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Jiang Ning was waiting for Lee Seongbong to take action.

The action he was waiting for occur in just a few days' time.

The Lee family's butler came to the extreme martial arts Academy personally to invite Jiang Ning to the Lee house, saying that they had captured Lee Seongjae and wanted to kill Lee Seongjae in front of Jiang Ning to appease his anger.

This was the greatest show of sincerity by the Lee family!

“Mr Jiang, Mr Lee said that since the Lee family had offended Mr Jiang, they were in the wrong. And since they were in the wrong, they have to pay the price for it,” said the Lee family’s butler respectfully. “He hopes that you can go to the Lee house and personally watch Lee Seongjae’s death, and he also hopes that you will no longer be angry with the Lee family after this.”

This was truly the humblest Lee Seongbong had ever been.

In order to gain Jiang Ning’s favor, he was even willing to kill his own younger brother.

Lee Seongbong really didn't care for familial ties.

Jiang Ning had no expression on his face and just nodded calmly. “I will be there.”

One of the most important members of his family

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was about to be killed, but in order to gain Jiang Ning's favor, he even had to thank Jiang Ning for it.

This situation seemed rather awkward.

"I don't know if your guess is right," said Fei. "Are you sure they don't need to go with you?"

"No need. Take them along with you, I have a different mission for you," said Jiang Ning. "It's just the Lee family."

He got up and didn't elaborate further. The appointed time was at night, so going over now was too early. He had to call Lin Yuzhen first and update her on the situation so that she wouldn't worry.

At night.

Lee Seongbong had specially arranged for a card to pick Jiang Ning up and seemed polite enough.

It proved how reverent and humble he was towards Jiang Ning.

Once the car reached the Lee house, Jiang Ning alighted from the car and saw Lee Seongbong standing outside the door with important members of the Lee family by his side. All of them looked respectful, but he could see the fury and indignation in their eyes.

Who wouldn't be indignant?

"Mr Jiang, welcome to the Lee house!" said Lee

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Seongbong with a smile. "It is the Lee family's greatest honor to have you here!"

He stretched his arm out to show the way, in the people standing on both sides of him bowed as well. They shouted respectfully, "We welcome Mr Jiang!"

Their displeasure in their voices was even more intense.

Lee Seongbong was the one who told them to behave like this, but none of them were willing to.

But Jiang Ning ignored their expressions and lifted his head slightly to walk through the entrance of the Lee house with an arrogant look on his face.

A sinister look flashed across Lee Seongbong's eyes when he saw how complacent Jiang Ning looked.

He made a secret hand signal, then quickly followed behind Jiang Ning.

"Mr Jiang, I promised you that I would not allow anyone from the Lee family to offend you, regardless of who it is. As long as they have offended you, they would be punished by the Lee family!" Lee Seongbong continued to say respectfully, "I have already sent my men to capture Lee Seongjae, and I will kill him in front of you as a way of apology!"

Jiang Ning looked around the main hall and suddenly stopped walking. A slight look of panic

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appeared on Lee Seongbong's face, but he soon calmed himself down.

"Lee Seongjae is your very own younger brother, but you are really willing to kill him?"

"Of course!" Lee Seongbong did not hesitate at all. "Compared to sacrificing his life, I need to protect the entire Lee family!"

"I just hope that after he dies, you will no longer be angry with the Lee family. We have already paid the price that we ought to."

He took a deep breath and his words sounded a little indignant and upset at the same time.

Even his body was trembling!



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His body was trembling because he was furious and indignant but he had no choice but to surrender.

Lee Seongbong had fully embodied these emotions. If he were an actor, he would definitely have won many awards by now.

Jiang Ning had noticed all of this, but he didn't seem bothered by it at all.

He had seen too much of this sort of thing.

After being in the battlefield for so many years, so many of the people who had died at his hands were this sort of people. They were all people who were excellent actors and were very good at disguising themselves.

But what they didn't know was that Jiang Ning never believed any of them, no matter how realistic their acting was.

Jiang Ning looked at how heartbroken Lee Seongbong was and nodded. "I can see your sincerity, Mr Lee."

"The one who should bear full responsibility should bear the responsibility, then we can call it quits."

With that, Jiang Ning walked right into the main hall.

A malicious glint flashed across Lee Seongbong's eyes.

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Once he watched Jiang Ning enter the main hall, his heart started to smile coldly. He was here!

Jiang Ning really thought that he had surrendered, and thought that he was afraid of his identity as the God of War and his capabilities!

He didn't even know that this was actually a trap. From the moment he stepped into the main hall, he could forget about leaving this place alive!

Lee Seongbong reverted to his previous expression and quickly followed behind.

“Mr Jiang, please take a seat.”

He invited Jiang Ning to take a seat, while other important members of the Lee family stood around him. Besides Jiang Ning and Lee Seongbong, nobody else was allowed to sit down.

Everyone's expression was filled with fury and indignation. They didn't hide any of it.

This was all because Lee Seongbong had hidden his plans from everyone else in order to put up a realistic show.

Besides himself, nobody else knew what was going to happen next!

“Bring Lee Seongjae in!” roared Lee Seongbong loudly.

Some men brought Lee Seongjae in immediately.

His face was covered with wounds, and his hands

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were tied tightly with rope.

“Kneel down!” shouted Lee Seongbong. The two highly skilled fighters who escorted Lee Seongjae in kicked the back of his knees, causing him to kneel with a thud in front of Jiang Ning.

This made the other Lee family members even angrier. Their eyes were bulging and they clenched their fists angrily. They wished they could charge forward and kill Jiang Ning right now!

But Jiang Ning remained expressionless, as if the one kneeling in front of him was nothing but a dog.

“Lee Seongjae, do you know what you have done wrong?!” Lee Seongbong pointed a finger at Lee Seongjae and roared, “You have offended Mr Jiang time and again, so you are a great sinner and not worthy to be forgiven!”

“Lee Seongbong! How dare you kill me because of this young fellow!” roared Lee Seongjae hysterically. “You are the sinner of the Lee family!”

“If you want to kill me, go ahead! If you've got guts, do it yourself!” he smiled coldly and had no fear on his face as he stared straight at Jiang Ning. He looked like a vicious wolf that wished he could use his sharp fangs to bite Jiang Ning to pieces!

“What audacity!” Lee Seongbong took two steps forward and slapped Lee Seongjae across the face. “How dare you still be so disrespectful! You

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ought to be killed!”

He then walked over to Jiang Ning and said with great respect, “Mr Jiang, please go ahead and kill him!”

“Such a man has already been disowned by the Lee family, and he is no longer part of the family. There is no member in the Lee family who would be so disrespectful to you.”

He lowered his head and spoke with great respect, but he was also stealthily glancing at Lee Seongjae at the same time.

When he saw Lee Seongbong’s glance, Lee Seongjae moved his hands slightly. The ropes that had supposedly tied his hands together tightly started to come loose.

His gaze continued to look vicious and it didn't change much as he continued to stare straight at Jiang Ning. But his hands were slowly exerting more force in order to break free of those ropes!



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“Sure!” Jiang Ning didn't seem to have noticed anything. “Mr Lee, this is what you have requested of me. Are you sure the rest of your family has no objections?”

He purposely looked up and looked around at the people around him, but they only dared to look angry and dared not say anything.

Since the head of the family was the one who made this request, there was nothing they could say to stop it.

“If anyone of you dares to raise any objections, you will be disowned by the Lee family immediately!” said Lee Seongbong firmly.

Jiang Ning nodded and stood up immediately. He took a step forward and stood in front of Lee Seongjae.

In that instant, Lee Seongjae's hands were freed!

There was a dagger hiding near his lower back!

The timing was perfect, and even Lee Seongbong felt like his heart was about to leap out of his mouth.

Jiang Ning actually dared to stand in front of Lee Seongjae. This was the best opportunity to kill him!

Lee Seongbong held this breath and felt like he could already see Lee Seongjae stab Jiang Ning right through the heart.

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The two of them were standing too close to one another!

Lee Seongjae was going to make his move!

BAM!

But suddenly, Jiang Ning made a move.

He was too fast!

He was as quick as lightning!

He still had one more step to go, but in that instant, Jiang Ning moved like a shadow and appeared right in front of Lee Seongjae in the blink of an eye. He slammed one palm viciously onto Lee Seongjae's head.

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it was followed by a loud and crisp noise.

Lee Seongbong's eyes instantly widened.

This...

Fresh blood started to flow from Lee Seongjae's forehead. The hand behind him that was still holding onto the dagger slowly let go of the dagger.

His eyes looked like they were still in disbelief. It was as if he still didn't understand why Jiang Ning hadn't said a single word before suddenly making a move. And he had moved so quickly as well.

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How was this possible?

This was supposed to be nothing but an act! It was an act between himself and Lee Seongbong!

But now, the act had become real!

Fresh blood continued to flow from his forehead, to his nose, down to his lips, and finally dripped onto the floor ...

The entire hall was completely silent. It was deathly silent.

Lee Seongbong was completely stunned. There was a ringing in his head and everything went blank.

Everybody else's eyes turned red and they were on the verge of going mad!

Jiang Ning had really killed Lee Seongjae!

And Lee Seongbong had requested for it personally too!

The whole show suddenly became real.

"Since you wanted to die so badly, and Mr Lee made the same request, then I will grant you your wish," said Jiang Ning calmly. "Adults ought to take responsibility for the things they have done. So now, the Lee family and I are even."

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Lee Seongjae's eyes were still wide as he

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collapsed onto the floor.

His face was covered with shock and disbelief. There was indignation as well as regret.

But everything was too late now.

Lee Seongbong's heart pounded wildly as he opened his mouth but didn't know what to say at all. He watched as his younger brother collapsed onto the floor and watched as their script suddenly took a very different turn halfway.

This wasn't what they wanted at all!

"This..."

Lee Seongbong's mouth was wide open and his eyes reddened immediately.

What the hell was going on?

"Mr Lee, the Lee family and I are even now. I have fulfilled your request of me." Jiang Ning looked at him and said calmly, "You don't have to thank me."

After that, Jiang Ning didn't say anymore and left.

The entire place fell silent.

No one dared to block Jiang Ning's way, and no one dared to speak at all.

That was because all of this was at the request of Lee Seongbong. He was the one who wanted Jiang Ning to kill Lee Seongjae!

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Lee Seongbong was still rooted to the ground and looked like he had turned into a stone sculpture. He still hadn't realized exactly what just happened.

“Lee Seongbong! You're an animal!” someone suddenly shouted loudly.



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The entire hall was in an uproar!

Lee Seongbong lifted his head only for a fist to smash viciously on him. It smashed right into his face and caused him to stagger a few steps backwards.

He saw that it was an old man covered in white hair and his eyes were red from anger.

“He was your very own brother!”

“You didn't care for his life, and you even allowed someone else to kill him in front of all of us! Are you still human?!”

“Lee Seongbong, you're worse than an animal!”

One of them couldn't stand it anymore, so he rushed towards Lee Seongbong and kicked him, disregarding the fact that he was the head of their family. Even if he had to die, he was going to bash Lee Seongbong up.

Before Lee Seongbong could say anything, another person dashed towards him as if he had gone crazy. All of them surrounded him and started punching and kicking him repeatedly.

In no time, Lee Seongbong was beaten to the floor.

They couldn't hold themselves back anymore.

He had killed so many important members of the family, and now, he had even requested for Jiang Ning to kill his own younger brother. Lee

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Seongbong wasn't human at all! He was even more vicious than a snake or a scorpion!

Lee Seongbong fell to the floor and felt both furious and indignant. He kept shouting and saying that things weren't what they thought it was, but who cared about what he said now?

They had put on such a realistic act, that besides Jiang Ning, Lee Seongbong had almost believed it himself.

Nobody would believe him no matter what he said now.

“From today onwards, I will set up my own family and remove myself from the Lee family! I don't want to be associated with someone as heartless as you!”

“I will leave the Lee family!”

“I'm leaving too! I don't want any of my assets to have anything to do with the Lee family anymore!”

Everyone started shouting away.

It was unclear if they were angry because of this particular incident, or if they were taking this chance to vent their frustrations. Lee Seongbong wanted to stop them, but he simply couldn't stop them anymore.

Nobody was on his side now.

The hall was soon empty. Lee Seongbong remained seated on the floor while Lee Seongjae's

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dead body lay not far from him, and his eyes were still wide open.

He had made preparations to kill Jiang Ning with one attack, but he didn't expect Jiang Ning to attack faster than he did, so he ended up getting killed instead.

And all of this became Lee Seongbong's fault.

The Lee family had fallen apart all of a sudden.

"How did things become like this? How did things become like this..."

Lee Seongbong's hair was a mess, and there was a footprint on his body. He was in such a sorry state.

He didn't look anything like the authoritative head of the Lee family anymore.

He continued to mumble at himself as he looked at his brother's dead body. He never thought that the trap that he had set up to kill, ended up killing his own younger brother instead.

Had Jiang Ning seen through all of this from the beginning?

In less than two days, a great commotion had swept through Lee Group.

A few directors had officially announced that they were taking the department and relevant assets they controlled and were leaving Lee Group to set up their own company. This really shook up all of

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Korea.

Nobody thought that something like this would happen to a huge conglomerate like Lee Group.

When the news of Lee Seongjae's death went round, the whole nation was even more shocked!

Many people were saying that Lee Seongjae and Lee Seongbong got into a fight over splitting the Lee family and ended up fighting one another. In the end, Lee Seongjae died, while Lee Seongbong was injured.

And worse still, several important members of the family had perished as a result.

The Lee family was suddenly embroiled in nothing but negative press.

Many of the vendors who worked together with Lee Group panicked. None of them knew what exactly had happened.

But their intuition told them that this matter was very serious. Not only did the Lee family suffer great losses, but these business partners would also suffer great losses.

The Lee family could afford the losses from such internal conflict, but they were only small businesses and couldn't afford to be implicated.

All of a sudden, everyone felt like they were in danger!

Lin Group seized this opportunity to make a

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move.



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All the vendors that were initially undecided started to contact Lin Group. They wanted Lin Group to help them to get through this crisis, so they offered very good terms, which made it difficult for anyone to refuse.

Jumping from a sinking ship onto another large ship that had just set sail was not necessarily a bad decision.

Too many things had changed in just a short period of two to three days.

Jiang Ning didn't care about any of this.

From the moment Lee Seongjae died, he knew that the Lee family was going to go through internal conflict.

Such large families looked very harmonious on the surface, but everyone was actually only working for their own profits. The moment it looked like they might lose everything, nobody would stick around and wait to die.

On top of that, Lee Seongbong's acting made everyone believe that he was someone who didn't care for familial ties.

He could even give up on his own younger brother. What was the rest of the family to him?

"In just a short span of three days we've got 16 more vendors working with us. All of them came from working with Lee Group." Xiaozhao didn't even know what had happened. "Brother Ning, is this considered robbing others while their house

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is on fire?”

She didn't know why the Lee family had suddenly become like this, but she knew that it definitely had something to do with Jiang Ning. She had gone through such things many times now. Whoever offended Jiang Ning would definitely come to no good end.

“You are so gentle, so it doesn't look like you're robbing anyone at all,” said Jiang Ning. “Robbery is a violent and aggressive thing, do you understand?”

“Got it!”

Xiaozhao's eyes lit up. it was as if the robber in her had been activated, and she immediately understood what he meant.

Jiang Ning was saying that she wasn't aggressive enough!

The corporate world was like a battlefield. If you were too kind to your enemies today, then your enemies would kill you tomorrow!

Being kind to your enemies was actually being cruel to yourself.

So she couldn't be kind!

“Big Boss, she will learn to be mean like this,” Fei made a face. “When this Miss Zhao gets aggressive, even I get scared. But it looks like she has been behaving so fearlessly because you are the one who has been backing her all this time.”

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He raised an eyebrow and purposely glanced at Jiang Ning, as if he was trying to see if these words of his would make Jiang Ning angry.

But Jiang Ning remained expressionless.

He couldn't be bothered about the love hate relationship that Fei and Xiaozhao had with one another.

How these two supposed enemies went from here was their business. It was just like how he never bothered about whether any sparks would fly between Brother Gou and the Legend of Shengcheng.

“We must not keep Black Dragon Society around,” Jiang Ning changed the topic. “Besides, the person behind the Lee family still hasn't appeared yet. That's all we're missing now.”

When it came to serious matters, Fei frowned.

“Could it be him?”

“It's definitely him!” An intense murderous aura spewed from Jiang Ning's eyes. “Fang Yin!”

Besides the Second Elder of the Fang clan who had managed to escape, who else would do this?

That fellow must have disguised himself and worked in the darkness. But his covetousness of the manual had only become more intense.

More than half the pages of the manual was with Jiang Ning now. Since Fang Yin wanted to have

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the greatest say in the future, he not only needed to get his hands on the manual, but he also needed to reduce Jiang Ning's capabilities.

But at the moment, this was an extremely difficult thing to achieve.

But to Jiang Ning, getting all the pages of the manual and killing Fang Yin after getting all the secrets he knew about the manual was an equally important thing to attend to right now.

"This stupid old fellow refuses to die and he's actually so good at hiding. Since he's already in Seoul, isn't there a way to lure him out?" said Fei through clenched teeth.

He wasn't going to let off anyone who could be a threat to Jiang Ning!

"Once Black Dragon Society is destroyed and the Lee family is on the verge of collapse, he should make an appearance pretty soon."

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It didn't take a genius to know that someone else must have told the Lee family about the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

Lee Seongjae must have coveted the manual because he knew the potential of the manual itself. Otherwise he wouldn't have done something like this.

But he never thought about how ordinary folks were not qualified to have the manual nor hold onto it for a long time.

Even hanging onto it for a short period time was a luxury already.

"I wonder if the Lee family..." Jiang Ning narrowed his eyes. "I wonder if they are holding on to one page."

According to Butler Zhao's information, there was a high chance that there was a page within Korea. If it wasn't within the most powerful family of the country, then where would it be?

He didn't think someone like Fang Yin would have come all the way to Korea for no reason.

But nothing was for sure now. The Lee family was in tatters and Lee Seongbong probably was in no mood to think about the manual now. He was now probably more worried about how he should hold the family together.

But this was a chance for Lin Group.

Jiang Ning had already instructed Xiaozhao to

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proceed with as many activities as possible so that Lin Group's products would be able to garner a significant amount of the market share in the shortest possible time.

This would be his present to Lin Yuzhen. It was nearly her birthday after all.

Jiang Ning hadn't thought about how he was going to celebrate it with her yet.

This was the first time he was going to celebrate Lin Yuzhen's birthday with her, so he wanted to make sure she remembered it, and remembered it for life.

Lin Group was very well experienced in promoting their products.

Back when they went through the southeast region, Shenghai and the north, they used different methods depending on the location. Now that they were in Korea, they could merge a few different methods together and use them at the same time.

Firstly, they would have a product launch!

Then they would have a spokesperson to do publicity!

Thirdly, they would become a sponsor and do product placement, which would be a long term sort of advertising strategy. Based on their current influence in Korea, it was too expensive for Lin Group to do this, so Xiaozhao threw this one out first.

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She was going to set off the first spark, so that she wouldn't have to bother with finding partnerships later on. Others would be fighting to work with them once they were popular.

Lin Group was already well prepared for the first two steps.

Star Entertainment in Shenghai had groomed several artistes and promoted them aggressively. Besides packaging them and making them famous, the most important role they had was to be Lin Group's spokespersons.

They had to work hard to sell their own company's products. Everyone knew how nice their boss was.

Anyone signed to Star Entertainment never needed to worry about any hidden or implicit rules of the entertainment industry. They could go ahead and fulfil their dreams to their maximum potential.

As long as they got the chance to work for Lin Group and work for Jiang Ning, all the artistes in the company would compete with each other for the chance.

They would fight tooth and nail for this sort of chance.

Ye Qingwu was already used to this. Regardless of whether Jiang Ning called or Lin Yuzhen called, she would put aside everything she had on hand to help them out.

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But of course, Lin Yuzhen would never put Ye Qingwu in a spot, and neither would Jiang Ning.

They would all think of the best way to help their artistes to fulfil their dreams without being tainted unnecessarily.

As long as Lin Group had a need, they would all come forward!

More than ten artistes had arrived for the product launch, and the leader of the team was naturally Ye Qingwu.

No matter how busy she was, she would definitely find time to be the spokesperson for Lin Group.

More than ten great beauties stood on stage and their presence was mesmerizing. The camera flashes never stopped throughout the event.

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The camera flashes were blinding.

“Which one do you like?” Xiaozhao saw that Fei’s eyes were glued to the female artistes and purposely asked, “I’ll help you get her number.”

“Really? Aww, Miss Zhao, you’re the best,” said Fei with a laugh. He pointed a finger out and said, “Hers, hers, hers, and...hers too. Or why don’t you introduce me to all of them?”

He raised his eyebrow.

“After all, I’m the almighty protector of wome...

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Before Fei could finish his sentence, Xiaozhao had kicked him in the calf and glared fiercely at him.

She didn't care how Fei was related to Jiang Ning. Jiang Ning was Jiang Ning while Fei was Fei! If he deserved to be hit, then she was going to hit him!

If he deserved to be bullied, she would bully him!

Fei didn't dodge her and let Xiaozhao kick him while he pretended that it was terribly painful and kept grimacing away.

"You're so useless and you say you're the almighty protector of women? Protect yourself first!" Xiaozhao rolled her eyes at Fei and seemed to have completely forgotten how she had watched Fei fight a few dozen men on his own.

She had a selective memory and didn't care.

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Suddenly, there was a strange sound as a corner of the stage suddenly collapsed. The artiste who stepped on that part of the stage immediately yelped and was about to fall off from the stage.

Fei flew out like an arrow and caught the artiste in his arms.

There was nothing wrong with his leg at all.

"Th-thank you!" The artiste who nearly fell from the stage was still in shock. Her face was all pale and her heart was pounding wildly.

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She looked back at the stage and realized that if she had really fallen off earlier, her head would have hit the floor first and she might not even make it out of here alive!

“What’s happened?” Xiaozhao couldn’t be bothered about how Fei was still holding onto the artiste and frowned as she asked immediately, “Where’s the person in charge of the venue? How could something like this happen? Thankfully you’re alright, but what if something happened to you?”

She was really angry.

The product launch was a very important event, but something like that actually happened. She already gave clear instructions that nothing must go wrong today.

“Miss Zhao, I’m alright.” The artiste patted her chest and was still a little pale. “I’ve just twisted my ankle, that’s all.”

Ye Qingwu walked over to ask about what happened and her expression was grim too.

“Take a rest first, we’ll finish the rest of the event,” said Ye Qingwu as she prepared to lead the remaining artistes back on stage.

“No, pause the event for the moment,” Fei shook his head. “Someone has tampered with the stage.”

Ye Qingwu’s expression paled and Xiaozhao was shocked too. Someone had tampered with the

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stage?

They were just doing a simple product launch that featured a few models. What was there to tamper with, and who dared to do something like that?

Was it the Lee family? Were they still unrepentant? Didn't they already know the consequences of provoking Jiang Ning?

"But if we suddenly stop the product launch, I'm afraid it will leave a bad impression," said Xiaozhao. "There are so many media representatives here, so I don't know what they will end up writing."

"Just pause the modeling part. Find some reason to delay the show part and the event can still continue." Fei pointed back at the stage. "I'm worried that those few positions have been tampered with. If anything happens, then these reporters will have even more things to write about. Who would care about our product when that happens?"

He looked around at the crowd and noticed a man wearing a cap. The man soon disappeared in the crowd.

Something was amiss alright.

Fei scoffed quietly and let go of the artiste in his arms. "Can you stand on your own?"

"Miss Zhao, help her to the backstage to rest. Qingwu, go up and take control of the event, don't walk around. Just stand in the same spot and

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“speak, you just need to keep the crowd and the atmosphere under control. That’s not difficult to you.”

“Sure.” Ye Qingwu immediately understood what to do. It wasn’t the first time something like that had happened.

After getting to know Jiang Ning, such incidences were all too normal.

“And you?” Xiaozhao saw that Fei was going to walk out from the venue.

“I’m going to be the almighty protector of women.” Fei then disappeared out of sight.



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Xiaozhao clenched her teeth but couldn't say anything in time before Fei went out of sight.

“Xiaozhao, let's take control of the event first. Someone out there is trying to make trouble for us, so we can't let them have their way.”

“Alright!”

Both of them quickly took action.

The event continued and the atmosphere was not greatly affected.

Ye Qingwu was an artist who was very capable of controlling the event. She just needed to stand there and she was like a beam of light that emanated charm and attracted everyone's attention.

It only took a few songs and a few interactions to liven up the atmosphere.

Meanwhile.

Fei had crossed several streets and he still could remember what that man looked like, even though that fellow only revealed a small part of his face.

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The sound of his footsteps was very quick!

The man wearing a cap ran through the crowd very quickly and looked back from time to time. After he was sure that nobody was following him anymore, he turned into a small alley.

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But after he took a few steps, he suddenly stopped walking and frowned.

“And where do you think you are going?”

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The man wearing a cap didn't say anything. He bent his head and turned to run because he didn't want to end up in a fight with Fei.

“How dare you still run!” roared Fei. He was like a human shaped wild beast as he took a step out and ran as quickly as lightning.

Just as that man reached the end of the alley, he felt a gust of cold wind down his spine.

BAM!

Before he could even turn his head, Fei sent him flying with a kick. He fell to the floor and rolled several times, frightening all the passersby and making them scream in shock.

“Not running anymore?” Fei walked over leisurely to look at the man curled up on the floor and said calmly, “Keep running, go ahead and keep running.”

He stretched a hand out and picked the man up as he looked around at everyone around him.

“This is the guy! Everyone, look at him! He's the one who ran away after knocking up a girl! He's heartless!” shouted Fei loudly. “He has a wife, but he still fooled around outside! Don't you think

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someone like that ought to be beaten up?”

In an instant, someone from the crowd started cursing.

“Beat him up! What a scoundrel!”

“Beat him to death!”

“Spit on him!”

Fei picked up the man. “I’m not going to let someone like that off!”

With that, he dragged the man away as everyone looked on furiously.

At the branch of the Extreme Martial Arts Academy.

Jiang Ning had been sitting here every single day.

Besides drinking tea, he spent the rest of the time meditating on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual. Such times without Lin Yuzhen by his side were dry and boring.

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Fei threw the man onto the floor. “This fellow’s the one who tampered with the stage at the product launch to create chaos.”

Jiang Ning looked up to see a man kneeling on the floor with a swollen and bruised face. Fei had clearly dealt with him earlier.

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“Where’s he from?”

“The Park family,” Fei made a face. “The leader from Black Dragon Society we dealt with the last time, Park Daeseong, is from that family.”

The man on the floor didn’t dare to speak at all.

Fei had knocked five or six of his teeth out of his mouth, so he didn’t dare to speak at all.

The Park family?

Jiang Ning shook his head and waved his hands. “There’s no need to ask me about such things.”

He wasn’t interested in anything like this and he wasn’t going to deal with every single stray cat and dog that came his way personally.

He already told the wolves to take action, so Black Dragon Society was going to disappear, never mind this Park family.

“Big Boss, the Park family doesn’t count for much, but this fellow says that a number of people in Seoul have their eye on Lin Group.”

“Oh?” Jiang Ning didn’t want to bother at first, but when he heard that people had their eye on Lin Group, he looked up again.

He had caused the Lee family to collapse so easily and there were still people with their eye on Lin Group?

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“The Lee family is going through an internal conflict, so these people are trying to take this chance to reap benefits for themselves. But they only know that Lin Group has a partnership with Lee Group, and so they are trying to take over Lin Group’s assets in Korea in order to get nearer to the Lee family.”

That was as good as taking Lin Group as an appetizer.

They didn't know why the Lee family had suddenly collapsed , or why the important members of the family all wanted to leave the main family.

A great business and empire had suddenly collapsed!

Nobody in the Lee family was willing to let anyone else know about something so embarrassing. And so even though they said that they would leave the Lee family, their surnames remained Lee.

“Say it!” Fei kicked the man. “What else do you know?”

“AHH!” The man cried out loudly and said a little fearfully, “I've told you everything I know, I've told you...AHH!”

Before he could finish his sentence, he got kicked by Fei again.

“You said so much earlier, so how could I remember everything? Say it again!”

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The man wanted to cry, but no tears came to his eyes. Who the hell were these people?

He didn't dare to argue back. He didn't want to go through being tortured by Fei again.

“The Lee family suddenly going through an internal conflict, so to the other families in Korea, this is an excellent chance. When a whale dies, it will feed many things in the sea. So the Lee family is that whale...”

“Everyone is trying to get a piece of the Lee family's assets. Even if they can't get something it is entirety, they could at least get a portion of it. But they don't dare to really go all out to snatch them. After all, even a camel that dies from starvation is larger than a horse!”

The men gulped and his voice became softer and softer.

“So they thought that it would be easier to attack from Lin Group's side?” Jiang Ning was very amused.

Had he been too low profile? Or did Lin Group look like an easy target to bully?

He couldn't believe that these people actually tried to attack Lin Group.

“Everyone thinks that Lin Group is a faction of power that Lee Group has groomed for themselves in China...”

No wonder.

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Many multination companies were investment companies at the same time. They would invest in developing area and put in a lot of money, especially if these were up and rising corporations. They would use the large amount of shares they held to control these up and rising corporations.

Even after the corporation had grown bigger, they would still be under the control of these multinational corporations. They would be in charge of their financial direction and more!

Many people used such tactics, so many other major corporations in Korea that that Lin Group was a company supported and controlled by Lee Group in this manner.

But how could Lee Group possibly support Lin Group?

Jiang Ning narrowed his eyes slightly at the man. "So what do they intend to do? Do you know?"

"I don't know." The man shook his head.

"Then you're worthless." The man's thigh instantly trembled when he heard these words. A warm liquid suddenly covered his legs.

If he was worthless...then he was going to die!

"I know! I know!" Jiang Ning raised his hand and the man turned deathly pale. "I know a thing or two! I'll tell you everything!"

The man quickly told Jiang Ning everything he

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knew without daring to miss out a single detail.

He knew what sort of place the Extreme Martial Arts Academy was.

The piece of land that this building was sitting on used to belong to the Park family, and of course he knew how Park Daeseong had died.

After he was done speaking, Fei dragged him out.

Jiang Ning just sat back down and poured himself a cup of tea.

His aim in coming to Korea was very simple. Firstly, he wanted to help Lin Group to expand their market. The Korean market was very important since Lin Group's main line of business was in skincare and cosmetics, so this market was very large for this industry.

Secondly, Butler Zhao's information showed that a page of the manual possibly existed within Korea.

But now, the Lee family was in shambles, but there was no sign of the manual. After Black Dragon Society was destroyed, he wasn't sure if the person behind them would come out of the shadows.

For the time being, however, a few clowns seemed to be more than happy to die.

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Since these people wanted to die, Jiang Ning was going to grant them their wish.

If nobody crossed him, he wouldn't purposely provoke anyone either. But someone actually came to attack him, he was going to treat the problem at its root!

Jiang Ning was simple minded in this aspect. As long as everyone was at peace, he would close an eye on certain things and wouldn't purposely go around to make trouble for other people.

Lin Group had not advanced to its current stage for the sake of money.

Earning money was just a method to help Lin Yuzhen fulfil her dreams, and not the aim of the company.

He was really uninterested in money.

But there was always someone out there who would try to stop him from helping Lin Yuzhen to fulfil her dreams, and this was something that Jiang Ning refused to tolerate.

He called Brother Gou immediately.

"Get the name list from Fei and give them a warning," said Jiang Ning. "Just make sure they remember this lesson well."

After he hung up, Jiang Ning put this matter aside and continued to study the manual wholeheartedly.

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The Extreme Fist Technique Manual was not simple at all, and Jiang Ning felt very deeply about this. The more he studied it, the more he felt this way.

He Daoren had used his own death to make Jiang Ning treat the manual with utmost importance, so that meant that the secret behind the Extreme Fist Technique Manual was beyond most people's imagination.

Even the eight reclusive clans had chosen to hide themselves deep within Mount Zhongnan to wait for the manual to surface only because each clan had something on hand that could crack the code on the various pages.

But nobody knew what secret the manual actually held.

Only the Senior Elders of each family would have more information. Fang Jin had already died, so only Fang Yin would know more about this matter as well.

Jiang Ning held onto the pages and his fingers gently rubbed against the etches in the pages.

That special texture made him frown.

A glint suddenly flashed in his eyes as his fingers moved and slid in a different direction from before. The feeling in his fingers seemed to have changed slightly.

"These etches...I didn't notice them before."

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Jiang Ning used his fingers to rub the pages gently and his sensitive sense of touch told him that these etches were indeed a little different.

Viewing the pages from different angles made the simple moves give off a different feeling. He discovered that a long time ago.

And that was also why each person understood a completely different thing from another person after studying the same page.

But only someone who actually had the pages on hand would have the chance to feel these etches.

Even Jiang Ning only happened to chance upon this. The difference was very slight, so if he wasn't so sensitive, he might not have noticed either.

Jiang Ning held the pages and rubbed them over and over in a very serious manner. He was very sure that these etches held a deep mystery within.

The reason why one would see a slightly different picture on the page from different angles was probably because of these etches.

One boxing manual actually held so many secrets within.

Jiang Ning took a deep breath and felt that it was a long way more before he could find out the secret of this manual. Even if he gathered all nine pages together, it would be extremely difficult to crack the code of the manual.

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“I’ll take it slow. I’m sure I’ll get this somehow.”

He slowly closed his eyes and continued to think about it.

At the same time!

Black Dragon Society!

Jiang Ning had sent orders out, so Brother Gou and the wolves would carry out his instructions immediately without hesitation.

They were now at the headquarters of Black Dragon Society.

Brother Gou was standing, while a group of men were sprawled on the floor and begging for mercy.

A middle aged man sat on the leader’s seat as he trembled all over. All the color had drained from his face.

He was the new head of Black Dragon Society and he had taken this position for barely two days, so he didn’t even have time to get a celebratory party together. And now, he felt like he was filled with nothing but fear and terror.

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“If you’re talking about illegal circles, we’re not afraid of anybody.” Brother Gou walked to the new head and patted his face. “My Big Boss says that we must always convince others by our own example, so here’s just a warning.”

The man looked at the ten odd men sprawling on the floor. These men formed the backbone of Black Dragon Society!

They had been sent sprawling to the ground by the wolves and were probably too terrified to do anything ever again. And this was just a warning?

“Understand?”

“Un...Understood...” murmured the man as his legs continued to tremble.

“Let’s go to the next one!” Brother Gou took out his little notebook and drew a line through the first one on the list, Black Dragon Society, and drew a cross next to the second one of the list, the Park family. “If we’re going to sweep through these people, we’re going to do a really thorough sweep through!”

The man on the leader’s seat shuddered even more violently when he heard what Brother Gou said and watched them leave.

These people...were a pack of wolves!

He suddenly felt that there was nothing good about becoming the head of the Black Dragon Society besides being the first to be beaten up.

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“I...I announce my retirement from Black Dragon Society!” he wailed loudly.

Brother Gou and the wolves didn't waste a single minute. He had a full list from Fei written inside his notebook that detailed everyone who gave Lin Group problems, regardless of whether they had done it blatantly or covertly.

In just a few days, it felt like an earthquake had swept through Seoul.

The entire city had been shaken up.

Important members of several powerful families either suddenly said that they were ill, or they had been involved in an accident, or that they were retiring.

They had been so domineering just moments ago within the marketplace, and now they all suddenly shrank back like a bunch of frightened tortoises.

Everyone in Seoul was confused.

First the Lee family suddenly started to face internal conflicts and was falling apart, then the other families found that they weren't able to use this chance to rise up. Instead, they were attacked severely from nowhere and suffered tremendous losses!

On the contrary, the company that entered Korea for the first time, Lin Group, was doing well. Their products were of high quality, so they quickly amassed their first batch of customers.

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Lee Seongbong felt terribly stuffy inside.

There were times when he felt so choked that he wanted to puke blood, and he hadn't slept properly in days. He was so depressed that he nearly felt like jumping off a building.

His pale face looked very grim and the intense murderous look in his eyes was practically flowing out like a river.

BAM!

He slammed a fist into the table. "Why! WHY?!"

He was so indignant.

So very indignant!

The Lee family had lost billions as well as many family members. The entire family was like a plate of scattered sand and he didn't know if they would finally just fall apart.

All the ambitious members of the family had taken this chance to split up the family business, and that was another stab in his heart.

Lee Seongbong was trembling all over.

"It's because you're very weak," said a voice from behind him. "You're weak, so you don't get to decide. In fact, your life doesn't even belong to you."

Lee Seongbong didn't turn around because he knew who it was.

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“And what about you?” he asked coldly. “You’re hiding in the shadows and you don’t dare to face Jiang Ning outright. Isn’t it also because you’re too weak?”

“Your life isn’t within your own control either!” Lee Seongbong spoke spitefully and refused to back down. “Both of us are in the same boat, so don’t you dare act as if you’re above me!”

Fang Yin walked out from the darkness and revealed half his face. There was no expression on his face and he wasn’t angry at all.

“But I can change your fate,” said Fang Yin calmly. “As long as you want to and you can offer me enough, then I can do that.”

Lee Seongbong stood up to turn and face Fang Yin. Their eyes met.

“And why should I believe you? Lee Seongjae believed you, and that’s why he died!”

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Lee Seongbong was rather hysterical and didn't believe a single word that Fang Yin said.

He didn't trust Fang Yin at all and was wary of him.

BAM!

The study door was suddenly opened from outside.

More than ten men rushed in and surrounded Fang Yin.

Lee Seongbong laughed coldly. "You have a page of the manual on you, don't you?"

Fang Yin didn't move and just glanced at the fighters who had surrounded him.

"I do have a page of the manual, but do you think you'd be able to get it from me?" he spoke calmly and clearly didn't have any regard for the men around him.

"As long as you have a page, I'm getting it!" Lee Seongbong waved his arm and said, "Kill him!"

The ten odd fighters immediately dashed towards Fang Yin.

Lee Seongbong wanted to kill Fang Yin a long time ago.

If this fellow hadn't brainwashed Lee Seongjae, he wouldn't have provoked Jiang Ning and wouldn't have died!

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SWOOSH!

SWOOSH!

SWOOSH!

Ten odd men were running towards him, but Fang Yin just laughed coldly. He raised his arm violently and threw a few punches, causing all the men who were coming close to him to be sent flying out.

The powerful and heavy smash of his fists were ear deafening.

In just a moment, more than ten fighters had collapsed onto the floor, and they all had broken several ribs each.

And Fang Yin hadn't even meant to kill them yet.

He looked at the men on the floor and snorted in disdain.

Then he looked back at Lee Seongbong, whose face had paled.

"I told you. Even if I have a page of the manual, you won't be able to get it, because you're too weak." He took a step forward and Lee Seongbong took a step back until he hit the wall. He couldn't hide the terror on his face anymore.

"You aren't even in control of your own destiny, so how dare you try to negotiate with me?"

Fang Yin suddenly stretched out and grabbed Lee

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Seongbong's neck. He exerted a little strength to push Lee Seongbong firmly against the wall and lifted him off the floor.

"UNGH!!!" Lee Seongbong tried hard to hit Fang Yin's hand away but he couldn't break free at all.

He felt like he was having difficulty breathing, and the terrible feeling of suffocation made his head start ringing inside.

"St-stop..." he struggled to speak.

"Working together with me isn't a matter of whether you're willing to do so or not, but whether I need you or not!"

"If you're worth something, then I'll need you. If you're not worth anything..."

Fang Yin remained expressionless as he exerted more and more strength in his fingers.

Lee Seongbong's face started to turn red, then blue. He tried hard to open his mouth to say that he was worth something, but he couldn't get a single word out.

His head was about to explode!

He tried hard to slap Fang Yin's hands away and used his eyes to plead with Fang Yin.

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Fang Yin released his grip.

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In that instant, Lee Seongbong suddenly realized that being able to breathe freely was something to be so happy about.

He was going to live.

After a long while, he looked up at Fang Yin.

“What do you want me to do?”

He really wasn't in control of his own destiny anymore.

So what if the Lee family had a few dozen highly skilled fighters?

All these highly skilled fighters were nothing in front of true Chinese martial artists!

“I want you to make a full retaliation,” said Fang Yin. “I don't care what method you use or what price you pay, but you must make sure you attack Lin Group on all sides and stop Extreme Martial Arts Academy from interfering!”

Lee Seongbong's eyes glinted.

Lin Group and Extreme Martial Arts Academy...

When he thought about Extreme Martial Arts Academy, he thought of Jiang Ning, that immensely terrifying young man.

“Jiang Ning...are you sure you want to become enemies with him?” Lee Seongbong knew who Jiang Ning really was. “Don't you know how terrifying he is?”

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“Humph! My elder brother died at his hands!” shouted Fang Yin fiercely.

His voice was sharp and shriek, like a vengeful ghost.

“Both our brothers were killed by Jiang Ning, so we are the same sort of people and we share the same enemy!”

Lee Seongbong’s heart was filled with fear.

He didn’t know that the elder brother of someone as powerful as Fang Yin would have been killed by Jiang Ning.

Fang Yin was so powerful, so his elder brother was probably not far off.

So how did he...also die at Jiang Ning’s hands?

The God of War of the East was actually this frightening!

Lee Seongbong didn’t say anything and just sat in a daze on the floor. He suddenly realized that he had gone on a road of no return.

Going forward meant that he would definitely die at Jiang Ning’s hands. But going backwards...

Fang Yin didn’t allow him to go backwards at all.

“From now on, the Lee family will work for me and you will listen to everything I say, understand?” said Fang Yin. “I can guarantee you that you will be able to take control of the Lee family again,

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and you will still be the most powerful family in Korea.”

In this transaction, the Lee family was going to be their collateral.

“Besides dealing with Jiang Ning, you still have other things you want me to do, right?” Lee Seongbong wasn’t stupid.

He could sense that Fang Yin didn’t want to control him to get the Lee family for himself.

To these incredibly highly skilled fighters, status and worldly wealth meant nothing to them. Having absolute physical power meant that they would gain everything else as well!

“I want you to help me locate the manual!” said Fang Yin. “On one hand, you have to distract Jiang Ning and make him focus on you, while on the other hand, you have to use everything the Lee family has to locate the manual.”

“You’re not trying to get the pages that Jiang Ning has?” Lee Seongbong was shocked at first.

Then it suddenly dawned on him and he started shouting angrily, “You knew right from the start that it was impossible for you to snatch those pages away from Jiang Ning! You sent my brother to die right from the beginning!”

“Hoho, if he was half as smart as you, he wouldn’t have died.”

“You!” Lee Seongbong flew into a rage, but

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suppressed his anger promptly after that.

He couldn't lose his temper and he didn't dare to.

Fang Yin had already proven that he couldn't even control his own destiny.

"In two days, I can help you to regain control of the Lee family, so that's what you will be able to get out of this deal. As for what I want, you must help me to locate it. Otherwise..." Fang Yin didn't have to complete his sentence.

Lee Seongbong knew that if he couldn't find those pages for Fang Yin, the Lee family would fall apart again, and it would fall apart even more severely than before with no chance of making a comeback!

He was still in a daze when Fang Yin left.

Lee Seongbong stared at the fighters who were all still lying on the floor and he suddenly felt terribly helpless.

He suddenly realized that Fang Yin's target wasn't the pages that Jiang Ning had at all.

If Fang Yin was capable of snatching the pages away from Jiang Ning, he would have done so a long time ago. He wouldn't have needed the help of the Lee family at all.

He just wanted to make use of the Lee family to curtail Lin Group's activity and serve as a distraction for Jiang Ning.

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Fang Yin's real target was the page of the manual hiding in Korea!

Despicable!

Sly!

Shameless!

This jerk had the Lee family in the palm of his hand!

And because of Fang Yin's schemes, Lee Seongjae was dead, the Lee family had suffered severe losses and now, he had no choice but to be used as a tool by Fang Yin. Lee Seongbong wanted to slap himself twice.

The Lee family was the most powerful family in Korea that controlled the entire country's economy, but they were nothing but a tool to Fang Yin!



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But what was the use of feeling indignant or furious?

Lee Seongbong knew that he didn't have a choice at all.

"Do as he says," he sat weakly on the floor. "Hunt down the manual. Since he says it's in Korea, it must be."

If Lee Seongbong had known that a page existed in Korea, then the Lee family wouldn't have gone to such lengths to provoke Jiang Ning in Donghai.

He had invited the wolf into his own house, and the Lee family's successful business of nearly a hundred years was going down the drain overnight!

Fang Yin wanted him to hunt down the manual in secret while fighting openly with Lin Group. He was to attack Lin Group on all fronts in order to distract Jiang Ning.

He didn't have any dignity left in being a tool.

Lee Seongbong sat on the floor and felt exhausted. He didn't want to think anymore and his mind went blank.

Fang Yin said that he would reorganize the Lee family. He was going to see how Fang Yin was going to do that! Lee Hae and the rest were not that easy to deal with.

They were all ambitious people!

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Besides Lee Seongbong and Lee Seongjae, the next most powerful person in the family was Lee Hae and his brothers. They held nearly half of the Lee family's total assets.

Because of Lee Seongjae's death, Lee Hae had seized the opportunities to take several core members of the family to start a new Lee family!

Lee Seongbong was really tired.

He didn't want to speak at all and told everyone to leave the study so that he could have some peace and quiet. He was going to think carefully about what to do next.

Reorganizing the Lee family wasn't an easy task.

Meanwhile, Lee Hae and his team was drinking red wine and celebrating their independence from the Lee family.

They had formed a new Lee family and the number of resources they had taken from the old Lee family was enough for them to rise up quickly. They were sure that they wouldn't need more than ten years to become more powerful than Lee Seongbong!

"I've waited for this day for too many years."

"In fact, I've waited for two generations!" said Lee Hae as he addressed the crowd. "The Lee in the Lee family should have been the Lee of Lee Hae, and not the Lee of Lee Seongbong."

A look of greed flashed across his face as well as

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deep dissatisfaction.

Ambition was something that could never be satisfied once it became full blown.

“Haha! In just a few years, our new Lee family will become the de facto Lee family! We will be the ones who will control Korea’s economy!”

All of them refilled their glasses and continued to toast each other.

In just half a month, everything was running smoothly. Lee Seongbong was struggling away and they were so happy to watch him grow exhausted.

BAM!

There was a loud blast followed by howls of pain.

“Who is it?” Lee Hae immediately stood up with a malicious look on his face. “Who dares to make trouble in the Lee house?!”

The only response he got was two corpses flying in and crashing heavily at his feet.

Lee Hae’s expression grew nastier. He wasn’t sure if the ones who had come were sent by Lee Seongbong or by Jiang Ning.

“There can only be one Lee family in Korea.” Fang Yin sauntered in and looked around the table as he gave a count. “Six of you, are you ready to die?”

“What arrogance!” shouted Lee Hae. “Men! Kill

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him!”

A few dozen men dashed out immediately.


Lee Hae was prepared for someone to attack him. Regardless of whether these people were from Lee Seongbong or Jiang Ning, he was going to kill them all the same.

The men shouted loudly and dashed towards Fang Yin, while Fang Yin just shook his head.

“I don't mind killing a few more!”

SWOOSH!

With that, Fang Yin flew out and became like a long sword, killing every person in his way!

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PFFT!

Blood flew everywhere!

In the blink of an eye, a few men had their necks broken and blood sprayed through the air.

Lee Hae's face paled and nobody could even hold onto the wine glasses in their hands anymore.

"Stop him! Hurry up! Block him!"

Some of them wanted to escape, but they weren't in time.

Fang Yin was too fast and violent, so it didn't take much longer than a few seconds to wipe out a few dozen fighters.

BAM!

He suddenly appeared in front of one of them and grabbed him by the neck. "Trying to run?"

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He suddenly exerted a force and crushed the back of his neck.

That man collapsed onto the floor and convulsed. He wasn't going to die, but he was going to be paralyzed for life and be bedridden for the rest of his life.

Lee Hae's heart was about to leap out of his mouth. Who the hell was this?!

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“Stop him! Hurry up and stop him!”

This man was too frightening!

There was no way his men could stop Fang Yin. Was this man sent by Jiang Ning or Lee Seongbong?

When was Lee Seongbong able to hire such a highly skilled person?

Before Lee Hae could even think of how to escape, Fang Yin had already killed everyone else.

Blood was flowing everywhere and the stench of the blood made Lee Hae’s face pale as he trembled all over. He seemed to be rooted to the floor and didn’t dare to move at all.

“Who...who the hell are you...” his voice trembled. “Jiang Ning? Are you one of Jiang Ning’s?”

PFFT!

Just after he said that, Fang Yin used a finger to slice across Lee Hae’s throat and a red slit appeared on his skin.

His eyes widened as he clutched his neck desperately but wasn’t able to stop the blood from flowing at all.

“I belong to myself.” Fang Yin didn’t even take a second glance at Lee Hae because he had no interest in corpses.

THUD!

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After Fang Yin left, Lee Hae's dead body finally crashed heavily to the floor, and his expression was still filled with terror and indignation...

Every single betrayer of the Lee family had been wiped out by Fang Yin in less than a day. He left nobody behind.

Compared to Jiang Ning, Fang Yin was much crueler but also cleaner. If he was going to kill these people, he would make sure he killed every single one, because he didn't like leaving potential trouble for himself.

Lee Seongbong was still in his study when he heard the news.

He took a deep breath. He was still wondering a few moments ago if there was a way to shake this terrifying Fang Yin off. But from the looks of it, that idea was impossible.

Unless he died.

"So, the supposedly powerful Lee family and top family of Korea is just bullshit to these people," he laughed bitterly to himself.

The powerful and mighty top family of Korea had been pulled apart so easily by Jiang Ning and reassembled again by Fang Yin so easily as well. This made his family sound like a joke.

"Mr Lee, there's some news," said the butler after coming in. "Our men have found some clues, and in two days, we will be able to confirm if it's the manual that he wants."

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“Good, make it fast.” Lee Seongbong nodded.

He paused for a moment, then looked at the butler as he laughed bitterly. “Tell me, what is the Lee family worth now?”

The butler didn't say anything and he didn't know what to say either.

If the Lee family had become nothing but a tool, then as a butler, he wasn't even qualified to be a tool.

“Everyone has their own worth, so being used by someone is also a sign of one's own worth. For someone like myself, or even the Lee family, we're all going to die once we're no longer worth being a tool,” said the butler after a long period of silence. “But in my opinion, becoming Jiang Ning's tool is probably better than being Fang Yin's tool.”

Lee Seongbong trembled and looked in surprise at the butler.

“At least Jiang Ning is humane, while Fang Yin...is way too vicious and heartless!”



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Lee Seongbong didn't say anything.

He knew that the butler was speaking the truth.

He didn't know and didn't want to know what sort of personality Jiang Ning had, but after these few interactions and the information he received, he agreed that while Jiang Ning was very powerful, he was clear on who owed him and who he owed.

But Fang Yin...didn't care about any of this!

None of the Lee family betrayers had met a good end, and they all died terribly!

Even though he had given in and allowed himself to be used by Fang Yin, that was only for now. What about later?

Nobody knew if Fang Yin would silence him after getting the manual.

"That is just my opinion, please disregard it," said the butler politely when he saw that Lee Seongbong had gone into a daze and left after that.

Even though the Lee family was in shambles, the butler continued to be equally respectful towards Lee Seongbong.

"I got it," Lee Seongbong nodded.

This butler's family had served the Lee family for three generations, and this butler even grew up with him. The two of them were more than just master and butler.

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Lee Seongbong took his butler's advice.

"I'll choose to...take a gamble!" Lee Seongbong grit his teeth and got up to leave the house.

After Lee Group started launching their attacks, Lin Group's advancement slowed down.

Lee Group was the most powerful family in Korea after all and was a monopoly in several industries, so they were could be extremely aggressive. Once they started a counterattack, it was clear that Lin Group was much weaker.

"No need to stop the marketing activities."
Xiaozhao was equally aggressive. "Brother Ning gave me another \$500 million, so we can give product away for free and beat them!"

"It's a matter of who has more money to burn, right? We can afford to do this!"

Her plan looked simple, but it was also very effective.

Lin Group marketed its products by putting up advertisements everywhere and gave free samples to the whole country!

In one day, they had used up nearly \$100 million. The next day, another \$100 million was spent. After five days, that \$500 million seemed to have just dropped into the ocean and not a single splash was heard.

But Jiang Ning didn't hesitate and immediately approved another \$500 million for Xiaozhao to

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continue!

Lin Group could advertise and give product away, but Lee Group couldn't do the same with a similar product that was already in the market.

This was a product that they had been selling for many years now. They could give it away just to compete with Lin Group if they wanted, but once they stopped giving it for free and asked for payment again, the customers would definitely get upset. They couldn't do marketing the same way a company entering the market for the first time did.

Besides, when it came to burning money...

Jiang Ning really didn't care.

He had plenty of money anyway.

In just a week's time, Lin Group's products had covered 80% of the population.

They were trying to increase exposure and awareness of their product right now, so it didn't matter if they were giving the product away for free now. Lin Group was confident that half the consumers would return because their product was that good.

That was a lot of potential customers!

They had nearly burned \$1 billion away!

All the Lin Group staff involved in the marketing efforts felt their hearts tremble when they heard

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this figure.

They knew that as long as they worked for Jiang Ning, they had to be generous, stable and never be carried away by a bit of money...

But nobody had ever seen anyone go through this much money before!

Xiaozhao's voice also started to tremble.

"Brother Ning also said that if we take the Korean market down, there's a cash reward of \$300 million waiting for us..."

Someone couldn't help but gulp very loudly.

The last time it was \$200 million, and this time it was \$300 million!

This was pumping them up with steroids!

Nobody was exhausted anymore. Nothing made them more excited than a cash reward.

Xiaozhao took a deep breath as she saw everyone around her become excited.

She turned to glance at Fei.

"I know that Brother Ning didn't start this company for the sake of earning money, but burning through so much money really makes one nervous."

She was hesitant and she knew Fei was very close to Jiang Ning.

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She also knew that Jiang Ning was loaded.

“Brother Ning...exactly how rich is he?”



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Fei looked at Xiaozhao and frowned slightly.

“How much is Lin Group worth right now?”

“Somewhere between \$4 to \$5 billion,” answered Xiaozhao.

“In that case, my Big Boss’ money should be able to buy...”

Fei stuck his fingers out and started to count them off one by one. After he counted them once, he seemed to have lost count and started to count again. But after counting them one more time, he just shook his head and said impatiently, “I've no idea, I simply can't keep count!”

Xiaozhao was speechless.

He couldn't keep count?

Was it so hard to count in 5 billion denominations?

Could it be that Fei didn't even pass elementary school math?

Or was it just because Jiang Ning...simply had too much money?

Was this what life was like for the super-rich?

Xiaozhao simply couldn't understand, and actually, Jiang Ning himself had no idea either.

He didn't even know how much money he had himself, never mind Fei.

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Meanwhile, Jiang Ning was still leisurely making his tea.

Brother Gou and the wolves had helped him to clean up the illegal circles of Korea, so the corporate environment became much cleaner than before and there were fewer things that bothered Jiang Ning.

He didn't expect that Lee Seongbong would make such a decision.

This was a big gamble.

And whether he could win this gamble counted entirely on Jiang Ning.

“You have information?” He narrowed his eyes and put the teacup down. “You've hidden yourself very well.”

“But this time, I can't use the usual method to snatch it anymore.”

Jiang Ning started smiling. It seemed like this was the first time he didn't need to count on physical strength and intelligence to snatch for the manual.

He looked at the note on the table that was just sent to him and was still very amused.

The note had been sent to him by someone who worked for Lee Seongbong and included information on where the manual was, as well as some details regarding Fang Yin. it was clear what Lee Seongbong was trying to do .

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Lee Seongbong wanted to live as well as ensure the Lee family's existence, so he ended up taking this gamble.

It was clear that it was impossible for him to negotiate with Fang Yin.

“And why would you think that I would give you a chance?” Jiang Ning picked up the note and rubbed it within his palm so hard that the paper was all shredded by the scars on his palm.

Meanwhile.

In a private estate on the outskirts of Seoul.

Someone who could own an estate like this was definitely not of low standing in Seoul, and he was extremely wealthy.

The owner of this estate was a famous antique collector in Korea.

The estate was extremely well guarded, and mercenaries were hired to be his security guards. There was a group of guards every five to ten steps, so it was impossible to break into this estate!

“Someone’s been eyeing us.” The old man was seated and his long beard reached his chest. His thick eyebrows were curved and he looked rather warm and friendly.

Someone had come to check out the estate now and then and even tried to sneak in before. He knew all about that.

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He knew about all the major happenings within Seoul.

“Mr Ko, with us around, nobody can enter the estate and rob you of any of the treasures here!” said the leader of the security guards with great confidence.

Their security was no less than the security that some countries used for their heads of state, so it wouldn't be easy for ordinary people to break in.

“No, no, there's always someone out there who would defy your expectations.” Ko San laughed and there was a meaningful smile in his eyes.

He looked at the boxing manual in his hands. This item had landed in his hands for two years already, but he still couldn't see what was so special about it.

It was clear that this was a priceless treasure to some other people, but it was probably nothing but a time bomb to him.

“Since someone else wants it, then I'll sell it!”



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Ko San gently stroked his long beard. He could see such things clearly.

This was an item that wasn't very useful to him, so there was no point in keeping it any longer.

Besides, this item was now a time bomb to him. So many people had their eye on it, so someone would come for it sooner or later.

He was confident of his estate's security guards, but it wasn't worth taking such a risk in the first place.

"Mr Ko, you're really willing to put this up for sale?"

"That's right. I'll put it up for auction, and the highest bidder will get it." Ko San nodded. "There's no need to offend someone I shouldn't offend."

The security guard team leader's expression paled.

If Ko San said that there was someone he shouldn't be offending, then that person was definitely no ordinary person.

"Yes, Mr Ko, I will go with what you have arranged," said the team leader without asking any further.

He had worked for Ko San for many years and knew that Ko San had great foresight.

Someone without sufficient foresight could not become an antique collector. Things would

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become too risky.

Ko San played with the page of the manual in his hands and sighed quietly.

“I wanted to keep you for a long time and find out the secrets etched on you, but it seems like I’m not qualified to hold on to you.”

His fingers gently rubbed the manual and the shallow etches on the page made his fingers tremble slightly. Even though he knew that this page was worth billions and the etches on it were definitely something special, he still chose to give it up anyway.

He didn’t want to end up losing his life because of greed.

News of the auction was publicized.

A famous antique collector in Korea was going to put up a very special boxing manual for auction!

When the photos came out, Jiang Ning was sure that the information that Lee Seongbong gave him was accurate.

He was even more surprised that the person holding onto the manual had actually decided to part with it. This collector was definitely not an ordinary person.

“It seems like this auction was planned in a hurry and it’s tomorrow night,” said Fei. “Many rich people would probably be in attendance, not because they’re interested in this manual, but

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because the auctioneer is a man named Ko San, and he's a well-known antiques collector both in Korea and worldwide."

"He seldom sells off anything that he's bought, and only sells off things that he doesn't really fancy. The last few items he sold off were extremely valuable."

Jiang Ning laughed. "What a strange fellow."

He only cared if the item was something he fancied or not, and wasn't going to keep it even if it was worth a lot of money.

"Time and place?"

"Tomorrow night, 8PM, at Ko San's own estate."

Jiang Ning nodded. "Looks like this collector is quite a careful man."

"And very clever," said Fei. "The manual is nothing but a piece of paper to someone who doesn't practice martial arts, and it could possibly get him killed as well."

Ko San must have sensed that people were after this manual and had their eye on him, and that was probably why he was in such a hurry to get rid of the manual.

Only clever people would understand that only items that they could control truly belonged to them.

Lee Seongbong got wind of the auction and

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immediately informed Fang Yin about it.

“Trying to use force to snatch the page is not possible,” said Lee Seongbong directly.

“Ko San’s estate is heavily guarded, so even though you’re very powerful, you might not be able to break through its defenses.”

Fang Yin didn’t say anything.

He didn’t like going through so much trouble.

He was just going to kill whoever held onto the manual and snatch it from him! Why bother going through any other process?

“This is the map of the estate,” said Lee Seongbong as he projected a 3D image of the blueprint on the screen. “There are many guards within the estate as well as many high tech anti-theft devices in place. You might be very highly skilled, but once you sneak in, you’re dead meat.”

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“Are you doubting me?” Fang Yin snorted.

“Not at all. I hope you try to sneak in,” said Lee Seongbong as he shook his head. “If you die in there, it might not be a bad thing for me.”

He was very direct and this was exactly how he felt. Fang Yin knew that very well too.

Fang Yin scoffed.

“So you’re saying that we’ll have to go through the proper process of the auction?”

“That’s right.” Lee Seongbong glanced at Fang Yin. “But do you have money? So many wealthy people will be there, so I don’t think the price will be low.”

“I don’t have money, but you do!” Fang Yin smiled coldly.

“The Lee family is rich, but I’m not. The auction is tomorrow night, so there’s no way I can gather so much cash so quickly.”

“Do you want to die?”

“There’s no point in killing me.” Lee Seongbong remained calm.

It was as if he didn’t care even if Fang Yin killed him right now. “Fang Yin, you should be a little nicer to me. At least I can be of help to you. Otherwise, you’ll just have to watch as the manual lands in Jiang Ning’s hands instead.”

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Fang Yin narrowed his eyes and they were spewing with murder.

If that page landed in Jiang Ning's hands, then there was no way he could snatch it from Jiang Ning.

"You must make sure you get me enough money!"

"I said so earlier," Lee Seongbong smiled as he leaned against the sofa. "You should be nicer to me from now on."

"I have some money, but I wouldn't know if it's enough or not. But if you keep this attitude up, you won't even get this bit of money."

He looked like he wasn't afraid of anything at all. Even if Fang Yin broke his neck the next instant, he was too lazy to even budge.

There was no other way to handle a highly skilled fighter like Fang Yin besides finding his weakness!

"If I don't get the manual, you have to die too, understand?" Fang Yin's expression was dark and expressionless.

He had only one aim, and that was to get his hands on the manual. He didn't care how.

If someone besides Jiang Ning had the manual, then he would go all out to kill that person and take it by force.

"And so what if I die?" Lee Seongbong shrugged

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nonchalantly. “But if Jiang Ning gets hold of the page, then things will only become more and more difficult for you in the future. Fang Yin, you’d better take care of yourself first.”

“The rules of this world dictates that the stronger shall eat the weaker. I’m weaker than you, but you’re also weaker than Jiang Ning.” His tone of voice was actually mocking.

It was as if he knew that Fang Yin dared not face Jiang Ning directly, and Lee Seongbong seemed to despise him for that.

This tone of voice made Fang Yin very uncomfortable, but he didn’t say anything and just left after scoffing.

“I’m sure you’ll die this time!” snarled Lee Seongbong through clenched teeth as he watched Fang Yin disappear into the distance.

Once this asshole was dead, the Lee family would survive this ordeal. He didn’t care what price he had to pay. The Lee family had already lost so much anyway.

Almost all the important members of the family were dead, and his own younger brother was also dead. Everything had started from this Fang Yin!

Once Fang Yin was dead, the Lee family could restart their journey.

The day passed quickly.

The auction was happening soon!

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At 7PM, Jiang Ning set off for Ko San's estate and only Fei was driving him there.

“Big Boss, it's been so long since we last went for an auction,” laughed Fei as he drove. “It's been a long time since we've had the feeling of smashing others to death with cold hard cash.”



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Money was a temporal object, so Jiang Ning was never bothered by it.

He didn't like to touch money. Money was supposed to be used by people, but in reality, people often became a slave to money instead.

That was the greatest tragedy of life.

Ko San's estate wasn't all that famous in Seoul.

That was because Ko San himself was a very low profile man.

Only the extremely rich and powerful of Seoul would know him.

After all, it took someone with a certain level of wealth to be able to dabble in antique collection and maintain such high security.

This world was like that. Those who seemed very formidable were often not that amazing.

Those who looked ordinary and didn't even make any heads turn were often more than meets the eye.

Ko San was clearly the latter.

The car reached the estate and many fully armed men in uniform were standing at the entrance.

They inspected every car and confirmed that nobody had brought any weapons in. Safety was the top priority at the estate.

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Anyone who could come for the auction might not be very powerful, but was certainly very rich.

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The sound of metal detectors went off as the men inspected Jiang Ning's car twice before letting him in. These people were as strict as the security guards at a president's residence.

"These people are really strict. These mercenaries seem to be from that area," remarked Fei.

When Jiang Ning went to Las Vegas, he had come across mercenary soldiers from the war torn areas of the Middle East.

The Li family had been sent by Jiang Ning to the Middle East to pave the way for Lin Group to enter its market, and Jiang Ning had not checked on whether they were dead or alive.

"We have to go there sooner or later," said Jiang Ning calmly.

That was a truly insane place!

Many people died on the battlefield every single day. They were working for money and for benefits, and their lives were worth less than grass.

Many scenes flashed in Jiang Ning's mind.

He had seen how the people there wandered around homeless, either separated from their families or were the only survivors from their

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family. The most pitiful victims of war were the homeless children.

Jiang Ning didn't want to even think about what would happen to all the children that were taken in by all these mercenary armies.

He shut his eyes and murmured, "I have to go there again sooner or later. I hope that there will be some change when that happens."

The car drove into the estate and there were men to guide their car to their designated parking lot.

Jiang Ning got out of the car and looked around. They were surrounded by fully armed personnel.

"Gentlemen, this way please." Their entire journey into the place was under tight control. Even though they were already within the estate, they had to follow these mercenary soldiers and couldn't leave their line of sight at all.

"This Ko San is really not simple," whispered Fei. "How much does all of this cost?"

Feeding so many mercenaries was very expensive.

"Sometimes, it's not just a matter of money," replied Jiang Ning quietly.

He didn't think too much about this question.

His aim today was to get that page of the manual. As for who Ko San was and what background he had, Jiang Ning didn't care at all.

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He could sense that Ko San had some connection to the Middle East, but what it was exactly wasn't very interesting to Jiang Ning at the moment.

Jiang Ning and Fei were led into the auction hall.

Just after they walked in, a Rolls Royce drove in.

The car was parked and Lee Seongbong walked out from the car with four bodyguards in suits.

"I don't think even Jiang Ning would recognize you with this face, right?" said Lee Seongbong without turning around.



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Nobody replied Lee Seongbong and he just laughed self-deprecatingly without saying anymore. He was led into the auction hall by the mercenary soldiers.

He noticed that many people had arrived already.

He knew most of the people here since they were all famous in Korea. Of course, he also spotted Jiang Ning.

Compared to Jiang Ning, all these supposed big shots didn't seem like much anymore.

He looked away and didn't meet Jiang Ning's eye as he found a place to sit down. The four bodyguards stood behind him and surrounded him.

Some people wanted to come over to say hello to Lee Seongbong, but the position of his bodyguards made him difficult to approach.

Everyone knew that the Lee family was doing badly recently, but they didn't expect Lee Seongbong to still be in the mood to attend an auction.

"I can't believe that Lee Seongbong still looks well and healthy. Lee Group has lost so much money recently and he's still in the mood to attend an auction?"

"Didn't you hear about how the members who betrayed the Lee family all died? The Lee family is missing several of its core members! What a terrible loss!"

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“Isn’t Lee Group fighting with some Lin Group recently? Where’s that Lin Group from?”

“That guy over there in the front row!”

Several others were whispering among themselves since they had gotten wind of some news.

Lee Group and Lin Group were both at the same venue, so they probably couldn’t be part of this auction tonight.

Jiang Ning sat right in front and couldn’t be bothered with anyone else. He didn’t look at anyone and didn’t care about anyway. He just kept his eye on the auctioneer standing on stage.

More people streamed into the hall and everyone who was supposed to be here arrived in less than ten minutes.

The rule of this estate was that anyone who was late would not be granted entry. Ko San would not wait for anyone at all.

DOONG!

The auctioneer struck a gong by the side and the entire hall fell silent.

“Ladies and gentlemen,” began the auctioneer with a smile. “It is my honor to help Mr Ko San to auction off a treasure item of his today!”

“The fact that it’s a treasured item of Mr Ko’s is a guarantee of its value. I’m sure everyone here

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knows about that, so I don't have to elaborate further."

"The last few items that were auctioned off sparked off an intense bidding war, so I'm not sure who will become the final winner of tonight's item!"

He looked around at the attendees and even his eyes were smiling.

Nobody here was worth less than \$1 billion, and about 70% of the richest people in Korea were here.

"I will not waste everyone's time and go straight to the star of tonight's event. Mr Ko is auctioning off one page of a boxing manual. Please take a look!"

He raised his hand and part of the stage rose from beneath the ground. A tempered glass case was on it, and a golden page of the boxing manual was kept between two layers of glass within the case.

The camera tilted downwards and it was clear that the material of this manual wasn't ordinary, and the etches on the page exuded a very special sort of aura.

"This page is of very mysterious origin, and Mr Ko happened to chance upon it a few years ago. Everyone here is very privileged to be able to see this page tonight, because it carries a different meaning to each person."

The auctioneer didn't have much to say about the


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page because even Ko San didn't know what this manual was, so the auctioneer didn't know anything either.

“And so, tonight's auction is also very special. Mr Ko says that the starting bid for this item will be US\$100.”

He stuck a finger out and smiled brightly. “You didn't hear me wrongly. The starting bid for this item is US\$100!”

The entire place went into an uproar upon hearing this.

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The starting bid was US\$100?

Everyone did think they had heard wrongly.

Anything that Ko San sold started at US\$1 million or more. How could it start at only US\$100? Was this a joke?

Everyone was equally puzzled.

“I repeat, the starting bid is US\$100,” said the auctioneer with a smile. “This manual belongs to whoever it’s fated to be with, and its value cannot be determined by money. As such, Mr Ko would like this item to start at US\$100.”

He pointed to the page inside the glass case. “Alright now, everyone can start bidding!”

“\$50 million.”

Everyone was still trying to guess what Ko San was trying to do with such a low starting bid. They didn’t know what price to call either.

And they didn’t know if each call would be an additional \$100 or some other number.

But before anyone figured these things out, a loud voice resonated through the hall.

US\$50 million!

Someone seated in another corner was about to raise his plaque and call for US\$1,000 when he heard this other bid and his hand awkwardly stopped midair.

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US\$50 million?

The price went from \$100 to \$50 million from the very first call?

Which crazy idiot was this?!

Everyone's gaze instantly fell on the first row, where Jiang Ning had gently raised his plaque and hadn't moved an inch.

Had he heard wrongly? The starting price was \$100! Not \$10 million!

And even if it started at \$10 million, how could someone immediately call for a price that was \$40 million above the starting bid?

The entire hall fell silent and had differing opinions on this matter.

Some people were staring at Jiang Ning and wondered about his intentions. Some were also staring at the manual and wondered if Jiang Ning knew some secret about this manual, which made him so determined to get this item.

"\$60 million!" Another voice rang out before they could figure anything out.

Everyone turned to see that the voice belonged to Lee Seongbong!

He raised his plaque and called out his bid, but before he could even put his plaque down...

"\$100 million," Jiang Ning raised his plaque again

without the slightest hesitation.

The crowd went into an uproar again.

Many of them even felt like their throats were being squeezed!

This Jiang Ning...was definitely nuts!

“\$110 mil...”

“\$200 million.”

Lee Seongbong raised his plaque again, but before he could even finish his sentence, Jiang Ning made a call as well. This time, it was even worse. He pushed the price up to US\$200 million.

That was only the third offer!

And the starting bid was \$100!

Everyone was staring with wide eyes. They finally realized that Jiang Ning wasn't nuts. He was just ridiculously rich...

Lee Seongbong's expression didn't flinch and he raised his plaque again.

Jiang Ning didn't even give him the chance to speak.

“\$500 million,” said Jiang Ning as he raised his plaque.

“Sir, please be patient. That gentleman raised his plaque first, so you need to let him state his bid

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first,” said the auctioneer kindly.

There was a gleam in his eye as well, because he had never seen any auction proceed like this before. The price was going up by tens of millions, and even famous paintings weren't auctioned off like this.

Furthermore, this was just a boxing manual with a mysterious origin.

The auctioneer had said these words only to give Lee Seongbong a chance to make a bid. Jiang Ning had already called for \$500 million, so surely Lee Seongbong would have to call for a higher bid.

Jiang Ning laughed and just kept his plaque in the air. He turned to glance at Lee Seongbong. “Mr Lee, just keep calling your bids. I'll add \$100 million on top of any bid he makes.”

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Everyone's head was spinning.

Was this a fight between the two of them?

They didn't care what they were fighting over and just wanted to win with the amount of money spent?

Things certainly looked that way.

But was it worth throwing away hundreds of millions for this tiny piece of paper?

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This was just helping Ko San to make a killing.



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The atmosphere became rather grim as nobody dared to say anything. Everyone else just put aside their plaques and didn't dare to join the bidding.

They all knew that none of them could compete in this bid, so they might as well quietly watch the show.

Everyone's eyes were on Lee Seongbong and waited for him to speak.

Jiang Ning said that regardless of the amount that Lee Seongbong made a bid for, Jiang Ning was going to add \$100 million on top of it!

That was being way too arrogant!

That was as good as trampling on the Lee family!

Lee Seongbong narrowed his eyes and glanced at Jiang Ning. He didn't put the plaque in his hands down.

"How much money can you still afford?" came a quiet voice behind him. It was angry and rather indignant.

"The important part here is not how much money I have, but how much money Jiang Ning has," Lee Seongbong whispered back. "Don't you get it?"

Jiang Ning could add to his bid regardless of whatever bid Lee Seongbong made, unless Jiang Ning ran out of money.

"Make a call!" whispered the voice again. "I won't

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believe that he has this much money! Just go ahead and make the call! I'll see if he dares to continue showing off like that!"

"\$10 billion!" Lee Seongbong shouted loudly.

The entire place fell silent.

He was trying to Jiang Ning in, wasn't he?

The pressure instantly fell back on Jiang Ning. Lee Seongbong had called for \$10 billion, so was Jiang Ning serious about adding \$100 million on top of that bid?

\$10 billion!

"I'll add \$100 million, you can continue." Jiang Ning didn't put his plaque down at all and just continued calmly, "Just put up your final bid."

Oh my god.

Every single person in attendance today was either rich or powerful and they were all people with deep pockets.

But in front of Jiang Ning, they all felt like paupers!

They were nothing but a bunch of paupers!

Jiang Ning was the real tycoon.

\$10.1 billion for this tiny item?

Even if this was some world renowned treasure, it

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couldn't possibly be worth this much money either.

But now, Jiang Ning was telling Lee Seongbong to just name his final bid, which threw the pressure back on Lee Seongbong. Everyone knew that if Lee Seongbong now called a super high bid and Jiang Ning didn't follow up, that was going to bankrupt Lee Seongbong!

But if Lee Seongbong didn't make a bid at all, it meant that he had admitted defeat.

What a vicious move.

This was a really dizzying smack on the head with nothing but cold hard cash!

Everyone's eyes fell on Lee Seongbong's face and many people couldn't help but laugh.

"If Lee Seongbong calls some ridiculous bid, Jiang Ning is definitely going to play him out!"

"Don't tell me Jiang Ning will follow even if he calls for \$50 billion? That's not worth it!"

"This is clearly a trap. Lee Seongbong either has to embarrass himself, or he has to lose a few billion. I don't think Lee Group can take this loss either."

Everyone was discussing among themselves and felt that Jiang Ning had laid a trap for Lee Seongbong.

Regardless of whether Lee Seongbong made a

bid or not, he was going to lose out somehow.

“I don’t have anymore money,” whispered Lee Seongbong.

“I don’t care!” the voice behind him trembled slightly. Fang Yin didn’t expect things to turn out like this.

This asshole of a Jiang Ning! He was already so powerful, and now it turned out that he was filthy rich too.

Fang Yin couldn’t believe it. He simply refused to.

Very few people in the world would have this much money. How could Jiang Ning had so much money?

“If I make a bid and can’t pay up, the manual will still end up with Jiang Ning, and the Lee family will be thoroughly embarrassed,” scoffed Lee Seongbong. “The manual is right in front of you but you couldn’t get your hands on it. Fang Yin, that’s your problem!”

“I told you to continue with the bidding!” Lee Seongbong suddenly felt something sharp stab slightly into his lower back, and there was a sharp pain.

Fang Yin’s cold and malicious eyes were staring straight at him.

“\$100 billion!” Lee Seongbong raised his plaque again.

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“\$100.1 billion!” continued Jiang Ning without hesitation.



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The air had frozen over completely.

Nobody spoke, and nobody dared to even breathe.

\$100 billion was a gamble!

A gamble on his life!

Even the Lee family couldn't possibly cough up \$100 billion in cash. Lee Seongbong had made this bid in desperation, and he even thought that Jiang Ning would purposely stop bidding in order to bankrupt him.

But to his surprise, Jiang Ning actually upped the bid.

Everyone had gone crazy.

How rich was this guy?!

"He's nuts..."

"How much money does he have? Is this Lin Group that powerful?!"

"That's \$100 billion we're talking about!"

Almost everyone thought that Jiang Ning was doing this as a trap for Lee Seongbong. Once Lee Seongbong called for an astronomical sum of money, Jiang Ning would give up and force Lee Seongbong to cough up this much money.

This was a terrible pinch for even someone like the Lee family.

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But to everyone's surprise, Jiang Ning actually continued the bid. Was he nuts?!

Lee Seongbong's mouth gaped and he had momentarily forgotten the pain in his lower back.

He stared at Jiang Ning in a daze and didn't know what Jiang Ning was trying to do anymore.

Did Jiang Ning think that this trap wasn't deep enough? Or was Jiang Ning just not bothered by money at all?

Even Fang Yin was caught by surprise. He wasn't stupid and he knew how much money that was.

Even a huge family like the Lee family couldn't possibly fork out so much cash right now. How could Jiang Ning be able to?

"He's nuts!" blurted out Lee Seongbong.

Jiang Ning was definitely nuts!

If he couldn't produce the cash, then he would really be embarrassed.

The pain in his back intensified a little.

"Continue!" Fang Yin gnashed his teeth and his voice trembled even more violently. His voice was filled with indignation.

He couldn't believe that Jiang Ning won him even in this aspect!

"\$200 billion!" Lee Seongbong took a deep breath.

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His face was slightly pale and his voice trembled more violently.

The rest of the attendees were still reeling in shock when they heard this figure. They felt like they had just been electrocuted.

\$200 billion?

Lee Seongbong had gone crazy too!

Even if he sold all of Lee Group, he wouldn't have this much cash either.

Had he really gone mad? If Jiang Ning didn't increase the bid, it was impossible for Lee Seongbong to pay this much. Besides, was it even worth it to spend so much money on an old boxing manual?

They were both nuts!

This was one crazy world!

Some of them shook their heads and some of them sighed. Some said that Lee Seongbong was too agitated to think straight anymore and fell straight for Jiang Ning's trap.

This was obviously a trap...

"\$300 billion." Before anyone could continue sighing, Jiang Ning quietly raised his plaque and made this bid.

Instead of just adding \$100 million, he added \$100 billion!

US\$300 billion?

US\$300 billion?!!

Everyone felt like they couldn't breathe anymore. There was a terrible pressure in the air that was both painful and exciting at the same time.

Everyone's ears were ringing with Jiang Ning's calm voice.

\$300 billion...

Nobody spoke and there wasn't even the sound of breathing.

Lee Seongbong opened his mouth slightly and felt like he was faced with a bottomless abyss. He didn't dare to continue anymore because the Lee family was simply unable to cough this much cash up.

He wondered if Jiang Ning had really gone mad.

"Continue!" Fang Yin was going mad soon. He pushed the knife into Lee Seongbong back a little harder and blood started to trickle out from his wound. His clothes were dyed red from his blood.

But Lee Seongbong shook his head.

"I will not continue with this. You can kill me now if you want!"

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If he continued making a bid, the Lee family was doomed!

It had taken all his courage to bid \$200 billion earlier and he was already prepared to die. But now, he didn't have anymore courage left.

"I said, continue!" The dagger went into his back.

But Lee Seongbong quietly scoffed, "Go ahead and continue stabbing me!"

He turned to face Fang Yin and Fang Yin's ferocious gaze was spewing with murder.

"Just kill me! You can forget about leaving this place today too!"

Fang Yin scoffed and kept his murderous gaze away.

He knew that Lee Seongbong had reached his limits and wouldn't continue bidding even if he threatened to really kill Lee Seongbong. And if he really ended up killing Lee Seongbong here...

Fang Yin looked up at Jiang Ning seated in the front row. If Jiang Ning noticed him, then things would become very troublesome.

"He might not be able to cough up this much cash," said Lee Seongbong. "That's US\$300 billion!"

"Do you know how much money that is?"

His breathing started to quicken and it was clear

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that his injury was making him weaker and weaker. If he continued to bleed like this, he might not live.

Lee Seongbong got up and left the hall to show that he had given up.

Fang Yin clenched his teeth but had no choice but to leave with Lee Seongbong.

He didn't think Jiang Ning was that rich!

As long as Jiang Ning couldn't cough up so much cash, this page would still end up with Lee Seongbong, and it would still end up with him!

Nobody else in the hall would compete with Jiang Ning anyway.

That was US\$300 billion!

What a crazy bid!

"Anymore bidders?" The auctioneer's face was all red from excitement. He clearly didn't think that things would go this way.

He thought that something that started at US\$100 might go up to a few hundred thousand because of Ko San's reputation. But now?

US\$300 billion!

He couldn't help but glance at the page of the manual inside the glass case. Was this tiny piece of paper worth so much?

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“\$300 billion going once!” He looked around and nobody met his eye, as if they hadn't heard him say anything and they just looked at the gavel in his hands.

“\$300 billion going twice!”

“\$300 billion going thrice! Deal!”

He hit the gavel.

The auctioneer nearly lost his balance from his excitement. “Congratulations, sir! You have successfully bid for this manual with US\$300 billion!”

Jiang Ning just nodded slightly and didn't seem bothered by the amount of money the auctioneer just mentioned.

US\$300 billion?

That was nothing.

Everyone was very uncomfortable by how calm Jiang Ning remained and they felt an urge to bash him up. They were also curious to see if Jiang Ning was really able to cough up this much money.

If this turned out to be a battle of pride, then Jiang Ning would definitely become the biggest joke in Seoul.

“Sir, please follow our staff to proceed with the necessary procedures,” said the auctioneer with a smile.

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“Just go straight to the point,” said Jiang Ning as he waved his hands about. “I don’t have so much time. How should I pay? I’ll pay on the spot and take the manual with me.”

“Don’t you want to inspect the item first?”

The auctioneer was a little stunned. Surely anybody would want to make sure that the item was in good order first before paying, right? This was something worth US\$300 billion!

But Jiang Ning just took a glance and shook his head. “There’s no need for that. It doesn’t matter if it’s real or not.”

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Everyone nearly puked blood from these words.

It didn’t matter if it was real or not?!

He didn’t have to go to such lengths to show off, right?

That was US\$300 billion!!

It didn’t matter if it was real or not?! He was definitely nuts!!

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The auctioneer was stunned for several moments. Jiang Ning's words totally caught him by surprise.

He had been in this line for more than a decade and he had seen his fair share of tycoons. He had seen many people who were just filthy rich but didn't know anything about the items they bid for.

But even these people would pretend to inspect the item and pretend to know a thing or two.

But this Jiang Ning...

He didn't care if the item was genuine or not!

"Sir, please give me a moment, I need to check with Mr Ko." The auctioneer smiled politely and ran to the side to whisper into the walkie talkie. He looked like he was still in a daze.

Jiang Ning remained seated and looked as calm as ever.

Nobody else in the hall left because they all wanted to see if Jiang Ning was really able to pay this amount.

But they could also tell that this \$300 billion might not mean much to Jiang Ning either.

Nobody dared to simply make a bid in this sort of place, and not even Lee Seongbong dared to. If one successfully bid for an item, then he would have to pay up. And if he couldn't pay...

Ko San was not someone to be trifled with either.

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“Sir, Mr Ko says that you can pay with whatever method you wish to. But he would like to invite you inside for some tea, would you be willing to do that?”

“Sure,” replied Jiang Ning calmly.

He waved his hand and Fei took a step forward as he looked down at the auctioneer and asked loudly, “How do we pay? Company account? Personal account? I’ll transfer the money right now!”

This guy’s tone of voice was simply too domineering!

The staff immediately went forward and had very cautious looks on their faces. They were clearly shocked by Jiang Ning and Fei’s aura.

Everyone in attendance had deep pockets, but nobody was as wealthy as Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning and Fei were going to just pay directly by card!

Everyone nearly stopped breathing when they watched Fei fish out a whole pile of black cards that signified wealth and status!

Some people were on the verge of strangling themselves!

“Here are ten cards with \$10 billion each, and here are ten cards with \$20 billion each. \$100 billion plus \$200 billion. Enough, right?” said Fei as he did the calculations and glanced at the

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auctioneer. He looked so nonchalant, it was as if the cards in his hands were just cheap poker cards and not the cards issued by banks to only the richest people in the world.

“Enough...” The auctioneer felt his throat go dry after saying just one word and couldn’t get anything else out. He quickly coughed twice and said, “It’s! AHEM! It’s enough! Enough!”

Fei flung the cards onto the table flippantly.

“If that’s enough, then hurry up and swipe them all. The PIN numbers are all 000000.”

His nonchalant attitude was just like Jiang Ning’s!

How infuriating!

So infuriating!

The amount in those cards that were flung so casually onto the table were equivalent to several listed companies.

But Jiang Ning didn’t even bat an eyelid.

If he was so rich, why did he bother owning a company...

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All twenty cards were swiped and the staff were all trembling and perspiring profusely.

Their hands were all trembling violently and some of them were about to faint.

“Sir, your cards...”

“There’s no more money left in any of them, so why do I want them back?” Fei rolled his eyes at them and looked disdainfully at the staff.

Some of the attendees couldn’t stand watching this anymore and left. It was both infuriating and embarrassing at the same time.

Some people were unscrupulous for the sake of earning more money and treated money more importantly than their own lives. But Jiang Ning and Fei...

Was this the difference in level in their lives?



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“Here’s the manual,” said the auctioneer as he carefully removed it and handed it to Jiang Ning with both hands. “Please check.”

Jiang Ning glanced at it before stuffing it into his pocket, leaving everyone speechless.

He honestly didn't seem to care about it.

“US\$300 billion...US\$300 billion!”

Many of their eyes turned red.

Jiang Ning seriously had the money.

He had the money and could even spend billions so casually like it was \$300.

Lee Seongbong had already taken care of his injuries and was standing in the distance at the door silently.

Fang Yin stood behind him with his face sunken. He quietly looked at Jiang Ning with the manual in his hand without saying a word.

That was Jiang Ning’s seventh page.

All he needed was two more pages to complete it.

Jiang Ning suddenly turned his head and looked in Lee Seongbong’s direction. Fang Yin instantly noticed his gaze landing on him!

“Let's go!” he said quietly before he turned to leave without stopping.

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Now was not the time to get into a head-on conflict with Jiang Ning.

This time, they were defeated by Jiang Ning's vast wealth and were completely crushed by it.

If there was anything in the world that could make him feel more defeated than his martial arts capabilities...

Money!

It was money!

"Mr Jiang, congratulations for getting what you wanted."

The auctioneer beamed brightly. His cut of the commission was enough for him to retire early and enjoy life.

"Mr Ko would like to see you. Is it alright if you come with me now?"

"Let's go," said Jiang Ning as he nodded.

The auctioneer led them in with a smile. He completely disregarded the other attendees present...since they weren't worth much anymore.

This was Ko San's estate, so they wouldn't dare do anything funny.

The estate was huge, so Jiang Ning might get lost if he wasn't shown the way in.

The auctioneer led Jiang Ning and Fei in. After

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going past several corridors and making many turns, they finally arrived at the inner quarters.

“Mr Ko is inside. Please go ahead, Mr Jiang.”

Then the auctioneer turned to look at Fei. “Mr Fei, this way, please. Mr Ko would like to speak to Mr Jiang alone.”

Fei raised his head and looked at Jiang Ning before nodding.

Then they split ways without saying a word.

They didn't think there was anything in Ko San's estate that could threaten Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning walked into the inner quarters. From a distance, he could see an open door. The light fragrance of tea drifted out from inside, and it was clearly Jiang Ning's favorite tea.

Things were getting interesting now.

Jiang Ning entered to see a bald middle-aged man of an average build sitting in front of the coffee table. He looked somewhat comical and smiled genially.

“I've heard so much about you, Mr Jiang. You're quite a promising young man.”

“Really? When did you hear about me?”

Jiang Ning walked right in without holding back on formalities and sat down before he picked up the tea on the table. “Do you like this tea too?”

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“I was catering to your preference.”

Ko San smiled and spoke candidly.

The two of them looked at each other and they both smiled.

“The first time I heard about Mr Jiang was eight years ago at a battle in the Middle East.”

Ko San’s eyes gleamed brightly.

“I was a nobody back then and could get killed anytime because I had a powerful enemy,” said Ko San as he laughed. “But one day, my enemy suddenly died at the hands of an even more powerful opponent!”



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Many emotions filled Ko San's face as though he was still reminiscing those times.

"After my enemy died, all his property became mine. Even this manual came from him," said Ko San as he smiled at Jiang Ning before he picked up his tea and gestured for Jiang Ning to help himself.

Jiang Ning didn't hold back.

This tea didn't come cheap.

"I studied the manual for a long time, but I couldn't wrap my mind around it. I'm guessing you know better what the patterns on the manual mean, right?"

Ko San put down his tea and continued, "To people like me, things like this are worthless. But for other people like you, it is priceless."

Since Jiang Ning spent US\$300 billion to buy the manual, it was clear that it meant a lot to him.

"You're mistaken." Jiang Ning shook his head calmly.

"I don't always spend money because things mean a lot to me," said Jiang Ning as he laughed. "Sometimes, I just like throwing my money away."

Ko San was stunned and went into a daze.

He only wanted to spend money?

Very quickly, his face reverted to normal, and he

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couldn't help chuckling.

"Mr Jiang is so interesting. Intriguing. Absolutely intriguing."

Ko San clapped his hands, and someone walked in from outside. Jiang Ning recognized him as the employee who was in charge of the paperwork for the transaction.

"But I can't take your money," said Ko San.

"Actually, I've already had the fortune of meeting you, and I owe you my life. I certainly think my life is worth far more than US\$300 billion. Also, this manual was yours to begin with. Now I'm just returning it to its rightful owner."

The employee refunded all the money back into Jiang Ning's card as he spoke.

US\$300 billion!

Ko San was returning money that was already in his pocket. Judging from this, he clearly had plenty of money and didn't give a damn about US\$300 billion.

It was surprising to find someone so understated within Korea.

The Lee family might have been the monolith that controlled Korea's economy, but they simply had a flashy appearance. On the other hand, Ko San concealed his true abilities well, so he was far more dangerous than the Lee family.

"Mr Ko is too kind."

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Jiang Ning didn't care whether Ko San refunded the money in full since he didn't care about it.

Instead, he was intrigued about who Ko San was.

"You're welcome," said Ko San. "This money means nothing to you, but all I want is for us to be friends."

He was spending US\$300 billion to make a friend. These rich people sure were straightforward.

Jiang Ning smiled without saying a word.

He didn't care how much money someone had if he wanted to be friends. In any case, no one was richer than him.

Friends either had common interests or shared benefits. After all, fair-weather friends were considered a kind of friend too.

Ko San immediately caught his drift when Jiang Ning said nothing.

Since they couldn't become true friends overnight, it was more persuasive and practical to give Jiang Ning something he wanted.

"Mr Jiang, do you want to know more about the manual?" said Ko San. "The manner I came into possession of it was rather dramatic. If you are interested, we can always chat about it. Maybe there will be clues to help you locate the rest of the pages."

Jiang Ning's gaze instantly altered slightly.

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He stared at Ko San and said calmly, “You know there’s more than one page to the manual?”



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“If I'm not mistaken, there ought to be nine pages,” said Ko San as he smiled. “The pattern on the manual is quite inconspicuous, but I've touched it before...”

He reached his hand out as he spoke. His fingers were slender, and his fingerprints were distinctly different from an average person's. Given his trade, his fingers were probably more sensitive than a machine.

He had spent decades practicing, so he could sense a lot more through contact.

Jiang Ning knew that Ko San must have made a discovery the moment he brought up those etches in the pages, but his face remained expressionless and he didn't react.

“Your hands are very important to you,” said Jiang Ning calmly to Ko San as he looked at Ko San's hands.

“That's right. My hands are probably the most valuable things I have,” said Ko San with a smile. “I have them to thank for everything I possess.”

“Since they are so valuable, then you should protect them well.”

The two looked at each other and went quiet for a few seconds before laughing together.

“It appears that you aren't interested in the manual's background.”

“That's right, I'm not interested,” said Jiang Ning.

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“But your tea is good, so I might swing by for more.”

Then Jiang Ning got up and bade farewell without saying more.

Ko San hid his true abilities well. He knew that Jiang Ning would be interested in the manual, so he used it to entice him. It certainly was a good ploy.

Anyone else would have lowered their guard when he refunded US\$300 billion and offered clues about the manual.

But Jiang Ning was different.

He would never trust someone easily, especially when there were benefits at stake. Those are the times when things truly got dangerous.

Ko San watched expressionlessly as Jiang Ning left. He seemed to have already foreseen this outcome.

“Aren't we going to stop him?” asked the leader of the guards softly from behind Ko San.

“You are incapable of stopping him.” Ko San shook his head and said in self-ridicule, “I don't want this estate to get destroyed overnight.”

The leader narrowed his eyes before looking up in the direction that Jiang Ning left in.

They had over 300 highly skilled mercenaries at their command. Wasn't that enough to stop Jiang

Ning?

Ko San must have been kidding.

“Don't try to provoke him,” said Ko San. “I'm warning you. No matter where you are, even in the Middle East!”

“Is he that powerful?”

“He has probably gotten even more powerful,” sighed Ko San.

Ko San used the manual to bait Jiang Ning, but all he did was drink tea. Anyone else would feel it was a great loss, but Ko San was very contented.

He had already witnessed Jiang Ning's prowess first-hand years ago and Jiang Ning was clearly different now.

He might have a weakness, but it could be considered his armor too!

He was far stronger than he used to be!

“Increase the level of security,” said Ko San as he got up. “Someone might come to visit us late at night.”

“Yes, Mr Ko,” replied the leader as he nodded.

Ko San stopped talking and turned to return to his room. Several steel security doors were keeping him safe from highly skilled martial artists, but they were useless against someone with remarkable skills and an IT expert like Jiang Ning.

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Fei was already waiting at the entrance when Jiang Ning exited.

‘How did it go?’

He placed a cigarette into his mouth and looked at the estate.

“I don’t know,” said Jiang Ning as he shook his head. “He hides his abilities and intentions well. Let’s keep a distance from him for now.”

Fei nodded.

“Wait here tonight.”

Jiang Ning walked over and sat down. Then he raised his head and looked up, “That fellow’s bound to turn up.”



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“Fang Yin?” A cold look fled across Fei’s face as he said, “I will kill him tonight!”

“No,” said Jiang Ning shaking his head. “Just enjoy the show.”

Fei instantly understood.

The two sat down not far from the estate.

Fang Yin couldn’t die yet, that was certain.

Fang Yin was probably the only person who knew about the manual’s secret. Moreover, Fang Yin wasn’t an easy target since he was extremely cunning.

Jiang Ning wasn't really waiting here for a show. Something like this was completely dry to him.

He was more interested in Ko San’s background.

He already possessed seven pages of the manual, so he felt more clues about its last two pages would surface soon.

Everything would really start only after all nine pages were collected.

Jiang Ning didn’t give it much thought. He wanted to collect all the pages as soon as he could and figure out its secrets and finish what he started on.

After taking care of everything, he could focus on staying by Lin Yuzhen’s side and help her fulfill her dreams.

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Night slowly fell.

The two of them sat looking like they had completely blended into the night. Other than their bright eyes, it was impossible to see there two of them sitting there.

They couldn't be seen even with the high technology equipment used for surveillance in Ko San's estate.

"He's here," said Jiang Ning suddenly in a soft voice right into Fei's ear.

They looked at each other before they disappeared instantly as though they were ghosts floating around quietly.

Meanwhile.

Fang Yin stood in a dark corner in the estate on his own.

He looked upset.

Jiang Ning had taken away yet another page of the manual.

Jiang Ning now possessed seven pages. Only two other pages were left unclaimed, so even if he managed to get his hands on them, he wouldn't be as powerful as Jiang Ning.

But even if it was just two pages, he had to get hold of them.

"Humph! The last three pages of the manual are

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all connected. Once the first page is found, other clues will follow,” said Fang Yin as he narrowed his eyes. “Ko San must know about this!”

He didn't have the money to pay Ko San off. Even if he threatened Lee Seongbong, there was no way Lee Seongbong had enough money to pay Ko San.

Fang Ying was furious. Jiang Ning was so wealthy that he paid US\$300 billion without batting an eyelid. He had genuinely underestimated Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning was so highly skilled, wealthy, and powerful that even the likes of Fang Yin couldn't imagine exactly how strong he was.

He raised his head and looked at the estate. Then he jumped in and swept over.

Shortly after Fang Yin left, a shadow gently landed at the very spot he was standing.

Jiang Ning watched Fang Yin from behind and made a gesture for Fei to stay put. Fei wasn't highly skilled enough to follow Fang Yin in secret.

Fei stayed put and waited for Jiang Ning to come back out.

Jiang Ning followed behind Fang Yin and kept some distance.

He blended into the night with his odd moves. Even Fang Yin failed to detect someone following him.

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This estate was covered with high technology security and a remarkable defense system.

Fang Yin stood motionlessly in the dim lights.

Although he didn't see anything, he could keenly sense something in front of him. He knew that if he went forward, the security team would notice him.

It was a martial artist's instinct.

From a distance, Jiang Ning watched with his eyes narrowed.

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Jiang Ning knew there were infrared sensors installed here, and he could sense them even without wearing infrared ray glasses.

But unlike Fang Yin, Jiang Ning could even tell how these detectors were set up.

After all, the strongest attacker was always the best at defense.

In the past, Jiang Ning cracked dozens of such defense systems, but he had never come across anyone who could set it up as well as him.

Fang Yin suddenly moved.

He was as nimble as a rabbit when he leaped forward and swept over. Even though he couldn't detect the infrared rays, he always managed to dodge them deftly.

Fang Yin was entirely relying on his martial arts instincts!

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He moved around swiftly and was so nimble that he jumped like a monkey.

In a matter of seconds, Fang Yin had gone over the system's defense without triggering it.

Fang Yin turned to look back at this spot where he was standing when he got to the corridor and frowned slightly. He could sense himself almost

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triggering the system. Even someone as powerful as he had to be completely focused in order to make it through.

And that was just the first line of defense.

Before long, he quickly went in further.

The moment he left, Jiang Ning stepped out and headed over to the infrared sensors nonchalantly...

Fang Yin moved quickly. Although he had little understanding of this high technology defense system, he made it past several of them easily using his martial arts skills.

There were probably only a few people in Korea who was as highly skilled as him.

Ko San lay on his couch in his room deep inside the estate. He swirled a glass of red wine as he looked at the silhouette on the screen.

“He’s incredible. He is simply incredible,” exclaimed Ko San uncontrollably. “Traditional Chinese martial arts is simply breathtaking. He is so highly skilled that everything comes to him instinctively. His highly sensitive instincts can compare to this high technology equipment. I can't help feeling impressed.”

He was an advocate of technology, especially firearms. He once witnessed a single missile decimating hundreds of people in the blink of an eye.

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But he remained impressed by traditional fighting skills, which were done barehanded.

“He's so powerful that he can probably defeat 100 fighters at a go easily. “

The leader of the security guards standing beside him nodded and agreed, “But strength like this is useless in the Middle East. No matter how fast he is, he can't outrun a bullet. No matter how strong he is, he can't survive a bomb. Martial arts have no place in modern warfare. We need weapons!”

Ko San turned to glance at the leader. He didn't agree but didn't argue with him.

Times had changed. A century ago, bare-knuckle fighting was the best weapon on the battlefield, but things had changed completely now.

With industrialization, it has gotten far easier for weapons to improve.

Especially considering the situation in the Middle East, which was nothing but chaos.

Human lives were cheap.

“You're right,” said Ko San as he smiled, “Chinese martial arts is weaker than modern weapons and probably can't outdo them at all, but to these martial artists, using weapons is a cowardly act.”

The leader narrowed his eyes.

“Also, it doesn't necessarily mean that Chinese martial arts can't be used on the battlefield. Some

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people are shockingly powerful. Even if you have a weapon, you might get so frightened of them that you lose all courage to fight!”



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The leader of the security guards didn't defend his argument, but he was clearly indignant.

After fighting on the battlefield for years, he had seen his fair share of corpses.

The Middle East was a chaotic zone, so weapons were their most important line of defense. But Ko San said that hand to hand combat was just as strong.

How could he believe such a thing?

However, he did not retort since it was pointless. If ever he came across a so-called master of the arts, he would let him see how powerful weapons were!

On the screen, Fang Yin was already close to Ko San's quarters.

But there wasn't the slightest bit of anxiety on Ko San's face.

In his eyes, these martial arts experts were akin to ordinary human beings and posed no threat whatsoever.

He had his eyes glued on the screen, but he hadn't seen the man he wanted to see tonight.

"Jiang Ning must still be around," said Ko San. "I am certain he wants to know more about the manual."

"He could have just asked you straight up."

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The leader found it perplexing.

If Jiang Ning asked, Ko San would have told him about it. Why go through the trouble of using Fang Yin to obtain information? Moreover, it was still uncertain whether Fang Yin could make it all the way here.

Even if he was highly skilled, he might not have enough time to do it.

“Would you trust someone that you never met before?” Ko San shook his head. “If the same thing happened to me, I wouldn't buy it either. Jiang Ning is a careful man and hard to approach.”

Ko San narrowed his eyes and put down his glass of wine.

Only a few videos were playing on the screen where Fang Yin was visible. This was already very remarkable. Yet, none of these well-concealed cameras managed to capture Jiang Ning's silhouette. That meant that Jiang Ning was far more capable than Fang Yin.

Other than his martial arts, he had impeccable countersurveillance skills.

“Get ready to move,” said Ko San. “Maybe I made a mistake, and Jiang Ning had no intention to come.”

He was unsure whether Jiang Ning was within his estate or not partly because he believed in his abilities.

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It was probably possible for Jiang Ning to dodge all the surveillance and sneak into the estate, yet at the same time, he had confidence that his defense system worth hundreds of millions wasn't that bad.

He hoped he could at least capture Jiang Ning on one camera.

After so long, he was nowhere to be seen and Fang Yin was quickly approaching Ko San.

If Fang Yin made it all the way here, then he would pose great danger.

"Yes, Mr Ko!"

The leader couldn't wait to fight.

He wanted to prove to Ko San that the scariest people on earth were mercenaries with weapons!

Then he turned to leave and quickly led his men with weapons in hand and went straight for Fang Yin.

"Hand to hand combat?"

His eyes spewed fire as he said viciously, "I'm going to riddle you like cheese!"

"Come with me!" roared the leader. "Kill the bugger!"

The men went in fully armed and seemed clearly experienced. They moved in quickly towards Fang Yin.

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From a distance, the leader spotted his silhouette and instantly fired his weapon.

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In an instant, sparks flew!

Fang Yin's ears instantly pricked up when he heard the sound.

He darted away and swiftly took cover.

"Don't even think about escaping the estate, now that you have come in here!"

Fang Yin's thoughts paused. Did someone discover him?

Then a sound came from behind just as he turned.

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A cold air instantly rose from the top of his head.

If he were just a moment slower, then fountains of blood would be gushing out from his body now.



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“That was scary!”

Fang Yin didn't dare to look. He didn't expect them to discover him. After being so careful at dodging each line of defense, how could they have found him?

He instantly ran back out again. Lee Seongbong had reminded him before that it wasn't easy to enter the estate, even if he was highly skilled.

Especially since he had resided on Mount Zhongnan for years and was clueless about the changes in the world.

He didn't know anything about modern technology.

Fang Yin escaped at top speed like a swift monkey. He couldn't be bothered about triggering the defense system now. All he cared about was leaving as quickly as he could.

Before long, he escaped the estate. The leader of the security guards and his men were incapable of catching up with him and were so furious that they wanted to kill something.

“Humph! Is there anything else you can do other than run? What kind of martial artist are you? All you can do is run!”

The leader laughed coldly and was even more unimpressed by this so-called highly skilled martial artist.

To him, no matter how powerful Fang Yin was, all

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he could do was run and hide. Fang Yin was too afraid to even confront him.

How could he be considered a master if he didn't have the courage to face his opponent?

He was just a joke!

“Team 1, go back!” said the leader coldly. “Team 2 will patrol and search the place carefully!”

Then he immediately went back to Ko San's room.

“He escaped,” said the leader calmly. “He was the only one, and there's no one else out there. Maybe he is the only one here tonight.”

The leader made no effort to conceal his thoughts when he reported to Ko San and made it abundantly clear that he disagreed with Ko San's opinion.

Ko San laughed.

“Initially, I thought he didn't come. From the looks of it now, he did, and he kept following you.”

The leader's face altered, and he shook his head instantly.

“Impossible. I didn't notice anything, so it's impossible!”

The surveillance didn't capture anyone other than Fang Yin entering the premises, and he patrolled the place personally. He even ensured that all three teams were dispatched to avoid any dead

spots.

But Ko San told him that someone else made it through their defenses.

“Look over there.”

Ko San pressed the remote control. The leader and his men could be seen chasing Fang Yin out of the estate in the video.

Even the smug expression on the leader’s face could be seen on the screen.

But just at that moment, the leader caught sight of the shadow hanging over his head!

In an instant, he could feel all his hair standing!

The leader was terrified because he had completely missed it. If Jiang Ning was out to kill him, there was no way he could be standing here alive and talking to Ko San about how he despised so-called martial arts experts.

“When did he start hiding there?” asked the leader somewhat indignantly.

In the darkness, Ko San was incapable of seeing the image clearly, but he was confident it was Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning was here to do his reconnaissance and wanted to use Fang Yin to obtain more information about the manual.

But Fang Yin had been unexpectedly driven out of

the estate.

“He was always there.”

Ko San shrugged and said helplessly, “The estate security is child's play to him. It's just boring and no fun at all.”

As he looked at the silhouette pausing only for a few seconds on the screen, Ko San became very sure that Jiang Ning was far stronger than he used to be.

It was inconceivable how strong Jiang Ning was now.

“Remember, even if we aren't working with him, you are not to turn him into an enemy,” sighed Ko San with a light in his eyes. “I am sure we will cross paths again, and he will find out exactly what I can offer him!”



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Ko San smiled profoundly, and even the leader of the security guards found it incomprehensible.

Don't make an enemy of Jiang Ning?

Was Jiang Ning genuinely so scary?

He used to think that regardless of how highly skilled a Chinese martial artist was, they had no advantage whatsoever when faced with modern weapons.

Fang Yin was highly skilled, but it made no difference.

In the end, the guard captain and his men managed to chase him out of the estate.

Was Jiang Ning far stronger than Fang Yin?

But he didn't say anything. The image of the silhouette hanging over him kept surfacing in his mind.

If Jiang Ning wanted to kill him...Just the thought of it made him break into a cold sweat!

"Enough. That will be all tonight. Don't bother getting into contact with Jiang Ning. I am certain that we will meet again."

Ko San stood up. He turned to retire to his room without looking at the screen anymore.

Neither Jiang Ning nor Ko San got what they wanted tonight.

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But this was inconsequential. More importantly, Ko San had confirmed that Jiang Ning was far stronger than he used to be!

Meanwhile.

Jiang Ning was already outside Ko San's bungalow.

Fang Yin gave away his position when he tried to get past the defense system, and it was well within Jiang Ning's expectations.

After all, Fang Yin had resided like a hermit for many years. Since he had never seen such equipment before, he was considered lucky to escape unscathed.

He raised his head and glanced at the estate with his deep eyes.

"Ko San isn't as simple as he seems."

Fei followed beside Jiang Ning.

Fei didn't stand around waiting here. Instead, he went around the estate to study its layout. Its defense system was so advanced that it was far more intricate than those used by other big shots.

"We will meet sooner or later," said Jiang Ning.

The two said nothing and left Ko San's estate immediately.

When they made it back to the hotel entrance, they could sense the people in the cars parked

outside.

The car windows were dark, and the people sat inside motionlessly. Although they even managed to control their breathing well, Jiang Ning discovered them nonetheless.

Fei and Jiang Ning looked at each other and entered the hotel subtly.

Shortly after they went in...

Lee Seongbong was leaning back inside one of the cars. He was still in pain from the wound on his waist, so he gently exhaled as he looked out the window.

“Mr Lee, can we count on him?”

“We have no choice.”

Lee Seongbong closed his eyes and looked exhausted.

He couldn't return to the Lee family or go anywhere else. He had no idea where Fang Yin was or when he would kill him.

The closer he was to Jiang Ning, the safer he felt.

No matter what, at least Fang Yin was afraid of Jiang Ning, or else he wouldn't have refused to appear in front of Jiang Ning.

Now that the manual had fallen into Jiang Ning's hands, Fang Yin might disregard everything and attack him.

Lee Seongbong leaned against the car seat without daring to sleep, no matter how exhausted he was.

“Wake up!”

He turned to look at the bodyguards behind him and said anxiously, “Listen up and wake up!”

“Yes, Mr Lee!”

None of them dared to sleep and sat with their eyes wide open worried that Fang Yin would suddenly turn up to kill them.

They knew exactly how strong Fang Yin was. No matter how many men there were, they were no match for Fang Yin. The only thing they could do now was to stay close to Jiang Ning for a sense of security.



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Jiang Ning and Fei went up the hotel and retired to their rooms.

After Jiang Ning took a nice shower, he lay on the couch to make a video call with Lin Yuzhen without even bothering to put on anything.

“Did you miss me?”

“Yes, I missed you every second,” said Jiang Ning without hesitation. “Things went smoothly, so don't worry. We will definitely gain entry into the Korean market.

He looked at Lin Yuzhen on the phone tenderly.

“I heard Xiaozhao say that our market share is rising nonstop and the cosmetic business shouldn't be a problem,” said Lin Yuzhen. “I was wondering whether there was any business opportunity for our other industries.”

Many industries had been monopolized and surpassed by foreign brands for years, especially in the technology and electronics field!

Lin Yuzhen wanted to try and develop her brand. She won't be able to surpass foreign brands overnight, but it should at least be competitive.

She didn't think it was right to allow others to have full control of the core technology and give up all power in those industries.

“If that is what you want, go ahead and do it,” said Jiang Ning. “I will support you.”

“Hubby, you're the best.”

Lin Yuzhen sounded a little cheeky, “I will come up with a proposal ASAP and meet up with you in Korea. Wait for me!”

Her last three words left Jiang Ning trembling!

Before he managed to reply, Lin Yuzhen had already hung up.

Her words kept echoing in Jiang Ning's mind nonstop, making him want to fly back to Donghai immediately.

“Did she deliberately hang up the phone at the crux of our conversation?”

There wasn't anything Jiang Ning could do about this. Lin Yuzhen had total control of him now.

She had a complete grasp of his emotions and was so naughty.

Lin Yuzhen kept maturing and became more and more outstanding. In terms of the business world, she had a lot of potential and plans.

It wasn't that no one tried, but it was tough for these meaningful endeavors to materialize.

But Lin Yuzhen was different. She had Jiang Ning, who was the best support in the world!

Jiang Ning walked up to the window and opened it to peer downstairs. He noticed that those cars were still parked at the hotel entrance without

coming too near.

“Advanced technology,” said Jiang Ning as he touched his chin. “I believe the Lee family is doing well in the trade.”

He suddenly laughed cunningly as though he was plotting something. How could he help Lin Yuzhen attain this tiny target?

Sometimes, when Jiang Ning was in a spot and needed something, someone would turn up to help.

It was hard even if he wanted to turn them down.

“Learn to say no.”

Jiang Ning pulled the curtains before he turned to sit back leisurely on the couch.

Meanwhile!

Back downstairs, Lee Seongbong was in agony.

He leaned back in the car seat with his face pale while beads of sweat trickled down his forehead nonstop.

“Mr Lee, shall we go to the hospital?” asked his bodyguard. “You are still bleeding.”

“No need.”

Lee Seongbong shook his head. “Lock the car well and don't get off. We can talk about it in the morning.”

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He refused to go anywhere until daybreak.

Since he failed to obtain the manual for Fang Yin, judging from his vindictive personality, Fang Yin wouldn't let him off.

Now that the Lee family had suffered so much loss, he had to survive!

As he spoke, a shadow suddenly appeared before them and approached them slowly. Lee Seongbong's eyes constricted instantly.

He was really here!



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“Lock the doors! Lock the doors up!” shouted Lee Seongbong with a pale face as he reached out to lock his door.

All of them were equally anxious.

Then knew Fang Yin would turn up, but they didn't expect him to come so quickly and was unwilling to let them live even one more night.

Lee Seongbong could sense the murderous aura surrounding them as he sat there!

He looked at Fang Yin, who was walking over slowly.

Fang Yin had left Ko San's estate indignantly.

He was unable to capture Ko San and force him to divulge the location of the remaining pages of the manual. Instead, he got hurt and escaped with his tail between his legs. He had never been so humiliated in his life.

If his opponent was Jiang Ning, he could swallow this defeat wholeheartedly.

But tonight, it was just ordinary people!

Fang Yin stared dead straight at Lee Seongbong. Even through the car window, his gaze was so penetrating that it left Lee Seongbong petrified!

THUD!

Fang Yin picked up a rock and swiftly hurled it at the car. Almost instantly, the car window

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shattered into spider webs with a thud.

The people sitting in the front row failed to react in time and got stabbed by the falling glass and were covered with blood. Their piercing cries of agony instantly echoed through the night air!

AHHH!

Their hair raising screams pulled the other sleepy passengers out of their slumber instantly.

“Ahh! AHH! AHH!!”

Lee Seongbong screamed shrilly, “Stop him! Stop him now!”

Fang Yin waved his hand, and a grey powder floated over, leaving Lee Seongbong even more afraid.

Poison!

Since he was aware that Fang Yin was a poison expert, he was petrified.

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Lee Seongbong unlocked his car door quickly. He didn't dare to stay in the car. He was dead meat if he inhaled any of this poisonous powder!

He jumped out of the car and staggered to the hotel while disregarding the pain from his injuries.

“Get him! Get him now!” yelled Lee Seongbong. He was too afraid to turn back and kept running

towards the hotel.

Despite their fear, his bodyguards got off the car and stood in front of Fang Yin to block the poison.

“Mr Lee, hurry up and run!”

His bodyguards yelled before charging madly towards Fang Yin. “Kill him!”

BAM!

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Fang Yin sneered as he raised his fists and punched several people aside. The poisonous powder instantly spread and scattered on their faces.

In an instant, they screamed in agony!

The men covered their faces and rolled around on the ground. Before long, their faces were reduced to pulp and looked ghastly.

The remaining men were all shuddering.

They were no match for Fang Yin at all!

They were merely sending themselves to their deaths!

“Go and die!”

Fang Yin had no patience. The moment he

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spotted Lee Seongbong trying to take off, he seethed with anger.

He had been looking for Lee Seongbong all night and finally found him here. If he didn't kill Lee Seongbong, he could not suppress his fury.

SWISH!

Fang Yin transformed into a phantom as he jumped and moved nimbly like a poisonous snake.

He was unsure whether these people possessed the same terrifying weapon, so he was fearful about getting too close. He waved his hand and used poison to incapacitate all of them.

In the blink of an eye, nearly twenty bodyguards had become incapable of standing.

Then Fang Yin headed towards Lee Seongbong without casting an eye at them.



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“AHHH!” Lee Seongbong screamed. He lost his balance and staggered before falling to the ground.

He turned to see that all his men had died. Fang Yin was making a beeline for him, so his heart almost leapt out of his chest.

“Get out of my way! Get out of the way!”

Both the hotel security guards turned pale. They didn't anticipate something like this to suddenly happen at the hotel entrance.

Their hearts almost exploded on hearing all those howls of pain, so they hurriedly shut the hotel doors.

“Don't close the doors! Please don't close them!” shouted Lee Seongbong with all his might as he lunged forward. Then he lost balance and almost keeled over from the pain coming from his waist.

Fang Yin was getting closer and closer to him!

“Open up! I beg you! Please open up!” cried Lee Seongbong. He turned to look at Fang Yin again to see that he was barely ten meters away from him!

He was only ten meters away from the clutches of death!

In front of him, the hotel bodyguards shivered and ignored Lee Seongbong's pleas. They didn't want to let someone as scary as Fang Yin enter the premises or have Lee Seongbong dying inside.

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“Close the doors!”

The bodyguards hurriedly shut the main entrance and even wanted to lock it!

Lee Seongbong’s heart instantly fell into an icy abyss and his body was feeling cold all over!

He was a goner.

Was he really going to die?

Lee Seongbong looked at the closed hotel doors expressionlessly. Hopelessness spread across his face before reaching the rest of his body, making him numb.

“And where do you think you’re running off to?”

Fang Yin’s murderous voice came from behind!

Lee Seongbong turned to see Fang Yin closing in on him step by step. He was already barely two meters away from him while his deathly aura almost pinned Lee Seongbong onto the ground!

“Do...do you think you can get what you want after killing me? You’ve lost! You will always lose! You can’t outdo Jiang Ning!” shouted Lee Seongbong madly.

Even in death, he wanted to provoke Fang Yin and humiliate him!

“Come on and kill me! Hurry up!”

He laughed coldly. “Just kill me!”

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Fang Yin lowered his head and looked at Lee Seongbong with his eyes growing colder and colder. Then he raised his hand slowly and said, "Since you want to die, I'll grant you your wish!

Suddenly.

The hotel doors suddenly opened.

Lee Seongbong turned around and looked in surprise.

The security guards opened the door with Jiang Ning standing there dressed in his pajamas, looking sleepy while he yawned.

"It's already so late and you're still here keeping others awake?"

He raised his head and glanced at Lee Seongbong before he looked at Fang Yin's unfamiliar face. "I have to work tomorrow. Don't you?"

Then he headed towards Lee Seongbong.

At that moment, Lee Seongbong felt as though he had suddenly gone from hell to heaven!

Fang Yin's expression changed slightly. Judging from Jiang Ning's movement, he was clearly ready for battle.

Fang Yin could still kill Lee Seongbong, but all Jiang Ning needed was a fraction of time to close in on him!

Fang Yin retreated slowly by several steps. He

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kept his eyes on Jiang Ning while Jiang Ning also kept an eye on him. Jiang Ning stepped forward while Fang Yin retreated by over ten meters.

“Are you still going to fight?”

Jiang Ning stood in front of Lee Seongbong.

“No, I’m not going to fight anymore!”

Lee Seongbong’s eyes were red, and he sounded like he was crying. Matters of life or death were sometimes too exhilarating, and he had yet to wrap his mind around what just happened.

“Then what about you?”

Jiang Ning raised his head and looked at Fang Yin. “Do you still want to fight?”



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Jiang Ning's words sounded imposing!

Despite being dressed in his pajamas and slippers, it sounded completely different simply because it was Jiang Ning.

The sleepy-looking Jiang Ning didn't fool Fang Yin. He was keenly aware of how terrifyingly powerful Jiang Ning was.

He was hesitant about whether to make a move with poison or any other ruse, but in the end, he didn't do it.

He had no confidence.

Fang Yin kept retreating until he gradually disappeared into the darkness. He kept his guard up, staring at Jiang Ning in case he suddenly decided to attack.

But Jiang Ning didn't move either.

Jiang Ning still had some use for Fang Yin. Otherwise, if Jiang Ning wanted to kill him, he could certainly take him out with one blow!

After Fang Yin left, Lee Seongbong lay on the ground covered in sweat.

He would never forget what it felt like to escape the clutches of hell in his life.

After experiencing near-death or other extremes, people often finally realize how beautiful it was to live.

“Mr Lee, what are you doing outside my hotel?”

Jiang Ning glanced at him. “If you have no other business here, then leave and stop disturbing everyone else.”

“Mr Jiang!”

Lee Seongbong quickly stood up, ignoring his injuries. “Please...please let me stay by your side!”

He was almost begging.

Only after experiencing such a close call with death did he yearn so much to live!

Jiang Ning had conflicts with the Lee family, but in reality, the Lee family deserved it.

If they had not provoked Jiang Ning, they wouldn't have had to pay such a hefty price!

Now, Jiang Ning was probably the only person who could save him.

“How can I let you do that?” Jiang Ning shook his head. “You are the almighty head of the Lee family, the number one family in Korea!”

Then he continued solemnly, “Your family controls the economy of Korea while I’m just an ordinary man working for Lin Group. Worse, I married into the Lin family, so it’s really unsuitable for you to stay with me. It’s really not appropriate.”

Then Jiang Ning turned and left.

Lee Seongbong was on the brink of tears.

He turned back and glanced at the bodyguards lying on the ground and not breathing. God knew when Fang Yin would turn up again in the darkness...

“Mr Jiang!”

THUD!

Lee Seongbong knelt. “I am Lin Group’s partner, so you can’t leave me in the lurch! If I die, what will happen to Lee Group’s partnership with Lin Group? How can I help you to open the Korean market?”

He walked over to Jiang Ning on his knees and smiled awkwardly. “Let bygones be bygones. My family asked for it, but I really want to work with Lin Group and Mr Jiang, so I hope you can give me a chance.”

Lee Seongbong was so petrified of Fang Yin that he was on his knees before he knew it.

Previously, he was just acting, but this time, he was beside himself with fear for Fang Yin.

The Lee family would splinter again if he died. Also, no one else would step forward to stabilize the family. The Lee family would get preyed on quickly after he died.

Lee Seongbong could already envision this ending, so he couldn't die!

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He absolutely couldn't die!

Or else he would be blamed for the downfall of the family.

“Partnership?” Jiang Ning frowned slightly and went quiet for a few moments before he shook his head. “But Lin Group has already opened up the cosmetic market in Korea, so I don’t think there’s anything else Lee Group can do for us.”



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“There are still areas where Lee Group can help!” said Lee Seongbong hurriedly. “Lin Group is involved with a lot of industries, so there are bound to be other expansion opportunities. Lee Group can help wherever necessary.”

“Wherever necessary?”

“No, we will help you with everything!”

Jiang Ning continued to frown, seeming as though he was in deep thought as he considered the options.

“But the man who wants you dead is strong,” said Jiang Ning calmly. “If I keep you around, then I will undoubtedly draw danger to myself. Mr Lee, I'm not so sure if I want that since I'm not keen on dying.”

Lee Seongbong was on the verge of tears.

Who could kill Jiang Ning considering his talent?

He had seen it with his own eyes. Even Fang Yin didn't dare to have any head-on confrontation with Jiang Ning, so Lee Seongbong had an inkling of how powerful he was.

He knew that Jiang Ning was bargaining with him now and was wondering how much Lee Seongbong was willing to give up in exchange for his life and the Lee family's legacy in Korea.

“I don't want to die either!” shouted Lee Seongbong in his heart.

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He inhaled deeply and said solemnly, "How about this? Let's do a major project together. I can give Lin Group the authority to use our resources. As long as it doesn't cross my boundaries, Lin Group is free to use them! What do you think?"

He looked at Jiang Ning cautiously.

It was as good as giving Jiang Ning half the control he held over the Lee family.

It was a gamble!

Lee Seongbong was gambling on Jiang Ning's character, his luck, and the Lee family's destiny!

"I will consider it," replied Jiang Ning.

Lee Seongbong almost passed out.

Did Jiang Ning still have to consider given what he was offering?

Since Lee Seongbong was the one begging him for his help, his dignity had already taken a hit. But Jiang Ning...

Lee Seongbong inhaled deeply with his eyes red. He felt like abandoning himself to despair. If he died, this would all be done with, and he wouldn't have a care left in the world.

To hell with the Lee family or causing its downfall!

Just as he was about to get up and be assertive this once in his life before he died, Jiang Ning said calmly, "I don't mind giving it a shot."

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In an instant, Lee Seongbong dropped his guard and tears burst from his eyes. All the courage he painstakingly mustered instantly dissipated!

Jiang Ning agreed!

He was going to live!

He had survived!

After experiencing so many ups and downs, he didn't think he would end up so fragile and helpless.

Jiang Ning's simple words quickly dispelled his courage.

"R-really?"

"We can try. If it works out well, we can continue. Or else, it's over." Jiang Ning yawned. "It's getting late. If you like, you can get yourself a room to rest. I don't think it's safe for you to go back at this hour."

"Yes yes yes!"

Lee Seongbong naturally knew it was unsafe.

He was unsure whether Fang Yin was hiding in the darkness, so it was best to stay with Jiang Ning.

He had a chance to live if he stayed with Jiang Ning.

Lee Seongbong hurriedly got up and followed

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Jiang Ning into the hotel and checked in to get a room next to him. He didn't dare stay too far away from Jiang Ning.

Lee Seongbong didn't dare to sleep all night. Instead, he stayed close to the wall and kept looking at his already locked door and windows. He was terrified that Fang Yin would appear out of nowhere before him.

“So long as I can save the Lee family...I can give up anything!”

There was resentment and helplessness in Lee Seongbong's eyes.

He didn't understand how things ended up becoming like this. How did the Lee family end up like this?

The number one family in Korea seemed...to be nothing in Jiang Ning's eyes!



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Fang Yin and Jiang Ning were highly skilled fighters, and even Ko San gave him the feeling that he was hiding his true talent.

In Korea, Ko San was only known as a collector.

But after coming into contact with him, Lee Seongbong had a nagging feeling that the world was far more complicated than he imagined.

The number one family and company in Korea was really a trifle when compared to a true monolith. The Lee family was a joke.

The more he thought about it, the more terrifying it was. He wondered how many people were hiding and looking at them like they were fools as they swaggered around when they clearly had the power to kill them easily!

Lee Seongbong didn't sleep a wink all night. His thoughts left him increasingly terrified in his heart.

After thinking about it all night, he finally realized how foolish he and the Lee family used to be.

All he wanted to do now was survive.

The most important thing was to stay alive and to keep the Lee family going. Nothing was more important than survival!

After preparing himself mentally all night, Lee Seongbong stood outside Jiang Ning's door first thing in the morning without daring to disturb his rest.

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It was far safer in the day since Fang Yin wouldn't dare to kill him openly.

Jiang Ning only opened his door at 9AM.

“Good morning, Mr Jiang,” said Lee Seongbong reverently.

“Morning, Mr Lee.” Jiang Ning glanced at him. “Did you want to talk to me?”

“I thought about our venture all night, and I wanted to prove my sincerity.” Lee Seongbong smiled. “So I wanted to have a chat with you.”

Jiang Ning looked at him solemnly before nodding.

The guy was pretty decent. Since he was made the head of the Lee family, he was no fool. All it took was one night for Lee Seongbong to figure out that commoners were incapable of pitting themselves against those who stood at the summit.

Money, status, and even power were empty.

Although these things were at the fingertips of the truly powerful, they weren't interested. However, in Lee Seongbong's eyes, they were considered valuable.

After this incident, Lee Seongbong should have a keen understanding that nothing was more important than actual strength and ability, and the Lee family wasn't even able to protect themselves anymore now.

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He ought to feel grateful that he encountered Jiang Ning. Or else, the Lee family was doomed!

“You can discuss the details with our secretary.” Jiang Ning shook his head. “I'm not interested in handling business affairs. Just give me results.”

Jiang Ning never liked getting into the nitty-gritty of things.

“Sure, I understand. We will make sure that you are happy.” Lee Seongbong nodded.

If he failed to understand Jiang Ning's temperament by now, he would have lived his life in vain.

Jiang Ning used to be the God of War of the East, and now he was just as incredible!

The Lee family would only have a future if he made the right choice.

After talking to Jiang Ning, Lee Seongbong went over to see Xiaozhao. In his perspective, even though Xiaozhao was only a secretary, she had Jiang Ning's backing, so he didn't dare to disrespect anyone in Lin Group, not even a cleaner.


Jiang Ning didn't care. He only wanted to see the results.

Xiaozhao was resting in her room.

Since she was kept busy all month, she went with almost no rest.

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The sight of Lin Group's cosmetics steadily gaining market share in Korea put her at ease finally.

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Jiang Ning gave Xiaozhao the opportunity, resources, and helped her solve countless problems. If she failed to perform, then she wouldn't have the cheek to face Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen.

Last night, Lin Yuzhen called to tell her about Lin Group's plans for expansion into the high technology industry, in particular electronics. She told her to find out whether there were opportunities for them in Korea.

Xiaozhao was wondering whether she could try her luck with Lee Group. After all, Lee Group was internationally renowned in the high technology industry.

DONG DONG DONG!

Xiaozhao contemplated as she drank coffee. Then someone knocked on her door.

She got up and walked over to open it and saw Lee Seongbong. She couldn't help feeling surprised and looked behind him subconsciously and noticed he was alone.

"Mr Lee, what brings you here?" said Xiaozhao warily. "If you are looking for Mr Jiang, he is staying upstairs. Shall I get him for you?"

"It's fine. I just came from Mr Jiang's room," said Lee Seongbong as he smiled. "Don't worry, Miss Zhao. I mean no harm."

"I came looking for you under Mr Jiang's orders. Mr Jiang told me to discuss Lin Group's

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technology development with you, he says he doesn't involve himself in these matters.”

Xiaozhao’s heart skipped a beat. It sure sounded like Jiang Ning’s style.

However, Lin Yuzhen had only told her about this last night, and she wasn't entirely clear about the project yet.

How did Lee Seongbong come to know this? Why did he take the initiative to come knocking on her door so quickly?

“Mr Lee, I don’t quite understand what you’re driving at.”

“Technology transfer,” said Lee Seongbong. “If Lin Group wants to develop any high tech products, it needs some basic technology. If Lin Group were to develop it from scratch, it would definitely be possible, but it will take at least a year. However, Lee Group can transfer our technology knowhow and research directly to you.”

Technology transfer?

Xiaozhao’s heart palpitated.

Technology barriers were created internationally to suppress Chinese development, so no one ever agreed to transfer technology to China.

What did Lee Seongbong mean by this?

Was this a trap?

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But since he had already approached Jiang Ning, he probably wouldn't dare to pull any tricks.

“This isn't a trap. It is purely a partnership.” Lee Seongbong noticed Xiaozhao putting her guard up. “I wouldn't dare to try anything funny with Mr Jiang around. Don't worry. We can talk about the contract and fees. There are also some finer problems we have to settle.”

Lee Seongbong pointed at her room. “Can we go in and talk about it?”

“Oh, please come in.”

Xiaozhao gave way, so Lee Seongbong entered. She closed the door gently with apprehension in her heart. She even considered sending Fei a text to ask him to guard the door for her.

She considered her options but took no action.

Lee Seongbong was polite the entire time and not the slightest bit arrogant. He didn't have the lofty airs of a family head. Instead, he was very courteous to Xiaozhao.

“It shouldn't be a problem to transfer basic technology. Lee Group will take care of everything,” said Lee Seongbong. “The only problem is the Technology Barrier Alliance from abroad. Tech companies in the US won't allow things to be transferred to a Chinese company.”

Xiaozhao frowned and scoffed.

“So what if they don't allow it? Does anyone dare

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to deny Brother Ning of what he wants?”

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Xiaozhao knew what Lee Seongbong was driving at.

Those technological barriers were set up to suppress all Chinese businesses!

All these years, the Chinese had to rely on themselves to develop new technology. Despite no lack of talent, it was tough to make up for the huge gulf between them and their competition.

Their competitors was only willing to transfer outdated technology at high costs. Other than that, they stood no chance.

Xiaozhao knew about this when she was in school.

From time immemorial, people who were backward would always get bullied. However, times had changed, and Chinese businessmen were motivated and brave.

In this day and age, people should try to achieve things which no other ancestor succeeded in doing. Or else, how could they build a foundation for their future generations?

Lin Group was doing just that!

“The moment Lee Group partners with Lin Group, the news will get out within a day. This can’t be helped,” said Lee Seongbong. “In my opinion, it isn't a problem. Since I’ve agreed to work with Lin Group, I will keep my promise.”

“I’m sure you will,” replied Xiaozhao, “Since you

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are prepared, I hope we can get the transfer of technology done as soon as possible.”

“I can do it today,” said Lee Seongbong.

He seemed to be even more serious than Lin Group.

Lee Group was a massive Korean company, so he would be under immense pressure if he made such a decision, but Lee Seongbong couldn't be bothered. All he cared about was the Lee family's survival.

Since the Lee family paid a huge price to become the most powerful family in Korea, he had to salvage the situation even if he might get hurt.

Jiang Ning would take care of the other problems, and he had nothing to worry about.

“Okay,” replied Xiaozhao immediately. “I will come by this afternoon to talk about the contract details and sign the tech transfer contract. As for the contract specifics, I'm sure you have something in mind already.”

Lee Seongbong nodded.

Since he had come to a decision, he would not hesitate.

After they parted ways, Lee Seongbong headed straight back to Lee Group and called for a management meeting to inform everyone of his decision. It caused a huge uproar when he announced it.

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The Lee Group office was in an uproar.

“Mr Lee, these are our core technologies which have given us an international competitive edge. How can we transfer it at this price?”

“Mr Lee, are you in trouble? Is someone threatening you?”

“We can’t allow this, and neither will the Technology Barrier Alliance. Mr Lee, don’t forget that we are a part of the alliance...”

Everyone shook their heads when they heard Lee Seongbong’s decision. They all found it unfathomable and refuse to agree to it.

“I’m merely informing you.”

Lee Seongbong leaned back into his chair. He sounded calm as though he was talking about something absolutely mundane.

“Those of you who disagree can think about selling your stock and retiring. That money is enough for you to enjoy your life.”

He turned this head and looked at these people who had made a lot of profit off Lee Group.

Back in the day, Lee Group needed their investment. But now, they were incapable of coming up with a solution and were determined to hold Lee Group back instead.

“Mr Lee...”

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“I’ve decided. Lin Group representatives will be here to sign the contract this afternoon. All related departments have to give full cooperation.”

Lee Seongbong stood up and got right to the point.

It was a matter of life and death for the Lee family, so he had no time to be wishy-washy.

Most people had no clue that the number one family in Korea meant nothing to people who were truly powerful like Jiang Ning.



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The shareholders sat in the meeting room angrily as they watched Lee Seongbong leave.

Everyone knew how tyrannical Lee Seongbong was. But since they were shareholders, they had to consider their own benefits.

The Lee family became the number one family in Korea because of their investment and support, but now that the family was in power, Lee Seongbong wanted to kick them out.

“Everyone, if Lee Seongbong does this, he will affect all our profits,” said one of them. “I won’t agree to it.”

“Neither will I.”

“He’s used to getting his way in Lee Group, but we can’t be sitting ducks.”

A few of them looked at each other and came up with a decision quickly.

None of their shares combined could compare to Lee Seongbong’s.

Although Lee Seongbong genuinely held complete power in Lee Group, no one was willing to sell their shares since they provided them with plenty of profit.

After returning to his office, Lee Seongbong sat down in his chair in silence for almost 20 minutes.

“Notify all departments to follow my demands

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strictly and come up with the contract. We have to sign the contract this afternoon and transfer the technology," Lee Seongbong immediately ordered his secretary.

"Mr Lee, what about the relevant tech standards, patents..."

"Including the technical staff!" replied Lee Seongbong. "If Lin Group needs it, we can provide them with technicians and engineers too."

The secretary was stunned. He didn't expect Lee Seongbong to be this generous.

This was as good as handing over Lee Group.

The fees were far lower than what they charged other countries other than China. Also, Lee Seongbong was defying his agreement with the Technology Barrier Alliance. This behavior was really shocking.

"Mr Lee..."

"Just do it. Go on," said Lee Seongbong. Then he leaned back into the chair again and exhaled deeply.

Things probably wouldn't go smoothly for him.

He had done his best to show his sincerity. Whether the rest of their agreement was a success hinged on Jiang Ning.

If Jiang Ning kept his word, the Lee family and Lee Seongbong would survive.

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After all, he could only keep supplying Lin Group with technology if he was alive. Or else, who else would give it to them?

“The rest has nothing to do with me.”

He sighed out of exhaustion.

He didn't sleep a wink all night and was completely exhausted. Then he leaned back on his chair and fell into a deep sleep.

In the afternoon!

Xiaozhao and her colleagues came straight to Lee Group. Since it was of utmost importance, she didn't want to waste time and invite trouble.

“I found it weird, so I checked with Brother Ning, but he said it was okay.” Xiaozhao glanced at Fei. “Although these aren't the best tech on the market, they are more than enough for us since we are only getting started.”

Lin Group was very ambitious about technology development. They wanted to do it for profit and to create a new era!

“It is what it is. No one can take away what belongs to us.”

Fei seemed calm.

He raised his head to see Lee Seongbong coming over with his employees to receive them.

“Miss Zhao, let's not waste any time. We can go

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inside the meeting room and sign the contract right away. The longer we put this off, the more trouble it will attract.”

Xiaozhao nodded. Shortly after they entered the meeting room and took out the contract, many angry-looking people suddenly came charging in before the meeting started.

“Mr Lee, you are sending Lee Group to its grave!”



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Lee Seongbong raised his head to see the shareholders who attended his meeting in the morning.

Only two shareholders were from the Lee family, while the rest of the shareholders hailed from other companies. All they wanted was to have a share of Lee Group's profits.

"I already made myself clear this morning. What are you trying to do now?" sneered Lee Seongbong. "Get out!"

"Mr Lee, tech transfers need to be approved by the Technology Barrier Alliance. Since we are a member of the alliance, you can't flout their rules."

"From now on, Lee Group will leave the alliance."

Lee Seongbong didn't hesitate at all.

Now that things had come to this, he had no choice.

Who cared about the Technology Barrier Alliance? They once created the alliance to suppress Chinese development of technology together, but it was a matter of life and death for the Lee family now, so he didn't have time to care about it.

"You!"

They were furious.

"Lee Seongbong!" someone scoffed coldly. "Did you think you could just join or leave the Technology Barrier Alliance at your own whim?"

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You can transfer any technology you want, and no one will contest it, as long as it doesn't fall into Chinese hands. There's no way you can transfer it to these people!"

The man pointed at Xiaozhao with disdain.

If it was any other industry such as cosmetics or some other low-end industry, they wouldn't have a problem. After all, they were happy to fatten their wallets with the license and patent transfer fees.

But they couldn't transfer advanced technology. Even when they did, the Chinese were expected to pay an exorbitant price even for outdated technology.

They couldn't let Lin Group take over the technology so easily!

BAM!

Lee Seongbong hastily stood up and slammed the table, and looked at him angrily.

"Are you quite done?!"

"Men!" shouted Lee Seongbong. "Drag these old geezers out!"

He couldn't stand it anymore.

Lee Seongbong didn't give a damn about their gains or losses now. All he cared about was the Lee family's destiny.

And whether the family could survive long term.

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These old geezers had no clue how terrifying Jiang Ning was. If he wanted to snatch it from under their noses, they would be powerless against him.

The Technology Barrier Alliance and its lofty efforts to suppress competition was bullshit!

He suddenly found it fortunate that the Chinese had principles and stuck to them firmly. If they were unethical, he couldn't imagine what would happen.

Lee Seongbong didn't care.

He called the security over to chase them out.

"Miss Zhao, sorry about that."

Lee Seongbong wasted no time. He took the contract right away and signed it before adding the company stamp.

"I have improved the contract and I'm sure you'll find those changes satisfactory. This copy has already been signed, so let's get to it and avoid any trouble."

Xiaozhao was keenly aware of how tricky it was to transfer this sort of high technology. Decades ago, some Chinese businessmen paid a hefty price for technology.

No one ever wanted to get strangled and be at a foreigner's mercy again.

This was what Lin Group wanted to do!

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Xiaozhao got someone to check the contract to ensure everything was in order before signing it on the spot.

Everything happened swiftly, and Lee Seongbong was decisive. Lin Group certainly wasn't about to turn down such a good offer.



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“From a legal perspective, these technologies now belong to Lin Group. I don’t have any problem with it either. Now the most important thing is to get your hands on the tech and create your own arsenal of tech. That will be entirely up to you,” said Lee Seongbong solemnly. “Please tell Mr Jiang that as long as I’m alive, Lee Group will keep working with Lin Group.”

He made his intention amply clear.

Lee Seongbong wanted to live and save the Lee family!

Although Xiaozhao didn’t catch his drift, Fei certainly did.

“Let’s go.” He took the contract and pulled Xiaozhao along. “Hurry up.”

Before Xiaozhao realized what was going on, Fei had dragged her out of the meeting room and headed straight for the Technology Research Department.

Fei wanted to take the technology right away with the freshly minted contract.

The longer they took, the more trouble it would attract. After all, Lee Group was a massive business and as complicated as Linglong Group!

Even if Lee Seongbong stuck to his word, it wasn’t as easy when it came to execution.

Meanwhile, at the technology department.

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The atmosphere was somewhat tense.

“I’m sorry. I can’t give it to you without approval from the Technology Barrier Alliance.”

The head of the Technology Department sat calmly and with determination. “These are the rules of the trade. We can't transfer technology based on company approval alone.”

“This is Lee Seongbong’s signature!”

Xiaozhao was so outraged that she trembled.

It was her first time seeing someone dismissing the approval of the highest authority in a company.

“I’m sorry. Those are how the trade rules work. I told you, you need the Technology Barrier Alliance approval before the technology can be transferred. If they agree, we will get to it. It works the same way in all the countries.”

The Technology Department head remained resolute and was filled with disdain for Xiaozhao.

He had received orders not to hand over the technical documents no matter what, and it was relatively easy to come up with an excuse. It wasn't like they could snatch it blatantly from them.

“I'm not asking for your opinion,” said Fei calmly as he pulled Xiaozhao aside and glared at the Technology Department head. “I’m here for Lin Group’s property. Your job is to hand it over.”

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“Sorry...”

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Before the Technology Department head could finish his sentence, Fei slapped him until he tumbled onto the ground and rolled a few times before stopping.

“You...”

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Fei kicked him with utter disregard.

“We are here to take our property. Do we have to suffer this awful attitude of yours?”

Although his eyes were narrowed, a murderous aura radiated from the narrow slits!

If Jiang Ning hadn't told them to be more persuasive, he wouldn't have gone easy on him.

Fei looked so threatening that the Technology Department head kept shivering.

His lips parted, wanting to retort. Yet the moment he saw the look in Fei's eyes, he instantly stopped.

“Hand it over!” roared Fei. The Technology Department head didn't dare put up an argument, and no one dared to step up and stop Fei either.

Since they had Lee Seongbong's signature, they could take anything that was within the contract.

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There was no such thing as needing approval from the Technology Barrier Alliance. He made it all up.

Initially, he thought he could rid himself of Fei with a simple excuse, but things ended up getting so out of hand!

The head of the Technology Department looked around. Not a soul dared to help him. His lips trembled as he looked at the vicious look in Fei's eyes. He had no doubt that Fei would beat him up if he didn't hand over all the technical documents.

Fei would execute him publicly!



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Fei's aggression startled everyone in the Technology Department, and no one dared to deny him the technology.

"Here...here is the information..."

The Technology Department head held a hard disk out. His face was slightly pale, and there was a red palm print on his left cheek. It looked like he had gotten branded with Fei's hand and probably needed a few days for it to go down.

Fei took the hard disk and got the Lin Group employees to check it. After confirming everything was in order, they left right away.

He couldn't be bothered to waste his time on the likes of these people.

The Technology Department head instantly took out his phone after Fei and the others left.

"I didn't manage to stop them. They were too aggressive..."

After leaving Lee Group, Xiaozhao remained anxious. She was even worried that someone might harass them.

"I didn't think it would end up so troublesome. Bullshit like the Technology Barrier Alliance only exists to suppress Chinese businesses."

She was indignant.

If Fei hadn't interfered, she wouldn't have known what to do.

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It was useless to reason with them. Even if they had the contract and legally owned the technology, the Technology Barrier Alliance still wanted to control them.

After suppressing the Chinese entrepreneurs for decades, did they still think they could go on doing as they pleased?

“They think it's still the good old days,” sneered Fei in disdain. “Bring it back to the martial arts academy. We will go back to Donghai after everything is settled.”

He didn't want to attract unnecessary trouble either.

They were almost done with their work in Korea. Once Lin Group was able to establish a market, it would make things easier in the future.

It was always hard to start something new. If they could take the first steps well, then everything else would follow smoothly.

Moreover, Lin Group had the backing of the almighty Jiang Ning.

Fei brought them all back to the martial arts academy and told Xiaozhao and the others to get cracking on the rest of their tasks. Then he went off to look for Jiang Ning.

They had what they wanted, but trouble would knock on their doors in no time.

“Big Boss, I don't think we need to worry about the

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business side of things. I am more concerned with Fang Yin.”

Fei had always been wary of him. Only Jiang Ning was capable of overcoming an expert like him, and Fang Ying was also an expert with poison. “We probably need to find the chance to finish him off!”

Even if Jiang Ning had use for Fang Yin, they had to keep their eyes on him.

“Gou and the others have their eyes on him, so don’t worry,” replied Jiang Ning.

Fang Yin ought to have left Korea by now.

He didn’t need to kill Lee Seongbong and only wanted to do it to let off steam.

Now that Lee Seongbong had sought refuge with Jiang Ning, Fang Yin wasn’t about to expose himself just to let off some steam.

The manual was more important to him. Although he failed to get the seventh page, he still had two more chances. If he could get a page, he would gain power. “Did you manage to get the technical documents?”

“Yes, we did,” replied Fei as he nodded. “Some people are still unwilling to part with them and are trying to suppress our country’s development. They are delusional!”

“Fei.”

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There was something different about the way Jiang Ning was looking at Fei.

“We will be going back to that old battlefield very soon.”

His words made Fei tremble.

He went into a daze for five seconds before composing himself.

“We should have done it ages ago. Lin Group is getting bigger and bigger and will get targeted sooner or later. Even if we don’t look for them, they will come for us.”

Fei suddenly beamed. “Damn. I hope they don’t do anything stupid. You already let them off once, so you won’t give them second chances.”



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This time, Jiang Ning was going to focus on the big picture!

The situation had already been set, and the most important thing to Jiang Ning now was Lin Yuzhen, and Lin Group was part of her.

Anyone who wanted to harm Lin Yuzhen, attack Lin Group and ruin Lin Yuzhen's dreams were all Jiang Ning's enemies!

Jiang Ning was never kind to his enemies!

"So now, Fang Yin is not important. As long as we can get the rest of the manual, we'll be able to unravel its secrets and I would have completed my Master's last wish," Jiang Ning nodded. "The more important thing now is the advancement of Lin Group."

"My wife has a dream, and I'm sure you know that I shouldn't be the only one benefiting from her kindness."

Fei nodded.

He knew this well.

If not for Lin Yuzhen, Jiang Ning would have died a long time ago, and the God of War of the East wouldn't be standing here today.

Lin Yuzhen's kindness and goodness was like a light in the dark night. It was able to help shine on others, bring warmth to them, and light their path ahead.

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And what Jiang Ning wanted to do most now was to protect her dreams so that her dreams could shine brightly.

“Big Boss, sometimes I really envy you,” laughed Fei. “You’ve met such a wonderful woman, and she’s changed you while you’ve also changed her.”

They helped each other to become better people, as well as supported and cared for one another. So many people were envious of this couple.

“And what about you?” asked Jiang Ning. “Have you found the right one for yourself?”

“Perhaps.” Fei made a face and didn’t seem to want to talk about himself.

Before he could say anymore, there was a commotion outside.

Jiang Ning and Fei looked up and walked out without hesitation.

“Hand it over now!”

Xiaozhao and some colleagues were making plans for the new technology department when the door was kicked open fiercely.

The leader of the intruders glared at Xiaozhao with a murderous look. “You can’t take away anything that belongs to Lee Group.”

“Either hand everything over, or prepare to die!”

“Who are you people?” Xiaozhao was someone

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who had seen worse things in life, so she wasn't afraid and shouted right back, "Don't you know what place this is? Didn't you ask around before coming?"

"If Brother Ning finds out that you guys are here, he's going to wring all your necks!"

"Enough nonsense!" All the men's expressions turned icy. "Find the hard disk and go!"

The men immediately went forward to search the place.

"I'm really curious. Who dares to make trouble within my martial arts academy?" a voice spoke from behind them. Jiang Ning sauntered over and waved his hands. "Fei, close the door."

Fei immediately closed the door behind him.

They looked at the men in front of them with an icy gaze. These men were darker skinned and they were clearly from a different country.

"I'd advise you not to make any trouble," said the leader as he glanced at Jiang Ning. "Lee Seongbong actually dared to sell you the technology without the permission of the Technology Barrier Alliance, so you can't have it."

"Chinese businesses have no right to access such high tech technology!"

Jiang Ning just waved his hands to get Xiaozhao and her team behind him. It was as if he hadn't heard the man at all.

“They didn’t take anything from you guys, right?”

“No, they didn’t!” Xiaozhao shook her head resolutely.

Even if she had to die, she wasn’t going to let anyone take away something so important.

“The Technology Barrier Alliance, was it?” Jiang Ning looked up at the intruders. “Back then, more than ten of the best tech companies came together to form this alliance so that you could have control over the advancement of China’s tech development. And now, you think you can still control us?”

“Dream on!”



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“HAHA! What a joke! Do you think just the few of you would be able to turn the tables on us?” The leader of the intruders glanced at Jiang Ning and his face was filled with disdain. “So what if you obtain all this technology?”

“All of this is just basic technology that’s about to become outdated soon. As long as the alliance is around, none of you will be able to do any research of your own, so you can forget about surpassing us!”

He looked at Jiang Ning without hiding any of the disdain on his face.

They had always only been willing to sell the technology they didn’t want to the Chinese at a high price. That way, they would be able to earn money from them and control their advancement at the same time.

They enjoyed using this tactic, but there was nothing the other side could do since they didn’t have the talent or ability to do research on their own.

What was the most important thing of this era?

Talent!

It was definitely talent!

“You’ve reminded me about something,” Jiang Ning suddenly laughed. “I nearly forgot about the most important thing.”

“What did you say?”

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“What I’ve said has nothing to do with you. Get lost,” said Jiang Ning as he glanced at the leader. “You’d better disappear before I get angry.”

“You...” The leader of the intruders flew into a rage. Jiang Ning actually dared to speak to him like this!

He stretched a finger out to point at Jiang Ning, then instantly started howling.

“AHH!” Jiang Ning caught his finger and there was a loud crack.

He exerted a little strength and the sound of the bones in the finger breaking could be heard.

That finger was now pointing in the opposite direction because Jiang Ning had broken it.

“Get lost!” He couldn’t be bothered to say any more than that and scoffed coldly. All the intruders paled in fright and didn’t dare to say anymore.

The aura that Jiang Ning exuded was enough to make them have difficulty in breathing.

“Just you wait!” they spat fiercely just before leaving, but Jiang Ning couldn’t be bothered with them.

“We must take the important talents with us,” said Jiang Ning to Xiaozhao. “Hire those engineers from Lee Group.”

“Brother Ning, will they be willing to work for us?”

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Xiaozhao was a little worried.

Even though Lee Seongbong had promised that Lin Group could take anything they needed, including both technology and talents, it wasn't easy to get these technical experts to be on their side.

"Everyone just wants two things out of work. First is to be happy working, and secondly, to be paid decently," said Jiang Ning. "Lin Group can offer them the best conditions."

"Ever heard of the wise words from the philosopher Wei Yuan? We have to learn from the experts who are advanced in this field in order to eventually beat them. Now that Lin Group wants to develop in this area, then we have to start with the foundation. Once the foundation is well set, then we can talk about advancements, changes and surpassing others."

Xiaozhao nodded profusely at Jiang Ning's words.

Even though many others had said similar things or gave similar reasons, the way Jiang Ning said these things were particularly convincing.

"I'll get you and Fei to be in charge of this," ordered Jiang Ning. "I want both of you to settle all this within half a month, set up a new affiliate company that's solely in charge of developing high tech, no limit to the funding."

OOH...

Everyone couldn't help but gasp.

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No limit to the funding?

Their throats went dry when they saw how magnanimous Jiang Ning was.

“Yes, Brother Ning!” Xiaozhao immediately stood up straight and puffed her chest out. “I will definitely complete this mission!”

Jiang Ning waved his hands to dismiss everyone so that they could go back to what they were doing.

He had always been good at delegating tasks. He just needed to keep everyone on track and resolve any issues they were unable to resolve.

Since Lin Yuzhen wanted to go into this area and change the situation that the country was in right now, Jiang Ning would give her his full support!



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Meanwhile.

In an area not far from Las Vegas, was the region where the most advanced technology of the western world could be found.

Almost every single piece of advanced technology in the world could be found in Silicon Valley, from electronics to satellites, cars to weapons.

Those major tech companies were in control of the core of global technology and had created a powerful alliance to protect their technology.

All these years, they were the ones behind the control over China's advancement in this aspect.

All the men rushed back to Silicon Valley from Korea to gather in this place.

Tescon Inc was a high tech company and they had even developed several satellites. They were extremely powerful in terms of actual practical technology.

They had some of the world's best engineers and they used anything they could to get these people to work for them. This helped them to reach the pinnacle of technological research and also kept them a step ahead of their competitors.

Especially the opponents that they had created themselves.

"Where does this Lin Group come from? Do they have the backing of another company? Or the

government?”

In the office on the top floor of Tescon Inc, the faint smell of cigar smoke filled the air.

His disdain for Lin Group was apparent when he mentioned their name, because it was a name that he had never heard of before.

“No, they don’t. They’re just a company that started in a small city in China, and their main business is in skincare and cosmetics, so they became successful that way. They’ve relied on that industry to enter the Korean market this time too.”

The man seated opposite had a red imprint on his face, and you could still make out the shape of a palm.

His eyes were filled with indignation and fury. “I didn’t think they would suddenly want to start a technology research department. That’s too big of a jump in industries, isn’t it?”

“The even more surprising part is that Lee Group actually went against the agreement we have as the Technology Barrier Alliance and provided Lin Group with basic technology. Have they gone mad?”

“Hoho, they’re definitely not mad. When it comes to fighting for benefits, a piece of paper and an agreement isn’t enough to hold anyone back.” The man seated on the chair reserved for the boss looked up slowly.

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His face was covered in facial hair and seemed rugged, but he was actually only in his thirties. In a special company like Tescon, he was considered on the young side.

“Mr Hayson, you mean we should just sit here and watch them take away all this technology?” asked the man seated across from him a little anxiously.

“They have no regard for the Technology Barrier Alliance nor Tescon!”

“Developing technology isn’t something so simple. It’s impossible to do it without enough accumulated research,” said Hayson as he shook his head and snorted coldly. “Tescon has made it so far because we have accumulated nearly a century of research and we’ve got so many top scientists and tech experts working for us. What is one Lin Group?”

“But...”

“There’s no need to worry. I’d bet that they can’t even set up an R&D team.” Hayson exhaled a mouthful of smoke and shook off some of the ash on his cigar. He narrowed his eyes and said disdainfully, “Without any experts in the field, how are they going to develop anything?”

“And the best talents are all in the west! Tescon alone has at least 60% of them!”

He knew that it was impossible to do anything without all these talents.

Even if they had all the information on hand, was

there anyone in Lin Group who could understand any of it?

They only knew about cosmetics and skincare. They wouldn't know anything about electronics and hardware.

As for talents...

Hayson felt like laughing. What talents could China possibly produce? Given their levels of education, it was impossible to groom any talents at all.

And the few talents that had appeared had all been captured by Tescon already.

If Lin Group wanted to go into this area, they'd only make themselves a laughingstock!



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Was Lin Group an opponent?

Lin Group wasn't qualified to be his opponent at all. They weren't good enough.

To Hayson, they were just a joke. It was fun to just listen about them when he was bored so that he would feel less tired.

They were just like the cigar in his hand.

“Mr Hayson, then what about Lee group? They've gone against the agreement, so they ought to be punished!”

“Humph, since they've gone against the agreement, they definitely have to be punished. We're not only going to ban the Chinese, but we're also going to ban the Korean technology companies!”

Hayson felt like he had control over other people's lives.

It just took one word from him to decide on whether a company could live or die. He simply loved this feeling of being on top of everyone else.

Especially a company like Lee Group that was able to control all of Korea's economy. He could just grab them by their throats anytime!

“Lee Seongbong would never have imagined that the one thing they've been so proud of all their lives is nothing to you, Mr Hayson.”

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Business was the basis of an economy, and the economy was a country and its people's way of improving their lives.

And the one with the greatest economy potential was the country that controlled the best technology in the world!

It wasn't just in terms of weaponry or defense, but in all aspects of life.

There were major pieces of technology like the satellites in outer space and the planes and missiles in the battlefield. Then there were the small things like mobile phones, GPS tracking, electronic maps...

The more a society developed, the more important these things became.

Lin Group had just stepped into this industry, so things weren't going to go smoothly for them.

Even a company like Tescon had reached their current size and position today after nearly a hundred years of accumulating research and forcibly taking things away from others. It was clear that this company was no longer just a simple corporation.

Hayson remained seated as he leaned lazily in his chair and said calmly, "There's no need to be concerned over clowns like Lin Group. As for Lee Group, just punish them lightly. After all, they're still our partners."

"I'll settle that, Mr Hayson." The man got up to

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carry out Hayson's instructions.

Hayson didn't care about small matters like these and forgot about it easily.

He was more concerned with how there were so many troubles happening around him, especially the Ceyrankas in Las Vegas. How did they suddenly collapse overnight? The clan leader was now dead, the various factions had split up and they had suffered tremendous losses!

When it came to making money, the Ceyrankas were not as powerful as a tech company like Tescon. But they were still doing very well and Hayson was rather jealous of their profits.

If such a powerful family could collapse overnight, then he had to stay on his toes.

"Don't tell me we have to open the gates to the Third World again?" Hayson's eyes grew cold as he put down the cigar in his hand. He was a little excited and worried at the same time.

"If we can go in and get more things, then Tescon..."

A look of greed flashed in his eyes before he suddenly realized that he had subconsciously uttered something he shouldn't have and quickly closed his mouth again.

"We'll watch and wait. If there's a chance, then we're even more confident this time, because we've got even more fighters now!"

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Hayson's lips curled into a smile.

Tescon Inc was only a shell. But even though it was merely a shell, it was powerful enough to strike fear into others' hearts.

Ordinary people were never going to be good enough for him.

Meanwhile.

Back in Seoul.

All the information and data had been collected and sorted.

The Extreme Martial Arts Academy in Seoul had become Lin Group's base, and the rules of this branch was the same as the main school in Donghai – nobody was allowed to make trouble in this place.

Since everyone saw what happened to Lee Group, all the major factions of power didn't dare to come to this place. As long as they remained clear headed, they weren't going to get into trouble for nothing.



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