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Ingram's face fell as he saw this. He looked at Fade and shouted, "Stop right there."

He stopped as he looked at Ingram. Then, he said coldly, "Do you wish to die too?"

"You are the one courting death!" Ingram gritted his teeth. He stared at Fade and said coldly, "You've rejected my business proposal, and now, you are taking my artist away in front of everyone. Do you really think that I don't know what happened to my cousin, Farrell?"

"I want you to give me a proper explanation now. Otherwise, don't you even dream of leaving this place!" He exclaimed.

"You want a proper explanation?" Fade snorted and threw a punch at him before saying, "Is this proper enough?"

Ingram did not expect Fade to hit him, and he immediately dodged away.

At first, he thought that with his skills at the late stage of the Earth Level, it would be easy for him to dodge his attacks. However, right after he moved away, he realized that Fade's punch was not only quick but also tricky that he had no way to dodge the punch. Hence, he gritted his teeth to resist the blow instead.

Slam!

Fade's fist collided with Ingram's arm.

He suddenly felt a huge force coming down on him, and he involuntarily stepped back. He staggered and almost fell to the

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ground. His arm, which blocked Fade's punch, was bruised and trembling. He was obviously injured.

He lowered his head to look at his bruised arm before putting his arm behind his back. Anger filled his eyes as he gritted his teeth and shouted, "Come on, catch him!"

In an instant, a few middle-aged men appeared behind him.

They were all giving off an extraordinary aura, and their realms of power were no weaker than Ingram's. Obviously, they were his bodyguards.

About five bodyguards of the Earth Level launched their attack together. Their imposing aura was so overwhelming that Fade was almost surrounded and left with no space for him to escape.

When the other rich young masters saw this, they couldn't help pointing and gossiping about it.

"Fade has been arrogant since he won the championship of the Martial Arts Convention. How dare he compete with Young Master Zhao!"

"He's totally courting death. There's nothing we can do about it!"

"The Zhao family is not only powerful in their connections, but also in martial arts. After all, they have spent so many years being the imperial guards!"

"It's not a wise choice to offend Young Master Zhao just for a performer!"

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Seeing that the situation was getting serious, Romeo's face fell. He gritted his teeth and stepped out. He said to Fade in a low

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voice, "Instructor Chen, I'll help you. If we are no match to them, I can ask my dad to step in too."

Even he was concerned about how powerful the Zhao family was.

However, Fade wasn't bothered by it. He said calmly, "Romeo, there's no need to trouble you. They are nothing but a bunch of pets. I can easily take them down."

"You piece of sh*t. How dare you speak of us like this!"

"Let's kill him!"

"How dare you insult the Zhao family. Do you want to die?"

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The bodyguards rushed forward and were about to attack Fade.

They were all battle-seasoned veterans and their cooperation was tight. They didn't leave room for him to dodge the attacks, and they had surrounded him completely.

"Kill him!"

One of them shouted that, and the others immediately moved towards him in unison. Amidst their formation, their murderous intent was strong too.

Fade narrowed his eyes slightly, and his eyes darkened. Then, he snorted coldly, "Such a cheap trick!"

Then, he moved like lightning and shuttled back and forth between several bodyguards. He didn't give them any time to react. After a burst of cracking sounds, he knocked down all the bodyguards.

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Immediately, he looked down at them with his hands clasped behind his back and said in a low voice, "Do you still want to fight me? I've shown mercy this time. If you still want to fight, don't blame me for killing you."

The bodyguards glanced at each other, then bowed their heads and left in dejection.

Fade looked around, trying to find Ingram, but he could not find any trace of him. After asking the people around, he learned that Ingram knew that things were not going well when he noticed that his bodyguards were at a disadvantage. He had already fled the scene.

Upon hearing this, he could not help but laugh, "Young Master Zhao is fast in running away!"

Then, he held Susie in his arms and strode out of the hotel.

The other people in the venue looked at him with amazement and fear.

After all, the people whom he just defeated were Ingram's bodyguards who were all at the Late Stage of the Earth Level, and they were coming at him in unison. However, he still managed to take them down.

Such a result surprised everyone.

"Fade is more powerful than we expected!"

"Based on the current situation, it's highly possible that he has reached the peak stage of the Earth Level!"

"He is definitely a top master to reach the peak stage of the Earth Level before turning 30. In the future, it is very likely that he will enter the Heaven Level and be ranked on the Divine Dragon List!"

"You all are absolutely correct about his martial arts skills. However, he has offended the Zhao family just now, and he didn't

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hold back against the Chiang family at the Martial Arts Convention either. He has offended the two strong families among the martial arts world. Do you all think they will let him get away with this easily?"

"This..."

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There were all sorts of discussions happening in the venue. Meanwhile, Ingram, who was sitting in the car on his way back, was looking gloomy.

As the young master and also the genius of the Zhao family with the title of the imperial bodyguards, he was not only rejected by Fade, but also punched and bruised by him. It was indeed a great insult to him.

"I can't bear it. I can't bear this anymore," Ingram was furious. He took out his phone and called his father, "Dad, Ingram here. There's something, I..."

After telling the whole story to his father, Donnigan, Ingram said with an angry tone, "Dad, we have to teach him a lesson. Otherwise, the Zhao family's reputation would be damaged!"

On the other end of the line, Donnigan was silent for a while. Then, he said in a low voice, "You said Fade defeated four of your bodyguards all on his own, and Romeo even spoke up for him?"

"Yes, that's right," Ingram said. He then said with some dissatisfaction, "But why does that even matter? Although the Hsing family is related to the hidden family, they are not a hidden family themselves. Let alone that Fade Chen. We have Heaven Level experts in our family. We can easily kill him off."

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However, Donnigan shouted at him, "You dumba*s! You've forgotten what I taught you. You should've acted calm and steady before you find out his true identity! Stop mentioning killing someone off. That's the stupidest thing to do!"

"But, Dad, I've been insulted. If I don't..." Ingram felt rather aggrieved.

"Look, you're not dead yet, so you're fine. As for the rest, let's talk about it when you're back!" Donnigan lashed out before he hung up the phone.

Instantly, he was enraged by his father's scolding, and his resentment towards Fade grew stronger as well. He gritted his teeth and said, "Fade, I'll remember you. I'll return double the humiliation you gave me."

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Fade drove Susie home.

Her house was situated in an upscale estate not far from Capital City Music Academy. He pulled over in the basement garage and they took the elevator to her house, which was located on the 16th floor.

The estate was high-end, and there were only two units on each floor.

The unit was large, and the decoration inside was minimalistic. However, things were a little messy upon their arrival.

All kinds of musical instruments and scripts were strewn around.

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Seeing this, Susie felt embarrassed and said, "I usually write songs when I'm inspired, so I didn't have much time to clean up."

Fade laughed and said, "Nah, it's okay. That fits your temperament as an artist to a T."

"I'm just a singer, far from being an artist." She shook her head, then she poured a glass of water for Fade and handed it to him. "Fade, thanks a bunch for today."

Gently shaking his head, he returned, "No biggie, it's just a small matter. Sister Song, let's just drop the formalities."

She waved her hand and said, "For me though, it's no small matter. I had thought that this kind of performance for the leaders would be formal, but I didn't expect it to take a turn for the worse! If it wasn't for you, Fade, I wouldn't have been able to imagine what would happen to me next."

Speaking of this, her tone was still flat, her expression normal.

However, he could see the lingering fear in her from her trembling body and slightly reddened eyes.

It seemed that that day's incident had left her somewhat traumatized.

Seeing this, Fade set down his glass of water and said to her, "Sister Song, let's go to your room."

"R-Room? You..." Susie, shocked, was looking at him in surprise and confusion.

He was puzzled for a moment before he realized that his words had sounded ambiguous. He quickly explained, "Sister Song, I mean, you go to your room and I'll give you a massage, so that you can feel better. I don't mean anything else."

"Massage!" She was reminded of the first day she had met him.

She had strolled to the Bay City to look for inspiration during her travel. Fade had helped her with the bracelet, and he'd also

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treated her with a massage in her hotel room that day.

He saw that she did not respond, so he quickly continued, "Sister Song, I am a proper Chinese medicine practitioner. I can show you my certificate, should you need it."

Hearing this, she quickly waved her hand and said, "That's not what I meant. Of course I believe in you, Fade."

"If that's the case, I'll have to trouble you then." Susie got up and walked into her room.

Fade followed her in.

In the bedroom, she took off her coat and revealed the clothes underneath, which outlined her curves. He was unable to look away for a moment.

The temperature in the bedroom seemed to have climbed higher.

When Susie saw him staring at her, she blushed and said, "What... What am I going to do next?"

Hearing this, he dragged his gaze away. He coughed lightly and stammered, "This, this, Sister Song, you can lie on the bed."

"Oh, like this?" She asked softly as she laid prone on the bed, burying her head in the pillow.

As soon as Fade's gaze fell on Susie's body, he felt a rush of warmth in his nose.

"Don't let your imagination run wild! Don't let your imagination run wild."

He muttered to himself in his heart and then went on to the bed. He knelt beside her and said, "Sister Song, I'm going to start massaging you. If you feel uncomfortable, just let me know."

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"Okay!" She also felt her temperature increasing as she felt him breathing next to her.

Then, Fade took a deep breath and rubbed his palms against each other, warming them up. He then perched his palms on Susie's back.

Although there was a layer of clothes between them, she still couldn't help flinching at his touch.

Even he could feel her flinch clearly. He asked, "Sister Song, do you feel uncomfortable?"

She said, "No, I'm fine. Go on."

"Alright." Fade nodded before he began to massage Susie according to the order of acupuncture points and meridians.

Different body parts necessitated different massage methods and different strengths. She felt the knots in her body softening with every movement from the massage.

In addition to the heat that was constantly transmitted from his palms, she felt that her body was like a dough being kneaded and stretched under his skillful hands, and at the very last stage, the dough would expand and become softer.

At the same time, she felt her body temperature keep rising, and there was a layer of fine sweat seeping out of the skin under the thin clothes. Her head, that was buried in the pillow, was also dripping with sweat, and her hair was plastered against her flushed cheek.

Susie couldn't help but let out a moan as she felt the warmth and comfort from her body.

Although it was only a soft moan, it immediately snagged Fade's gaze, causing him to look over. He was met with her red cheeks and her tightly pursed lips.

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Immediately, he felt that the body and skin under his hands seemed to turn softer and warmer, and his body temperature also started to heighten.

"This, this..."

Although he tried his best to suppress some steamy scenes that involuntarily emerged in his mind, the more he suppressed them, the more these thoughts surged forth.

In the end, he felt that his breathing had become steaming hot, and his eyes began to turn red. He was about to lose control of himself.

Susie, who was lying under Fade, was also staring at him with a bleary gaze. She was dripping with enticing sweat, and soft moans kept escaping from her.

"Sister Song, I, I want to..." Fade's throat was dry, and his eyes were rimmed red. He almost couldn't help but pounce on her.

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When Susie heard what Fade had said, she turned around and was met with his flushed cheeks and his red eyes. She immediately understood what was playing in his mind at that moment.

She was an adult after all, and she had spent so many years working in the entertainment industry. No doubt she realized her own appeal as a woman, and she understood his impulse.

From certain standpoints, she had retained a good impression of him. He had helped her since the day they met in Bay City, and also with the conference with Dante Entertainment later on, he was always there.

Moreover, to be realistic, he was a capable man, judging from his martial arts skills, his connections and his wealth. He was more than capable to be with her.

In addition, it was a modern era they lived in, and youngsters like them mostly led an open lifestyle, let alone celebrities.

The thing that was about to transpire between the two was perfectly normal by nature.

However, Susie still vaguely felt that they shouldn't be doing this. She was aware of Fade's status as a married man.

Thinking of this, she said, "Fade, don't be impulsive. I understand your impulse, but we shouldn't be doing this yet. Can you... calm yourself down?"

His eyes turned red as he looked at her. He felt as if his body was about to explode. It didn't matter that her words had awakened

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his rationality and he knew this was wrong; even his conscience kept reminding him to stop.

However, it seemed like his self-control had eluded himself. The heat waves in his body kept surging, and the impact of hormones made Susie, who was already beautiful from the start, even more attractive in her eyes.

Fade wasn't able to contain his urge at all. With his heavy breathing and his hands on her shoulders, he pressed his body down on her.

Susie was a woman. Naturally, in terms of strength, she wouldn't be able to withstand someone like Fade.

She was pinned down on the bed by his muscular body.

"Fade, do you really want to do this? If you do this, we will never be friends in the future." Susie's eyes flashed with disappointment, tears oozing from the corners of her red eyes.

She didn't expect that Fade, who had always been calm and restrained, would do such a thing to her.

It seemed like he was determined to proceed with the night. There was no room for her to turn things around anymore. She closed her eyes, and tears rolled down from the corner of her eyes. She was ready to go through with this, even though this was her very first time.

"Sister Song, I want you!"

At this moment, Fade's body was burning hot, as if he was about to be set on fire.

The surging lust almost caused him to lose his senses. He couldn't control his body at all as he pressed down hard.

However, right at that critical moment, the doorbell rang.

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This clear and crisp sound was particularly loud and clear in the big room, which took both of them by surprise.

Fade's movements paused for a moment, and he stopped.

Susie also opened her eyes at that moment. Once she heard the doorbell ringing outside, she was reminded of something and her face fell. She pushed him away from her and said in a panic, "Fade, no. Get up now. Just get up now."

Although his face was still flushed, his blood was roaring, and the sound outside made him clench his teeth and control himself. He asked, "Sister Song, what's wrong?"

Ignoring the fact she was nearly naked in front of Fade, Susie scrambled to put her clothes on and said to him, "Fade, get dressed quickly. My dad is coming."

"What? Your dad!" Fade immediately started putting on his clothes too. "Sister Song, why would your dad be here?"

Susie rolled her eyes at him and said, "He's my dad, so of course he'll drop by. And he's a busy man. He hasn't seen me for almost half a year. Some time ago, he called me and said that he has finished his work and will be on vacation for a few days, so he will come and visit me."

"This, this..." Fade couldn't imagine what consequences would await him if Susie's father saw him lying naked on his daughter's bed. Would he have split him into two?

After putting on his clothes in a hurry, Fade rushed outside.

At this time, the bell had been ringing for a while. Never mind that no one answered the door, because the sound of the key now came from outside.



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Susie was even agitated now. "Oh no, my dad has my house's keys. He's coming straight in."

As she quickly put on her clothes, she said to him, "Fade, when my dad asks about me later, just tell him that you are an employee of my company and came to discuss work. You understand?"

"Yeah, got it." Fade was equally jumpy. Without so much as thinking, he quickly donned his clothes.

Finally, when the two put on their clothes and entered the living room, the door was opened.

Then, Fade saw a middle-aged man in his fifties or sixties walking in with a pair of thick glasses and bags.

As soon as the man made his appearance and saw her standing in the house, he asked, "Susie, you're at home? Didn't you hear the doorbell? Why didn't you answer the door?"

"Dad, I, I..." She was still trying to fumble for a reason.

At that moment, her father's gaze fell on Fade. The gaze under the thick glasses seemed a little sharp, and his tone changed as he asked, "Susie, this is..."

Susie gave Fade a look and immediately explained, "Dad, this is a staff member of my company. He's here to talk about work."

"Oh, really?" Her father sized Fade up and said, "Have you changed to a new manager? I remember it was a woman before!"

Susie quickly explained, "He, he's not a manager. He's just a staff member who has something to discuss with me."

"Oh, I see! He's a colleague of yours then. I've bought a lot of ingredients. Hey, pal, why don't you stay for a meal together?" Her father, Garvet Song, invited him.

Fade felt guilty and didn't dare to stay for dinner. He quickly smiled and waved his hand, "Thank you, Uncle. I still have something

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to do in the company. I think I'll have to decline dinner. Thank you for inviting me."

"It's already this late at night, why are you still working? Susie, does your company promote overtime culture? I'll have to talk about this to them then," Garvet said.

She quickly explained, "Dad, it's not like that. Something came up in the company. Usually, they won't be working overtime."

"Yeah, she's right. I'll leave the night to you two then." Fade didn't dare to stay any longer. He quickly waved goodbye and scurried away.

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After bidding Fade farewell, Susie quickly closed the door and let out a sigh of relief. Finally, she could be a little more relaxed.

She turned around to face Garvet and said with a smile, "Dad, it's so late at night, why did you come to me at this hour?"

He said, "I've wrapped up an experiment this afternoon and it occurred to me that I haven't visited you for half a year, so I came over. Why? Are you not happy to see me?"

"Of course not!" Susie hugged his arm, acting like a teenager in front of her father. She crooned softly, "Dad, I'm just worried you'll be tired. Your work has kept you occupied for at least half a year on each experiment and you didn't even get a day off. It's too much work for you."

"Well, when what you're working on concerns the development of technology and science of our country, you can't just get a day off." Garvet looked at her and said, "If we're talking about tired, I bet I'm still second to you. I keep seeing you here and there on TV. With you travelling that frequently, I'm more worried about you."

"Dad, I'm fine. I'm not tired," she said.

Garvet got up and said, "Alright, it's getting late. Come help me with your favorite dishes."

"Ooh, your dishes taste the best, Dad." Susie smiled. The two of them then made their way into the kitchen and began to cook.

Soon, the meal was served. Rare for her, she had a great appetite that night, and after the dinner, she was lying on the sofa with



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her hand over her belly. She looked nothing like a celebrity at all.

Garvet cleaned up the plates and cutleries before joining her in the living room and they started chatting.

He suddenly asked, "Susie, the man just now is not a staff member of your company, right?"

"Uh huh..." She nodded to it naturally, but when she realized what Garvet had said, she immediately sat up and nervously explained, "Dad! Didn't I tell you that he's a staff member of our company already? He was here just to discuss some work-related matters."

"Really? If he's just a colleague, then why are you looking so nervous?" He asked.

Susie blinked and shook her head. "Dad, I'm not nervous at all. You must be mistaken."

"Is that so?" He glared at her and said, "Then why are you wearing your clothes inside out? Plus, your bed is also quite a mess. Don't tell me that you two are discussing work matters on your bed."

She immediately looked down at her attire. She was indeed wearing her outfit inside out. She turned around and saw the door to her bedroom slightly ajar, and from their angle, the messy bed was clearly visible.

Susie blushed as she struggled to come up with an explanation. "Dad, it's not what you think, we..."

Garvet swung his hand and said, "Susie, you're not a little girl anymore. I won't object if you've found yourself a boyfriend. But then, your industry can be pretty complicated, and I'm just worried you might be deceived by someone with bad intentions. Can you understand me?"

She said, "Dad, don't worry. The company spares no hospitality on me, and I won't be involved in those messy situations you



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mentioned, and also, that guy, he's just a friend."

"Since he's just a friend, what happened on that bed?" Garvet stared at her.

Her face flushed, Susie quickly explained, "Dad, it's not what you think... He's a doctor, and he was giving me massage therapy, hence the bed."

"Is that so?" He still didn't quite buy it, but when he saw Susie's flushed cheeks, he didn't pursue the matter any further. Instead, he sighed and said, "Fine then, but next time, if you get yourself a boyfriend, bring him to me. I want to at least help you monitor him."

"I will, Dad. Don't think too much." She nodded.

She finally stopped Garvet from questioning any further. Meanwhile, Fade rushed towards the campus after leaving Susie's place.

As he drove, he couldn't help but recall what had just taken place at Susie's house. He murmured to himself, "Fade... What's wrong with you today? Why didn't you control yourself better? You almost did that to Sister Song..."

"Could it be that I've been holding back my desire for too long recently and haven't been able to release it? Is that why I acted like this?" Fade questioned himself as his actions towards Susie just now were out of the ordinary.

As he thought about it, Fade suddenly felt that his temperature began to rise again, and his skin was burning.

He immediately turned on the air conditioning unit in his car and tried to cool his head by the cold wind.

However, that did little to help, and he was feeling hotter as time went by.

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"What's wrong with me? Could it be that Sister Song was just so tempting that I'm still thinking about her? But this is just too weird!" He felt as if blood was charging to his eyes yet again.

Just as he felt that something was wrong, his cell phone rang.

He pulled over on the side of the road. He got out from the car, and as he stood under the cold night breeze, he felt slightly better. He picked up the phone, "Hello, who is this?"

"Hello, Instructor Chen, it's me, Romeo!"

"Romeo, why are you calling me now? What's up?" Fade was a little surprised.

Romeo, who was on the other end of the line, said in a frustrated tone, "Instructor Chen, we have been set up by Ingram."

"Ingram set us up? What do you mean?" Fade asked in confusion.

Romeo said, "Ingram was up to no good. He sent someone to drug us at the party. I felt something was wrong on my way home. After I got home, I lost control of myself. After I helped myself to it, I went to a doctor and found that I was drugged."

Hearing this, Fade was shocked and he said, "D*mn, it's Ingram who did this to me."


"Instructor Chen, are you alright? You didn't do anything out of line, did you? I remember you sent Miss Song home. Could it be that you..." Romeo then grinned on the other side of the phone.

"Piss off, kid, don't even go there. Miss Song and I are innocent. With my skills, do you think I'd be at the mercy of that drug? Of course I suppressed it!" Fade said.

"I got it, I got it. I'm glad that you're fine." Romeo said, "By the way, Instructor Chen, since Ingram is scheming against us, how

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should we repay him?"

Fade's eyes sank, chill settling in his eyes. He said, "Now that the day of the opening of the Dragon Mausoleum is approaching, I'll let him get away with this first. Wait till I settle my things, then I'll get him to pay for this." 

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"Yes, you're right. We should focus on the Dragon Mausoleum first," Romeo nodded, then he smiled and said, "Instructor Chen, I'll hang up the phone then."

"By the way, my doctor did mention that the effect of Ingram's drug is strong, and it will cause damage to the body if it was kept inside. Instructor, although you are strong and not afraid of the drug, you'd better release it soon."

"If you need some recommendations, I can suggest a place or two for you to release your desires," he said jokingly.

Fade rebuked over the phone, "How dare you make fun of me? I'll double up your training portion for the Five Element Squad then."

"No, Instructor Chen. I know I was wrong. No..."

Romeo wailed but Fade straightaway hung up the phone call.

"So it was Ingram drugging us. No wonder I wasn't able to control myself!" Fade finally understood.

Then, when he thought of what he almost did to Sister Song, he couldn't help but grit his teeth and said, "Ingram, that guy, almost hurt Sister Song with his scheming. I will teach him a lesson later."

Then, he got back into the car and began to work on building up his positive energy. After a round of adjustment, he finally forced the drug out of his body.

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Fade was finally back to normal, so he drove himself back home.

The next day, he called Susie and explained what happened the night before. Although he didn't know if she believed him or not, he could at least be at ease after explaining himself.

Then, the Martial Arts League sent a message regarding the location and opening date to the Dragon Mausoleum. It said that those who were qualified should get ready to be headed there.

Fade confirmed that the access to the Dragon Mausoleum was set in a primeval forest in Zobery District, and the opening date was only a week later.

Not long after he had received the message, Romeo, Master White Claw of the Skull Mob, and Kaeran from Szeto Academy got in touch with him. They asked him if he wanted to head there together.

As Fade intended to keep his connection with Szeto Academy and Skull Mob a secret, he decided to go there separately and only start working together once they gathered there.

After all, they weren't the only ones who had won access to the Dragon Mausoleum. There were other huge and powerful families and martial artists who had also gotten their hands on the access.

Fade was in the middle of preparing for his journey when he was reminded of something, so he immediately called Kaeran and asked, "Hey, Kaeran, is the Thousand Star Academy going to send someone over?"

Kaeran was startled before he replied, "Not that I know of. Now that I think about it, they also rarely call me regarding the Dragon Mausoleum recently."

"How could this be?" Fade felt that something was amiss.

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One must know that the Thousand Star Academy of the Earth Level had sent Kaeran to establish the Szeto Academy in Capital City with a purpose of gathering the information regarding the opening to the Dragon Mausoleum.

Now that the Dragon Mausoleum was about to open, there was still nothing from the Thousand Star Academy but their inaction. This was suspicious.

Seeing through Fade's confusion, Kaeran said, "I'm also curious as to why they didn't send anyone over. I even contacted them to ask about it, but the answer I got was that I should take my people there on my own, and they wanted me to do as much as I can instead of fighting recklessly."

"Do as much as you can? Maybe... the Dragon Mausoleum is too dangerous and the Thousand Star Academy has retreated?" Fade guessed in his heart, but then he shook his head and rejected the idea.

The Thousand Star Academy was an Earth Level force. It was on par with the Encyclo Hall and was only narrowly weaker than the four Heaven Level forces. In any case, the Thousand Star Academy could be considered as a powerful force. They had a few Heaven Level experts with them, so they shouldn't have cowered out of fear.

However, he still couldn't come up with any possible explanation for this. Fade could only secretly keep an eye on it, and he reminded Kaeran to be careful and to contact him if anything happened.

Later on, after he bade farewell to his friends in Capital City, Fade headed towards Zobery District in a casual outfit.

The plane was headed towards Long City of the Zobery District. After getting off the plane, Fade took the train and rushed to the destination, which was a small town.

Evening had already settled when he arrived. He looked into the distance and caught sight of a vast primeval forest. It was



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boundless, with no end in sight. The opening of the Dragon Mausoleum was nestled within this forest.

It was visible that there was no transportation to help them get across this forest, and they could only depend on walking.

Fade had bought some food and water in the small town before he proceeded to shoulder his backpack and march to the primeval forest. He moved fast. He had already arrived at the edge of the primeval forest when the sky turned dark.

At the edge of the forest, he saw many tents and bonfires being set up. A gathering place could be spotted almost every 100 meters apart. There were no less than 500 or 600 people present.

Seeing this, Fade could not help but have his interest whetted. "Why are there so many people?"

At a bonfire near him, a group of martial practitioners greeted him. "My friend, are you also here for the Dragon Mausoleum?"

Shock flashed across Fade as he asked, "Are you lot the same as me?"

The other party smiled and said, "Hey friend, aren't you funny? Everyone is here for the Dragon Mausoleum."

Hearing this, he was even more surprised. He said, "There are this many people who won access to the Dragon Mausoleum... How did you win it?"

Hearing his words, the other party was startled. He then smiled and said, "Are you kidding me? Only the top-tier forces and experts have obtained the qualification to explore the Dragon Mausoleum. It's naturally impossible for people like us to get something like that."

"Then what's going on here with so many people around..." He pointed to the tents on the edge of the forest and asked.

The other party smiled and said, "Now, how did you come here without making sure what place this is?"

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"I heard that there were some benefits here, so I came." Fade laughed and pretended to not know anything.

The other party continued to explain, "Actually, just like you, everyone is attracted by the benefits! We won't be able to obtain the right to explore the Dragon Mausoleum, after all."

"All in all, quite a number of large sects and forces have shown up at the opening of the Dragon Mausoleum this time. There might even be some treasures from the outer fringes of the Dragon Mausoleum. If we are lucky enough, we might be able to reap unexpected gains when the time comes."

"Even if I end up empty handed, it's still a one-in-a-decade opportunity to broaden my horizons by laying my eyes on the scene that I never got to see before!"

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At last, the situation became clearer to Fade.

He nodded and thanked him. Then, he continued striding into the primeval forest.

Seeing this, the other party shouted, "Hey, where are you going?"

"Continuing my journey?" Fade wore a baffled expression.

The other party replied, "At this hour? Are you looking for death?"

Puzzled, Fade said, "The sky might be a bit dark, but the creatures in the primeval forest are not much of a threat to me as a martial artist."

Hearing this, the other party slapped his own head and said, "Oh well, I really don't know if you're brave or reckless. Bold as you may against the creatures in there, you have to be afraid of the people inside at least!"

"The people inside?" Fade revealed a trace of surprise and confusion.

The other party immediately explained, "A lot have heard about the news of the Dragon Mausoleum, and those present tonight aren't only martial artists like us, there are some with bad intentions too!"

"They will stake out in the forest and rob or kill any martial artist who runs afoul of them. This bunch, they are extremely fierce and ruthless. Seven or eight people have already died in the forest."

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"It's already so late now. If you go in alone, doesn't that translate to a death wish? Why don't you stay here for a night and wait until the sun rises tomorrow? We can go in together in a large group."

Fade figured out the situation.

However, it was the least of his worries. After nodding his head, he said, "Thanks for the reminder, but they're just robbers. They're definitely not a match for me."

After that, he stalked into the primeval forest, ever the courageous man.

The others could only sigh while staring at him.

"He is too reckless for his own good."

"See, he's still too young to know the danger!"

"That buddy is gonna end up a dead man."

"Forget it, don't worry so much about others. We should catch up on our rest."

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In the midst of their discussion, Fade had already stepped into the primeval forest.

The unexplored primeval forest was lush with grass, trees, and vines everywhere. There were also insects and beasts hidden in the forest. It was a tough trek for any ordinary person.

However, it didn't present much of a difficulty for Fade. He exuded a layer of positive energy on the surface of his body, and with a gust of wind materializing beneath his feet, he quickly started to glide through the primeval forest.

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Given that there was no one around, he didn't have to worry that someone would perceive his strength and identity, and with this thought in mind, he gathered speed.

After drifting for more than an hour in the primeval forest, Fade did not meet the robbers they had warned him of.

Suddenly, he saw that there was a light in front of him. Under the light, one figure after another was moving forward. It looked like there were about a dozen people.

"Could these be the bandits? No way, they wouldn't be acting this conspicuously," he silently asked himself. Immediately after, he prepared to make a detour from the side.

After all, he did not want to get into trouble and waste his time.

However, just as he adjusted his direction and veered to the left.

The group of people discovered him. The flashlight flickered towards him, and at the same time, they shouted.

"Who's over there?"

"Stop right there."

"Stop, or we'll attack."

"Send someone to check. It might be a robber."

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Among the shouting, someone from the other party rushed over.

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Seeing this, Fade stopped and said, "I am not a robber, I am just passing by."

"A passerby? You don't look like one!" A middle-aged man had already walked and stopped less than 50 meters in front of him, the flickering lights pointing towards him.

Behind the man, there were another four young men in their twenties. They were all clad in the same uniform and looked like they belonged to a powerful family.

Hearing this, Fade said, "I'm really just passing by. I just came in from the outside. If you don't believe me, you can contact people on the outside and ask around."

"Contact the people outside? There is no signal in this primeval forest, how are we supposed to contact the people outside? I think you are obviously guilty," a young man angrily berated. He was known as Horgan Chai, and he was dissatisfied with Fade's attitude.

Fade was speechless, and then he frowned impatiently and said, "I don't care if you believe me or not. Let's just not get in each other's way. Will that be okay?"

He turned around and was ready to leave.

The middle-aged man, Taufeeq Moo, was the leader of the pack. He looked slightly relieved. The light shone over as he wanted to watch with his own eyes as Fade left.

Fade stepped forward and was about to retreat.

However, at this moment, Horgan suddenly shouted, "Stop right there. You're not allowed to leave."

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Fade stopped, frowned, turned his head, and said in a cold voice, "What do you want from me? I won't cross you anymore, but you still want to stop me? Are you trying to pick a fight with me?"

At this moment, even Taufeeq looked confused. He looked at Horgan and asked, "Horgan, what are you doing?"

Horgan then said to him, "Mr. Moo, although he said he would not interfere with us, he might be related to the robbers. If we let him go away, the next thing we know, he might have leaked our whereabouts to them and put us all in danger."

Upon hearing this, Taufeeq's expression changed. His face also revealed some doubt and worry, his eyes vigilantly looked towards Fade as he pondered and hesitated.

Horgan saw this and did not wait for him to respond before he shouted, "Attack him and arrest him."

Then, he explained to Taufeeq, "Mr. Moo, we'd better err on the side of caution. It's always wise to play safe! If he's not part of them, we can always apologize to him later on, but if he is, then we'll be in trouble!"

Hearing this, Taufeeq's expression grew in vigilance. He looked at Fade and said, "Young man, I'm Taufeeq Moo, and we are from the Moo family in the Zobery District. Just in case, please leave with us."

Seeing this, Fade frowned and said coldly, "You are suspecting me with baseless accusations, and you want me to follow you? This is too much!"

"You punk, Mr. Moo is already being nice to you, so you'd better follow us. Otherwise, we can easily kill you off, like right now!" Horgan said arrogantly, an embodiment of imperiousness.



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"Kill me off? I'm afraid you're lacking in that area." They were getting under Fade's skin now. He didn't do anything wrong. He was ready to leave, but the other party insisted on arresting him.

"What? Do you want to fight with us? Let me tell you, we are the Moo family of the Zobery District. Mr. Moo here is a martial artist of the middle stage Earth Level. I, Horgan, am also a martial artist of the late stage Black Level. If you want to fight, you'd better weigh your own strength first!" He bellowed, his words spilling haughtiness. It seemed that his stance was bespeaking his readiness to fight.

"You're only at the middle stage of Earth Level!" Fade snorted, with not a care for his opponent's strength. He was also ready to take up the challenge.

However, at this time, suddenly, a young woman cried out, "Dad, help me!"

Upon hearing the voice, Taufeeq was shocked. He whipped his head around and shouted, "Clara, are you alright?"

Then, there was a chaotic sound there, including the sound of aura erupting, trees breaking, and screams mixed in between.

"Sh*t, the robbers are here."

"Someone is ambushing us."

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Upon hearing this, Taufeeq's face slackened. He rushed towards the sound and shouted, "Protect her at all cause. You must protect Clara!"

As he shouted, Taufeeq charged over with two of his men.

On the other side, Horgan and the remaining people of the gang looked at Fade coldly and said, "You are indeed a robber. Kill him."

Immediately, the other man attacked Fade.

Seeing this, Fade pushed him away with a palm and coldly shouted, "Are you a fool? If I was a robber, I would have already launched an attack."

"Boy oh boy, you are still denying it! Kill him!" Horgan shouted as he charged forward with his sword in hand.

Fade glared at him with a glint of coldness in his eyes. "You..."

Boom!

Fade slapped a palm at Horgan and sent him flying. Lying in the grass, Horgan spat out a mouthful of blood, his face turning pale in an instant.

Fade strode over and stood before him, looking down at him with indifferent eyes.

"No, don't kill me. I'll give you whatever you want. If you want me to join you to deal with the Moo family, that's fine too..." Horgan, a man with no dignity, had admitted defeat before Fade could say anything.

His gaze turned frosty. If earlier, Horgan was just stupid and too cautious to misunderstand Fade's intention, then his last card of

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turning against his own gang at that moment totally proved that he was a man with no character.

A spineless, two-faced man at his finest, he was a disgrace to them as martial artists.

Fade didn't even want to kill him as it would only dirty his hands. Moreover, if he killed him at that moment, the Moo family might really believe that he was an accomplice to the robbers. The misunderstanding would never be solved.

Fade snorted and ignored Horgan. With a flash, he rushed towards Taufeeq's group.

When he reached their side, the battle had been going on fiercely. Taufeeq's strength was indeed tremendous. He had knocked down several robbers with a single strike, but the robbers obviously outnumbered them.

An endless stream of robbers poured in, taking down the Moo family's people one by one. More than half of the gang was wiped off, and the remaining ones in the battle were injured; their strength was on the decline.

A girl around the age of seventeen or eighteen was hiding behind Taufeeq. She had a sweet appearance and bright eyes, but they were filled with fear.

Obviously, she should be Clara Moo, Taufeeq's daughter.

The robbers had obviously pinpointed Taufeeq's weakness. They continued to attack Clara, rendering Taufeeq no choice but to divert his attention to protect his daughter.

In this way, in the face of the attack from a group of robbers of the same middle stage Earth Level, Taufeeq had some difficulty dealing with them. The wounds on his body were gradually increasing, and his blood was gushing out.

Clara saw the situation and couldn't help but blanch, frightened. She said, "Dad, just hand the things over to them. Let's go back.

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"We're not going to the Dragon Mausoleum anymore."

Hearing this, the leader of the robbers laughed and said, "Taufeeq Moo, your daughter is right. Hand over the access to the Dragon Mausoleum now and I will let you leave. What do you say?"

Taufeeq stiffened when he heard this, his expression growing solemn.

Although the robbers' leader had said this, his subordinates were still fighting fiercely and violently. They didn't seem to be slowing down at all.

Clara was right. If the situation allowed, Taufeeq would exchange the access to protect her life as well as his men's, but then she was still too naïve to imagine just how cruel this group of robbers could be.

He could guarantee that even if he handed over the access, they still wouldn't let him leave.

That was because the leader was none other than Sirius.

Sirius had been notorious in the Zobery District for more than two decades, having ghastly killed a family of seven back then, before escaping into the forest to equip himself with martial arts. He'd slowly started building his own gang to rob around as a means of living.

He had never let his victims walk out alive, a testament to his godforsaken cruelty.

"Clara, this guy here is Sirius in the flesh. We will never live if we don't resist," Taufeeq said. Then he shouted to his men, "Everyone, listen up! We are fighting Sirius here. If we stop fighting, it would mean death, so buckle up. We can only keep fighting if we want to live!"

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Upon hearing the name, his men were stupefied. Immediately after, they gritted their teeth and prepared to fight to their last breath, never mind that they were already trembling.

Hearing this, Sirius sighed with a mocking regretful look and said, "Ah, it's really a pity that you recognized me. Originally, I wanted to just fool around with you, but now, I can only end up killing you all."

"I'm going to fight to the death with you!" Taufeeq gritted his teeth and attacked with all his might.

At this time, Sirius fixed his gaze on Clara. He licked his lips and smiled. "She's your daughter, isn't she? What a young, tender maiden! She should taste amazing!"

"Sirius, if you dare touch my daughter, I'll end you!" Taufeeq roared.

Sirius chuckled and deflected his attack. He moved closer to Clara and said with a smirk, "Only if you can actually kill me!"

"Sweetie pie, don't worry. I will not kill you. I just want to play with you when the time comes." Sirius licked his lips and looked at her with a lewd smile, which sent chills sliding down her spine.

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Taufeeq turned his head and said to his daughter, "Clara, run!" Then, he gritted his teeth and charged at Sirius who was opposite him.

In an instant, his aura became riotous, as if he was going to put his life on the line, fighting him.

However, Sirius waved his arm and pointed at Taufeeq, commanding his men, "Stop him!"

Sirius then skipped past Taufeeq and charged towards Clara.

Taufeeq's eyes widened as the sight. He roared in a stern voice, "Sirius, if you dare touch my daughter, I'll kill you!"

Sirius grinned. He charged towards Clara while taunting, "Kill me? Allow me to show you how I will have fun with your daughter then."

Sirius leaped into the air and shot towards Clara at full speed.

She was but a mere teenager. Even if she was born into a martial arts family, her strength still could not compete with Sirius who was a seasoned veteran. In the blink of an eye, he had already caught up to her.

Taufeeq gritted his teeth when he saw this. He wanted to break free and save his daughter.

However, Sirius' subordinates were not an easy force to be trifled with. Although their strength was incomparable to Taufeeq, their combined forces firmly encaged him, making it impossible for him to flee. He could only watch as Sirius charged towards

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Clara.

In the nick of time, Fade stepped forward, positioning himself just in front of her.

However, in Taufeeq's eyes, this scene was interpreted as Fade stepping in to assist Sirius.

With her wedged between two enemies, there was no space left for Clara to escape from.

Taufeeq yelled, a touch of despair revealed from his eyes, "Clara, no..."

She had already been mired in a state of panic, but once Fade appeared in front of her, her panic had only culminated. She tumbled to the ground, and Sirius was that near to grabbing her.

In such a desperate situation, Fade stepped forward and bent over to help Clara up. He asked with concern, "Are you okay?"

"You..." She was startled as she looked at him in surprise.

Sirius, now closing in to them, darkened his gaze and said, "Brat, let that girl go. She is mine."

"Yours?" Fade's eyes turned cold, and then he pulled Clara behind him. He looked at Sirius and asked in a low voice, "So you're the robber in the forest?"

"Robber? Brat, it seems that you still don't know my name!" Sirius laughed callously, "Well, it's not a big deal for a small fry like you to chime in. With that said, I'll kill you first then."

At his last word, Sirius released his momentum and charged towards Fade, his viciousness evident.

Taufeeq was puzzled at this situation, but he soon snapped back to reality after a brief pause. He knew that Fade wasn't a part of the robber gang. He had misunderstood him earlier.

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However, due to his misunderstanding, Fade was about to die in Sirius' hands.

A trace of guilt flashed through Taufeeq's eyes. However, there wasn't much time for his guilt to sink in, as Sirius' subordinates had started to surround and attack him.

Taufeeq could only fight back with all his might. At the same time, he drew closer and closer to Clara's side.

On the other side, the murderous attack of Sirius was about to reach Fade.

Seeing this, Fade shook his head gently and said lightly, "I didn't have the mood to bother about murderous robbers like you to begin with, but since you're so foolish to make a move on me, then don't blame me for what will happen next."

"Boy, talk about blustering when your strength doesn't even measure up! I'd like to see what you plan to do!" Sirius snorted and continued with his attack.

Behind Fade, Clara screamed out of fear, "Run away quickly. He is Sirius, a middle stage Earth Level master. You are no match for him. Please run away for the sake of your life."

Fade turned to look at her and said with a smile, "He's just a middle stage Earth Level martial artist. Don't worry, I'll be fine."

While speaking, he casually pushed out his palm to meet Sirius' attack.

With a bang, the two attacks collided with each other.

Almost everyone, including Sirius, Taufeeq, and Clara, believed that Fade would definitely lose after the attack was struck.

However, what happened next took them by surprise.

That was because after the collision, Fade was still standing in the same place and did not move an inch. Instead, it was Sirius

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who had been directly smacked away and flew back more than 10 meters, only stopping when he grabbed a nearby tree. In that split-second, everyone had astonishment written all over their face.

"What... What the hell? He blocked Sirius?"

"That kid, could he be an expert?"

"What on earth just happened? How could this be?"

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In the midst of the crowd's gasps, Sirius stared at Fade fiercely. He gritted his teeth and said, "You have successfully raised my hackles. I'm going to take you seriously now. You're dead meat."

Before he could end his speech, his energy then burst out wildly. The surging positive energy transformed into a fierce virtual wolf in the forest. It howled, passed through the trees and flowers, and rushed towards Fade with a murderous intent.

With this, his middle stage Earth Level strength was completely unleashed. The virtual wolf whizzed through the forest. Some of the branches were even snapped. The strength was shocking.

"Burn in hell!" Sirius glared at him with his red eyes, his expression gruesome.

Fade narrowed his eyes. He raised his right hand and formed a virtual sword with his index and middle fingers. With a swoosh, the sword chopped into the air.

In an instant, the virtual sword swept across the center of the virtual wolf's body. With a flash of red light, the ferocious virtual wolf was directly split into two halves. Then, it exploded and dissipated in the air.

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Sirius, who had been charging behind the virtual wolf, immediately halted where he was. He was filled with shock. A thin red line started to seep out from his forehead, then to his nose and down his neck.

Then, along with this red line, Sirius' body was directly cleaved into two. He collapsed to the ground, his blood pooling around him.

Sirius, a villain who had spent decades committing heinous crimes in the Zobery District, died in Fade's hands in the forest. Everyone was frozen at this scene, clearly reeling in disbelief and massive shock.

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The first ones to react were Sirius' subordinates. After witnessing his' macabre death, they lost all their gusto to continue fighting. They turned around and were about to escape through the forest.

If only Fade would let them run away this easily. He moved like lightning and morphed into a shadow, shuttling back and forth in the forest, and with a few swishes, he wiped them off the face of the earth.

After that, he returned and helped Clara up, who was still astounded by the scene. He then handed her over to Taufeeq and said, "Your daughter is fine now."

Taufeeq was finally dragged back to his senses after hearing what he had said. He quickly hugged Clara and comforted her.

Then, he expressed his gratitude to Fade. "Thank you, thank you so much. I really don't know what else to say."

He was guilty for misunderstanding Fade's identity. He apologized to him, "I'm truly sorry for what happened earlier, pal. I've misunderstood you and taken you for a member of the robber gang. I deserve to die ten thousand times over for this. I'm willing to receive any punishment you wish for."

Fade waved his hand, indicating that he didn't take it to heart. He said faintly, "Nah, it's no big deal. I'm just passing by. In the future, you guys should be more cautious when you're on your own."

He turned and was about to leave.

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Seeing this, Taufeeq hurriedly called out, "Hey, you must be heading to the Dragon Mausoleum too. Why don't you move along with us? It's not safe to be alone in the dense forest this late at night."

Fade turned his head around and said, "Do you think it will be safer for me to be with you?"

Taufeeq then realized that Fade was much stronger than himself. It wouldn't be a problem for him to wander around alone.

Therefore, he hastily waved his hand and explained, "I didn't mean it that way. I just want to say that the Moo family hasn't thanked you properly, so I was thinking you could join us and allow me to repay you."

Clara stood up and looked at him as she said, "Sir, you just saved my life, I have to thank you properly. Just come with us. Don't worry, we won't hold you back."

Looking at Clara's lovely pleading, Fade hesitated for a while. He turned back and nodded, "Well, if that's the case, then I will join you..."

However, before he could finish his words, a noisy voice came from behind, "Mr. Moo, I'm here. I'm here with my men. Are you alright? Is Clara okay?"

At the sound, everyone trained their gaze on what was coming. Horgan was rushing over with six or seven people.

Delighted to see that Taufeeq and Clara were safe and sound, he quickened his steps. However, when he saw Fade standing there too, his face fell in an instant. He pointed at Fade and gasped, "Why are you here, Mr. Moo? Why is this robber here?"

Without waiting for Taufeeq to explain, he shouted to the men behind him, "Dad, this guy is a robber. Arrest him quickly."

In an instant, a middle-aged man behind him charged towards Fade with several men and was about to attack him.



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Fade's eyes darkened, and a trace of anger flashed in them.

Taufeeq startled before immediately yelling, "Stop, stop right now. Zelson, don't do anything. This is a misunderstanding."

Clara also rushed to the front and extended both her arms as a gesture to protect Fade. She pouted and said, "He is not a bad guy. Don't harm him."

Confused to see Clara protecting Fade, Horgan said, "Clara, you don't know this. He is a companion of the robbers group. He hit me just now. Don't be deceived by him."

"He is not a bad person. He saved my life. You're not allowed to hurt him," Clara said angrily.

"Clara, why are you..." Horgan's expression took a turn for the worse.

Taufeeq walked over and explained, "Horgan, the earlier incident is a misunderstanding. He's not part of the robber group. He saved our lives."

"Taufeeq, what exactly is going on?" Zelson asked in a deep voice.

Taufeeq then described what had happened, including how dangerous the situation had been and how desperate he'd felt. Furthermore, Fade had saved them all in the end.

After hearing that, Zelson's expression was a mix of surprise and confusion.

Horgan's face was swarming with disbelief, and he said, "How is it possible? He killed Sirius? The middle stage Earth Level master? Are you all trying to deceive us by putting on a show?"

Seeing how Fade's face fell, Taufeeq hastily cleared up, "This is all real. Sirius' body is still there. If you don't believe me, you can

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go check it out."

Horgan and the others walked over. After checking the corpse with their flashlights, they confirmed Sirius' identity. They couldn't help but become serious, and they kept glancing at Fade with doubt.

However, the truth was lying right in front of them. They didn't have appropriate reason to doubt him.

Taufeeq and the others began treating the injured. They also took this opportunity to rest and recover from the earlier attack.

Horgan sidled up to Clara and attempted to comfort her, but she ignored him and headed over to Fade instead. She grabbed his arm excitedly and began making small talk.

Fade roughly figured out the group's relation to one another from her sharing.

She and Taufeeq were from the Moo family, which was an aristocratic martial arts family in Zobery District. By chance, the Moo family obtained access to the Dragon Mausoleum, so they led their men here to explore.

As for Horgan and the group of people following him, they were from the Chai family in the Zobery District. The Chai family was also a family of martial arts. Although they were worse off than the Moo family in terms of their martial arts strength, over the years, they had fared well in the business and officialdom world. Their influence expanded and they were branded one of the most powerful families in the Zobery District. Similarly, they also procured access to the Dragon Mausoleum.

As the young master of the Chai family, Horgan was enamored with Clara. He wanted to take advantage of this opportunity of exploring the Dragon Mausoleum to be closer with her, which was why he did not follow his own team but joined the Moo family instead, in the hope to win over Clara's heart.

However, when they had been attacked by robbers just now, Horgan couldn't keep his wits about him that he quickly sent out a

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special signal to call his father, Zelson, and their team over.
Then, they had appeared at the scene.

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After treating and settling down the injured subordinates, Taufeeq glanced at the time and noticed that it was getting late. He was about to tell the others to continue on their journey.

However, Zelson gestured at him to go aside, speaking in whispers.

"Zelson, what do you need me for?" Taufeeq stared at him, puzzlement in his eyes.

Zelson, however, assumed a serious expression. He lowered his voice and said, "Taufeeq, have you really never doubted this whole incident?"

"Zelson, what are you talking about?" Taufeeq asked.

Zelson threw a glance in Fade's direction and said warily, "Taufeeq, don't you think that it's too much of a coincidence for him to be around?"

"Well... Zelson, are you suspecting Fade?" Taufeeq asked.

He said, "Taufeeq, think about it. You deliberately led a team to travel at night in order to keep your access to the Dragon Mausoleum from others. But in the end, you still crossed paths with the strongest group of robbers led by Sirius."

"Why, as luck would have it, Fade suddenly appeared and rescued you just in time. Don't you think this coincidence calls for skepticism?"

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"This..." Taufeeq was startled. "Fade saved us and even killed Sirius. I don't think he's suspicious."

"Taufeeq, when did you become so naïve? Just because he killed Sirius, you deem it fine and dandy? What if he was sent by other forces? Or, what if he has other purposes? Let's say he might harbor indecent thoughts towards Clara, can you guarantee that keeping him by your side would be safe?"

"Besides, don't you think that it's suspicious for a young man, not even in his 30's, to be strong enough to kill Sirius?" Zelson whispered.

"This, this can't be. He couldn't have planned all of this. He didn't need to." Taufeeq shook his head.

Zelson added, "Taufeeq, you've underestimated just how significant the Dragon Mausoleum is in our circle! All the major martial arts forces are fighting with all their might to secure the qualification to explore the Dragon Mausoleum. You and I should know clearly how challenging it was to be judged qualified!"

"It won't hurt to be on guard. The qualification is rare and precious! We don't know what they would be planning just so they can get their hands on this," he said as he held Taufeeq's gaze.

He continued, "What's more, we are getting close to the opening date of the Dragon Mausoleum, and those who aren't qualified will only grow more desperate. At such a critical moment, Taufeeq, you can't afford to be careless even for a second. You must be vigilant at all times!"

These words had gradually impacted him. He started hesitating about his decision. He looked at Zelson and said, "Then, how should I..."

"How about..." Zelson dragged his palm across his neck.

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Taufeeq shook his head immediately and said, "No, this is unthinkable, not right after he saved my life. I can't repay him like this."

Zelson immediately said, "If not, Taufeeq, you have to drive him away at the very least. You can't stay with him, or it will be too dangerous."

"This is..." He was still a bit hesitant.

Zelson pointed to Fade's side and said, "Taufeeq, look over there. It has only been a while and Clara is already being so intimate with him. You should at least think about her, if not for yourself. You can't let her get hurt."

Taufeeq whirled his head around and saw Clara holding Fade's arm, talking and laughing. He couldn't help but worry. He nodded to Zelson and said in a low voice, "I know what to do. I will send him away."

Upon hearing that, Zelson nodded and said, "Taufeeq, you've made the right choice."

Immediately, the two turned and walked back. Zelson pulled his son, Horgan, aside and muttered something. Taufeeq walked towards Fade with a strange look on his face.

When Clara saw her father coming over, she said with a smile, "Dad, you're here. Are we leaving soon? I'll go with Brother Chen. We just talked a lot. Brother Chen is so interesting. We..."

Before she could finish her words, Taufeeq pulled her behind him. Then, he looked at Fade and said with a calm face, "Mr. Chen, I have something to talk to you, alone."

When Fade saw Taufeeq walking towards him, he already knew what was going on. After all, although the conversation between Zelson and Taufeeq was stealthily executed, Fade had still heard it clearly.

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Immediately, his face slackened. In an ice-cold voice, he said, "There is not a need for the trouble. I will leave myself. You can very well relax."

Taufeeq couldn't help but be shocked at his words. A look of astonishment appeared on his face. He hadn't thought that Fade would see through his intentions in advance.

Clara, on the other hand, took a while to understand the meaning of their conversation. She immediately reacted, "Brother Chen, why are you leaving?"

Fade replied, "Some people won't be at ease if I don't leave."

As he spoke, his gaze fixed on Taufeeq.

His expression was a bit ashamed as he lowered his head.

Seeing this, Clara took her father's arm and asked, "Dad, what are you doing? Brother Chen saved our lives and we haven't even thanked him yet. Why would you send him away?"

"Clara, you go ahead first. I'll explain it to you later," he said.

"Nope, no thanks. I won't let Brother Chen leave. Dad, you can't drive him away." Clara threw a tantrum.

At the face of this, Taufeeq hesitated again, his earlier resolve faltering.

At this moment, Zelson and Horgan approached them.

Horgan scooted to Clara's side and said, "Clara, don't be stubborn. At a crucial time like this, you should keep your temper aside."

"What crucial time? What does it have to do with Brother Chen?" She pouted and muttered.

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He said, "We have in our possession the access to the Dragon Mausoleum. Now, don't tell me you have no idea what that means."

She halted for a moment before coming back to her senses. She then said, "Nonsense, Brother Chen is a good person. He won't try to steal our access. Besides, even if he really desires it, he saved us. We'll give our access to Brother Chen as a form of repayment."

"Clara, you can't yet understand how precious it is. You can't run your mouth like this," Horgan said.

"I'm not. I'm serious. Dad, why don't you just hand over the access to Brother Chen? We won't be going to the Dragon Mausoleum this time." Clara looked over at Taufeeq, her face solemn.