than twenty-five thousand yuan, and you won't be able to get the wine." The man said, "How's that, do you want a bottle? If you hesitate, it'll go out of stock for real."

Fade frowned and said, "No need for that."

The man still wanted to persuade Fade, but Fade squeezed through the crowd towards the direction of the store.

Seeing this, the man snorted coldly and said, "You still want to get those cheap goods in the shop. Let me tell you, you won't be getting any, don't even think about it."

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After that, the man rushed towards the other buyers and began to promote.

Although people were interested in Fei's Life Elixir Wine, the price of 20,000 yuan per bottle was too high. They could not afford it at all, so they could only continue to crowd towards the tiny store.

Fade managed to squeeze to the door of the shop. He saw a group of people in front of the counter, constantly shouting at the shop assistants in the shop.

"I want a bottle. Sell it to me."

"Give me two bottles."

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The shop assistant looked at the crowd and yelled impatiently, "Don't cram up the place, all of you. Take your money out if you want to buy it. Ten thousand yuan for one bottle."

Upon hearing this price, many people frowned and complained.

"10,000 yuan for one bottle. That's way too expensive!"

"That's right. Not long ago, this Life Elixir Wine was only worth 500 yuan. It's rising too fast!"

"This shop owner is unscrupulous. He made so much money with a bottle of wine. Can't he just give cut us some slack so we can afford it?!"

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Hearing the discussion of the crowd, the shop assistant snorted disdainfully and said, "If you can't afford it, don't buy it. There

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are a lot of other people who want to make their purchases!"

"Customers at the front of the crowd, either pay for the items or get out of here. Don't hover around here, you'll be wasting space!" The shop assistant hollered.

Seeing this, although everyone was still complaining about the high price, they still had to pay up to buy the wine.

"Even if it's expensive, I still have to buy it. 10,000 yuan for one bottle is better than the 20,000 yuan per bottle outside. Moreover, I can guarantee that it's real if I buy it here."

"That's right. There's nothing we can do about it. After all, it's my wife's fault."

"The wine seller outside the store got the wine from the staff here. It's just to raise the prices. Hum!"

"There's no other way! Just buy it. We'll have to buy it even if it costs an arm and a leg."

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The people were all rushing to buy the wine. In the blink of an eye, more than a dozen bottles of wine were sold in the store, which brought in revenue of over 100,000 yuan.

At that moment, there was a woman who looked like she was from the countryside, carrying a child in her arms. She finally managed to squeeze into the crowded store. "I-I want a bottle of wine!"

The shop assistant glanced at the woman and said in a cold voice, "Ten thousand yuan for a bottle, pay up!"

Hearing the price, the peasant woman couldn't help but be stunned, and then she said timidly, "Why is it so expensive? Before I came to the city, I heard that it was only five thousand yuan."

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The shop assistant said coldly, "Five thousand yuan, that's the price from two weeks ago. Now, the price has increased. If you want to buy it, you should pay. Otherwise, don't take up space here!"

The peasant woman looked conflicted. At this time, the child in her arms coughed a few times, which made the woman's heart ache. She only had a stack of old but neatly arranged banknotes. Handing the stack over, the peasant woman stuttered, "I, I only have 5,000 yuan. Can you sell half a bottle to me?"

Hearing this, the shop assistant immediately waved her hand arrogantly and said, "We can't sell half a bottle. If you don't have money, get out of here. Don't disturb us! We're doing business here!"

As she spoke, the shop assistant continued to wave her hand, chasing the peasant woman away.

Meanwhile, the child in the peasant woman's arms started coughing more violently. The woman spread her arms pitifully on the counter, begging, "Please, sell me half a bottle. My child is ill, I need this Life Elixir Wine to save her life! Please."

"Other people need to save their lives too!" The shop assistant chided, "You need to pay for it! Otherwise, get out of the way!"

"Please save my child, I..." The peasant woman begged.

The shop assistant was getting impatient. She beckoned for the security guard to come over, ready to chase the peasant woman away.

Seeing this, Fade's face turned ashen. He stopped the security guard and shouted coldly, "Stop!"

Seeing this, the security guard and the shop assistant was startled. They looked at Fade and asked, "What are you trying to do?"

Fade said coldly, "I'm not trying to do anything. I just don't like unscrupulous businessmen like you!"

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"Unscrupulous businessmen!" A plump middle-aged man walked over. He was the boss of the store, and he said to Fade, "We are sellers and our customers are willing to buy. How dare you say we are unscrupulous?"

Fade stared at the boss and said, "If I remember correctly, the price of an ordinary bottle of Life Elixir Wine costs less than 300 yuan. Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc set the retail price at only 500 yuan. Aren't you unscrupulous if you markup the price by so much?"

"500 yuan?! That's funny. How can you get wine for that price now?" The shop owner said, "What's more, it's our business what price we want to sell it at! You can't control us."

Fade's face darkened and he said, "I can't control you, but aren't you afraid that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc will come and investigate? They will never allow such a price for the products."

The shop owner did not care and said, "Go ahead! If you can, ask them to investigate me! Besides, even if they come, I am not afraid. Now, all Life Elixir Wines within this entire city are sold at this price, and it is still rising. Can the company really close down all these stores?"

"For anyone who dares markup the price unreasonably, I will not hesitate to have them investigated!" Fade snorted, then took out his mobile phone and made a phone call.

Seeing this, the boss sneered and said, "Kid, you're just putting on an act, aren't you? Unfortunately, you won't scare me!"

With this, he waved his hand and said to the security guards, "Get him out of here."

The security guards came over.

Fade snorted coldly and sent the two guards flying with one kick.

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When the boss saw this, he was shocked and bellowed, "You dare hit my men?! Let me tell you, I'm going to call the police and arrest you."

Fade was not afraid at all. Instead, he rushed into the store.

Seeing this, the boss was anxious and hurriedly staggered backward. Then his eyes lit up and he shouted, "Everyone, stop this troublemaker for me. Otherwise, I won't sell any of the bottles in the store today!"

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Upon hearing this, the people at the door of the store looked at Fade.

However, no one took action. After all, no one would hit someone else for no reason. Moreover, judging from what Fade had demonstrated earlier on, his martial art skills were obviously not ordinary.

Seeing this, the shopkeeper panicked. He immediately shouted, "Whoever stops him, I will give you a bottle of Life Elixir Wine for free!"

As soon as he finished his words, it was as if a bomb had detonated amongst the crowd.

In an instant, those who were hesitating earlier rushed toward Fade without a second thought.

"I'm sorry. I'm doing this for the Life Elixir Wine! I don't mean to hit you, young man!"

"I'll apologize to you later. I can kneel down to apologize to you. But first, let me stop you."

"Don't move, for the sake of Life Elixir Wine, I will do anything."

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The crowd shouted in a frenzy and rushed toward Fade.

Such a situation made Fade frown immediately.

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He was not worried about the people trying to stop him. However, he frowned because he did not understand their enthusiasm for Life Elixir Wine. After all, no matter how great the Life Elixir Wine was, it was just a healthcare drink. Since they could not afford it, they could choose to not drink it. It was not a big deal.

However, the throng of people in front of him took the Life Elixir Wine as a magical medicine for saving lives, so they desperately wanted to get the wine. Fade was puzzled!

At this moment, someone had already rushed in front of Fade and was ready to tackle him.

Seeing this, Fade hollered coldly, "Stop, all of you. Don't let the store owner fool you. Wait a minute, I have the authority to allow you to purchase these Life Elixir Wines at a fair price."

When everyone heard this, they couldn't help but be stunned. They stopped and said, "Really? How much is the fair price you're offering?"

Fade said, "The fair price is the market price which Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc originally offered!"

"The market price... Do you mean 500 yuan for a bottle?" Someone said excitedly.

Fade nodded. "Yes, that's right."

All of a sudden, everyone was extremely thrilled, bursting with delight!

"I want it! I want to buy it."

"Me too, keep one for me."

"I have money. I want to buy three bottles."

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The crowd was in an uproar. They were initially besieging Fade, and now they were crowding around him all of a sudden.

Seeing this, the shop owner's face fell, and then he shouted, "Are you all idiots? Listening to his nonsense?! How could he have the authority to get Life Elixir Wines at a fair price?"

"Do you think there still are fair-priced Life Elixir Wines for sale in the whole of Dragonville City? If there is, why would you guys still be competing here for it?"

His words made the crowd pause, and then they looked at Fade with suspicion in their eyes.

"Yes, in the past few months, the Life Elixir Wine has become very popular. It's considered cheap even it was sold at two or three times the price."

"Yeah, it's impossible for a fair-priced Life Elixir Wine to exist."

"We were cheated."

"That kid fooled us."

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Seeing this, the shop owner smiled and said, "It's the same conditions as before. If anyone can stop that guy, I'll give him a bottle of Life Elixir Wine for free!"

All of a sudden, the excited crowd surrounded Fade again.

At this moment, a sudden brake sounded, and a car stopped at the door of the small shop. The door opened, and a man in a suit

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got out of the car.

As soon as he got off, the man said directly, "Where is the store owner? I'm from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. Get him out here now!"

When everyone heard that someone from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc arrived, they froze immediately and looked at him.

Even the store owner's face stiffened. He looked through the crowd to gaze at the scene outside his store.

Just as the store owner was still looking out, the man in the suit walked through the crowd and came to the door of the store.

As soon as the store owner saw the comer, his face changed dramatically. He immediately smiled apologetically and came over. "Manager Han, you're here. Why didn't you tell me? What brings you here?"

Manager Han was the manager who was responsible for the supply of Life Elixir Wines from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. If a store owner wanted to get supplies of the wine, he had to go through Manager Han.

Therefore, when the shop owner noticed Manager Han coming over, he was over the moon. He immediately rushed over to greet the manager.

However, Manager Han looked past the store owner and glanced around the store. When his eyes landed on Fade, he immediately put on a respectful expression and walked towards Fade quickly. "Good day, President Chen!"

Fade looked very stern, and he said coldly to the manager, "This store sells Life Elixir Wine at a high price, which is against the law! The store is also cooperating with illegitimate sellers to markup the price. Deal with this matter!"

Upon hearing this, Manager Han's expression became stern as well, and he immediately replied, "Yes, President Chen. I'll deal with it right away."

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Then, the manager looked at the shop owner and said coldly, "Is this true? That your store is executing such an operation?" The shop owner's face froze, and then he squeezed out a smile and said, "Manager Han, don't listen to that man spurting nonsense. Our store doesn't sell Life Elixir Wine at a high price, we..."

Before the shop owner could finish his explanation, the crowd around him started to shout.

"Admit it. You just sold a bottle of wine for 10,000 yuan!"

"Yes, and what's more, the illegitimate sellers outside your shop sell the wine for 20,000 yuan a bottle! Isn't that a sky-high price?"

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Upon hearing this, Manager Han's face turned cold. He stared at the store owner and questioned, "Explain this to me, what's going on? Did you disregard what we said when we delivered the goods to you?"

The store owner's face fell. He complained, "Manager Han, we can't help it. The price of Fei's Life Elixir Wine has risen in the market now. Our store complies with the market situation!"

"As for the illegitimate sellers, that's absurd! It's because that guy didn't get to buy the Life Elixir Wines, so he slandered me!" the shop owner said.

Upon hearing this, Manager Han shouted, "How dare you?! Shut up!"

The store owner was shocked and he was at a loss.

Manager Han stared at him and said, "This is Fade Chen, the vice president of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. Did you just say

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that President Chen slandered you?"

"Huh?" At this time, the store owner was bewildered. He looked at Fade in disbelief. "He, he is the vice president of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. This, this..."

Manager Han shouted coldly, "How dare you lie in front of President Chen?!"

The shop owner was frightened out of his wits. He lowered his head and could only admit that he had violated the law and sold the Life Elixir Wine at a high price.

After listening to the owner's confession, Fade frowned and said, "From now on, your store will be disqualified as a distributor of Life Elixir Wine. Also, you must sell all the Life Elixir Wines in the store presently at a fair price."

"Yes!" Manager Han nodded and immediately went into the shop. He began to arrange for the shop assistants to sell the Life Elixir Wine according to their rightful price.

The onlookers were excited when they heard Fade's words. They clapped their hands and cheered for Fade in delight!

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In an instant, the entrance of the small shop was once again surrounded by a crowd of people.

The peasant woman, who held a child in her arms, rushed up excitedly again at this moment. She waved the money in her hand and shouted, "Give me a bottle, give me a bottle. My child is ill. Give me a bottle of the Life Elixir Wine."

When Fade saw this, he blocked the crowd for the peasant woman and gave her a bottle of Life Elixir Wine.

The woman was overjoyed. She immediately crouched down at the door of the store, uncapped the bottle wine, and carefully poured a handful of the wine before feeding it to the child in her arms who was coughing.

Fade frowned. He stepped forward to stop her and said, "What are you doing? You can't let a child drink wine!"

The Life Elixir Wine had myriads of health-improving effects, it was nevertheless wine. It was not something good to feed wine to a child.

When the woman saw that it had been the big shot, Fade, who came over, she was nervous and stuttered, "My child is ill and needs to drink the Life Elixir Wine."

Hearing this, Fade was even more puzzled. He said, "Your child is ill. You should bring him to the hospital and see a doctor! Why are you feeding him wine here?"

When the woman saw that Fade had been infuriated, she became more timid and said, "Getting treated at the hospital is too

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expensive for me. I can't afford it. I can only buy the Life Elixir Wine for the child."

"Your child is just having a cough. How expensive could the treatment be?" Fade raised his voice, "After all, the Life Elixir Wine is not a medicine. It's bad for a child to be consuming wine."

The peasant woman lowered her head and said, "I took the child to the hospital. The doctor said that it would take 8,000 yuan to cure the disease completely. I don't have the capacity to get treated there, that's why I wanted to buy the Life Elixir Wine for my child."

"What! It's merely a cough, and it costs 8,000 yuan! Why is the hospital so expensive?" Fade couldn't help frowning. "Did you go to the wrong hospital?"

"That... that had been the cheapest price..." The woman whispered.

"How is this possible?" Fade was confused.

It was then, the watching crowd started chiming in.

"President Chen, you are a big boss. You don't know how difficult it is for commoners like us!"

"Yes, now the hospital's medical expenses have risen a lot. It costs one or two thousand yuan to treat common cold and fever!"

"For diseases that are more severe, it costs at least 30,000 to 40,000 yuan in a single visit!"

"You wealthy people may not care about this amount of money, but we commoners really can't afford it!"

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The more information Fade obtained from the public, the more he felt that something had been amiss. This led him to start

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asking around to better grasp the situation.

Then, when Fade learned of the situation, his expression became stern.

Their financial conditions were pretty much similar to the woman he had spoken with moments ago. It was either their family members or they themselves who had fallen sick, but they were unable to afford the medical expenses at the hospital, that was why they came to fight over for Life Elixir Wine.

Moreover, from the price they mentioned, Fade learned that medical expenses had increased tremendously in the past few months.

Fade knew that things seemed to be more complicated than he had imagined. This incident was not merely just one store owner marking up the wine price.

Fade did not say much. After helping the woman to treat the infant in her arms, he swiftly returned to the company with Manager Han.

When they returned to the company, Fade called the people responsible for the sales of the Life Elixir Wine to ask about the situation.

In the end, Fade found out that the person-in-charge was not aware of the specific situation. He merely knew that the Life Elixir Wine had been very popular recently whereby the whole of Dragonville was in a frenzy over the wine.

When he heard this, Fade was furious. He ordered his men to conduct personal investigations at each selling station right away.

Soon, they reported the outcome of their investigation. Fade looked at the results and found that the situation was almost akin as to what he had recently witnessed at the shop.

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At the entrance of every shop, there were almost hundreds of people fighting over the Life Elixir Wine. Its price had skyrocketed, and the collaborations of the shop owners and the illegitimate sellers were a common occurrence.

As for the underlying reason, it was all because of the increasing medical expenses in the hospital.

During the time when Fade and Yuri had been away from Dragonville, the medical expenses in Dragonville almost quadrupled. The price was already high, to begin with, and now that it has increased over an extensive fold, no commoners had the capacity to afford it.

Therefore, many people who had been sick were forced to seek for alternative methods of treatment. There were people who remained at homes suffering without receiving treatment while there were others who scrambled around in search of home remedies.

Not long ago, some patients who remained home had recovered after drinking Fei's Life Elixir Wine. The news spread, and the poor commoners started up a trend over the purchase of Life Elixir Wine.

After all, 500 yuan for a bottle of the Life Elixir Wine was quite expensive when it was used as a dispensable drink. However, as it was now being treated as a medicine that was able to cure diseases and save lives, it was seen as cheap and affordable compared to the unbearable medical expense.

As a result, the whole of Dragonville immediately set off a hot trend over the purchase of Life Elixir Wine.

As soon as the trend erupted, it was natural that the price of the Life Elixir Wine rose significantly.

Nevertheless, even if the price of Life Elixir Wine had shot up, its efficacy was good. In addition, the medical expenses of the hospital had also increased exponentially. Thus, many people still chose to buy Life Elixir Wine over hospital treatment.

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As such, there was the snap up purchases that Fade observed at the shop earlier, After learning the rationale behind the frenzy, Fade immediately ordered to increase the workload of his employees and speed up the production of the Life Elixir Wine. At the same time, he also imposed strict regulations on its price at each selling location.

Of course, Fade also knew that these methods were just a temporary solution, it could not solve the fundamental issue.

As long as the hospital continued to demand high medical fees, it was impossible to eliminate the frenzy over the Life Elixir Wine. After all, considering the fact that Dragonville is a large city, with the current scale of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, the supply of the Life Elixir Wine will not be able to catch up to its demand in a short time.

Therefore, if Fade wanted to solve this problem, he must start from the very roots and find out the reason as to why the medical fees had gone overboard.

When he thought of this, Fade immediately retrieved his mobile phone and called Dr. Tao.

"Hello, Fade, have you returned to Long City?" Daphne Tao, who was on the other side of the phone, seemed occupied. Fade could vaguely hear her running footsteps and the noises in the background.

"Yes, I just came back yesterday. Dr. Tao, what's the matter with the sudden increase in the hospital's medical expenses?" Fade asked.

Daphne said, "So you've learnt about this problem. It's a long story."

"When are you free, Dr. Tao?" Fade asked.

"After work today, I'll tell you in person," Daphne said.

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"Okay, let's go to the Spicy Restaurant near the entrance of City Medical Center!" Fade decided.

Daphne said, "Okay, I'll call you after work."

After hanging up the phone, Fade then called Jason Tu of the Tu Medicine Center and invited the elderly Mr. Tu as well.

Soon, when it was time to get off work in the afternoon, Fade arrived at the City Medical Center in advance and went into the Spicy Restaurant to order the dishes before settling down.

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Soon after, the elderly Mr. Tu had arrived, and the duo waited. After a while, Daphne who had gotten off work, also hurried over.

Daphne seemed wan, her whole demeanour carrying an air of exhaustion.

Daphne greeted them, "Hello, Dr. Chen, Mr. Tu, you've arrived."

Fade pulled out a seat and said, "Dr. Tao, there's no need to be courteous. Let's talk while we eat."

Daphne nodded and took her seat.

Fade didn't beat around the bush. He cut straight to the chase and said, "Dr. Tao, I just came back yesterday. Early this morning, I found out that Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's Life Elixir Wine was so well received that there were incidents of customers snapping up bottles of wine."

"Upon investigation, I found out that the main reason was the sudden increase in the medical fees of the hospitals."

"I heard that a treatment for a mere cold costs one or two thousand yuan now."

"Dr. Tao, what's going on here? Why would the hospital's fees increase by so much?" Fade couldn't help but ask.

Daphne sighed and said helplessly, "I know what's going on, but to tell you the truth, the hospital is forced to raise their medical fees."

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"Why so?" Fade asked.

Daphne said, "Dr. Chen, Mr. Tu, both of you are doctors. You should know that there is a commonly used drug known as the beta-lactam antibiotic that is circulating in the hospitals."

"Yes, I'm well aware." Mr. Tu nodded and said, "Beta-lactam antibiotic is a basic medicine, which is common in various anti-inflammatory drugs and cold medicines."

Daphne nodded and said, "The rapid increase in the medical expenses is caused by the beta-lactam antibiotic."

"How?" Fade was still puzzled.

Daphne explained, "Beta-lactam antibiotic is better known as Alstom Antibiotic abroad. It was Alstom, a scientist from Micovia who developed this antibiotic."

"When the Alstom Antibiotic was successfully developed, the magnate of the pharmaceutical industry, the Bald Eagle Pharma of Micovia, purchased the patent right. Over ten years ago, the Bald Eagle Pharma gave authorization to various pharmaceutical companies all over the world to produce the antibiotics at a low price solely on the basis to promote the popularization of the Alstom Antibiotic."

"Over the decades, there have been thousands of pharmaceutical companies all over the world producing this Alstom Antibiotic, which has promoted the use of these antibiotics throughout the world."

Upon this, Fade vaguely had an ominous feeling.

As expected, Daphne went on, "Just three months ago, the authorization rights of the Bald Eagle expired. Bald Eagle requested all the pharmaceutical factories to purchase the exclusive patent right of the antibiotics in order for them to continue to produce

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the antibiotics."

"And now, Bald Eagle Pharma has increased the exclusive usage rights by a hundredfold, pushing the figure up to a terrifying 50 million dollars. There are only a handful of pharmaceutical factories in our country that is able to afford such an extravagant price."

"Thus, as the patent has expired, many pharmaceutical factories in the country were forced to halt the production of the Alstom Antibiotic. As a result, the supply was greatly reduced but the demand remains high. This led to an alarming shortage of antibiotics. They could only rely on their remaining stock or resolve to importing the said drugs imported from other countries to treat diseases."

"In doing so, the cost will be much higher, and the medical expense will also rise followingly," Daphne said.

When he heard this, Fade's face darkened and he fell silent.

He understood the feeling of having your life within the control of one's palm, it was not a delighted one. That was related to why you need to have your own intellectual property rights in a lot of the matters of your country. In doing so, you can prevent this kind of rogue behavior with regard to patents.

However, as things have already happened, they must now find a way to solve this problem.

A question popped into Fade's mind, "For such a major issue, do you know if the relevant departments would issue any countermeasures?"

Daphne said, "Before the end of the expiry of the patent, the relevant departments have made corresponding preparations. They sent people to negotiate with Bald Eagle Pharma, hoping that Bald Eagle could reduce the cost of the patent for mass

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production. On the other hand, the relevant departments have also gathered scientific experts to invent new drugs."

"It's just that, as all of you are also aware, drug research is an extremely time-consuming process. Moreover, even if we manage to invent a new drug, we are still required to conduct all sorts of tests. All these processes take up a lot of time. In the short term, we can hardly rely on our domestic drugs to replace the Alstom Antibiotic."

Fade nodded. He was also a doctor, so he knew how difficult and lengthy it was to invent new medication.

Daphne went on, "Although the cost of Bald Eagle Pharma's exclusive rights greatly shook us, it shouldn't have caused such a dire situation for Dragonville. The reason is attributed to Maritime Ocean Pharma."

"Maritime Ocean Pharma?" Fade asked, there was a puzzled look on his face.

Daphne said, "Maritime Ocean Pharma is a large pharmaceutical company in Jade City. Because of its location, it shares a close relationship with foreign countries, so it has always relied on importing drugs from other countries into the country as a means of churning revenue."

"Maritime Ocean Pharma is the one in charge of the drug importation into Dragonville since the expiry of Alstom Antibiotics' patent. Somehow Maritime is intentionally targeting us."

Fade frowned and said, "Targeting us? Why do you say so?"

Daphne explained, "Even if Bald Eagle Pharma shoots up the right to mass production, it shouldn't put us in a frenzy. This medicine has a wide range of use and many countries and pharmaceutical companies have great power. If Bald Eagle Pharma pushes them too hard when they no longer want to cooperate, Bald Eagle Pharma will be at a tight position."

"The initial price that Bald Eagle Pharma proposed is rather costly, but it's still within an acceptable range. It should not rise to

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such a level that we cannot afford."

"However, Maritime Ocean Pharma, who is in charge of the import of medicine into Dragonville, has tripled the price. This leads to a rise in the price of the Alstom Antibiotic in Dragonville. As a direct result, medical fees have also increased exponentially."

When Fade heard this, his expression tensed. His eyes burned with rage. He said, "Is Maritime Ocean Pharma not afraid that the relevant department and the Bald Eagle Pharma will investigate them?"

Daphne shook her head helplessly and said, "This company is originally a company in Jade City. It does not fear the domestic investigation from the local departments at all. As for Bald Eagle Pharma, the only thing that they are doing right now is turning a blind eye to this matter, feigning ignorance."

"I guess they want to use the current situation of Dragonville as an example to warn everyone else. If they don't buy the right from them soon enough, they might become the subsequent situation like Dragonville."

Mr. Tu was furious. He slammed his palm on the table and said angrily, "These foreigners had gone too far. Those people from Maritime Ocean Pharma as well. As fellow citizens, how can they do this to their own people?"

Daphne could only shake her head, sighing dejectedly.

Fade's face darkened, his expression was gloomy.

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At the dining table, all three of them had been quiet. The harsh reality had led to their loss of appetite.

After a momentary silence, Fade asked, "Dr. Tao, we must find a way to solve this now."

"What would that be?" Daphne asked.

Fade looked very stern as he said, "First of all, we have to invent a new medicine to replace Alstom Antibiotic."

"If we are to invent it ourselves, the relevant departments have been doing that. The only problem is that it's quite impossible for us to succeed in such a short time!" Daphne said with a hint of disappointment.

Fade said solemnly, "This time, I will work on it."

Hearing that Fade was personally going to take part in the development of a new medication, both Mr. Tu and Daphne were astounded. This was because they knew that he had superior medical skills.

However, even if Fade's medical skills were superb, it was still too difficult for him to invent a new medicine that possessed specific functions. Thus, they didn't have much hope with regards to this solution.

Seeing this, Fade understood what they were thinking. He also knew that the best proof was for him to successfully come out with this new medicine.

Therefore, he didn't elaborate more. He merely went on to say, "The next thing we need to do is to see if we can contact Maritime

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Ocean Pharma for a negotiation."

This solution sounded more reliable. Daphne said, "Maritime Ocean Pharma has a branch in Dragonville. We've contacted them before but it's not easy to converse with them."

When Fade heard this, he was silent for a while before he said, "If that's the case, I'll ask President Dai, President An and President Qian to contact the branch of Maritime Ocean Pharma. They should be able to reach them."

The Dai family, An family, and the Qian family were the original three major business tycoons of Dragonville. With their influence, they would be able to contact the branch office of Maritime Ocean Pharma.

Fade continued, "Dr. Tao and Mr. Tu, please prepare the details for the basic medicine for the development of the replacement."

"Okay, I already have some details ready. I'll sort them out and give them to you," Daphne responded right away.

Mr. Tu also said, "I'll prepare the details as to Chinese Medicine."

"Okay, thank you." Fade nodded. Then, he got up and bid his farewell without having his meal.

Daphne and Mr. Tu were not in the mood to eat either. They left and went back to prepare.

Fade called the Dai family, An family, and Qian family and told them about his plan. The heads of the families realized the dire situation and took immediate action.

After returning to the company, Fade began to study the data to develop medicine.

A few hours later, there was news from the head of the Dai family that he managed to contact the branch of Maritime Ocean Pharma. They agreed on an appointment at Harmony Hotel the following day at ten in the morning.

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When he received the news, Fade made up his mind to allow the Dai family to continue to arrange a meeting, while he continued with his research.

The next day, Fade Chen arrived at Harmony Hotel half an hour in advance.

In order to demonstrate goodwill, the head of the Dai family specifically booked the whole of the second floor for Fade to meet up with the person-in-charge of the branch office.

There were still 20 minutes before the appointed time. The three heads of families took this opportunity to introduce the branch office of Maritime Ocean Pharma to Fade.

The head of the Dai family said, "Mr. Chen, the branch office in Dragonville was established a year ago. As Maritime Ocean Pharma is based in Jade City, it has fewer connections with the domestic companies here."

The head of An Family immediately said, "The previous head of the branch was Henry Hu. He used to be a senior executive of a local pharmaceutical company, but he went to assume responsibility for the branch business."

"But about two months ago, they subbed him out. A person named Calvin Chiang transferred from the headquarter. He was in full charge of the business of the branch office, whereas Henry now holds the deputy position."

The head of the Qian family continued, "Calvin is very young, he is only twenty-five years old. However, his grandfather is Marcus Chiang, the founder of Maritime Ocean Pharma. His father is Leslie Chiang, the current head of the company. It was said that Calvin is the next successor of Maritime Ocean Pharma."

"This time, the Chiang family sent him to Dragonville to manage the branch office. They wanted to train him so that he could take up the position and gradually succeed Leslie."

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Fade listened attentively to the three of them. He pondered on how to negotiate with Calvin Chiang.

Time passed by, the appointed time drew near.

Right this instance, the head of the Dai family reminded Fade, "Mr. Chen, as Calvin has arrived in Dragonville not long ago, he may not know much about you. Moreover, because of his background, he may be a little snobby. So when we meet later, he might..."

Without further explanation, Fade understood the meaning behind it. It seemed that Calvin was an inevitably arrogant man from a rich family. Thus, he might speak rudely. The head of the Dai family said this to give Fade a heads up.

Fade said, "As long as we can reach an agreement, I don't care about his attitude."

They quickly saluted to Fade and said, "Mr. Chen is a generous man."

Fade waved his hand and said, "Let's see if the other party is here."

The three of them quickly sent someone outside to check where Calvin was.

Time continued to pass by, and the appointed time was less than a minute away. There was no sign of Calvin.

Fade couldn't help but look at the time. He frowned.

The expressions of the three heads of families changed. They sent people out to check on the situation again, but there was still no trace of Calvin.

It was the appointed time, but the other party had not arrived yet. Fade sat where he was with a solemn expression.

Then, more than ten minutes later, there was still no news.

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The three heads of the families could no longer sit still. They got up and went outside for a look. The head of the Dai family made several phone calls in a row, but none was answered.

Fade's face fell.

The three heads of those families were anxious and they constantly sent people to inquire about the news.

Half an hour after the appointed time, Fade was ready to get up and leave. Finally, a voice sounded from outside, "Calvin is here."

Fade immediately sat down.

The three heads of families had been so anxious, so they hurried to the door when they heard the announcement.

Followed by the sound of footsteps, the door was pushed open, a young man in his mid-20s sauntered in.

The young man was wearing a navy blue tailored suit, a pair of oxford shoes, and holding a walking stick. He was dressed in a British manner, and this man was indeed Calvin Chiang.

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When the three heads of the families noticed Calvin's arrival, they look displeased.

President Dai said, "President Chiang, you're finally here."

When Calvin heard President Dai's greeting, he ignored it. He glanced at President Dai and said casually, "I overslept, that's why I was a little tardy."

When they heard this, the three heads of families scowled.

After all, they were the three major business tycoons in Dragonville. They had made such a formal appointment with a young upstart like Calvin and even emphasized Fade's outstanding status.

However, it seemed that Calvin did not even care. He had even overslept and shown up late to such a crucial meeting.

President An pointed to Fade, who was sitting in the main seat and said, "President Chiang, this is President Chen of the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc in Dragonville."

Calvin tossed a glance toward Fade. He did not intend to greet Fade at all. He merely responded with an "oh" before he swaggered into the room. He handed his walking stick to his attendant and took a seat on the sofa. After that, he crossed his leg nonchalantly over the other.

When this scene came into view, the three's expressions went several shades darker.

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President Qian suppressed his anger and uttered, "President Chiang, Mr. Chen has been waiting for you for a very long time now."

Hearing this, Calvin waved at Fade nonchalantly and said casually, "Thanks for the wait."

Calvin's arrogance caused the three tycoons to feel irritated and worried. They were obviously aware that Fade was not a very good-tempered man. If Calvin really enraged Fade, it was not impossible that Fade would massacre Calvin on the spot.

Right at this instance, the three tycoons glanced toward Fade. Fade looked calm as water. He was glancing at Calvin in silence.

When they saw this situation, the tycoons' hearts trembled in anxiety.

A middle-aged man in his mid-forties beside Calvin stood up. He smiled apologetically, "Mr. Chen, President Dai, President An, President Qian, I'm sorry. President Chiang caught a cold yesterday, that's why he slept in. We're really-"

The three tycoons seemed to be more appeased when they heard this man's explanation.

This was because the person who spoke was Henry Hu. He was the current second-in-chief of the Maritime Ocean Pharma Dragonville Branch. He was originally from Dragonville, so he knew about Fade and the other three tycoons. He apologized politely as to calm the situation down

However, before he could finish, Calvin, who had his legs crossed, hollered at Henry sternly, "Did I ask you to speak? Who gave you the right to apologize on my behalf?"

Henry's face froze and he explained, "President Chiang, Mr. Chen and President Dai are big shots in Dragonville, I..."

Calvin waved his hand again and interrupted Henry. He said with disdain, "What big shot? I've never heard of them."

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This rendered Henry speechless, he could only retreat to the back and keep his silence.

The three tycoons were enraged as Calvin did not respect them at all. This infuriated them.

However, Fade waved his hand to stop the trio. He gazed at Calvin and said, "Since President Chiang is here, I'll cut to the chase."

"Sure, enlighten me. I'm all ears!" Calvin crossed his legs, retrieved his mobile phone, and fiddled with it. It did not seem like he was going to listen with all ears.

Fade's expression stiffened, he didn't comment on that but went on, "I think President Chiang should be clear about the reason behind this meeting. There is a shortage of antibiotics in all of the medical centers in Dragonville. Maritime Ocean Pharma is the only import channel. I hope that you can consider lowering the price of Alstom Antibiotic."

Calvin put down his mobile phone and said, "Lower the price? Why should we lower the price?"

Fade said, "Because the antibiotic is related to the health of the millions in Dragonville. I hope that President Chiang can consider this from a general perspective and lower the price to save everyone's lives."

President Dai and the others also chimed in.

"As long as you are willing to lower the price, our companies will cooperate with your company."

Having Fade speak in person, coupled with the benefits promised by the three tycoons, this was definitely the best offer in the business industry in Dragonville.

However, when Calvin heard this, he sneered. He put down his mobile phone and said, "What do the lives and health of the people of Dragonville have to do with me?"

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"Based on what you said, the lower the supply of medicine, the higher the price should be. This is how businessmen operate."
"As for the cooperation between your three families, I'm sorry. Maritime Ocean Pharma has always cooperated with the top 500 overseas tycoons. I haven't heard of your companies at all."

Calvin's haughty attitude irked everyone present. The three tycoons' faces were red from anger. Even Fade's face darkened as he was livid.

Fade stood up, looked at Calvin, and said in a cold voice, "I'll ask you for the last time. Is Maritime Ocean Pharma really unwilling to lower the price?"

Hearing his words, Calvin also snorted. He stood up from his seat and looked at Fade, saying, "I don't like your tone. Are you threatening me?"

"Those who threaten me... I have never let them off the hook before."

"I've decided that from tomorrow onwards, I will not lower the price of Alstom Antibiotic in Dragonville, I will also double it."

"Calvin, how dare you..."

"Do you know how many lives would be lost due to your reckless behaviour?"

"Calvin, are you really refusing to consider the future development of Maritime Ocean Pharma's in this country?"

The three tycoons bellowed.

However, Calvin had no intention of compromising at all. On the contrary, he looked arrogant and smug as ever.

The three men still wanted to say something. However, Fade said icily, "Since you are unwilling to lower the price, President

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Chiang, there's is nothing to talk about. You can go now."

Fade was actually chasing Calvin out.

Hearing this, Calvin sat down and was not planning to leave. "You guys invited me here and treat me like this?! Is this how you treat a guest?"

"I'm telling you to get lost, did you not hear me?" Fade glared at Calvin and ordered.

Calvin glowered, "How dare you! I..."

However, before he could finish, Fade's right palm punched through the air.

With a loud 'crack', the exquisite walking stick next to Calvin split open from the middle.

"You attacked me. Someone..." Calvin was shocked. His jaw clenched. He waved his hand and was about to ask his men to retaliate.

Standing behind Calvin, Henry panicked. He rushed over and persuaded, "President Chiang, stop. Stop! Don't attack Mr. Chen!"

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"Why not?" Calvin stared at Henry, he looked displeased. "Henry, you must remember that you work for Maritime Ocean Pharma, you're one of our men."

Henry explained with a worried face, "Mr. Chen is an expert in martial arts. It will do you no good if you attack him."

"An expert in martial arts?" Calvin was surprised. He glanced at Fade, but then sneered and said, "So what if he's an expert? It sounds amazing, but he's just a common thug."

While speaking, Calvin waved his hand and began to beckon his bodyguard. "Come in, teach him a lesson."

Although Henry didn't know the extent of Fade's strength, he was from Dragonville. Henry knew how good Fade was, so he panicked as he tried to persuade Calvin.

"Henry, shut up. We hired you to work for us, and not to speak for others. If you don't want the job, you can get out of here!" Calvin yelled, interrupting Henry immediately.

Henry did not dare speak again. He retreated a few steps back and hid in the corner.

At this moment, Calvin's bodyguards had arrived.

They were four burly men, two of whom were blond foreigners. They were about two meters tall.

When the bodyguards came, Calvin's expression became obnoxious. He leaned back on the sofa, looked at Fade, and said in a

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provoking tone, "These are boxing masters that I hired from the underground boxing of Micovia. They come with a high price." "You should be aware that the underground boxing field is not a performance-style fight, but a real life-and-death fight. They are very skilled. When they fight, they fight to the death."

After bragging, Calvin pointed at Fade and shouted at his four bodyguards, "Teach him a lesson."

Four burly bodyguards clenched their fists and surrounded Fade. At the same time, they tightened their muscles and were ready to attack.

It was obvious that these bodyguards were experts at physical combat.

However, Fade was indifferent. He did not pay attention to the four bodyguards at all. Instead, his eyes fell on Calvin who was on the sofa, and said, "I gave you a chance to get lost!"

"He's still so arrogant! Get him! Hit him hard!" Calvin shouted with a hint of anger in his eyes.

Upon the signal, the four bodyguards moved and threw their huge fists at Fade.

Especially the two burly foreign bodyguards, their fists came with strength, carrying a whirring wind at extremely fast speed. In the blink of an eye, their fists fell upon Fade.

Seeing that Fade was about to get hit, Calvin raised the corners of his mouth and smirked. He placed his right hand on the armrest and gently tapped on it, looking like he was watching a good show.

However, in this critical moment, Fade's eyes narrowed slightly. He fumed, "Get out of my way!"

Rumbling sounds of thunder could be heard. An invisible force spread out around Fade, striking out viciously at the bodyguards.

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The four bodyguards immediately felt as if their chests had been smashed by a heavy hammer. Their strong bodies flew five meters away before splattering onto the ground.

Calvin, who was looking for a good show, was completely frightened by the scene. He was flabbergasted.

When he saw that Fade had singlehandedly knocked out his bodyguards, terror overwhelmed his face.

However, before he came to his senses, Fade disappeared from his original spot and materialized in front of Calvin. He reached out his large hand, grabbed Calvin's neck, and lifted him up.

Calvin felt suffocated. His face flushed red as he struggled with his hands and feet in desperation.

However, in Fade's hands, his struggle had no effect at all.

The air in his lungs was decreasing, it was difficult to breathe. Calvin was terrified. He wanted to ask Henry and the bodyguards for help. "Help, help me!"

However, the four bodyguards lay flat on the ground, only have enough strength to moan in pain. They could not stand up at all. Henry was even more rooted on the spot, let alone asking him to move.

At this moment, Calvin really felt the approaching death. He was really feeling it now. He was scared out of his wits.

Just as Calvin felt that he was about to suffocate to death, Fade swung his right arm and threw Calvin out. Calvin fell to the ground, he felt his organs tremble violently from the impact.

"Get out!" Fade roared and kicked the four bodyguards out.

Calvin and his men didn't dare to stay any longer, they scrambled out of the scene.

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In the conference room, the three tycoons stared at Fade, whose face was gloomy. They felt uneasy, thus they said cautiously, "Mr. Chen, what should we do now?"

After a moment of silence, Fade said, "Reach out to all the famous doctors who are in Long City. Gather them together to develop a substitute medicine."

"Yes!" The three immediately began to take action.

Fade sat back on the sofa with a serious look.

Although Fade didn't hold much hope for this negotiation in the first place, he didn't expect Maritime Ocean Pharma to be so snobby. They didn't care about the health of the people in Dragonville at all.

After this negotiation ended on a sour note, there was only one way left to solve the problem, which was to develop a substitute drug. Fade had to gather all his energy so that the product can be developed as soon as possible.

Of course, if he failed to develop a substitute medicine in a short time. If the situation in Dragonville continued to worsen, Fade would have to resort to violence to obtain the Alstom Antibiotic from Maritime Ocean Pharma.

Of course, this was a last resort. After all, the moment when he had really done it, it was very likely that the relationship would completely worsen.

Although Maritime Ocean Pharma was in Jade City, it was still a company in China, this matter can still be resolved. However, as Maritime Ocean Pharma had Bald Eagle Pharma backing, China wouldn't be able to handle it. This is because the Bald Eagle Pharma was the magnate of the international pharmaceutical industry and a company of Micovia.

If that was the case, the situation would be way severe than they had anticipated. Fade might even cause a blockade or a war.

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In order to prevent the situation from turning into the worst possible one, the most important thing to do now was for Fade to do his best to develop a medicine that could replace the Alstom Antibiotic. In turn, they could relieve themselves of the custom patent that Bald Eagle Pharma had imposed on them.

Therefore, Fade gathered all the top experts in the relevant fields in Long City and put his mind into developing the substitute medicine.