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Eunice Zhang was still not pleased. She still held a grudge as she pointed at Pablo Liang and said, "You! I'm not done with you, kneel before me..."

But before she could even finish a sentence, Fade Chen walked towards her and with a swing, slapped her across the face.

"You dare hit me! I'll..." She stuttered while covering her face. She stared him down with a look of anger and surprise.

"You arrogant brat! You hit my car, and now you raised a hand at my woman! I'll kill you." Master Han's eyes narrowed as he exclaimed.

In between words, Master Han threw a punch at Fade. From the look of his stance and fighting spirit, you could tell he had gone through vigorous training.

However to Fade, this didn't change a thing.

With a kick to the stomach, Fade sent Master Han flying towards the damaged sports car and he landed right on top of the hood.

"Ouch..." Master Han let out a cry of pain. Grasping his stomach in pain, he dropped onto the floor and curled up squirming in agony, unable to even say a word.

Fade looked toward Eunice and warned, "Remember this. Pablo Liang has done nothing to offend you. If there's going to be an apology, it would be you apologizing to him."

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He paused, then smashed the car window with his first and with one last look, told her, "This is the last warning. Next time, you will regret it."

The broken shards flew everywhere and this scared her for a moment. Her face was as pale as a sheet, reflecting her fright towards Fade.

He snorted and turned around, got into his car and promptly drove off.

She froze as she watched them drive off, only coming to her senses when their car was completely out of sight. She got down and asked Master Han, "Are you okay? Do you need an ambulance?"

Master Han gritted his teeth and said, "No. D*mn it. I'll get my revenge. No one hits me and escapes alive."

As he said this, he took out his phone, looked toward Eunice, and said, "Call my father. He is a martial arts expert. I'm going to make them pay the price."

Eunice Zhang took the phone and quickly called as instructed.

Back to Fade's car, Pablo felt depressed and his face was gloomy. He had one last thing he wanted to say to Eunice, but now, he had lost any bit of attachment towards her.

Never would he have thought that right after they broke up, she would've gotten together with another rich person. To make things worse, she even tried to take revenge on him with her newly found connections.

Had Fade not been there, he would not even know what tragic ending would be awaiting him.

At this moment, he was completely disappointed with Eunice. But at the same time, it also meant that he could completely let go

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of her and move on.

Fade seemed to have peered through his thoughts, and with this he let out a sigh of relief.

Soon, they arrived at the Sky Martial Arts Centre.

Upon seeing Fade's returns, Macallan Zhang and some others immediately surrounded him. After all, they were still shocked by how Fade managed to win Macallan in a fight fair and square.

Fade greeted them and introduced Pablo to them. Then, he proceeded to tell them about training Pablo.

Tom Wei understood and nodded his head. He had Pablo admitted and arranged for a master to start him off with the training.

On the side, Macallan and the other instructors gathered around Fade and looked at him excitedly. They wanted to talk to him about the previous competition. Of course, some instructors also couldn't wait to duel with him when they saw Macallan getting guidance from Fade during the competition.

When Fade was about to teach them a few moves, there was a loud noise outside. A group of people entered through the side doors rudely.

Everyone fell silent as soon as they saw the guest.

It was not just anyone who came. It was the group of people from the Tiger Taekwondo Center who had been chased away by Macallan. This time, their leader was no longer the long-haired man, but a burly middle-aged man.

They were very arrogant. After rushing in, the burly middle-aged man glanced at them and shouted, "Who hit my people just now? Step forward now."

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Tom was the first to stand up and ask, "Are you from the Tiger Taekwondo Center?"

The burly middle-aged man said in a deep voice, "My name is Huxley Han, I'm the owner of the Tiger Taekwondo Center."

"Owner!" Tom Wei shouted coldly, "Before you proceed, I would like you to give me an explanation. Just now, your people deliberately came to our martial arts center to find fault with us and vandalize our property. What do you think we should do about it?"

Huxley raised his eyebrows and retorted, "Look for trouble and damage things? I don't think so. It's you who hurt our people. You should give us an explanation."

"To be hurt by our disciples means that you're lesser beings here. Moreover, you were the ones who tried to find fault with us first. Do you still want to put the blame on us?" Tom shouted and glared at Huxley.

Huxley did not expect Tom to be so tough and could not help frowning. However, he snorted and said, "It seems that Boss Wei doesn't want to give an explanation. In this case, we will have to make the first move."

With this, Huxley waved his hand and said, "Move out!"

In an instant, more than a dozen people from the Taekwondo Center advanced towards them.

Seeing this, the instructors behind Tom were also angry and stood forward. Macallan shouted, "Try us!"

Huxley turned towards Macallan and said in a low voice, "You hit our instructor just now, didn't you?" Obviously, the instructor he was referring to was the long-haired man from just now.

Macallan stood up and scoffed, "Yes, it was me. What are you going to do about it? If you don't like it, let's spar."

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Huxley Han's eyes darkened and said, "Spar? You're not qualified enough. Give me the best your martial arts center can offer."

Macallan was arrogant so he couldn't stand it. He stepped forward again and said, "Whether I'm qualified enough or not, we'll know after trying."

- Huxley snorted, "Since you're looking for death, don't blame me for obliging."
- As he spoke, Huxley shouted angrily and rushed toward him, as though a beast charging towards its prey.
- "Brother Macallan, you—" Seeing this, Tom's expression froze and he looked worried. He couldn't help but turn towards Fade.
- Macallan shook his head and was confident. He said, "I don't need Mr. Chen to step in. I'm more than enough to handle this."
- After that, he shouted and rushed toward Huxley.
- There was a rumbling sound as the two fighters collided with each other, seemingly stirring up a fierce storm.
- The huge force from the collision spread like tremor but the two of them stood firmly facing each other. The whole place shook violently as though there was a giant earthquake.
- The audience on both sides looked at the two who were fighting. They couldn't help holding their breath nervously.

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After the collision, the two jumped apart from each other.

Huxley cracked his neck and flashed a sharp smile. However Macallan's body froze. His expression was deadly serious and he frowned.

Such small movements did not really leave an impression on ordinary people. They thought that the two were an equal match to each other.

However, Fade noticed the subtle changes on Macallan's face. He couldn't help but narrow his eyes and said to Tom, "Macallan is no match for Huxley. Get him out."

Tom nodded and called out, "Brother Macallan, quickly retreat and get down here. Brother Fade can-"

However, before he could finish, Huxley sneered, "You provoked me and now you want to tap out so abruptly. Do you think it's that simple?"

As he spoke, Huxley's sturdy body crashed into Macallan again.

Macallan hurriedly directed his strength to resist Huxley's attack, but this time their collision did not separate them. Macallan immediately noticed something different: Huxley was much stronger than before. His huge power was overwhelming and Macallan couldn't defend himself.

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In an instant, Macallan's face turned red. His arms that were blocking Huxley's attack started to tremble.

"How did you-" Macallan asked in surprise.

Huxley scoffed, "Did you really think your strength was equal to mine? Let me tell you a secret then. Just now, I was just horsing around."

Huxley sounded vicious as he revealed, "I'm already at the early Black Level, you are no match for me!" With that, he increased his strength and unleashed an onslaught of attacks that forced Macallan backwards. Blood trickled out of his mouth.

Such a scene made the disciples in the Sky Martial Arts Center gasp with despair. On the contrary, the people of the Tiger Taekwondo Club were overjoyed, ecstatic smiles plastered on their faces.

Seeing that the situation was worsening, Fade gently stepped forward and hoisted Macallan up. Then, he sent a burst of energy towards Huxley that knocked him off his feet.

After saving Macallan, Fade assured him, "Have a good rest. Let me handle this!"

Macallan nodded and retreated. In an instant, the other instructors and students all gathered around him.

"Brother Macallan, are you okay?"

"Is Huxley Han really that powerful? Is he really a Black Level master?"

"Brother Macallan, can Mr. Chen defeat Huxley Han?"

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Faced with the questions of the crowd, Macallan could not help but shake his head. Both Fade and Huxley were more powerful

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than him. However, he did not know who would come out victorious.

Seeing Macallan shake his head, everyone in the Sky Martial Arts Center couldn't help but but feel more distressed. Their expressions went grey with anxiety.

At this moment, Huxley stared down Fade, then sneered at Tom, "Boss Wei, is there no one else in your martial arts club to fight me? This loser isn't worth my time."

Tom was full of confidence and snickered, "Huxley, you should be grateful to have the chance to fight Brother Fade, understand? Cherish the time while you are still able to laugh, because in a bit, you won't be able to anymore."

When Huxley heard this, he could not help sneering disdainfully, "You're talking nonsense and boasting too much."

"I'd like to see how powerful you are!" Huxley turned over to Fade as he thrust his large fist at him. With a loud shout, he threw punches at Fade.

Such a bold move attracted a burst of cheers from the people of the Tiger Taekwondo Center. At the same time, the faces of the people of the Martial Arts School darkened, and a look of worry appeared on their faces.

Fade, who was facing Huxley's attacks directly, looked at Huxley's punches unconcerningly. Without a word, he swung at Huxley with a simple punch.

Seeing this, Huxley couldn't help but snicker as he lunged at Fade, "If you fight me head on with your fists, prepare to die."

As soon as he said so, their fists collided with each other.

Then, Huxley's expression changed dramatically. He hurriedly retreated and tried to dodge, but Fade's blows were too much for him.

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With a loud crack, his right arm was broken by the blow. His arm dangled at his side uselessly and his entire face turned pale. He staggered backwards.

The entire crowd was shocked. The situation was instantly reversed.

The people of the Tiger Taekwondo Center, who were originally excited and happy, were stunned to their core. There was no trace of happiness on their faces. In contrast, the people of the Sky Martial Arts Club were initially worried. Now, their anxiety turned to joy and ecstasy as they started clapping and cheering.

With just a punch, Fade had managed to end the fight. He looked at Huxley quietly and asked calmly, "Shall we continue?"

Huxley's eyes widened as he stared at Fade for a few seconds. He couldn't understand why this young man in his early twenties had such strength. It was incredible, but he didn't want to believe it.

So, he rolled his eyes while looking for an excuse and said, "What do you mean by continue? We're just here because your renovation works went awry and injured one of our men. We're just here for justice."

Hearing Huxley using such a shameless excuse at this moment, the people of the Sky Martial Arts Club were infuriated and started throwing insults at him.

Hearing this, Huxley became more confident and said, "In any case, we demand a proper explanation and reparations. Besides, don't think that I lost. My senior apprentice is also a member of the Tiger Taekwondo Club. When he comes, all of you will regret it!"

Fade couldn't help but sneer upon hearing this. He walked over towards Huxley and asked, "Are you threatening us?"

Huxley said with a serious face, "Well, if that's how you think of it."

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"Oh, it seems that you haven't learnt your lesson!" Fade Chen snorted and proceeded to attack Huxley Han.

Huxley was shocked and dodged in a hurry. At the same time, he exclaimed, "You dare touch me? My apprentice is from the Long City Martial Arts Association. I—"

Before he could finish his words, Fade's strength had sent him flying to the ground.

Huxley spat out a mouthful of blood and glared at Fade with resentment on his face. He taunted, "When the time comes and my apprentice arrives, I—"

Fade was silent. Tom walked to Huxley with a snicker on his face and said, "Mr. Han, I advise you to shut up. If you offend Brother Fade, I'm afraid that no one will be able to help you, lest your apprentice or your master."

Huxley was stunned. However, he continued to mock them, "Don't try to scare me. I won't be scared by you. My apprentice—"

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Tom Wei shook his head and said, "No matter how powerful you think your senior is, is he more powerful than Master Chen?" "Master Chen? What Master Chen?" Huxley Han looked at Tom with some confusion.

Tom looked at Huxley and said, "Tell me, in Long City, who is worthy of the title Master Chen?"

Huxley was stunned, and then his face changed dramatically. He said with surprise, "You, do you mean Fade Chen? The Master Chen, who defeated the Elder of the Sun family?"

"Except him, who else could it be?" Tom Wei said with a smile.

After Tom's acknowledgement, Huxley was even more surprised. He glanced at Fade with suspicion and asked, "He, he is Master Chen?"

Tom did not answer directly. He just looked at Huxley with a smile and said, "If you don't believe me, you can try him and see what happens in the end."

Huxley's expression changed. He had heard a lot of rumors about Master Chen, and he knew that Master Chen was very young. Moreover, Master Chen initially came from Bay City, and Tom happened to be from Bay City.

Having this thought, the possibility of this person in front of him being Master Chen was very high.

At the thought of this, Huxley's heart could not help but tremble and his face showed horror. Then he quickly bowed respectfully

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to Fade and apologized in fear, "I didn't know Master Chen..."

Before he finished his words, Tom interrupted Huxley and said, "Brother Fade doesn't like being. There are some things that should not be said. So keep it that way, understand?"

Huxley was stunned, and then a realization came to his mind. From Tom's words, Huxley understood that Fade did not want to expose his identity. So Huxley immediately apologized and said, "We didn't know that it was you Mr. Chen, and have accidentally offended you. Please forgive us Mr. Chen."

Fade looked at Huxley and said indifferently, "Tom is my friend. I also have friends in the Sky Martial Arts School. Do you understand what I mean?"

Huxley quickly nodded and said, "I understand. I will apologize to Boss Wei immediately. We are willing to take responsibility for all the damages done to the Sky Martial Arts Club. Mr. Chen, please forgive us."

Fade nodded slightly and then looked at Tom.

After all, Tom was going to do business in the martial arts industry, so he didn't want to oppress the other party. Subsequently, he nodded and said, "Since Boss Han said so, then let's call it a day."

"Thank you, Boss Wei!" Huxley quickly cupped his hands and thanked him.

Tom nodded, and Huxley was ready to take his men and leave.

But at this moment, there was the sound of brakes screeching outside the door. Then came the voice of a young man. "Dad, dad, I heard you are here, I was bullied. My car was hit, and I was beaten. You must take revenge for me!"

While speaking, they saw a young man with blue hair rushing in, followed by a young woman.

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The crowd was still confused when they saw these two people. But when Fade and Pablo Liang saw them, their faces immediately changed. Because these two guys were Master Han and Eunice Zhang, whom they had just met on their way here.

Master Han rushed to Huxley. He wanted to say something initially, but he glanced around and saw Fade and Pablo standing opposite him.

"Why are you here?" Master Han was shocked and then he glared at them with anger.

Eunice also came to Master Han's side. She looked at Pablo and Fade fiercely and said, "You guys still dare to show up in front of us."

Next, Master Han said to Huxley, "Dad, they are the ones who beat me and wrecked my car. Hurry and teach them a lesson."

After that, Master Han said to Pablo and Fade proudly, "Do you see now? This is my dad, a 9th dan Black Belt Taekwondo grandmaster and early stage Black Level master of martial arts. If you know what's good for you, come and kneel down to admit your mistakes now."

Eunice also had a proud look on her face. She folded her arms and said, "Pablo, don't assume that you have befriended a big shot. He's nothing in front of Master Han. Come over and apologize!"

The two shouted arrogantly, but they didn't realize that after listening to their words, Huxley and the others' facial expressions changed completely.

Huxley's face turned pale. He glared at Master Han and shouted angrily, "Shut your mouth!"

Master Han was stunned by the roar. He looked at his father with confusion and said, "Dad, they beat me. Why are you shouting at me? I want revenge—"

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Before he could even finish, Huxley raised his left hand and slapped Master Han's on the face, shouting, "Idiot, shut up. Kneel down and apologize to Mr. Chen now!"

- "Dad, why did you hit me? It was them who..." Master Han was puzzled and was trying to explain.
- When Huxley saw Fade's gloomy face, he was alarmed. He kicked Master Han's leg, making him fall and kneel. Then he shouted, "Apologize to Mr. Chen!"
- Master Han was full of grievance, but when he saw his father's furious demeanor, he could only apologize to Fade and Pablo.
- Beside him, Eunice who was still acting proudly earlier, was also stunned at this time. She didn't understand what was going on.
- At this time, Huxley glared at her and said, "What are you still standing there for?"
- Eunice was scared and her legs went limp. She quickly knelt down and apologized to them as well.
- While the two knelt down and apologized, Huxley looked at Fade with a smile. "Mr. Chen, the kid is still young and naive. He has accidentally offended Mr. Chen. Please forgive him."
- Fade did not say anything but looked at Pablo.
- Pablo glanced at Eunice, then withdrew his gaze and said softly to Fade, "Mr. Chen, I don't want to see them anymore!"
- Fade nodded, then waved to Huxley and said coldly, "Please leave now!"
- "Yes sir, thank you, Mr. Chen, thank you, Mr. Chen!" Huxley thanked him quickly and then left the martial arts center with his son and the others in a hurry.
- Inside the martial arts center, Fade looked at the people in the club who were staring at him in shock. He clapped his hands and

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said, "Why are you still staring? Continue training!"

In an instant, the crowd came to their senses and swarmed towards Fade, and began to ask for his advice excitedly.

Before this, the instructors were already somewhat surprised at his strength because Fade defeated Macallan Zhang. But now, they witnessed how Fade subdued Huxley easily even though Huxley was at the early stage of Black Level, and forced Huxley to kneel down and apologize. Everyone was completely convinced by Fade, be it his strength or status.

Fade looked at the enthusiastic crowd, he didn't hide anything, and gave them some pointers.

On the other hand, Huxley and his fellows, who had escaped from Sky Martial Arts Center, looked solemn and gloomy at the moment.

Master Han's face twisted in grievance, he looked at his father and asked, "Dad, why did you..."

Before he could finish, Huxley shouted, "Tell me, what happened between you and Mr. Chen?"

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Master Han immediately explained the sequence of events that had just happened. After listening to the entire story, Huxley's face sank, and he turned his sight towards Eunice Zhang.

- Huxley stared at Eunice for a few seconds, then said coldly, "You, leave now!"
- Hearing this, Eunice was dumbfounded, and then she turned towards Master Han.
- Master Han immediately voiced out, "Dad, Eunice is my..."
- Not waiting for him to finish, Huxley warned, "You can disobey me, but moving forward, you must make your own living!"
- This time, Master Han was flabbergasted. He had always spent extravagantly, but did not have the ability to earn money himself. At that moment, he dared not utter a word.
- Huxley then turned to Eunice and shouted at her angrily, "Why are you still here? Do you want me to escort you myself?"
- Eunice was startled. She didn't dare stay any longer and immediately left in dismay.
- After that, Huxley took Master Han into the car and drove away.
- As she watched their car leaving, Eunice felt like crying. Because of Pablo, she offended Fade and lost her job. Later, she hooked up with the rich Master Han, and thought she could marry into a rich family to live a free and unfettered life. In the end, she was chased away before she could even marry into the rich family.

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Now that she had nothing, she began to miss Pablo's kindness to her in the past. However, there was no turning back. At this moment, there were only endless regrets in her heart.

- However, no one cared about Eunice's feelings at all. At this moment, Master Han was only displeased that his father had chased away his playmate. "Dad, what are you doing? This girl is not bad. I haven't had enough fun yet!"
- Huxley stared at Master Han coldly and said, "She has offended Mr. Chen's friend. It's not a good thing to be with her."
- Upon hearing his father's words, Master Han was both puzzled and angry. "Dad, who on earth is this Mr. Chen? Why are you so afraid of him?"
- "Shut up!" Hearing his comment, Huxley glared at his son and bellowed, "If you don't want to die, then stop talking nonsense. If Mr. Chen hears this, no one can save you."
- Master Han was even more puzzled, "Dad, what on earth happened to you?"
- Huxley lowered his voice and said, "What happened to me? Do you know who Mr. Chen is? He is..."
- Huxley whispered to Master Han.
- After hearing what his father said, Master Han was shocked beyond imagination and said in surprise, "He is Master Chen? This is impossible!"
- "What do you mean impossible? I've fought with him. He is stronger than me," Huxley said glumly.
- Master Han was still somewhat skeptical. "But, dad, how could such a high-ranking big shot like Master Chen befriend a small fry like Pablo, and—"

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Huxley interrupted him and exclaimed coldly, "Don't talk about it anymore. Remember, from now on, don't provoke him. Do you hear me?"

Seeing his father's serious expression, Master Han reluctantly nodded. "I understand."

"Good!" Huxley then fell silent.

Soon, they returned to the Taekwondo Center. Huxley locked Master Han in the room as punishment for nearly causing trouble for Master Chen this time.

While being locked in the room, Master Han thought hard about this matter but could not wrap his head around it. He felt that the whole thing was just utterly absurd. One was the legendary individual in Long City, and the other was a young man dressed like a loser. He couldn't imagine that both were the same person!

"No, that's not right!" The more Master Han thought about it, the more he felt it didn't make sense. "According to dad's statement, Tom Wei and Fade Chen had never revealed his identity. They had been using suggestive language to paint a picture of his identity. According to the situation at that time, they looked like they just wanted to put pressure on dad."

"If that person is really Master Chen, he could have revealed his identity and solved the problem in an instant. Why would he hide or hint? And he also requested dad not to spread the news."

"This must be a conspiracy. I suspect that he is not Master Chen at all. He had deliberately used some ambiguous words to mislead my father and scare my father away."

The more Master Han thought about it, the more likely he felt that his assumption was right. He wanted to go out and explain his thoughts to his father. It was only when he turned the door knob that he remembered that the door was locked.

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Master Han suddenly felt discouraged and lay back on the bed. He muttered to himself, "Dad was always wise. This time, he was actually fooled by the two boys who used the name of Master Chen to intimidate people. Now dad has completely believed that the person is Master Chen. Even if I tell him my opinion, I am afraid he will not believe it."

"Alas!" he sighed helplessly. Suddenly, his eyes lit up and he thought of someone. "Yes! Uncle Ma."

"Uncle Ma is my father's senior, and also one of the shareholders of our Taekwondo Center. The opening of the Sky Martial Arts Center has affected the business of our Taekwondo Center, and it will also lead to a reduction in Uncle Ma's income. If I tell Uncle Ma about this matter, he will definitely manage it."

Master Han thought about it and felt a little excited. Then he took out his phone and dialed a number. He told the other party about the matter and his thoughts.

At the same time, back at the Sky Martial Arts Center, Fade had just finished instructing the students of the martial arts center and was asking about Pablo's progress.

At this moment, Pablo was exhausted, but he looked determined. He said to Fade, "I'm fine. I want to stay here and practice."

Seeing Pablo's resolute attitude and that he was no longer depressed, Fade felt relieved. He said goodbye and left.

Because the front of the car was damaged, Fade parked the car at the martial arts center. He then found a bicycle to ride home since it was not too far away.

Not long after Fade started pedaling, he heard a shout from behind him, "Sir, please wait, please wait!"

Fade heard the cry and turned around. Then he saw a girl with a helmet chasing after him on an electric scooter.

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"You called me?" Fade looked at the woman. It seemed that he didn't know her.

The girl stopped and took off her helmet. Fade's eyes immediately lit up.

The girl was about 22 or 23 years old. She had short hair and big eyes. Besides, she was dressed in sportswear, which made her look very energetic.

"Hello!" The girl came over as she smiled and took the initiative to extend her hand towards Fade.

He reached out to hold the girl's hand and gently shook it. This girl's hand was a little rougher than the average girls' and it felt stronger too. She had to be an athletic person.

"Hello, you are..." Fade looked at the girl and asked.

The girl wiped the sweat from her forehead, grinned and said warmly, "Sorry, I haven't introduced myself yet."

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"Hello, my name is Lydia Zu. I'm a reporter." The girl graciously stretched out her right hand to Fade Chen.

"A reporter?" Fade paused for a moment, then stretched out his right hand, shook hands with the girl gently, and looked at her.

Lydia saw Fade's confused look and took out her mobile phone. She clicked on a video and showed it to Fade, saying, "This happened a few hours ago when someone jumped off the building of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. At the critical moment, a hero appeared and rescued the person who tried to jump off the building. That hero was you right? May I request for an interview with you?"

When Fade saw the video, it was indeed the scene when Pablo jumped off the building. Of course, the person in the video was himself. However, he did not want to go through such a troublesome thing, so he waved his hands and said, "I'm sorry, you have mistaken me for someone else! I am not the hero you mentioned."

After saying that, Fade was going to leave on his bicycle.

However, Lydia did not give up. She ran after him quickly and said, "If you're worried that I'm not genuine, I can show you my reporter's ID. Besides, I won't charge you any money. I just want to interview you and help promote this heroic story."

Fade waved his hand and said, "I'm sorry, I'm really not the person you're looking for."

When Lydia saw Fade's insistence on leaving, she began to feel anxious. She spread out her arms in front of Fade's bicycle to

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block him from going and said quickly, "If you require a fee, I can also pay. Besides, from your outfit, I think you should be from a martial arts center. I have hundreds of thousands of fans online. If you agree to an interview, I can help you to promote the martial arts center."

- Fade was not interested in these things. He inadvertently shook his head and said, "I'm sorry!"
- With this, Fade got off the bicycle and was ready to walk away instead.
- But at this very moment, his mobile phone rang. Fade looked at the number and answered his phone. It was a call from Tom Wei.
- Tom shouted excitedly at the other end of the phone, "Brother Fade, our martial arts center is famous now!"
- "Famous, how did that happen?" Fade asked.
- Tom said excitedly, "Brother Fade, after you left, a lot of people called to inquire about signing up for martial arts. Now, our martial arts center's website and mobile phone are about to explode with inquiries. There are more than 50 people who have signed up, and the number is still growing."
- Hearing this, Fade was surprised, he couldn't help but ask, "Is it really that popular? Have you done any advertising or marketing?"
- Tom said, "No, it's not our own publicity. It's because of you, Brother Fade."
- "Me?" Fade asked in confusion.
- Tom quickly explained, "Brother Fade, didn't you save the person who jumped off the building of your company? At that time, you were in such a hurry and went out in our martial arts center's uniform. The whole incident was recorded and had gone viral on

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the Internet."

"The person who uploaded the video seems to be a reporter who has a lot of fans, so it attracted a lot of attention very quickly. The video is already trending on Twitter."

"Many who have signed up were people who have watched the video. They saw how skillful you are, and then found our center based on the uniform you were wearing."

"I have you and the unknown reporter to thank for the popularity of the martial arts center this time." Tom said excitedly.

After hearing this, Fade didn't know what to say. He looked up at the short-haired girl in front of him.

Lydia stood in front of him and stared at him with her big eyes. When he hung up the phone, she blinked her eyes and said, "I heard it. The call I mean. I heard everything."

Fade was stunned. Lydia gestured again and said, "The call was from your martial arts center, you are the one who saved the guy. Also, the guy from your martial arts center said that you should thank that reporter!"

Looking at Lydia's earnest look, Fade could not help but sigh. Then he nodded and said, "Fine, I admit. That person was me."

"It's really you!" Her eyes suddenly lit up, and she stared at him with excitement and expectation. Then she rolled her eyes, revealing a sly expression. "Actually I didn't hear your phone conversation clearly. I just made a wild guess, but I didn't expect you to admit it yourself!"

Fade was suddenly speechless. He didn't expect to fall into a trap so easily. Following that, he sighed and said, "Tell me, what do you want to interview me about?"

Lydia rolled her eyes and said, "It's not convenient out here on the road. Let's find a cafe to conduct the interview! Well, it's my

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"Okay!" Fade nodded.

Then, Lydia opened the map application on her mobile phone and fiddled with it while explaining, "Wait a minute, I'm not a local. Let me look for a nearby cafe."

Not long after, they went to the cafe that she had looked up earlier together.

There were not many people in the cafe. The two of them found a table near the window. After ordering two cups of mocha, they sat opposite each other and began the interview.

The content of the interview spiraled around the cause and effect of the incident, Fade's psychological state when saving the guy that time, as well as his personal ability and deeds.

Fade narrated the whole incident to Lydia as she made notes quickly while recording the interview. The interview ended in about half an hour's time.

Fade told Lydia that she could publish the interview, but she had to hide his identity, cover up his face in the photo and video, and use an alias for his name. Of course, in order to promote the club, the logo on the martial arts center's uniform should be revealed deliberately.

She agreed to his request, held out her hand to Fade with a smile, and said, "I want to thank you for two things. First, thank you for accepting my interview. Second, from my personal standpoint, I thank you for saving a life."

Fade had a good impression of the well-mannered and sporting reporter. He nodded slightly, then turned around and left.

He walked out of the cafe as Lydia sat back down on her seat. Next, she took out her laptop and began to sort out the

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information from the interview.

Just as Fade was about to leave the cafe, a group of gangsters holding wooden sticks walked towards his direction with looks of malice.

"What are you looking at? Get lost!" the leader of the gangsters shouted at Fade, who was standing at the door. Then they rushed straight into the cafe.

He scanned around and stopped at Lydia's direction. Then he shouted, "It's her, that female reporter. Catch her and beat her up."

- While speaking, the gangsters rushed towards Lydia.
- Hearing the commotion, Lydia's expression changed. She stood up quickly, then turned around and ran away skillfully.
- However, after a few steps, she remembered the laptop on the table and turned back to grab it. But due to this, the gangsters caught up with her and surrounded her.

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The leader of the gangsters glared at Lydia Zu fiercely and shouted, "Little b*tch, you still want to run away? I'll see where you can run to!"

- Lydia panicked and looked over at the staff of the cafe and the other customers for help. She shouted, "They are hooligans. They want to hit me. Please call the police."
- However, before anyone could react, the leader of the gangsters hit a glass table with a stick and smashed it into pieces. Then he glared at everyone and threatened, "Let's see who dares to move!"
- Everyone was scared and their faces turned pale. They did not dare to move.
- The leader of the gangsters immediately snapped, "She's the one we're looking for. It's none of your business. Don't meddle in our business. Otherwise, hmph..."
- When Lydia saw that everyone was frightened and did not dare to call the police, her face turned pale. She looked worried.
- The leader of the gangsters approached Lydia fiercely with a wooden stick in his hand and shouted, "Hand the thing over to me!"
- Lydia shook her head and stammered, "I, I don't have what you want."
- The leader of the gangsters glared at Lydia and said, "You're still pretending. Do you want us to take action?"
- Lydia glanced around and continued to shake her head. "I really don't have what you want."

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"Damn, seems like you choose the hard way." The leader of the gangsters was angry. He smashed her table with a stick and then closed in on her, "It seems like you want us to take action."

With this the group of gangsters approached Lydia and forced her against the window. She couldn't move at all.

The leader scanned her from the top to the bottom with lust in his eyes. He licked his lips and said, "Beauty, later when we search you personally, don't blame us if we touch where we shouldn't!"

Hearing this, the other gangsters burst into laughter.

"Boss, let me help search!"

"I hope she hid it well so we can search a few more times."

"Hehe, beauty, we're coming."

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Looking at the hooligans who were charging towards her, even if Lydia was a strong-willed person, she couldn't help but show fear at this moment. Her lips quivered and her face turned pale.

However, she had no way to escape. She watched as they reached for her. Finally, she said in a trembling voice, "Don't do anything stupid. I'm not an ordinary reporter. If you dare to touch me, my father will not let you go."

But Lydia's threatening words obviously didn't work. The gangsters continued to approach her.

When Lydia saw the situation, she couldn't help but feel a sense of despair. As she closed her eyes in distress, a cold voice suddenly said, "I'm sorry, can you guys please move aside?"

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Hearing the voice, the gangsters turned around in confusion. Then, they saw that the young man at the door just now had come back.

- "What are you doing? Get lost!" the leader of the gangsters yelled at him.
- Fade pointed to Lydia and said flatly, "I have left something with my friend, so I came over to retrieve it!"
- "Something, you say?" Hearing his words, the gangster leader's eyes sank, and his gaze turned towards Fade ferociously.
- "You..." The leader of the gangsters pointed at Fade, waved his wooden stick and was about to attack.
- But before he moved, Fade moved faster and threw a punch on the leader's face.
- In an instant, a loud crack could be heard as Fade's fist made contact with the leader's cheek. His face was covered with blood and his cheek was swollen. He fell onto the ground and fainted instantaneously.
- When the rest of the gangsters saw this, they were dumbfounded. Immediately after that, they became furious and shouted at Fade, ready to attack him.
- However, Fade's movement was even faster than them. His kicks and punches were as fast as lightning and extremely accurate. In less than three minutes, these gangsters all fainted on the ground and blood was everywhere.
- Fade clapped his hands lightly and looked at Lydia, who was a little stunned. He said with a chuckle, "Let's go!"
- Lydia came to her senses. She nodded, quickly put away her laptop, and then followed Fade out of the cafe hurriedly.
- It was not until the two of them had left that the onlookers in the cafe came to their senses and quickly called the police.
- Outside, after Fade and Lydia left the cafe, they walked side by side in silence.

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Finally, Lydia was the first to break the silence and said to Fade, "Why don't you ask me what happened just now?" Fade said blandly, "I don't like to pry into other people's personal affairs. If they are willing to tell me, they naturally will."

Hearing this, Lydia curled her lips, but continued, "Anyway, thank you for what you did just now. In fact, I know who those gangsters are. They are hired by the boss of a local enterprise."

Hearing this, Fade immediately guessed something and said, "You have information about the shady businesses of the company?"

Lydia nodded and said, "I was working undercover in that company for a month. In the end, I got the evidence of the boss' bribery and forgery. Later, they discovered me. The company wanted to get the evidence back, so they sent those people just now."

Hearing this, Fade nodded unwittingly and glanced at Lydia. He began to admire this young female reporter. After all, in this era, not many reporters were willing to take such a big risk and such a long time to work undercover just to report the truth.

After all, it was easier and more profitable to create sensationalized or fabricated entertainment news with the intention to garner attention and gain benefits compared to reporting the dangerous truths of society.

In the face of such a threatening situation, Lydia still insisted on reporting this to the public. Her actions moved Fade, Subsequently, Fade left his contact information to Lydia and said, "If you need my help on the matter with that company, you can contact me. If you want to expose the news but are worried about the danger, you can also contact me."

"Okay, I will." Lydia nodded and said, "However, now is not the time to expose them yet. That enterprise is just a part of it. I want to figure the whole thing out and when the time comes, I will reveal all of them at once."

Hearing this, Fade's respect towards Lydia grew. He said, "I wish you success. Where do you live? I will send you back."

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Hearing this, Lydia rolled her big, dark eyes and looked at him in surprise. She crossed her arms over her chest and said with vigilance, "You are so proactive. We have just met and you want to take me home already? Are you trying to take advantage of the situation?

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Fade was speechless when he heard this. He couldn't help but knock Lydia's head and said, "What are you thinking? I'm worried that you'll be in danger again, so I am offering to send you home. Besides, I'm married."

"Ah, you're married!" Lydia looked at Fade in surprise. "I didn't expect you to get married at such a young age. What kind of person is your wife?"

Fade glared at Lydia, gave her head another knock, and said, "Are all reporters so nosy?"

"Don't keep knocking on my head just because you are tall. If I become stupid, you'll have to take responsibility." Lydia covered her head, looked at him with a pair of big, beady eyes, and grumbled. At this moment, her expression was not as serious as before, but somewhat cute.

Seeing this, Fade couldn't help laughing. He immediately found a bicycle, patted the back seat and said, "Okay, I won't do it anymore. Let's go. I'll take you home."

Lydia smiled and mounted the back seat. She held Fade's waist with one hand and said, "I live in Richmond Condominium. Do you know the way?"

Richmond Condominium was a high-class residential area outside Second Ring Road. Many white-collar executives from the companies nearby lived there. Of course, the price of the houses there was not cheap. Fade didn't expect Lydia to be somewhat rich.

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However, he didn't comment much. He just nodded, and then started pedaling.

The journey was not too far. About forty minutes later, Fade sent Lydia to the entrance of the condominium and waved her goodbye.

After returning home, Lydia threw everything on the bed. Then she immediately turned on her laptop and began to sort out the interview and information.

After working painstakingly for a while, Lydia finally documented the interview with Fade. The first draft was also ready and was subsequently sent to the editorial department.

Lydia stretched for a while and then took off her necklace. She yanked at the small trinket on the necklace to reveal a small interface. This necklace turned out to be a small USB.

After inserting the USB into the computer, Lydia's expression became serious and she began to look through the information.

She muttered as she sorted the information out, "There are so many companies involved in this matter, probably more than 20 of them. Almost all of them are involved in the bribery of the relevant appraisers and the creation of counterfeit products."

"And the following appraisal meeting had 18 of the 20 plus companies entering the final assessment. It's enough to see the chaos in the entire industry."

"Before the appraisal, there seemed to be a gala. The appraisers and companies who participated in the assessment will send representatives there. This will be a good opportunity to secretly take photos and collect evidence," Lydia pondered. "But, I'm afraid it will be a little difficult for me to sneak into this kind of event. After all, my current identity has been exposed."

Just when Lydia was frowning as she tried to figure out a solution, she saw the business card beside her. It was given to her by

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Fade just now.

Lydia's eye lit up when she saw the designation on Fade's business card. "I didn't expect him to actually be a manager from Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. Now, I have a way."

Then, Lydia became excited.

On Fade's side, he finally returned home.

To put it this way, his day had been nothing short of hectic.

First, he had a meal with Fatty Huang and Tom Wei, but encountered the provocation from the Taekwondo Center. Then, he was busy dealing with Pablo Liang's attempted suicide. Right after that, Pablo once again led him to the matter related to Eunice Zhang. Finally, he had a dispute with the Taekwondo Center back at Sky Martial Arts Center again.

Just when he thought everything was over, he met a female reporter unexpectedly and ran into such a predicament.

It was really an eventful day.

Therefore, for the next two days, Fade just lazed around at home. He didn't go anywhere and had a good rest.

However, for the past two days, his wife Quin Lin had been very busy and even stayed overnight in the company. Fade went to the company to check on the situation, and then he learned that Quin and Lily Wei were busy hosting the team of appraisers from Capital City.

After a few days of hectic work, the appraisal was finally over. Quin could finally relax and return home.

Fade immediately gave his wife a massage. The massage was so comfortable that his wife drenched in sweat and her pretty

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face was flushed. She let out a seductive moan. As a result, Fade was tempted and couldn't control himself. He pounced on his wife like a hungry wolf and began to make love to her.

After the intimate moment, Quin frowned slightly, glared at Fade, and said, "It's all your fault. I was really tired but you didn't let me rest. There's an important gala tomorrow, and it's not convenient for me to attend it."

Fade reached out and caressed his wife's body gently. He smiled and said, "If it's not convenient, don't go then!"

"It's easy for you to say!" She glared at him. "This gala is not an ordinary event. Instead, it was jointly organised by all the companies who participated in the appraisal and we have invited the Capital City's appraising panel. At the gala, if you have a good relationship with the appraisers, the final result is sure to be in our favor."

Fade replied, "You still need to build a relationship with them? That's so troublesome! Based on the quality of our company's products, isn't it natural for us to be regarded as a national brand? What's more, you told me that the appraisers gave a good evaluation of our products recently."

Quin rolled her eyes at Fade and said, "Yes they did. But before the final result comes out, nothing is certain. We must do our best. Also, you have to go to the gala tomorrow."

"Well, if you want me to go, then I'll go!" Fade smiled and said, "However, honey, let's have some rest now!"

While saying this, Fade's hand started sliding downwards towards her intimate parts underneath the blanket.

Quin's face blushed a bright red. She held back his mischievous hand and uttered, "I'm tired. And we still have much to do tomorrow, don't you dare."

Fade chuckled, "Since you're tired, I should give you a good massage to help you relax!"

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When he mentioned the massage, Quin remembered the passionate scene they just had and couldn't help blushing. She squeaked, "No... Please! Let me sleep!"

"We are sleeping, aren't we?" Fade laughed in mischief. Then he exerted force and started kneading and massaging her.

Immediately, Quin's face turned rosy. She let out a muffled groan, and her body was aroused. She started to squirm gently.

When Fade saw this, he pulled over the blanket excitedly and pounced on his wife once again.

That moment, the bedroom was filled with nothing but pure euphoria.

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The next evening, right around the time the gala was about to begin, Fade Chen, Quin Lin, and Lily Wei arrived together.

- In front of the hotel, the bustling crowd was very lively. Many entrepreneurs in the cosmetic industry in Long City had arrived, and almost all the relevant associations and management personnel had already arrived at the gala as well.
- Everyone was chatting happily about matters related to the industry. Of course, the most discussed topic was the results of the appraisal, as well as the allotment for the exhibition after the appraisal.
- Quin and Lily were talking and laughing with the crowd, while Fade stood at the side alone. He decided to take out his mobile phone and started playing a game. No one came to talk to him anyway.
- While Fade was enjoying his mobile game, a hand suddenly tapped on his shoulder and said in pleasant surprise, "I've been looking for you for so long. Turns out you're here?"
- Fade heard the voice and instinctively grabbed the hand. He turned around and pulled it hard, ready to fight back.
- But as soon as he exerted some force, the person uttered a cry of pain. It was then that he saw clearly that the person was the female reporter, Lydia Zu.
- Fade quickly loosened his grip and said apologetically, "Reporter Zu, I'm sorry. I didn't know it was you."
- Lydia grimaced as she rubbed her fair and tender right hand. She glared at him and said, "Are all martial artists so vigilant?"

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He smiled embarrassingly and said, "It's a mistake! Why don't I check your hand and see?"

With this, Fade stretched out his hand and was going to pull Lydia's hand.

When Lydia saw this, she looked at Fade with vigilance and said, "Are you going to take advantage of me again?"

Fade was rendered speechless. "What do you mean by 'again'? I have never taken advantage of you before, okay? Besides, I'm a Chinese Medicine practitioner and I sincerely want to treat your hand."

"You're also a Chinese Medicine practitioner? Really?" Lydia looked at him in surprise.

Fade spread out his hands and said, "I'm serious. Do you believe me?"

Lydia hesitated for a moment, then nodded and handed her hand to Fade, saying, "I believe you. Thank you for the help."

Fade held her hand and gently squeezed it a few times, then quickly rubbed her wrist. Next, he massaged along her arm for a while.

After doing all that, he let go of her hand and said, "All done!"

Seeing this, Lydia was surprised and said, "That's it? You just touched it a few times. Isn't this taking advantage of me?"

"Reporter Zu, feel it yourself? Does my treatment have any effect?" Fade said.

Lydia came to her senses and touched her right hand. She moved it for a while and said in surprise, "It feels much better and it doesn't hurt anymore. So you really are a Chinese Medicine practitioner!"

"I've told you! But you didn't believe me," Fade shrugged helplessly.

Lydia smiled apologetically and said, "Well, my bad. I've wrongly accused you."

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Then, Lydia leaned in towards Fade with a smile, her shapely body almost touching his.

His wife and Sister Lily were not too far away. When Fade saw what she was doing, he was shocked. He looked at Lydia and said, "What are you doing? Are you taking advantage of me? I'm not a playboy."

Seeing Fade's vigilance, Lydia glared at him and said quietly, "What nonsense are you thinking? I don't have any feelings for you."

I just have something to discuss with you."

"What is it?" Fade asked.

Lydia lowered her voice and said, "You are the manager of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc."

"Sort of!" Fade hesitated for a moment and said. Although it was written on his business card, he had hardly ever gone to the office!

"If that's the case, can you enter the venue when the gala starts?" She pursued.

Fade nodded and said, "Well, yes of course!"

Lydia's face lit up and said, "Then, can you bring me in?"

"Bring you in? What are you going to do?" Fade asked.

Lydia looked around and thought for a moment. Then she pulled him closer, and whispered, "I'm going to secretly photograph some people and things."

"Secretly photograph!" Fade was slightly surprised and then asked quietly, "Does this have anything to do with the bribery and counterfeits that you have mentioned before?"

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Lydia nodded and said, "Yes, it's that! They may do something again during this event. I want to go in and see if I can find something important."

Fade pondered for a moment, then looked at Lydia and asked, "Aren't you afraid of danger?"

After all, not long ago she was being assaulted by the gangsters hired by the involved parties. Now, she wanted to secretly take photos. If she was caught, the outcome would not look pretty.

Hearing this, Lydia's face fell slightly, but then she said seriously, "Since I have chosen to be in this line of work, I am mentally prepared for these things since the beginning. Moreover, there are so many people at the gala, and the lighting is quite dim. They may not discover me."

When Fade saw her earnest look, he nodded and said, "Okay, I can bring you in."

"Thank you, thank you so much!" Lydia was overjoyed. She threw herself on Fade and gave him a warm hug.

Feeling the girl's tender and soft body, He couldn't help feeling a little spark inside him. He coughed and broke free. Then he looked at her and said, "But I don't think you can go in like this..."

"I know. I need to disguise myself. Don't worry, I'm a professional and I have prepared for it," she said with a smile. Then she took out a wig from her leather bag and put on a pair of black-framed glasses. Her image changed that instant.

Fade shook his head at the sight and said, "That won't do. You might have worn some accessories, but your face is still the same. They've sent people to deal with you, so they must be familiar with how you look. This way, you'll be easily recognized."

"I know, but how can I change my face? I can't have plastic surgery now, can I?" Lydia said helplessly.

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Fade smiled and shook his head, saying, "No need for plastic surgery. I have a way to help you change your face!" "You have a way to change my face? But how?" Lydia asked in surprise.

- Fade looked around and said, "It's not convenient here. Let's find another place. I'll help you."
- Lydia looked around, then pointed to a washroom not far away and said, "Let's go to the washroom!"
- With this, Lydia dragged him to the washroom and was about to step in.
- Fade suddenly felt conflicted. "Reporter Zu, this is the female's washroom. How can I go in?"
- Lydia stuck her head into the washroom and looked around. Then she said, "Don't worry. No one is inside. After we go in, we can hide in the cubicle. No one will notice us."

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"But..." Fade hesitated.

Lydia pointed to the other side and said, "If you are afraid, then let's go to the men's washroom!"

There were urinals in the men's washroom. If they went in, they would definitely be seen by others. Thinking about this, Fade decided that women's washroom was a better option.

So, he gritted his teeth and nodded, "Let's go!"

Lydia immediately pulled Fade inside.

The moment they entered, Fade quickly shrank his neck and fiddled with his hair. Then he lowered his head, worried that someone would see him.

Just as they walked in, they saw a middle-aged woman coming out of the cubicle while adjusting her skirt.

The middle-aged woman looked up and was surprised to see a man coming in. Then she became nervous and was about to shout.

Lydia reacted quickly and said, "This is my boyfriend. He came to help me."

With this, Lydia pulled Fade into a cubicle and then closed the door behind them.

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Inside the narrow cubicle, the two of them stood face to face, their bodies almost pressing against each other. Their breaths fell onto each other's face, causing a warm and ticklish sensation.

- The middle-aged woman outside came to her senses at this moment, and couldn't help saying, "Young people nowadays are really reckless. If they can't hold it in, go to a hotel. Why mess around in the washroom? This is really..."
- When Fade heard this, he was speechless. He wished he could bury his head in the ground. In the end, he was secretly relieved that he had lowered his head just now and no one saw his face.
- Lydia was not bothered by any of this. She put her hands on Fade's shoulders and asked, "You said you can change my face, how are you going to do that?"
- Fade said, "I have an ointment. After applying it on the face, your skin will turn yellow, and there will be some small freckles. This can change your appearance."
- "That's amazing! Give it to me quickly!" Lydia said excitedly and leaned towards him.
- The two of them were already very close and Lydia's actions closed the gap between them. As she bumped into his chest, he felt her tender body and almost had a nosebleed.
- "Empty my thoughts, empty them..." Fade quickly muttered to himself and took out the ointment.
- It was a small wooden box filled with a gray coloured ointment. When it was opened, it gave off a faint bitter fragrance.
- Lydia pulled apart her bangs, raised her head and leaned towards him again. She closed her eyes and said, "Help me put it on my face!"

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With her head tilted upwards, Lydia's fair and slender neck was exposed. Beneath her neck, he could see her beautiful collarbones from the unbuttoned collar of her dress. As his eyes peered downwards, he could even see through the gap of her dress...

Such a beautiful sight made him gulp. He quickly muttered to himself again and then began to apply the ointment onto her face.

Fade applied the ointment for her, feeling a bit flushed. After he was done, he put it away and stepped backwards, pressing his back against the partition. He bent over slightly and said, "All done."

"So fast! Did my face change?" Lydia opened her eyes and asked Fade with a smile.

Fade said, "Look yourself in the mirror."

Lydia nodded, then dipped her head and began to rummage through her leather bag.

Inside that narrow space, Fade finally managed to put a little distance between them. However, as a result of Lydia's big movements, her body once again leaned towards Fade. Her soft and delicate body pressed against Fade, accidentally revealing his erection that he was trying to hide by bending down.

Lydia who was looking down naturally saw it. She was stunned and paused for a moment but quickly resumed her search as if nothing had happened.

But at this moment, her neck had turned rosy.

Soon, Lydia found her makeup mirror and looked into it. She noticed her skin had really turned yellow, and there were some small freckles and red spots on her cheeks.

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At first glance, she seemed to have aged a few years, like a woman in her late thirties or even sixties. Her original eye-catching looks had turned into an average face and was no longer stunning.

Seeing this, Lydia was pleasantly surprised. She looked at Fade and said, "This is amazing! Such a magical medicine does exist. It works so well."

Feeling her delicate body and the rising heat, he couldn't take it anymore. He said in a hurry, "Since we're done, let's go out!"

Lydia shook her head and said, "Not yet. Although your medicine works well, but your makeup skill is bad. I have to redo my make up."

With this, she took out her own cosmetics, placed a small mirror on the toilet bowl tank, knelt down and began to do her make up.

Because of this, she made the narrow space even narrower. Her lifted round curves attracted Fade's attention. He felt his body burning and he was at the verge of exploding.

At this moment, Fade could only shrink into the corner. He covered his crotch with his hands and kept repeating, "Empty my thoughts, empty my thoughts."

After a tormenting while, Lydia was finally done with her makeup. Fade could finally breathe a sigh of relief.

After packing up, the two listened closely to the situation outside. After confirming that no one was around, Lydia opened the door of the cubicle and dashed out. Fade also hurried out with his head down.

After rushing out, he gasped heavily and ran away.

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Lydia chased after him and said, "I didn't expect a martial artist like you to be so timid. It's just a women's washroom, and you're already panting like this."

Hearing this, Fade couldn't help but glance at her open collar and rolled his eyes. He thought to himself, "I'm panting like this not because I'm timid."

Of course, these words were not meant to be said. Fade changed the subject and said, "The gala is about to begin. I'll take you there."

"Yes!" When it came to work, Lydia's expression became solemn.

When the two arrived at the entrance of the hotel, Quin was looking around anxiously for Fade. When she saw him walking over with a woman by his side, she couldn't help but feel a little strange. "Where have you been? Who is she?"

Fade did not lie to her and explained, "This is my friend, Lydia Zu, a reporter. She has something to do at the event. Is it convenient to bring her in?"

Quin scanned Lydia from top to bottom. When she heard that Lydia was a reporter, her eyes flickered slightly, seemingly remembering something.

However, she believed in Fade. After thinking for a while, she nodded and said, "Okay! Later when we go in, just say that she is my secretary!"

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"Thank you, President Lin!" Lydia expressed her gratitude.

- Quin nodded lightly, glanced at Fade, and then stepped into the venue of the gala.
- Fade and Lydia followed her hurriedly. After showing their invitations, they entered the venue of the gala together.
- A lot of people had arrived at the venue and were already chit-chatting with each other.
- A group of women had gathered around and were discussing something quietly. They seemed very enthusiastic. Fade also saw Lily Wei's figure among them.
- Lily tried to get along and talk with the group of women. When she saw Fade entering, she came over to him with a glass of wine. She smiled and said, "Where were you the whole time? Quin has been looking for you forever."
- "I met a friend." Fade pointed to Lydia and then told Lily what he had just said to Quin.
- Hearing this, Lily also couldn't help but scan Lydia from top to bottom with vigilance.
- Fade noticed. He coughed and changed the topic, "Hey Lily, what were you girls talking about just now? Why so lively?"
- Lily waved her hand and said, "I was just partaking in the conversation with them. The group of people were gossiping about a couple they saw in the washroom just now. They were making out right in front of them and were so loud that it was almost like a live show. It was all gossip and they were pretty boring."

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When Fade heard what they were talking about, he nearly blew up and blurted, "We didn't make out in front of them, and we didn't move very much. We weren't even making out in the first place."

Seeing the change in Fade's expression, Lily felt a little strange and said, "What's wrong with you? You look weird."

"No, nothing. Perhaps it's a little stuffy!" He changed the topic. "Lily, I didn't attend the company's appraisal some time ago. Can you fill me in with the current situation?"

Although Lily wondered why Fade was suddenly interested in the products, she told him about the situation of the appraisal a few days ago nevertheless.

Generally speaking, the professionals in the appraisal group gave a high evaluation for Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc's products. However, the leader of the group, Team Captain Wang, also the director of Capital City Cosmetics Association, had yet to express his opinion. This made Lily and Quin a little worried.

While Fade and Lily were chatting, Lydia gave Fade a wink and then left on her own quietly.

After about 15 minutes, the lights in the venue dimmed, leaving only the spotlight at the center of the stage. The host immediately announced the beginning of the party.

The bosses of several cosmetic companies who had joint ventures came up and gave a brief speech on the stage. Then, they said loudly, "Now, may we invite the members of the Capital City's appraisal team! Welcome!"

There was a round of applause at the venue. In the spotlight, more than 20 people emerged from behind the stage.

The last one to come out was a middle-aged man with a big belly, who looked like he was in his fifties. As soon as he appeared, there was a burst of applause from the audience.

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Following that, the middle-aged man began to speak. It was a boring, meaningless and scripted speech. However, every now and then, there was applause from the audience. The atmosphere was very lively.

Seeing this, Fade couldn't help frowning. Lily introduced Fade in a low voice, "That's Damien Wang, the leader of the appraisal team and the director of Capital City Cosmetics Association."

"So he has the final say. No wonder everyone is so enthusiastic!" Fade couldn't help but curl his lips.

Finally, almost half an hour later, the long-winded and annoying speech from Team Captain Wang finally ended.

Following that, it was a free and easy session.

Although it was a free and easy session, in fact, it was the time for major cosmetics companies to inquire about the appraisal results and to build rapport with the appraisers.

Of course, there could also be some shady activities going about. That was what Lydia was hoping to capture secretly.

The scene was very lively. Almost every team member from the appraisal team was surrounded by people from various companies. Of course, Team Captain Wang had the most people around him. People kept coming forward to offer him drinks and greet him.

Team Captain Wang seemed to be a little arrogant. In the face of everyone's toast to him, he would just nod slightly and raise his glass. Occasionally, he would take a sip, which was considered a great honor.

Quin and Lily of Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc didn't get involved in this kind of chaotic and crowded situation.

However, at this moment, Team Captain Wang, who was surrounded by the crowd, suddenly walked over to them with a glass of

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wine.

He went straight to Quin, smiled and said, "President Lin, I haven't seen you for a few days, and you have become more beautiful!"

"Thank you, Team Captain Wang!" Quin chuckled.

"You don't have to be so polite. You can just call me Damien. If you don't mind, you can also call me Brother Wang." Damien Wang looked very friendly. Then he raised his glass and said, "President Lin, here's a toast to you."

Everyone's expression changed when they saw such a scene.

They all wanted to propose a toast to Damien. However, in the end, the most they got was a sip from him. But now, Damien took the initiative to talk to Quin and made a toast to her.

They could not help but sigh at the biased treatment.

Of course, as they sighed, they inevitably expressed their doubts and debates in whispers.

"From the looks of it, Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc will definitely pass the appraisal this time. The allotment will be theirs."

"Haha, I wonder what drugs Quin, that b*tch gave to Team Captain Wang."

"That's right. Maybe they have even slept together, hmph!"

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Hearing these harsh comments, Fade's face fell and he was about to lose his temper.

However, Quin and Lily looked at Fade and stopped him gently.

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Then, Quin smiled and raised her glass, saying, "Since Team Captain Wang thinks highly of me, I'll drink first to show my respect."

As she spoke, Quin raised her glass and gulped down a glass of red wine.

Damien saw this and smiled. He also drank up his glass of red wine. After that, he did not leave, but poured another glass of wine instead. He raised his glass again and said, "The toast just now was to the quality of President Lin's products. Now this glass of wine is for President Lin's wise management of the company. Here's to rapid growth for your company."

After saying that, Damien waved his hand to the waiter and poured almost half a glass of red wine for Quin.

Looking at his demeanor, Quin's face changed slightly. Although she was good at drinking, it was obvious that Damien was going to make her drink!

Seeing this, Lily stepped out with a smile. She raised her glass and said with a smile, "Team Captain Wang, President Lin can't drink as much. I'll drink it on behalf of her."

With this, Lily drank up the glass of wine.

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