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"Did you just ask me who I am?" The woman snorted coldly and attempted to slap Quin, "B*tch, how dare you seduce my man? Do you have a death wish?"

"F*ck off!" Fade shouted loudly as she swung her hand at the woman before her hand could even land on Quin's face.

Slap! Fade had dealt a sharp hit, and the woman's cheeks reddened and immediately began to swell up.

"How dare you hit me?! I'm going to kill the both of you..." The woman rushed up and attempted to slap Quin again.

However, Fade quickly slapped her again and warned, "Continue to talk trash and I'll give you more than just a slap."

At that point, Quin regained her senses as she looked at the woman and said, "Wait, you're Eudora Tao, right?"

"How dare you seduce my man despite knowing who I am? I am going to..." Eudora glared at Quin while gritting her teeth.

Quin frowned and explained, "Miss Tao, I'm afraid we have a misunderstanding here. Soren and I aren't related at all. The purpose of my trip here to East Stream City was to celebrate Old Master Zhou's birthday."

"Then how do you explain what happened yesterday afternoon? If you weren't such a slut who tried to seduce him, why would you have lunch with him yesterday? You..." Eudora's face looked really resentful as she seemed to hold a strong grudge against beautiful women.

Quin frowned and attempted to explain herself, but Eudora just wouldn't listen to her. Instead, she continued on, "I don't care



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what you have to say, but you are not allowed to go near Soren at all. Get out of East Stream City immediately, or I'll hit you whenever I see you."

"Miss Tao, I've already told you that I came here to celebrate Old Master Zhou's birthday," Quin was beginning to get angry as well.

Hearing this, Eudora immediately gritted her teeth and said, "And yet you dare to claim that you weren't trying to seduce my man. If that was the case, why aren't you willing to leave?"

"I..." Quin felt completely speechless.

Fade couldn't be bothered with Eudora anymore. He gave a cold snort and kicked her in the stomach which sent her flying out. He proceeded to speak in a cold tone, "I just warned you not to talk nonsense anymore. Since you insisted, I'll have to teach you a lesson or two."

"Furthermore, it's your own business to treasure a trashy man such as Soren. Stop assuming that everyone is as blind as you to have such bad taste."

"How dare you hit me? Do you know who I am? I'm Eudora Tao from the Tao family, I..." She looked enraged.

Without holding back, Fade knocked down her group of thugs and threw them out. Finally, he kicked her out of the room as well.

"I'm Eudora Tao, a disciple of the Ice Lake Clan. My men will never go easy on you, I..." She was still screaming when Fade shot out a burst of energy and hit her mouth. Her mouth started to bleed as she cried out in pain. After that, she immediately kept her mouth shut and left.

After shoing Eudora away, Fade and Quin immediately moved to another hotel instead. They planned to leave right after the



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birthday ceremony the following day, and vowed to never come to East Stream City again.

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The next morning, when the sunlight barely shone through the mist, the entire East Stream City became lively.

That was because it was a special day that day, as the Old Master of the Zhou family, Taegan, was going to celebrate his 70th birthday.

The Zhou Villa had been bustling since morning, as countless guests arrived in their luxury cars and mingled around.

As the birthday lunch was about to begin, the atmosphere became more and more enthusiastic and the entire Zhou family became the focus of the East Stream City. At this moment, Fade and Quin arrived at the entrance of the Zhou Villa.

Looking at the bustling courtyard, she paused her footsteps a little. Sensing her hesitance, he gently squeezed her hand and comforted her, "Don't be afraid. Nothing will happen when I'm with you."

She nodded gently, and the two of them walked into the Zhou Villa.

Whether it was intentional or not, the servants of the Zhou family completely turned a blind eye towards them when they entered, and no one went forward to greet them.

Finally, Annie walked towards Quin and Fade and talked to them in an insulting manner, "I can't believe the both of you still have the guts to come to the Zhou Villa. Do both of you have death wishes?"

Fade's face darkened instantly. Just as he was about to lose his temper, Quin stopped him.

She looked at Nita and said in a calm manner, "I've mentioned this before, I came here to celebrate Taegan's birthday, nothing



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else. We will leave as soon as the ceremony is over.”

“Haha, did you really think that I would believe your lies?” Nita merely smiled coldly.

Quin frowned and wanted to say something, but Soren walked towards them and said, “Quin, if you’re willing to come clean regarding what happened with Daxton and Ford, I can help you and say something nice.”

Soren stared at Fade when he said that, which made his meaning obvious. He was hinting for Quin to push all the blame from herself to Fade for beating Daxton and Ford up.

“You don’t have to worry about my matters,” Quin snorted coldly and ignored his offer. She then grabbed Fade’s arm and walked away from the both of them.

Soren immediately frowned and looked dissatisfied. He gave Fade a dark look and gritted his teeth as he said, “What an ungrateful lad. Did you really think that you are some kind of almighty being just because of the little power that you have? Just wait for the Xu family and Han family, then you’ll know who has real power.”

Nita leaned over to him and said, “Soren, please don’t tell me you are speaking for Quin because you have a crush on her. Today is your engagement ceremony with Eudora, so you better not do anything stupid.”

He glanced at her and said, “Don’t worry. I know what I’m doing.”

Fade and Quin walked aside and planned to stay at one corner. They wanted to leave as soon as the ceremony was over. However, to their surprise, Taegan noticed them. He took the initiative to walk over and greet them instead.

Quin was still very respectful to Taegan as she politely congratulated him. He looked at Fade with a slightly strange expression, as if he wanted to ask about what happened during the past two days.

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However, before he could speak, Holden and Samantha led him to greet a wealthy businessman.

Hence, all Taegan could do was wave at Quin as he said, "Bye Quin, let's try to have a proper chat once the ceremony is over."

She nodded but sighed internally as she thought to herself, "I'm afraid there won't be an opportunity for that anymore."

Immediately, the both of them sat down at one corner. No one from East Stream City knew their identities, so naturally, no one came over to greet them.

At 12 P.M., the ceremony officially began.

As the birthday star, Taegan sat in the seat of honor in the hall. Honored guests from all over the world came forward to him and presented their birthday gifts one after another. This could also be considered as a way to get closer to the Zhou family and gain some opportunities.

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As soon as the birthday ceremony began, all the wealthy guests came forward with their luxury gifts.

Branded watches, luxury cars, antiques, jade ware, and even real estate; all the gifts being presented were extremely valuable, with the cheapest item there being worth at least 1 million yuan and above, whereas the more valuable items could be worth as much as 50 - 60 million yuan.

The atmosphere of the ceremony became more and more lively as everyone started presenting the gifts they had prepared.

After the other guests were done with their gift presentation, Eudora finally came out with a small bright yellow box. She walked towards Taegan with a smile and said, "Grandpa Zhou, on behalf of the Tao family, I, Eudora Tao, wish for you to be blessed with good health, longevity and happiness."

"This is the gift I have prepared for you, Grandpa Zhou. It's spiritual water that I have requested from the Ice Lake Clan."

While she was speaking, she handed the box over to Taegan.

He then opened the box, making the content of the box visible to everyone.

Within the box, there was a delicate jade bottle. The jade looked crystal clear, void of any impurities. Delicate scenery was also engraved on the bottle, indicating that this jade bottle was clearly crafted by a master.

Regardless of what the content within it was, the value of the jade bottle alone was probably more than 10 million yuan already.

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Even the other wealthy individuals from the East Stream City couldn't help but marvel at Eudora's generous gift.

She looked proud upon noticing how everyone marveled at her gift, so she continued with her presentation, "Grandpa Zhou, the contents of this jade bottle is spiritual water. Our senior elder from the Ice Lake Clan formulated this using more than ten types of precious herbs and positive energy. All in all, this spiritual water took 49 days to be refined.

"This spiritual water is extremely beneficial as it can cure diseases and promote longevity. After taking it, living for an additional 8-10 years wouldn't even be a problem."

As soon as everyone heard her presentation, everyone including Taegan was greatly impressed.

He carefully opened the jade bottle, and everyone could instantly smell a delicate fragrance which was spreading through the hall quickly.

All the guests sniffed, and looked envious and surprised at the same time.

"This smells amazing! It makes me feel like a fairy."

"As expected from the Ice Lake Clan, their formulations are indeed extraordinary."

"If it can truly prolong life by 8-10 years, that spiritual water could really be considered an elixir for immortality already. That's so amazing! I wonder if I could get a bottle of that as well."

"Miss Tao is really generous by coming up with such a valuable gift."

"Old Master Zhou, you are so lucky to get such an amazing daughter-in-law on your birthday. That's truly double happiness within a day!"

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In the midst of the chatter, everyone from the Zhou family smiled happily as they kept the spiritual water.

Nonetheless, Fade who remained at the corner the entire time, couldn't help but shake his head lightly as he smiled with a hint of mockery.

The so-called spiritual water that Eudora had gifted Taegan was merely a mixture of a few Black Level herbs with water.

This type of medicinal water would probably only be able to refresh one's mind, cure some minor illnesses, as well as promote general well-being.

It would be a joke to claim that it was able to promote longevity.

After all, even the Heaven Level clans, such as Tianwu Clan and Wushuang Tower, could only come up with formulations that could prolong life for 1-2 years at best, not to mention how their formulations were crafted using a variety of Heaven Level herbs and refined by several Masters.

As a result, it was a mockery for a little clan, such as the Ice Lake Clan, to claim that their formulation could prolong life by 8 - 10 years.

It was merely a lie to deceive those ordinary individuals who understood nothing regarding martial arts. For someone with knowledge of martial arts, this was a total joke.

However, he didn't intend to expose her lies as it was none of his business after all.

While he attempted to mind his own business, trouble still came looking for him.

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Annie had been looking in their direction so she noticed how Fade sneered. Hence, she pointed at him and shouted, "Fade, what were you laughing at? Were you laughing at Sister Eudora's gift?"

He was startled a little as he felt everyone gazing upon him. He shook his head and said, "That's not what I meant at all."

"Then what did you mean?" She remained aggressive, "I clearly saw you sneer with that disdainful expression of yours."

Fade frowned and looked displeased. At this moment, Quin spoke, "Miss Zhou, it's Old Master Zhou's 70th birthday today. No matter what the gift is, what matters most are the thoughts and well wishes for him. Therefore, Fade definitely wasn't mocking any gift as you assumed."

Annie wanted to continue but Taegan merely waved his hand and said, "Quin is right. It's the thought that counts, so any gift would be amazing as long as it's being gifted whole-heartedly."

"Quin, it's been so many years since we last met. You've grown so much since then," he called for her to step forward.

"Old Master Zhou, I wish for you to lead a long life filled with good health and happiness," Quin went forward with her wishes.

On the other hand, Annie remarked, "Did you only prepare some wishes and not even a gift? No wonder you were sneering just now!"

She frowned slightly but ignored Annie's sarcasm. Instead, she took out the gift that she had prepared earlier, which were the pills that were carefully formulated by Fade. She handed the gift over, "Old Master Zhou, this is the gift that we have prepared for you."

The gift was hand-made and packaged by Fade, so naturally, it didn't look very delicate and beautiful.

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As a result, Annie deliberately walked over and snatched the gift to open it directly.

Therefore, everyone saw the contents of the gift, which were about 5-6 pills that looked like chocolate beans.

Seeing this, Annie couldn't help but curl her lips as she started talking with a sarcastic tone and expression, "What an amazing gift! You clearly put a lot of thought into this. If we didn't know better, we would have thought that you simply packaged a few chocolate beans as a gift. Don't you know better to buy a complete box from the supermarket instead?"

"Annie!" Taegan yelled in a low voice and stopped Annie from continuing.

At this time, Quin also explained, "Old Master Zhou, this is our handmade body-strengthening pill. It's formulated using several types of traditional Chinese medicine. It serves to calm your mind, nourish your blood, as well as boost your health and overall well-being."

"I appreciate your thoughts a lot. Thank you very much," Taegan nodded and kept the gift.

However, the guests around them weren't amused as they started discussing in low voices.

"While they are somewhat similar, their gift pales in comparison with the spiritual water gifted by the Tao family."

"Obviously, the Tao family requested for spiritual water from the Ice Lake Clan, whereas the two of them merely prepared some clay balls."

"It's fine if their gift is subpar, and yet they still dared to sneer and mock the gifts presented by the others. Look at how humiliated they are now, haha!"

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Quin and Fade ignored their remarks and merely looked knowingly at the people around as if they were fools.

Of course, in the eyes of Annie and everyone else, it looked as if they were being thick skinned instead.

Taegan was also worried about Quin's awkward situation, so he waved his hand and spoke, "I'm happy to receive all your gifts and thoughts, so let's stop wasting time and proceed with the next agenda!"

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After Taegan spoke, no one dared to bring up what happened earlier, which meant that Quin and Fade were free from the awkwardness.

Instead, everyone shifted their focus onto what would happen next.

What was happening next was the officiation of the joint-marriage between the Zhou family and the Tao family - that was, the engagement ceremony of Soren and Eudora.

Soren's parents, Holden and Samantha, had already prepared everything required for the ceremony, such as the ring, the tokens and so on. They stood by the hall as they awaited the arrival of Eudora and her parents.

With the announcement of the emcee, Eudora and her parents walked in together.

Both parties walked towards one another with a smile. With the emcee's slightly exaggerated voice as the background sound, Soren and Eudora were about to exchange their rings and keepsakes to officiate their engagement.

However, she suddenly said, "Wait a minute!"

Everyone was shocked upon hearing that, especially the members of the Zhou family as their expressions changed dramatically. Considering how it was an honor for them to have a joint-marriage with the Tao family, they were frightened that there would be obstacles standing in the way of their joint-marriage.

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Holden and Samantha quickly winked at their son as a hint, leading Soren to ask with a smile, "Eudora, is there something you wish to bring up?"

She nodded and said, "Something needs to be settled before we confirm our engagement."

"What is it?" He asked.

She instantly turned around and looked in the direction of Fade and Quin. With a resentful expression, she spoke, "We need to solve the issue of these two people before we continue with our engagement."

"Them!" Soren's face darkened as soon as he looked at the both of them.

The faces of the Zhou family members also darkened.

The surrounding guests were all trying to inquire about the identities of Fade and Quin in a low voice. They were curious about what was going on.

"Do you have something to settle with them?" Soren asked Eudora.

She nodded and said, "Of course. They laid their hands on me yesterday. If this issue is not settled today, I'm afraid I can't proceed with our engagement."

Upon hearing this, everyone was shocked and began to talk about it.

"Who are those two people? They even dared to hit Miss Tao."

"They must be courting death!"

"Old Master Zhou seemed to be treating them quite well. Please don't tell me that they are relatives of the Zhou family!"

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"Wow, it's going to be interesting if the relatives of the Zhou family have a fight with the Tao family."

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In the midst of the gossip, the Zhou family members' faces darkened even more, especially Holden and Samantha. In fact, they wished to give Fade and Quin a good beating right then.

Eudora, with a proud expression of revenge, glared at Fade and Quin. Her gaze was particularly cold as she looked at Quin.

On the surface, she claimed that she wanted to settle the fact that Fade hit her the day before. However, secretly, she was more worried about Quin, considering how she could deal with him another time.

She could simply gather a few experts to work on the matter after the engagement ceremony.

However, the relationship between Quin and Soren seemed unclear and ambiguous to her, which concerned her. The fact that Quin looked extremely beautiful deepened her suspicions that there was something going on between the both of them.

In order to prevent such a situation from happening at all, Eudora deliberately pulled this stunt as a means to ensure that Soren and Quin would break up publicly, which would prevent them from getting together in the future.

Eudora had to admit that she had put a lot of thought into this.

While the Zhou family did not understand her secret agenda, they understood that there was no way they were going to watch her and Soren's joint-marriage get ruined. After all, the joint-marriage was an incredible opportunity for the Zhou family.

Therefore, Holden immediately stood and shouted at Fade and Quin in a cold tone, "I can't believe the both of you dared to lay your fingers on Miss Tao after you've already beaten Annie up!"



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"Now, step out and immediately apologize to Miss Tao!"

Facing this, Fade took a step forward and kept Quin behind him. He looked at Holden without any hint of fear and said, "We did nothing wrong, so there's no way we're going to apologize."

"How dare you continue being stubborn! You shamelessly pandered to my son, beat Annie up, and now, you dare to beat up Miss Tao as well. Everything that you did was such a grave wrongdoing, and yet you dare to claim that you did nothing wrong!" Samantha yelled at them as well.

Fade sneered and said disdainfully, "You think too highly of yourself to assume that we would even want to pander to Soren. You guys are merely a tiny family in East Stream City. I would find you guys too weak to even be my lackeys, so it's ridiculous for you to claim that we tried pandering up to you guys."

"How arrogant of you!"

"That's too rude already!"

"How dare you!"

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The people of the Zhou family yelled loudly and were about to start fighting them.

The discussion of the surrounding guests buzzed with excitement as well.

Taegan frowned lightly and said, "Perhaps there's a misunderstanding here. Why don't we all talk it out, maybe..."

Without waiting for him to finish, Saburo Tao stood up and said to Taegan, "Old Master Zhou, I have deep respect for you, but it's

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undeniable that my beloved daughter got beaten up by them. The incident was recorded on the surveillance camera as well. This matter is certainly not a misunderstanding."

While speaking, he ordered his men to play a video, which showed the scene of Fade teaching Eudora a lesson in the hotel.

After watching the video, Taegan's face darkened and his mouth moved as he struggled on what to say.

Seeing this, Saburo looked at Fade and said coldly, "You must be crazy enough to beat up my daughter."

"Your daughter deserved to be beaten," Fade answered coldly. "Your current behavior is making me regret that I beat her up too lightly."

"How arrogant!" Saburo was enraged. He glared at Fade, gritted his teeth and said, "Did you really think that I can't do anything about those amateur martial arts skills of yours?"

At the same time, the Zhou family members began yelling as well.

"How dare you! Quickly apologize to the master of the Tao family!"

"Kneel down, kowtow, and apologize right now!"

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Even Taegan, who initially wished to defend Quin the most, was beginning to feel somewhat dissatisfied with Fade's attitude. He frowned slightly and said to Quin, "Quin, this friend of yours is really behaving quite inappropriately. You should persuade him to admit his wrongdoings."

However, she shook her head and answered him, "Old Master Zhou, I'm sorry. He's my husband, and I don't see anything wrong

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with what he said as well."

"Quin, why are you like this as well..." Taegan was stunned for a moment before he sighed and shook his head with a disappointed expression on his face. He remained silent after that.

At this time, Saburo glared at Fade and said while gritting his teeth, "Young man, there's a limit to my patience. I'll give you 10 seconds to surrender yourself, otherwise don't blame me for my actions."

"Ten, nine, eight..."

Immediately, he started counting down.

The countdown sounded like the keel of death rumbling.

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The voices of the guests made the countdown sound even more thrilling.

"Young man, you should stop being so reckless. Out of everyone possible, why would you even choose to offend the Tao family?"

"Let's not talk about how Eudora is trained in the martial arts with the Ice Lake Clan, considering how Saburo's bodyguards alone could crush him already. All his bodyguards are martial artists with a minimum level of Yellow."

"Isn't that obvious? This is a foregone course."

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While they continued to discuss, the countdown was ending, but neither Fade nor Quin looked like they were about to start apologizing.

Hence, Saburo gave a cold snort. With a cold glint in his eyes, he waved for his bodyguards to start attacking them.

Everyone in the Zhou family widened their eyes as well, considering how they couldn't wait to kick Fade and Quin out of their villa as well.

However, just as the Tao Family was about to make their move, a deep voice sounded, "Master Tao, do hold on."

Following the voice, everyone turned to look at him.

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Soon, they saw a man who looked to be around 40 - 50 years old pushing someone on a wheelchair into the hall.

The guests present were all individuals with a high net worth in East Stream City. Therefore, all of them easily recognized the man who spoke, as well as the man on the wheelchair.

The man was the wealthiest individual in the East Stream City, Wilson Xu, whereas the man on the wheelchair was his son, Daxton.

While they wouldn't have been surprised at the attendance of Wilson and Daxton, they were surprised at the way they made their entry.

"Director Xu, what are you..." Saburo looked at him with a puzzled expression.

Wilson's face was as deep as water. He pushed Daxton to the front of the Zhou family and said, "I came here to ask for an explanation as well."

"The day before yesterday, my son Daxton went out for dinner and ended up having his legs broken. It was a comminuted fracture, which means there's no way for him to recover. I am here to demand an explanation regarding this matter."

Seeing this, everyone couldn't help but be startled as they looked doubtful.

"Don't tell me Fade was the one who beat up Daxton as well!"

"Based on where Director Xu is looking, it's probably him!"

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Soon, Soren confirmed the guest's doubts, "Fade, you were the one who beat him up. You should explain yourself to Director Xu."

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"Explanation? What kind of explanation does he want?" Fade's eyes were full of arrogance as he said coldly, "Daxton had the guts to lay his hands on my wife. Breaking his legs was merely a light sentence for his actions."

As soon as he was done speaking, the crowd began an uproar.

"Oh my God! That was really him!"

"He's so aggressive! First he beat Eudora up, then he broke Daxton's legs. He's really offending all the most powerful families in the East Stream City!"

"Did you just call him aggressive? That's called courting his own death, what an ignorant being!"

"Let's see how he dies!"

"Now, even the Zhou family can't protect him, not to mention how the Zhou family don't seem as if they even intend to protect him."

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Amidst the discussion, almost every member of the Zhou family had a gloating expression, especially Soren and Annie.

Taegan shook his head, then lowered it. He stopped speaking completely.

A foreign boy such as Fade had offended both the Tao family and the Xu family. The former was the family with the strongest martial arts background in East Stream City, not to mention their relationship with the Ice Lake Clan. Meanwhile, the latter was the wealthiest family in East Stream City who could easily kill people with their wealth worth billions.

Everyone couldn't imagine how Fade could even get himself out of this.



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Suddenly, there were a series of orderly footsteps from the outside, as if many people were approaching the Zhou Villa at once. Holden couldn't help but frown. He said, "Go out and take a look at what is happening. Who would dare to stir up trouble in my Zhou family."

Before Holden could send anyone out, a servant of the Zhou family rushed in while panting and reported urgently, "Old Master Zhou, there are many policemen outside, the villa is being surrounded..."

"What? Why would the police force be here?"

Not only the guests, even the members of the Zhou family looked confused.

While they were still puzzled, a clattering sound of leather boots could be heard. Soon, everyone saw a fully armed, middle-aged man leading a team of fully armed members straight into the hall.

As soon as he recognized the man, Holden couldn't help but exclaim out loud, "Director Han, why are you here with so many policemen?"

The man who just arrived was the deputy director of the Public Security Bureau in the East Stream City, Teodoro Han, who was also Ford's father.

Facing Taegan, Teodoro cupped one hand in the other before his chest and said, "Old Master Zhou, I'm not looking to cause any trouble or stir up your birthday ceremony. However, there are some affairs that I must settle today."

"Director Han, what is it?" Holden asked.

Teodoro turned his eyes and looked around the crowd until his eyes finally landed on Fade. As soon as he fixed his gaze, he

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asked, "Are you Fade Chen?"

"Yes, I am!" Fade looked at him without dodging at all.

"Arrest him and take him away immediately!" As soon as Teodoro gave the order, the policemen immediately approached Fade.

He narrowed his eyes, and his body gave off a chilling aura while he said coldly, "What makes you think that you can arrest me?"

Hearing this, Teodoro frowned and said, "What is it? You intentionally caused harm and even disability towards others. I can arrest you simply based on these grounds alone.

The crowd was in an uproar. They didn't expect Fade to cause another problem.

Soren explained as well, "When Fade broke Daxton's legs, he also attacked Ford and destroyed his left arm. He seriously injured Master Han to the point that he can no longer reproduce, and he even fell into a coma."

This news instantly set off a buzz at the scene.

"What? Fade hurt Master Han so badly. No wonder Director Han is personally arresting him now."

"Is he a troublemaker? He had it bad enough with the Tao family and the Xu family already, and now, he offended the Han family as well. Even the Gods can no longer help him."

"Ford is the only son of the Han family in the current generation! Now that he can no longer reproduce, the Han family probably can't wait to kill him already."

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In the midst of the discussion, Teodoro waved his hand and ordered, "Arrest him and take him away!"

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The policemen attempted to start attacking Fade, but he snorted coldly and let out a surge of coldness, "Try arresting me. Your son, Ford, became disabled due to his lust, so he totally deserved it after his attempts to harass an innocent woman. Even if I beat him to death, my actions could be justified as self-defense."

"Stop looking for excuses. It's all useless to me," Teodoro snorted coldly as well and pointed at Quin, "Arrest her as well."

This time, Fade was truly angered. His positive energy aura burst forth and blocked her from everyone else. He glared fiercely at Teodoro and shouted, "I'll kill anyone who dares to lay a finger on my wife!"

"You..." Teodoro attempted to go forward, but he was overwhelmed by Fade's burst of positive energy aura, which caused him to take a few steps back.

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At the same time, the other guests also took a few steps back as they could feel the pressure from Fade too.

"I was wondering why this guy was so bold. It turns out he's also a martial artist!"

"Based on what I can observe, he seems rather strong. He has probably reached the middle-stage of Yellow Level, I guess?"

"I think he's beyond that. It's possible for him to be at the late-stage of Yellow Stage already."

"Hmph, it doesn't matter if he's in the late-stage or middle-stage. Will he really dare to attack the policemen?"

"That's unnecessarily true as there were incidents where martial artists attacked the policemen and escaped. If Fade does escape now, Director Han might not be able to stop him."

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The atmosphere at the scene tensed up a lot.

Teodoro, who had steadied himself, gritted his teeth and snorted. He glared at Fade and said, "Did you think that you could suppress me merely using your positive energy? I knew you were a martial artist, so I've made my preparations beforehand."

Soon after, he yelled, "Invite Captain Kong into the hall."

Soon, a man around the age of 30, who was dressed in a black uniform, entered the hall. As soon as he entered, he exuded a

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strong aura, which made himself stand out from the ordinary policemen.

Teodoro looked at Fade with a sneer, "Captain Kong is a member of the Stealth Team in East Stream City, as well as a martial artist who has reached the middle-stage of Black Level. Aren't you a martial artist? I'd like to see how you plan to escape now."

The moment Captain Kong's identity was exposed, everyone in the hall was shocked.

"I can't believe that even the legendary Stealth Team would get involved in this!"

"Director Han is really prepared. No wonder he is so confident!"

"Once the Stealth Team gets involved, there's no way Fade will be able to escape. He's going to be dead!"

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"Hehe, but considering how he managed to get involved with the Tao family, the Xu family and the Han family from East Stream City, and now the Stealth Team, it would certainly be considered an honorable death for him when he dies."

"I wouldn't want such an honor."

"Nobody would want such an honor, but we can't help it if he decided to court death himself."

"I didn't expect Old Master Zhou's birthday ceremony to turn out this way. This is totally..."

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At this moment, the members of the Zhou family also surrounded Taegan's side and began to speak.

"Dad, I've told you that our Zhou family shouldn't be interacting with individuals like them."

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"He's overly arrogant and doesn't know what is good for him!"

"This time, he has successively offended the Tao Family, the Xu family, and the Han Family. Let's see how he plans to handle this."

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"Grandpa, I think it's better to withdraw the gift given by Quin!" Soren suddenly said.

Samantha immediately agreed, "Dad, Soren is right. Now that Director Han has even asked the Stealth Team for assistance, it would be better to not get ourselves involved with them."

"It's not a valuable gift anyway, considering how they merely gave a few broken pills. Let's just return those to them," Annie added.

Taegan frowned and his face darkened. He moved his lips as if he wanted to explain something.

However, Holden said in a deep voice, "Dad, Director Han has already made up his mind. We won't be able to help much even if we wanted to, so it wouldn't be wise for us to be involved in this matter."

Taegan sighed and nodded in agreement.

Seeing this, Holden quickly waved for his servants to find the pills which were gifted by Quin and Fade. Then, they returned the pills to them, "President Lin, your gift is too valuable for us, so please take your gift back."

After saying that, Holden threw the pills over and turned his back against them without saying anything else.

Quin was startled for a moment, then raised her head and looked at the Zhou family members. Almost every one of them had a

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gloating expression and cold smile. Taegan also lowered his head in silence.

Without saying anything else, she picked up the box and kept it.

Fade sneered and said, "Such blind idiots. They are going to regret it later on."

Nevertheless, in the ears of the Zhou family, it just sounded as if Fade was still being thick-skinned and arrogant.

As for the guests, their discussions continued on.

"The Zhou family has returned their birthday gifts, meaning they are trying to draw a line!"

"The game is really over for them. Not only did he offend those three powerful families, even the Zhou family, which might have been able to protect them, has backed down as well."

"That's because he's too arrogant. He totally deserves it."

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Among the noises, Teodoro nodded to Captain Kong and respectfully said, "Captain Kong, sorry to trouble you."

"This is just a piece of cake!" Captain Kong said nonchalantly, then he walked towards Fade despite feeling his positive energy.

Seeing this, everyone couldn't help but take a few steps back as they were worried about getting caught up in the battle between two martial artists.

Just as everyone was waiting for the battle to begin, Captain Kong suddenly stopped in his tracks. He started staring at Fade in silence.

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The crowd instantly felt confused.

Teodoro waited for a moment, but when Captain Kong remained standing, he couldn't help but ask, "Captain Kong, is everything okay?"

However, Captain Kong completely ignored Teodoro and continued to stare at Fade. Finally, he slowly asked, "You, are you... Instructor Chen?"

Fade answered indifferently, "Not anymore."

Everyone else was unsure about what that meant, but Captain Kong instantly changed his expression and stood still in front of Fade and saluted, "I, Walker Kong, team leader of the Stealth Team in East Lake District of East Stream City, am paying my respects to you, Instructor Chen."

Fade waved his hand and said, "I'm no longer your instructor. I can't accept your salutation."

Captain Kong remained firm, "Instructor Chen, in my heart, you will always be the instructor of our Stealth Team."

Fade merely glanced at him and asked, "So do you still want to arrest me now?"

Captain Kong's face changed, then he waved his hand and said, "Even if I had a million guts, I still wouldn't dare to lay a finger on you, Instructor Chen."

The two of them chatted more enthusiastically as they went on, which further confused everyone else who were surrounding them.

Teodoro frowned and shouted, "Captain Kong, he's the criminal suspect who had attacked my son. You..."

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Walker frowned upon hearing that, then he turned to look at Fade.

Fade knew what he meant and didn't want to put him in a difficult spot, so he explained, "The day before yesterday, I caught Daxton and Ford who were attempting to molest my wife, so I taught them a lesson. That was what happened."

Walker nodded, then said to Teodoro in a serious manner, "Director Han, in that case, Mr. Chen was merely defending himself appropriately, so you should leave with your team now."

Teodor wasn't expecting the person he sought for help from to end up switching sides. Hence, his face darkened, "Captain Kong, what did you mean by that?"

Walker answered in a cold manner, "I believe I made myself very clear. Things can still be settled if you leave with your team now. If you intend to blow this up, things won't end well for you."

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Teodoro had many doubts and grievances in his heart. He gritted his teeth and said, "Captain Kong, he turned my son into a disabled man. If I can't capture an evil criminal such as him, how can I continue my position as the deputy director of the police force?"

"Director Han, I'm doing this for your own good. You shouldn't dig your own grave!" Walker frowned.

Teodoro was getting dissatisfied so he said unhappily, "Captain Kong, as a policeman, I won't give up until I arrest the criminal."

"Director Han, you know best about whether your insistence in arresting him is due to the fact that you wish to uphold justice, or due to the fact that you wish to seek revenge for your son," Walker was getting unhappy too. "I won't stop you if you wish to remain stubborn, but you have to think through the consequences."

"I don't believe there will be any consequences that I can't bear," Teodoro gritted his teeth and was about to wave his hand to order his policemen to go forward.

Seeing this, Walker's face darkened. He glanced at Fade and easily felt the surge of his positive energy. He sighed internally, "If a fight really broke out with Instructor Chen, I'm pretty sure these policemen would rather die."

Walker didn't want to see that happening, so he yelled at Teodoro, "Director Han, let me tell you, you are currently standing in front of the former head instructor of the Stealth Team, Mr. Fade Chen."

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"Now, do you still intend to attack Mr. Chen?" Walker questioned him.

Teodoro, who was initially extremely enraged, froze upon hearing that. His face was full of disbelief, "Is he really the head instructor of the Stealth Team?"

He really couldn't imagine that. After all, Walker, who served as the team leader of the Stealth Team branch in East Stream City, already had similar power as himself. In fact, he was a lot stronger than himself as well.

Therefore, Teodoro couldn't even begin to fathom just how powerful the head instructor of the Stealth Team from Capital City would be. However, he was certain that Fade was definitely extraordinarily powerful.

For a moment, Teodoro stood still as if he was frozen. His arm was stuck in the air as he dared not proceed with his orders anymore.

The surrounding guests were even more stunned. They began gossiping about it.

The Zhou family members who were planning to watch a good show were shocked too. All of them stared at Fade, dumbstruck.

"The head instructor of the Stealth Team? This can't be true, right?" Holden remained skeptical.

"Captain Kong is already extremely powerful. If Fade was really their head instructor, wouldn't that make him even more powerful? If that was the case, what would happen to our Zhou family now that we have offended him?" Samantha began to worry about their fate.

Taegan gave a long sigh, shook his head and said, "I told you guys earlier to not look down on everyone so easily, and yet you guys still..."

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"Dad, we didn't have any idea how powerful he could be! What if you talk to Quin about it? Perhaps..." Holden was feeling really concerned and anxious.

However, Soren suddenly snorted and said, "Dad and Mom, you guys are being too anxious. Grandpa, you are also perceiving him to be more important than he actually is."

"Soren, don't speak any nonsense. He's the head instructor of the Stealth Team, so you better be careful..." Holden quickly reminded his son.

Soren didn't listen to him. Instead, he took a step forward and spoke loudly, "Didn't you guys pay attention to what Captain Kong said? He mentioned that Mr. Fade Chen was the former head instructor of the Stealth Team."

"The term 'former' means that he is no longer their head instructor."

"Furthermore, I just checked for announcements from the Stealth Team. About half a month ago, they announced that Fade Chen was no longer their head instructor, so his 'special instructor' title has already been retracted."

"In other words, Fade is nothing more than an ordinary man who got fired by the Stealth Team."

"Even if he used to be an instructor for the Stealth Team, he's just an ordinary man after getting fired. How powerful can an ordinary man be?"

Everyone was startled upon hearing what Soren said, then they turned to look at both Fade and Walker.

Walker's face darkened as he attempted to clarify, "Instructor Chen wasn't fired as he was the one who decided to resign."

Fade waved his hand and said to Walker, "There's no need to explain. The fact is that I am no longer an instructor in the Stealth

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Team."

By saying that, he was confirming Soren's words.

Suddenly, the guests' changed the direction of their discussions.

"It turns out he's not so powerful after all, considering how he is merely a former instructor."

"Even if he is just a former instructor, he still retains his martial arts skills, so he's still stronger than the ordinary men."

"So what if he's strong in martial arts? We live in a society which is ruled by law, so even a martial artist would have to abide by the law. I don't believe that he would dare to openly fight against the policemen and the three powerful families."

"That being said, he's probably still related to some officials in the Stealth Team considering how he was the head instructor there."

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While the guests continued to gossip about it, the Zhou family changed their attitude again.

Holden and Samantha, who were initially gravely concerned, began to look smug once more.

"Without an official identity, he's nothing more than an ordinary man with some martial arts skills. He would never be able to win against the policemen and the official bodies."

"Let's not even mention the Han family with an official background or the Tao family with a martial arts background. Alone, the Xu family with a business background could easily find some powerful martial arts masters to handle Fade, as long as Director Xu is willing to spend some money."

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"Hence, there's nothing for us to be afraid of, since a man without any solid background wouldn't pose any threat at all."

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"But..." Taegan wanted to warn his children, but they wouldn't listen at all.

Holden's face was full of pride when he stepped forward and spoke loudly, "Director Han, Director Xu and Master Tao, no matter what his identity is, it's undeniable that he has caused grievous harm, so he must pay for it. This is the Zhou family's attitude."

Holden's stance made him an opponent of Fade again.

The leaders of several big families, who just learned of Fade's former title as the head instructor, began to feel more reassured. All of them were stern towards him as they stepped forward.

"Fade Chen, I don't care what your identity used to be, but now, you must pay the price for your actions."

"Young man, you're still too young. Sometimes, brute force isn't enough as the strongest weapon in the world will always be wealth and power."

"Hmph, there aren't many rules in our Tao family. If you beat my daughter up, we will certainly beat you in return."

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At this moment, the three families became aggressive again as they began pressuring Fade. The atmosphere in the hall tensed up again.

Fade shook his head and remained speechless while he watched these clowns perform.

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In the eyes of the guests and the Zhou family members, however, the way Fade shook his head looked as if he was feeling hopeless at the outcome.

Each of them either looked gloating, pitiful, or resentful as they awaited for the three big families to handle him.

The three big families approached Fade and were about to start attacking him.

Walker stood in front of everyone again and said, "If you guys were truly rational, you would step back now."

The faces of the leaders of those families darkened as they stared at him coldly.

Although Walker was a part of the Stealth Team, he was just a team leader after all. While he did have some power and influence, he still wouldn't fare well against the three big families.

Teodoro advised him, "Captain Kong, I used to be in the military, so I can understand your loyalty towards your comrade and former instructor. However, in the current situation, it wouldn't be wise for you to continue and defend him."

"Captain Kong, considering how long we've known each other, I can leave you out of this completely if you leave immediately."

Teodoro thought that he already did his best for Walker, especially since he gave him a chance to make his final decision.

To his surprise, Walker wasn't appreciative of his 'kindness' as he merely shook his head and said, "Director Han, Director Xu, and Master Tao, allow me to repeat myself again, I'm advising you to leave immediately for your own sake."

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"Captain Kong, did you really think we would be afraid of someone who got fired? We, the Xu family, wouldn't even consider him to be a worthy opponent of ours."

"When it comes to martial arts, our Tao family remains fearless!"

"If he dared to attack so many people, he would have to explain himself."

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The attitudes of the three families remained firm. Walker couldn't help but shake his head while he looked coldly at them and said, "Did you think that Instructor Chen would be at your mercy the moment he lost his title as the head instructor of the Stealth Team?"

"How laughable and childish of you guys," he yelled.

Then, his gaze fell on Director Xu, and he said coldly, "As a businessman, your Xu family is worth several billion yuan. That's why you look down on ordinary martial artists as you think that money is everything."

"However, now, I'm going to tell you that apart from being the former head instructor of the Stealth Team, Instructor Chen is also leading the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc alongside his wife. Their enterprise covers multiple industries such as cosmetics, health products and transportation among others. His assets could easily exceed tens of billions of yuan."

"Hence, did you think that the assets of your family matter much to Instructor Chen?"

As soon as his words were spoken, the Xu family and the other families were all dumbstruck.

"Is this true? How can Fade be so rich with so many assets?"

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"It can't be, right? They don't dress like wealthy individuals at all!"

"I doubt Captain Kong would talk nonsense though."

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As everyone started gossiping about it, the Zhou family members' faces darkened again.

Soren's eyes twinkled and he said, "This can't be true. Otherwise, why would they try to pander to our Zhou family and even marry me?"

Right after he was done speaking, some guests had already searched up news regarding Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc, as well as the images of their president and vice president, "It's true! The president of the Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc is Miss Quin Lim, whereas the vice president is Mr. Fade Chen."

"According to the news, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc has been developing really quickly in the past two years. It transformed from a small company with assets of just over 100 million yuan to a large company that's estimated to be worth over 50 billion yuan. It has been favored by many investors..."

This time, everyone was truly stunned. They stared at Quin and Fade in disbelief.

Soren looked really bad and his cheeks reddened, as if someone had just given him a slap.

On the other hand, with the three big families, Director Xu, who was initially looking smug, began to look solemn and his eyes twinkled, as if his attitude was no longer so firm.

Nevertheless, Walker wasn't done talking yet. He looked at Teodoro and said, "Director Han, you thought that there was nothing

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to be afraid of since Instructor Chen is no longer the head instructor of the Stealth Team, so you wanted to avenge your son using your official position."

"Well, let me tell you that although he is no longer the head instructor of the Stealth Team, he still owns the Sincere Medicine Center which is widely acclaimed by high ranking officials as better than the imperial hospital of Capital City. Mr. Chen is also a winner of the special contributions award."

"Did you think that your position could surpass those of Mr. Chen's?"

"I, this..." At this moment, Teodoro's expression changed greatly, and he began stuttering.

The others fell completely silent as they were greatly shocked as well.

Walker still wasn't done with his words. He turned to look at Saburo, "Master Tao, you have always been proud of your family's martial arts background. However, it's merely a joke in front of Instructor Chen."

"Let's not talk about his own martial arts skills. Instead, let's talk about the martial arts forces under him."

"Mr. Jimmy Wei, the tycoon in the underworld of Bay City, is a subordinate of Mr. Chen."

"The Earth Level martial artist, Elder Francesca Sun from the Sun family of the Dragonville, used to have a clash with him. However, she was subdued by Mr. Chen, so currently, she obeys his commands as well."

"Szeto Academy from Capital City is also under the control of Mr. Chen."

"Did you think that your Tao family could even be comparable with the forces under him?" Walker questioned Saburo.

Saburo turned pale. The martial arts background that he claimed to have, was at best around the same level as Jimmy, not to

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mention how he couldn't beat him easily either.

As for the Sun family from Dragonville or Szeto Academy from Capital City, Saburo didn't have to know much about them to understand that they were certainly stronger than his Tao family.

For a moment, he looked frightened as he took a few steps back. He winked at Director Han and Director Xu, as if he wanted to back down already.

After all, the grudge between him and Fade wasn't that big. His daughter, Eudora, merely got slapped by Fade a few times only, so it wasn't that big of a deal.

However, the Xu family and the Han family had bad expressions on their faces, considering how Daxton became disabled from his waist down, whereas Ford could no longer reproduce. These two families obviously still held a strong grudge, thus, they remained unwilling to back down.

As for the Zhou family on the side, they had been shocked again and again upon learning of Fade's background. They were completely speechless now.

Taegan sighed as he looked at his descendants, "All of you are too full of arrogance and defiance."

"From the very beginning, Quin repeatedly mentioned that she was only here to celebrate my birthday, and yet you guys assumed that she was here after the wealth of our Zhou family, or here after a joint-marriage with Soren."

"All of you are seriously ridiculous."

After hearing what he said, all of Holden, Samantha, Soren and Annie's expressions darkened. They wanted to refute his words, but there was nothing else they could say.

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The guests, on the other hand, looked as if they were merely an audience enjoying a good show. They were completely unbothered about the consequences.

Especially those who had been supportive of Fade, now that they witnessed how he ended up being more powerful than the three big families, they finally felt more relieved.

After exchanging glances with each other, the three big families no longer attempted to fight against Fade, and they looked as if they were about to leave.

Right when they were about to leave, Eudora's expression turned pleasant when she suddenly received a phone call. She answered her phone, "Baylor, I'm so glad that you guys have finally arrived. I'll lead you guys in right away."

Then, she looked at her father excitedly, "Dad, don't start leaving yet. Baylor Hu from the Ice Lake Clan has arrived. We still have a winning chance."

After that, she quickly rushed out and came back in with a group of people in martial arts outfits.

Eudora was speaking with a man, who looked to be in his thirties, as they walked together.

"Baylor, why were you guys so late?" She asked.

He responded, "We encountered some accidents on the way here, which ended up delaying our journey."

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"What do you mean..." Eudora initially wanted to ask more about it, but she decided that she should focus on her own issue for the time being, "Baylor, I need a small favor from you later."

"What's the matter, Eudora? As long as it's something that I can do, even if it requires me to hike a mountain of swords or plunge into an ocean of fire, I'll still do it for you," he said while beating his chest loudly.

She waved her hand and said, "Baylor, it's not that big of an issue. It's just that there was this arrogant man who bullied me because he had some martial arts skills. I was hoping for you to uphold justice for me and teach him a lesson or two."

"How bold of him to bully a junior of Baylor Hu!" He looked really confident, so his surrounding juniors started flattering him as well.

Eudora flattered him as well, but instantly realized something was wrong when she glanced around him, "Baylor, where's Ezra? I thought she mentioned that she was coming as well."

As soon as he heard Ezra's name, Baylor's face darkened.

It was because just a few days ago, while they were searching for the Frozen Snow Flower in Spirit Bird Village, someone stopped them and killed Ezra in the process.

Due to this incident, they had to return and explain about the incident to the elders of their clan, which caused a delay in their time of arrival in East Stream City.

"Baylor, did something happen to Ezra?" Eudora couldn't help but ask as soon as she noticed how solemn her clan members looked.

He nodded and said, "Yes, something happened to Ezra, but don't worry about it as our clan elders will handle it. Let's focus on

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your issue first."

"Yup, thank you, Baylor!" She nodded, then led him and the rest into the hall.

Then, Eudora introduced them in a prideful manner, "Let me introduce the disciples of the Ice Lake Clan. Our leader here is Baylor Hu. Although he is merely 30 years old, he has reached the late-stage of the Black Level. He's the renowned genius disciple of our Ice Lake Clan, as well as the future successor of the clan."

With such an introduction, the scene was suddenly filled with enthusiasm, especially among the citizens of East Lake District. That was because the Ice Lake Clan was the most famous and powerful martial arts clan in their district.

Baylor glanced around the crowd, then bowed to Taegan and said, "Old Master Zhou, I, Baylor, am the representative from the Ice Lake Clan. I wish for you to have endless blessings."

His simple wish made the Zhou family members extremely excited.

That was because the wish came from the renowned genius disciple of the Ice Lake Clan. His identity made the Zhou family feel extremely honored and excited.

Soren, who was initially looking gloomy, became excited as well, "Now that the Ice Lake Clan is here, there's someone to back the Tao family up. I doubt they will still be afraid of Fade now!"

"No wonder Eudora didn't want to leave as she still had a wild card up her sleeve!"

"It's no longer easy to judge who would be able to win the battle now."

"Who would be more powerful if Fade went against the Ice Lake Clan?"

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"I think Fade would be more powerful, considering how he was the head instructor of the Stealth Team. After all, the Stealth Team is not open to anyone, what more their head instructor."

"I doubt so. Although the Stealth Team is renowned, the Ice Lake Clan isn't too bad either as their disciples train really hard as well. Furthermore, Baylor is the renowned genius disciple of the Ice Lake Clan."

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These people barely understood anything regarding martial arts, so they were completely clueless on how wide the power gap between Baylor and Fade could possibly be.

Walker sneered again and again while he listened to them. He was tempted to say that even if the clan leader of the Ice Lake Clan was here, he wouldn't stand a chance in front of Instructor Chen, let alone the rest of his disciples.

However, the Tao family was completely oblivious to this, as they thought that they could fight against Fade with Baylor on their side.

Therefore, they started approaching Fade again. The Han family and the Xu family started approaching Fade to further pressure him as well.

"Baylor, that was the small issue that I was referring to. He attacked me simply because he's slightly skilled in martial arts. Please teach him a lesson in my place," Eudora pointed at Fade.

"That's just a piece of cake for me. Let me..." Baylor, who was initially full of confidence, froze as soon as he looked at where Eudora was pointing. He was completely stunned, "Why are you here?"

Eudora felt confused upon noticing his reaction. She tugged at his sleeve, "Baylor, what's wrong? That's the man I was referring

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to. You can start attacking him now."

Unexpectedly, Baylor started taking a few steps backwards in fear as soon as he regained his senses. His whole face turned pale and his expression looked extremely horrible. The surrounding disciples looked even more fearful of Fade as they retreated even more.

"Baylor, you guys, what's wrong? He's just slightly skilled in martial arts only, there's nothing to..." She wanted to continue.

However, Baylor interrupted her directly and said in a serious manner, "Shut up, Eudora. He's extremely strong, way stronger than you can imagine."

"How could that be possible? He..." She was still skeptical of his claims.

He answered, "Ezra was killed by him. The herbs that we searched for were also stolen by him."


"What!" Upon hearing this, Eudora was utterly shocked.

The surrounding guests were even more astonished.

"Fade killed a disciple from the Ice Lake Clan!"

"No wonder he's such a maniac. He's so powerful."

"He's in really big trouble now though, the Ice Lake Clan is never going to let him off."

"It's still hard to say who is the one who isn't going to let the other party off." 

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At the same time, Fade also recognized that Baylor was a part of the gang who was searching for the Frozen Snow Flower in Spirit Bird Village.

Looking at them, he asked coldly, "Are you here to seek revenge?"

Baylor's face sank and he took a few steps backwards involuntarily while shaking his head, "No, that's not my intention."

"Good for you then." Fade responded, then proceeded to ask Eudora, "Are you trying to attack me?"

She felt flustered upon feeling his gaze so she sought help from Baylor, "Baylor, I..."

He had witnessed Fade's martial arts skills first hand, so he obviously didn't dare to go against him. Instead, he blamed her, "Eudora, why didn't you mention earlier that he was the one you were going against? If only you had told me earlier..."

He didn't have to finish his sentence to make his meaning clear. Even Baylor from the Ice Lake Clan didn't dare to go against Fade.

This was shockingly unexpected for many people who were preparing to watch a good show.

At this moment, a cold snort could be heard, "Since when have my disciples from the Ice Lake Clan become so weak?"

Hearing the voice, everyone looked over, and saw a man who looked to be around the age of forty. This man entered in a long, aqua blue colored robe.

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None of the guests could recognize him, but they felt that his aura was a lot stronger than that of Baylor's.

Baylor exclaimed as soon as he saw him, "Master Huang, you've arrived!"

"How could I not come after my daughter has gotten killed?" The man looked sullen while he continued, "Who killed my daughter?"

Without waiting for Baylor to answer, Eudora instantly rushed forward and answered quickly, as if she was trying to please the man, "Master Huang, that was the man who killed Ezra! His name is Fade Chen and he's an arrogant martial artist."


Master Huang, also known as Lexus Huang, was no ordinary man. He was Ezra's father, as well as a master in the Ice Lake Clan. His power and position was only slightly lower compared to the master of the Ice Lake Clan, Hadley Xu.

Moreover, Lexus' martial arts skills were strong as well as he had reached the early-stage of Earth Level already. He could definitely be considered a skilled martial artist.

With such an expert backing her, Eudora regained her confidence after feeling frightened earlier.

The crowd more or less understood what was going on upon listening to what they said - Fade killed the daughter of one of Ice Lake Clan's masters, and he was there to seek revenge.

All of a sudden, everyone's expressions changed.

"Fade is going to suffer now that a master of the Ice Lake Clan is here." 

"Master Huang may not necessarily win though!"

"How could Master Huang be defeated when he's an Earth Level martial artist?"

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In the midst of the discussion, Master Huang stared at Chen Fei for a while without rushing to make a move. Instead, he asked Baylor, "Was he the one who killed my daughter?"

"Yes," Baylor stood up and nodded. Then, he thought of something and attempted to explain, "The situation at that time was..."

Lexus didn't intend to understand what happened at all. He stopped Baylor from continuing directly and said, "I don't care what happened. If he dared to kill my daughter, he would have to pay for it."

"You're going to pay blood for blood!" Lexus stood forward and asked him, "Is there anything you would like to say before you die?"

Fade didn't seem afraid at all when he looked at Lexus. Instead, he smiled coldly, "Is everyone from the Ice Lake Clan really so cocky and unreasonable?"

"How dare you!" Lexus shouted angrily, "You have no rights to judge my Ice Lake Clan!"

"A tiny little Ice Lake Clan means nothing to me!" Fade answered indifferently.

"Arrogant fellow." Lexus narrowed his eyes and stared at Fade, "It looks like I'll be letting you off too lightly if I was to kill you directly. I'm going to take my time and torture you, so that you would know the consequences of offending me, Lexus Huang, as well as my Ice Lake Clan."

As he spoke, his positive energy exploded all over the hall, making everyone feel an immense pressure.

People who were somewhat skilled in martial arts could still handle it, but the ordinary ones who were weaker started finding it

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hard to breathe.

They quickly retreated to ease the sense of feeling pressured.

"It looks like a fight is going to break out!"

"As expected from an Earth Level martial artist, Master Huang's aura is too strong and has so much pressure."

"With Fade being so powerful, he could have easily suppressed the three big families of East Stream City, but now that Master Huang has arrived, he will lose now."

"That's for sure. No matter how strong he might be, he wouldn't be able to stand against a master from the Ice Lake Clan.

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In the midst of the discussion, the three big families were excited as they couldn't wait for Lexus to torture and defeat Fade.

On the other hand, every member from the Zhou family was gloating and almost couldn't resist clapping their hands, except for Taegan who looked concerned.

Nevertheless, Fade remained nonchalant as he said to Lexus, "I'm starting to regret now that I met you!"

"It's too late for you to regret. My daughter died in your hands, so even if you paid with your own life, it still wouldn't be enough."

Fade shook his head, "You misunderstood me. When I said I was regretting it, I wasn't regretting the fact that I killed her. Instead, I'm regretting that I killed her so easily."

"Looking at your behavior now, I can totally see where your daughter learned to be so cruel. Hence, I really wish I tortured her more so that she could understand the pain of those who died at her hands."

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"You... You're looking for death!" Lexus was enraged and yelled in return. Meanwhile, with a strong surge of wind, he extended his right arm and grabbed Fade by his throat.

As soon as he started grabbing him, Eudora looked extremely thrilled.

When she was training in the Ice Lake Clan, she witnessed the strength of Master Huang's hand. He could single-handedly grab through a metal board that was as thick as 2cm.

By grabbing Fade's throat using such power, he could certainly break his windpipe.

Eudora widened her eyes, which was full of excitement from finally seeking revenge, and she felt that she was so close to screaming.

However, right when Lexus himself thought that he was going to win for sure, Fade lightly bounced a finger forward.

In an instant, a surge of energy burst through Lexus' palm.

He didn't have time to react before that surge of energy shot through his palm. Blood spurted out and an agonizing cry of pain could be heard.

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"You..." Lexus looked shocked and angry at the same time. He then attempted to give Fade a kick.

Seeing this, Fade snorted and slapped him accordingly.

Suddenly, with a loud sound, the bone of Lexus' right leg was broken in an instant. The huge force hit him directly, which sent him falling to the ground.

"Master Huang!" Baylor and the rest screamed in shock when they witnessed what happened. They immediately ran towards him.

The crowd was stunned for a moment before they finally regained their senses. They stared at Fade in fear.

"How could Fade have actually won?"

"Master Huang was defeated with merely 2 moves. Seriously?"

"His palm was pierced and one of his legs broke. Of course it's serious."

"But he's an elder of the Ice Lake Clan after all, as well as an Earth-level martial artist! How could this happen..."

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Even the three big families and the Zhou family were astounded as this wasn't the outcome they had expected at all.



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Just a moment ago, they had been extremely excited, but now, they quickly concealed their emotions.

On the other side, Walked looked proud and snorted, "Was it really shocking that the head instructor of the Stealth Team defeated a tiny little clan elder?"

Baylor and the other disciples quickly bandaged Lexus' wounds and helped him up.

However, Fade walked over and stood above Lexus while asking him in a cold manner, "Are you still defiant?"

Lexus didn't answer him, but his eyes clearly showed that he was obviously dissatisfied.

Seeing this, Fade couldn't help but frown and feel angered as he yelled, "How dare you remain defiant?"

Lexus gritted his teeth and said, "You killed my daughter and I can't kill you to avenge her because my skills are inferior to you. I'll admit that. However, it's impossible for me to admit defeat and surrender to you! Only in your dreams!"

Hearing this, Fade's face darkened and he shouted, "Surrender? Did you think you were some kind of revolutionary hero?"

"Your daughter, Ezra, set up a formation in Spirit Bird Village which ended up injuring the villagers. Then, to prevent the news from leaking, she attacked the villagers, which ended up causing the death of two of them while another was severely injured. One of them who died was a child who was only 12 years old."

"How cruel and evil of her! I killed your daughter for the benefit of the community! Why are you defiant? What grounds do you even have to remain so?"

As soon as Fade said that, everyone's expressions changed.

Everyone only knew that Lexus was there to avenge his daughter who got killed by Fade. However, they were completely



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oblivious as to how cruel his daughter was. They started discussing the matter in low voices.

Lexus' face darkened, then gritted his teeth and said, "That's just your unilateral, biased statement in trying to defame my daughter and get yourself out of this!"

"A unilateral statement?" Fade coldly snorted. He then looked towards Baylor and the other disciples and said, "They were there at the scene. Why don't you let them explain what happened?"

Suddenly, the spotlight was on Baylor.

"Tell me, what happened at that time? How did my daughter die?" Lexus glared at him.

Fade looked at Baylor as well. Although he remained silent, his threatening aura was crystal clear.

Baylor felt immensely pressured. He started sweating although it was already winter, "I, I..."

"Tell the truth," Fade yelled coldly.

Baylor's heart skipped a beat, as if something snapped, and he could no longer bear it. He quickly explained what happened in that village, "At that time..."

Upon hearing what happened, everyone couldn't help but take a deep breath. They changed the way they stared at Lexus as well.

Based on Baylor's detailed description, Ezra was even more cruel than how Fade initially made her out to be.

Lexus' face changed as he glanced at everyone's expressions. Then, he said, "Even so, you had no right to kill my daughter. This is an affair of our clan which we would have settled privately."

Upon hearing that, Fade shook his head and looked cold, "I wasted my time in explaining what happened just to see if you would

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even feel remorseful for your daughter's actions, and whether you would seek redemption in her place."

"Now, it seems to me that you aren't repentant or guilty at all. In that case, there's no need for me to spare your life."

While speaking, Fade's eyes were filled with killing intent, and a virtual sword slowly formed in front of him.

Sensing Fade's intentions to kill him, Lexus couldn't help but feel fearful. He immediately yelled, "I'm a master from the Ice Lake Clan. Do you really dare to kill me? Our Ice Lake Clan is never going to go easy on you."

"It's just a tiny little Ice Lake Clan that I can easily wipe out," Fade was unfazed by his threat. His virtual sword was about to be fully formed in the air.

At this moment, many people closed their eyes as they didn't dare to witness what would happen next.

Suddenly, someone shouted, "Master Chen, please go easy on him."

Accompanying the voice, a middle-aged man with long hair, who was dressed in a robe, entered the hall.

However, in contrast with the man's elegant style, his expression was anxious and his forehead was dotted with sweat too.

Seeing this man, Baylor and the other disciples were shocked, "Master, why are you here?"

"Master? Is this man the master of Ice Lake Clan, Hadley Xu?"

"Now that Master Xu is here, things might take a different turn."

"Perhaps there's hope for Master Huang."

"I heard that Master Xu is a mid-stage Earth Level martial artist. He's very skilled."

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While they were speculating what might happen, Fade asked the man coldly, "Are you the master of the Ice Lake Clan? Are you here to fight me as well?"

The crowd thought that a conflict was going to break out instantly, so what happened next came completely unexpected.

Upon hearing Fade's question, Hadley instantly waved his hand and explained, "No, of course not. Even if I had ten thousand guts, I still wouldn't dare to fight you, Master Chen."

"Then what do you want?" Fade narrowed his eyes a little while staring at Hadley.

Hadley responded, "I've learned about what happened with Ezra. It's indeed our wrongdoings, so she should be killed. My clan wasn't disciplined enough, so looking forward, we will certainly learn from this and fix our ways. We'll ensure that such a thing never happens again."

"Of course, we will definitely compensate the family and friends of those two villagers as well."

Lexus couldn't help but frown and say, "Master Xu, he killed my daughter and even attacked me, how could you..."