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Pang Feiyan was fearless and opened his eyes wide as he shouted angrily, "Come at me then! Kill me!"

His Lordship didn't get angry and remained calm.

He kept the page away carefully.

He had spent so much time and effort into looking for these pages and it had been difficult to even track down some clues. But Pang Feiyan, his second in command, had actually hidden a page away from him.

Worse still, Pang Feiyan had also kept mum about the fact that the Jiang family also had a page.

If Pang Feiyan hadn't done that, he should have three pages on hand by now!

"Kill you?" His Lordship narrowed his eyes. "That would be letting you off too easily."

He waved his hands and two figures came forward and bowed politely.

"There are always people who disregard Hidden Sect's rules. It looks like I have to remind all of you about them again," said His Lordship in a sinister voice. "I need all of you to remember once more what it means to betray Hidden Sect."

He stared at Pang Feiyan so coldly that Pang Feiyan started shivering.

"What do you want to do?"



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“Of course I’m going to make you wish you had never been born, and yet be unable to die even if you’re in deep agony!”

His Lordship waved his hands. “Take him away!”

“You bastard! You bloody bastard! Just kill me right away if you’ve got the guts! Just kill me!” yelled Pang Feiyan loudly. But he wasn’t able to fight back at all and was dragged away like a dead dog.

His Lordship stood in front of ten other men in black. Each of them was wearing a different mask over their face, covering everything except their eyes.

They stood there with respect on their faces. They didn’t dare to be rude to His Lordship at all.

Even someone as powerful as Pang Feiyan, a man who was one of the best advanced grandmaster level fighters around, was no match for His Lordship.

Even if His Lordship gave them the chance to challenge him, who would dare to do so?

Agent 2, Pang Feiyan, Agent 5, Long Xiang and Agent 6, Chang Zaiyuan, had all died at His Lordship’s hands. Who else would dare to be rude to him?

His Lordship scanned all of them. Their expressions were stern and didn’t dare to even breathe too loudly.



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“From today onwards, leave the north and split ways to find that technique manual! I don’t care how much it costs! I must find the other pages as quickly as possible!” he gave orders.

“Yes, My Lord!” replied the men in black in unison.

“My Lord, about Jiang Ning...”

If His Lordship killed Jiang Ning, he would gain another page.

Besides, if Jiang Ning could fully master one page at such a young age, then he would surely cause them trouble in the future.

He didn’t finish his sentence, but His Lordship knew what he was driving at.

“It’s not time yet. There’s value in keeping him alive,” replied His Lordship calmly. “It’s just one page, it can wait.”

“Yes, My Lord!”

He waved his hands and dismissed the men.

His Lordship looked at the tea pavilion with his hands behind his back. This pavilion had been here for quite a while now, but it was now of little use to him.

BAM!

He lifted a leg and kicked one of the pillars hard, causing the entire pavilion to collapse.

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His Lordship didn't even look at it and left.

There was point in staying in the north anymore. He had gotten one out of the two pages that had appeared, so it wasn't a bad result. But it had taken too long.

He already knew that Jiang Ning had one page, so he wasn't in a hurry to get that page.


The rest were more important.


His Lordship left no traces behind except for the collapsed tea pavilion.


At the airport.

Jiang Ning stood at the entrance as Fei gave him a cigarette. The wind blew hard and they had to squint.

"I'll keep an eye on the north, Big Boss. Don't worry about it," said Fei. "I just got news that several important people in some powerful families have already vanished."

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Jiang Ning looked at Fei.

“Looks like His Lordship doesn’t intend to fight me right now.”

Jiang Ning narrowed his eyes and exhaled a mouthful of smoke.

“Perhaps he’s not confident,” replied Fei.

Jiang Ning didn’t say anything.

Nobody knew how powerful His Lordship really was. Jiang Ning himself had only exchanged one blow with him and he couldn’t tell exactly how powerful His Lordship was.

He decided to leave the north, which had been his base for so long, not only because he wanted to avoid a clash with Jiang Ning.

It was more because His Lordship was someone who was willing to wait. He had been lying in wait so patiently for so many years just for one page. It wasn’t possible for him to take such a huge risk just to get the other page from Jiang Ning right now.

After all, His Lordship didn’t know exactly how powerful Jiang Ning was either.

“You still have to be careful in the north,” said Jiang Ning. “Our enemies are not ordinary people.”

“Got it. You have to be careful too.”



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Fei wasn't someone who took matters lightly. Clearly His Lordship wasn't someone easy to deal with, otherwise Jiang Ning wouldn't take him so seriously either.

How many people were worthy of Jiang Ning's serious attention?

He put out his cigarette, stood up and rotated his ankles a bit. He laughed, "You miss your wife, don't you?"

Jiang Ning nodded and smiled. Then he quickly put out his half smoked cigarette and threw it into the trash can.

He blew onto his own hand and smelled it. He immediately frowned and jumped to his feet.

"Damn it, Fei!" Jiang Ning started yelling. "I told you I won't smoke anymore but you insisted on lighting one for me! What am I going to do now?!"

"My breath stinks of cigarette smoke!"

And Fei had given him the type that they liked the most. It was a very strong smelling type of cigarette.

Jiang Ning lifted a leg to kick Fei in the butt, but Fei saw it coming and quickly jumped aside and started running for it.

"HAHA!" he laughed and ran at the same time. "Send my regards to your wife! HAHAHA!"

Jiang Ning exhaled deeply as he watched Fei



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scurry off. This son of a bitch did this on purpose.

Probably only Fei would dare to troll him so heartlessly too.

“How am I going to explain myself when I get back?”

Jiang Ning shook his head and walked to a convenience store nearby to buy a toothbrush and two tubes of toothpaste. Just before paying at the cashier, he added on a pack of chewing gum before waiting for his flight.

Meanwhile.

Back at Lin Group’s headquarters in Donghai.

There was much festivity in the air and it looked like it was New Year’s.

There were huge ribbons all over the main lobby and many employees were fighting to use their decoration ideas.

Lin Group had made another major breakthrough in just half a year. They now had a stable foothold in the north and their profits had gone up tremendously.

Jiang Ning had said before that once they stabilized their office in the north, then he was going to reward the ones who worked the hardest handsomely.

The moment Lin Yuzhen got the news in the morning, she called Xiaozhao to announce that

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they were going to have a celebratory dinner that very night to celebrate Lin Group's victory in the north.

"CEO Lin, we've decorated the place already. When is Brother Ning coming?"

"CEO Lin, where's Brother Ning? Has he reached Donghai yet? We can pick him up!"

"CEO Lin..."

All the employees were so excited when they saw Lin Yuzhen. They wished Jiang Ning would appear right now.


Lin Yuzhen laughed and thought to herself that she had really married a charming man. The entire company treated him like their idol.


"CEO Lin!" Xiaozhao came running over and her face was all red. She was equally excited. "The CEO of Donghai Bank, Xue Xing, is here!"

Her eyes were gleaming brightly and she swallowed a mouthful of saliva.

"They...they're driving five armored cash transport cars here!"

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Five armored cash transport cars?

Lin Yuzhen thought she heard Xiaozhao wrongly.

“How many?”

“FIVE!”

Xiaozhao’s voice was even louder now. The other staff around her heard her and were all shocked as if they had been struck by lightning.

Lin Yuzhen quickly walked out of the office building and some of her staff came running after her.

Five armored cash transport cars were driving into Lin Group.

Once the cars stopped, Xue Xing, the CEO of Donghai Bank, hopped off one of the cars and had a bright smile on his face.

“CEO Lin, we’ve brought the cash here.”

“You’ve brought the cash?” Lin Yuzhen was still confused.

“I got a call from Mr Jiang,” explained Xue Xing. “He said Lin Group is having a celebratory dinner tonight.”

That was correct, but why did Xue Xing drive five cars of cash to the office?

Lin Yuzhen looked at Xue Xing. “Then...what’s with the armored cars?”

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“It’s all cash,” Xue Xing nodded. “Mr Jiang said that all this is prize money.”

OOOH...

Everyone fell silent and time seemed to stop for a moment.

All the employees at the door were pale from fright at first, then their faces started getting red with excitement!

So everything in these five cars was prize money?

“How much is inside here?” Xiaozhao couldn’t resist asking. She was going to start drooling soon.

“\$300 million,” replied Xue Xing.

OOOOHHHHH...

The excitement in the air suddenly froze once again.

Even Lin Yuzhen was stunned as she stared at Xue Xing. “Mr Xue, how much again?”

“\$300 million,” said Xue Xing with a smile. “It’s all prize money.”

“Mr Jiang said that he originally intended to give just \$200 million away, but since everyone has worked so hard over the past two months, he decided to add \$100 million more to make everyone happy.”



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He walked over to the cars and knocked on the door. His subordinates immediately hopped out of the car to open everything up.

They started carrying out boxes and boxes of cold hard cash.

“CEO Lin, where should we put all this?” asked Xue Xing.

“Just...just leave it in the main lobby.”

Lin Yuzhen’s head was spinning. She was well aware that Jiang Ning was rich and he had indeed promised to reward the staff once Lin Group had a stable presence in the north.

Jiang Ning had said this during a company meeting and he was a man of his word.

But she was still shocked when he was really going through with it.

“Move everything to the lobby,” ordered Xue Xing.

Lin Yuzhen and her staff quietly stood to one side as they watched the men from the bank move all the cash from the armored cars to the lobby and stacked everything up on top of each other.

The cash was stacked like a little mountain and everyone felt like their eyes were going to fall out soon.

“I...I’ve never seen so much cash in my entire life!” one of them gulped and his voice was already hoarse.



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“This...this is all cash?!”

“Brother Ning said he would give cash away and...he was serious.”

Many of the staff suddenly felt like crying. They didn't know why either. They just felt like hugging all this cash and cry loudly!

\$300 million in cold hard cash!

When it was all stacked up, it was so shocking to behold. Nobody could tear their eyes away from it.

“CEO Lin, we've got all \$300 million stacked up here,” said Xue Xing with a slight bow after all the cash was stacked up neatly. “If you need any financial assistance, please let me know anytime.”

“Mr Jiang has no upper limits on withdrawals or loans with Donghai Bank.”

Lin Yuzhen was already numb.

Of course she knew that Jiang Ning was filthy rich. Even the card he gave to Su Mei for grocery shopping was a black card.

Could he stop flaunting his wealth like that?!

“Sure, I will. Thank you, Mr Xue, for coming all the way here,” she quickly thanked him.

“Oh no no, you're welcome, you're welcome,” replied Xue Xing with a smile. He congratulated her and the company, then left with his staff.



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Everyone's eyes were now focused on that mountain of cash in the lobby.



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They had never seen so much money in their lives.

And all of this was going to them to reward them for working so hard and working such long hours for the past few months!

Jiang Ning said that he was going to reward them, so he was definitely going to do what he said. And he had even thrown in an additional \$100 million.

How many bosses in the world were like him?

This was definitely the only company with such a boss!

“CEO Lin,” Xiaozhao felt like her tongue was dry and she had to swallow some saliva before asking, “Do you still need a maid at home? I don’t want to work here anymore.”

Lin Yuzhen glared fiercely at her, “Get back to work!”

“Yes, boss!”

The \$300 million was just left in the main lobby of the building without any security. This was the safest place in all of Donghai.

Everyone who passed by, including those clients who had come for a business meeting, gasped when they saw the mountain of cash.

They were even more astonished when they heard that this was the reward that Jiang Ning was



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giving away to the staff for working so hard.

There were even a couple of small company bosses who asked if Lin Group was hiring because they would rather work for Lin Group instead...

Lin Yuzhen couldn't be bothered with any of this. She hurriedly made her way to the airport to pick Jiang Ning up.

She was now very good at driving and she drove that first BMW 5-series that Jiang Ning bought her to the airport.

After waiting at the gate for a while, she saw Jiang Ning stroll out.

"Hubby!" Lin Yuzhen waved excitedly and started shouting, "I'm here! I'm here!"

Jiang Ning laughed and waved back. He broke into a sprint and hopped over the 5' fence. Before the security guards could get to him, he was already holding Lin Yuzhen in his embrace.

"Miss me?"

"Of course!"

"Let's go," Jiang Ning kissed Lin Yuzhen hard on the lips. "Let's go home!"

Lin Yuzhen bit her lips gently and blushed immediately.

They were in public!

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She wished Jiang Ning could control himself a little.

“The smell of toothpaste is so strong,” remarked Lin Yuzhen quietly. Jiang Ning ignored her remark and dragged her onto the car and drove off.

Jiang Ning wasn't in a hurry to go to the office since the party was only starting at night. Jiang Ning had purposely taken the earliest flight of the day back because he wanted to eat Su Mei's cooking.

After having his fill, Jiang Ning took a bath and fell asleep instantly.

Lin Yuzhen wanted to talk to him, but she decided not to say anything since Jiang Ning seemed so tired. She tucked herself into bed next to him and leaned against his chest to listen to his heartbeat.

She looked at his charming face and suddenly felt very blissful.

Jiang Ning was sleeping very soundly. He only dared to sleep like this when he was in this house.

“Hubby,” Lin Yuzhen quietly called him. Jiang Ning didn't move and his breathing remained even.

“Let's have a child?”

She had a cheeky smile on her face as she looked at the soundly sleeping Jiang Ning. She knew he couldn't hear her at all.

But Jiang Ning suddenly opened his eyes.



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Lin Yuzhen instantly went into a panic. Her face was all red and wanted to explain that she had purposely said that only because she thought Jiang Ning was asleep. She was so sure that he was asleep and didn't expect him to wake up when he heard these words.

Was he just pretending to sleep?!

“Weren't you...weren't you already asleep?”

Her face was all red and her heart was racing. She could feel her blood rushing through her entire body.

Her body was so warm now.

“Wifey,” Jiang Ning reached out to pull Lin Yuzhen closer to him. He flipped over and looked down at her. “I suddenly don't feel tired anymore.”

With that, he bent down to kiss her without hesitation.



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An afternoon nap was such a wonderful thing.

This was the first time Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen thought so.

They didn't leave the room all afternoon. Lin Yuzhen was curled up in Jiang Ning's arms and her face was all pink.

She didn't even dare to look up.

She was still in a daze. Jiang Ning was fast asleep, so how did he suddenly wake up again?

And then she gave her first time to him...

"It seems to be getting dark." Jiang Ning didn't seem tired at all. He seemed even more energetic than before.

He glanced down at Lin Yuzhen. "Are you still tired?"

"Uh huh," Lin Yuzhen quietly responded as she lazily stretched an arm out. "A little."

She looked up to meet Jiang Ning's eyes.

"Hubby, will we be able to have a child like that?"

Jiang Ning was caught off guard by this question, but he replied with a serious face, "We might need to work a little harder."

"Ok," Lin Yuzhen bit her lip. Her voice was even softer now, "Then...do you want to try again?"



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Jiang Ning didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"No, we still have to attend the party tonight."

He kissed Lin Yuzhen on the forehead. "We still have plenty of time ahead of us."

He looked at the time and realized it was getting late. The two of them had to be at the party because there were dozens of employees waiting to receive their cash prize.

They got up to have a bath, got changed and were ready to go out.

Su Mei and Lin Wen were all ready to go already, but they didn't want to disrupt Jiang Ning's rest time since he had worked so hard outside.

These two had taken a long afternoon nap. They must be really tired.

Su Mei looked up when she saw Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen come downstairs. "Finally up? It's time to go."

She suddenly noticed that Lin Yuzhen's face was a little red and she looked a little shy.

"What's wrong?" Su Mei immediately asked out of concern. "Are you feeling unwell? Why is your face so red?"

She reached a hand out to touch her daughter when Lin Wen pulled her back and his face turned red. "What are you doing? She's an adult and she would know if she's ill, you don't have to bother so



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much!”

He whispered something into Su Mei’s ear while dragging her along. Then he turned to look at Jiang Ning and winked at him as if to ask if they were ready to give him a grandson soon.

“It’s all your fault!” Lin Yuzhen kicked Jiang Ning and whined, “My parents are going to know about it.”

“They’ve been there, done that,” Jiang Ning laughed. “Otherwise you wouldn’t exist.”

“Let’s go, the staff must be going crazy with excitement.”

They drove towards the company headquarters.

The sky was dark, but Lin Group’s headquarters was still brightly lit.

The atmosphere in the main lobby was filled with even more excitement!

There was good food, good wine, beautiful women, everything!

All the female staff made sure they put on their prettiest evening gowns and looked their best, while the male staff also pulled out all the branded suits hiding in their closets to look their most charming too. They weren’t missing out on such an opportunity.

Who knows? They might go back with a surprise tonight too.



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BEEP BEEP!

A car horn sounded outside the door.

“The bosses are here!” someone yelled. Everyone started making their way out.

“Welcome, Chairman Lin! Welcome, Mrs Lin!”

The voices were deafeningly enthusiastic.

“Welcome CEO Lin!”

The voices were even more thunderous.

“Welcome Brother Ning!!”

Everyone screaming was about to lose their voices soon.

The applause was like the sound of thunder.

The cheers were as incredible as a tsunami.

“BROTHER NING! BROTHER NING! BROTHER NING!”

Jiang Ning raised a hand and everyone fell silent.

Lin Yuzhen and her family were amazed at the amount of control Jiang Ning had over the staff. Perhaps it was more appropriate to call this company Jiang Group instead.

“Sorry to keep everyone waiting,” Jiang Ning laughed. He declared, “Have a good time tonight, everyone! Everyone can have the day off

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tomorrow!”

“Brother Ning is the most awesome!!”

The cheers started all over again.

Jiang Ning laughed heartily.

He brought everyone into the lobby to see the huge mountain of cash stacked up in front of him. It was so tempting to look at!



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“Before we proceed to have fun, let’s have the Chairman say a few words,” Jiang Ning turned to Lin Wen.

Lin Wen waved his arms about and laughed, “There’s no point in saying anything for the sake of saying something. Everyone, just go ahead and have fun! We don’t really have any rules or anything like that.”

Everyone burst out laughing. They all knew that Lin Wen didn’t have any airs about him at all.

“Alright, we won’t waste anymore time then.” Jiang Ning exchanged glances with Lin Yuzhen. “Prize time!”

“Xiaozhao!” he called out and she immediately ran over to pass Jiang Ning the name list. This document listed everyone’s merits and the cash amount due to them.

It was a fair judgment and assessment, and was going to be announced publicly.

“Once I call your name,” said Jiang Ning as he held onto the name list and pointed to the gunny sacks at the side. “Get one of those and pick up the cash yourself.”

GULP.

Everyone immediately gulped when they heard this.

“Mi Hao! \$420,000! Count it yourself and go!”

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A man came through the crowd with his face all red with excitement. He grabbed one of the sacks and ran over to the money. His breathing started to quicken.

It wasn't that he had never received a cash prize before or never earned so much in his life before. But it was the first time he was just dumping money into a sack like this!

It actually felt so good!

"Thank you, Brother Ning!"

"Zhang Xilin! \$660,000!"

"Li Dazhao, \$290,000!"

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Jiang Ning continued to call out their names one by one. Lin Yuzhen watched as they each picked up a sack, counted the amount they were due and put it into the sack with trembling hands.

She felt all numb from watching them and she could feel goosebumps all over her skin.

It probably wasn't as exciting to receive a bank transfer of \$1 million compared to stuffing a few thousand physical notes into a sack.

Lin Group was definitely going to make the headlines the next day. They were going to make everyone's eyes pop at the cash and make them so jealous!



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The cash mountain started to decrease in size as more and more people carried a sack of cash in their hands. They didn't know how to describe what they felt.

"Everyone got their money?" asked Jiang Ning with a laugh.

Everyone nodded profusely. They were all red in the face without drinking a drop of alcohol.

"Alright then, keep it well, then go have fun!" shouted Jiang Ning loudly.

"Three cheers for Lin Group! Hip hip hurray!"

"Three cheers for Brother Ning! Hip hip hurray!"

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Everyone in Lin Group was delirious with excitement.

The music and food made everyone excited and even Lin Wen and Su Mei caught on. The staff even managed to persuade the two of them to dance and they clapped loudly even though their dance moves were clearly dated.

The atmosphere became more rowdy and everyone started running over to propose a toast to Jiang Ning. But even Jiang Ning couldn't take so many people coming to him to drink.

He had no choice but to drag Lin Yuzhen along to the entrance and took a deep breath.

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“I never thought that Lin Group could become like that one day.”

Lin Yuzhen's face was filled with happiness.

Setting up Lin Group had allowed her own employees to live a more dignified life and they in turn could also help even more people with their work. This feeling was really incredible.

“Hubby, thank you.”

Jiang Ning smiled and put an arm around her waist. “You're welcome.”

Suddenly, a few figures came running over and seemed to be in a great panic.

One of them lost his balance at the door and fell in front of Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen. Lin Yuzhen quickly ran over to help him up.

“Are you alright?”

“Is this...is this Lin Group? Is this Lin Group of Donghai?”

The man looked up and his face was covered with dirt. He sounded both anxious and pitiful, “I'm looking for Lin Yuzhen from Lin Group! I need to find her!”



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They were looking for her?

Lin Yuzhen was surprised. She turned to glance at Jiang Ning, but he shook his head too and didn't know what was going on either.

"I'm Lin Yuzhen." Lin Yuzhen helped the man up from the ground without hesitation. She glanced again to see there were a few others who came along with him.

They were dressed in worn out and dirty clothing.

Lin Yuzhen was dressed in a clearly expensive evening gown, which looked both exquisite and elegant. She looked completely different from them.

"You...you are Lin Yuzhen?"

The man that Lin Yuzhen helped up was instantly rooted to the spot. He looked up at Lin Yuzhen with wide eyes and couldn't really believe it.

"Are you really Lin Yuzhen, the person in charge of Lin Group?"

"That's me. I'm Lin Yuzhen. Why are you looking for me?" asked Lin Yuzhen seriously as she nodded her head.

They stared at Lin Yuzhen as if they were comparing her to photos of her on the news. A few seconds later, they exchanged glances and nodded excitedly after they were certain.

"It's her! It's her!" exclaimed the man. Everyone



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suddenly fell on their knees with a thud!

Lin Yuzhen was startled, and even Jiang Ning was surprised. They had no idea what was going on.

“CEO Lin! Please help us!”

He sobbed, “Everyone says you’re a kind soul. Our company was bought over by Lin Group. Please don’t leave us in the lurch!”

They were bought over by Lin Group?

Lin Yuzhen quickly helped them up without even bothering to ask further, “Get up quickly, everyone! Get up!”

“CEO Lin, please save us! We really have no one else to turn to and have no other choice but to come and bother you. Can you be so kind as to help us...”

“Get up first,” Lin Yuzhen helped them up, “If you don’t get up, then I won’t help!”

They hastily stood up and bowed slightly. They were too afraid to come too close to Lin Yuzhen in case they dirtied her outfit.

Regardless of how uneducated they were, they could tell Lin Yuzhen’s clothing was definitely not cheap.

“Did you say Lin Group bought over your company?” asked Lin Yuzhen.

“Yes. Our company is a mining company in the



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northwest district, called Black Star Mining. We used to be a subsidiary of Linglong group, but they told us Lin Group bought over the company, so I came looking for CEO Lin,” the man nodded.

They heard Lin Yuzhen from Lin Group was an honest-to-goodness kind soul. Since they were at their wit's end, they had no choice but to come to Donghai all the way from the northwest.

“So they were under Linglong Group.” The moment Jiang Ning heard this, he figured out what happened.

Linglong Group no longer existed, and all their businesses now belonged to Lin Group.

Jiang Ning planned on taking over their businesses right after the celebration and make Lin Group rapidly expand into a huge conglomerate. More importantly, he wanted to build a massive information network and hunt the Extreme Fist Technique's manual down.

He didn't expect them to come knocking on their door before he even went over.

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Before Lin Yuzhen could say anything, their stomachs started growling. They must have tripped and fallen because they were too hungry.

“You haven't eaten anything yet?” Lin Yuzhen felt bad for them.

“N-no, we haven't.” The man shook his head and

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looked somewhat embarrassed. “It’s okay. We can get a few steamed buns later. CEO Lin, as for our problem...”

“Eat something first,” Lin Yuzhen didn’t say much. “Come in with me and have some food before telling me exactly what happened.”

Who forced them to become like this?!

They looked so worn out and also traveled a great distance to ask her for help. Who would want to beg unless they had no choice?



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They didn't dare to move.

They could see that Lin Group was festively decorated and there was clearly some celebration going on. They were just ordinary workers and worse still, they were even covered in dirt and looked a mess. They were too embarrassed to go in.

"Go on in," Jiang Ning glanced at them and guessed what they were thinking. "Since Lin Group bought over your company, all of you are Lin Group employees now. So this is your home."

When he finished, the people trembled and their eyes reddened immediately.

Family...

The moment Lin Yuzhen brought them inside, the hall fell silent. They lowered their heads out of uneasiness, fearing to make eye contact.

"These people are from the northwest region and workers of a company that the Lin Group recently acquired," Lin Yuzhen said, "They came a long way and haven't eaten."

The crowd swiftly scattered. Immediately, some people brought chairs over, while others brought food and drinks...

"Come come, brother. You must be really hungry! Have some food!"

"Since you joined Lin Group, we're family now. Don't be shy!"



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“Xu, bring a few steaks over quickly!”

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The Lin Group employees were so friendly that it caught these workers by surprise, and it took them some time to react.

What was going on with this company?!

Xiaozhao waved discreetly and all the employees left them alone. They stopped staring curiously at them, out of fear it might make them uncomfortable. Only the colleagues who were helping to bring them food stayed to entertain them.

“Go on and eat,” Jiang Ning smiled as he pointed at the people around them. “This is Lin Group. They’re all part of the Lin Group family, and now, so are you.”

“After you’re done eating, tell me what happened, and I’ll deal with it. No one is allowed to bully Lin Group’s employees. “

Their eyes became even redder and their lips quivered. They got up and wanted to kneel down again. They had never met anyone so kind before!

“Sit down and eat,” Jiang Ning pressed one of their shoulders down again to stop him from getting up. “If you need anything, just tell us. We’ve plenty of food to go around today anyway.”

They nodded their heads vigorously before wiping the tears from the corner of their eyes and



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thanking them nonstop. Since they were already famished, they couldn't resist eating heartily.

Lin Yuzhen felt sorry for them as she watched them wolf the food down ravenously.

They were clearly low wage workers with an annual income barely enough to even buy one piece of branded clothing.

The northwest region was very far from Donghai. Even if they came by train, it was a very long way and they must have suffered a lot to make it to Donghai.

"Slow down and don't choke on the food," said Lin Yuzhen gently as she poured them some water.

After they had their fill, they looked more energetic.

"Come, let's talk in the meeting room," Jiang Ning brought them upstairs.

They felt unaccustomed as they sat in the posh chairs without moving a muscle, worried that they might dirty anything with their filthy clothing as they looked around inside the beautiful meeting room.

"Come, tell me what happened. Why did you come to Donghai to look for us?"

"We...we haven't received any salary for an entire year and can't afford to wait any longer..."

The leader of the group started to wipe tears from

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his eyes shortly after speaking, “My wife is gravely ill and I need the money for the doctor, but the boss refused to pay us. When we went to look for him, he even hit us!”

He rolled up his sleeve to reveal frightening wounds.

The sight of the wounds made Lin Yuzhen furious!



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It was clear from the numerous scars on his arm that he had been beaten up, and there were even several spots that hadn't recovered.

Lin Yuzhen's face turned pale as her body shook. She was too angry to utter a word.

How could anyone be so terrible in this day and age?

"When we told them we were going to look for our new boss, they refused to let us come and sent people after us. It was so hard for us to make it here," the man sighed, sounding more and more upset as he shook his head and wanted to kneel again, but Jiang Ning stopped him.

"CEO Lin, I know you're a good person. Please help us! Please save us!"

If they weren't desperate, they wouldn't have thrown away their dignity like this either.

They came all the way to Donghai only for that meager salary!

"They've gone too far!" Lin Yuzhen could no longer bear hearing this and her eyes reddened.

She had never seen anyone as unreasonable and cruel as this.

"That's no Black Star Mining, they're just black-hearted!" she said angrily.

"Since this company now belongs to Lin Group, we'll handle this." Jiang Ning saw how upset Lin



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Yuzhen was and he wasn't going to let this slide either.

Anyone who made his darling wife upset had to be punished!

"Lin Group aims to help and serve more people. Since Black Star Mining was bought over by us, they must take our lead and do good deeds, or else there's no reason for it to exist."

At the sound of that, their expressions changed.

"Mr Jiang..."

They suddenly felt anxious, "Will we cause you any trouble? They're very powerful in the region!"

Black Star Mining owned close to half of the resources in the northwest region and commanded a remarkable amount of influence. Rumor had it they were connected to a powerful family in the north and could not be offended.

Did Jiang Ning just say there was no reason for them to exist?

If Jiang Ning were to say this in the northwest region, he would undoubtedly stir up trouble!

Lin Yuzhen was a kind person and they could sense it even after meeting her for only a while.

Even those Lin Group employees treated them like family and made them so touched.

They didn't want to implicate Lin Group and



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someone as kind as Lin Yuzhen.

“Don’t worry. Yuzhen will seek justice for you,” Jiang Ning glanced at Lin Yuzhen. “As long as they’ve done something wrong, they must pay the price no matter who they are!”

“Kindness gets rewarded, and bad people have to be punished!” said Jiang Ning solemnly when he saw that they were still worried.

He called Xiaozhao over and instructed her to take care of their accommodation and let them have a good rest.

Then he called Huang Yuming right away.

In no time, Huang Yuming came over with Brother Gou and the others.

They just got back to Donghai and were about to head over to the Lin Group headquarters to join the celebrations. When they received their new mission, all their exhaustion instantly dissipated.

The wolves had such a reputation in the north that even the higher-ups of the powerful families were terrified.

Even the Xue and Long families were aware that Jiang Ning’s wolves were unstoppable.

“Zhao has already sorted out all the details of the information network,” said Jiang Ning, “All the assets in the northwest, South Island, northeast, and southwest form an information network.”

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“We have to locate the rest of the Extreme Fist Technique Manual before His Lordship does and learn its secrets. These assets are very important to us!”



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Huang Yuming and the others nodded.

For as long as the Hidden Sect remained a threat, no one could relax.

Those people knew no boundaries and resorted to any means to get what they wanted. But the worst part was that this sect was made up of highly skilled fighters and top talents from various industries.

They spelled trouble.

“Big Boss, don’t worry. We won’t rest until we eradicate the despicable Hidden Sect!” said Huang Yuming.

Right now, his outlook was vastly different from the past.

He was even more awestruck, especially after learning from Fei about some things that Jiang Ning did in the past.

He already wasted the first half of his life, so for the rest of his lifetime, he had to do something meaningful even if it cost him his life.

“That little fucker! Pissing Boss Yuzhen off is as good as pissing Big Boss off!”

Brother Gou gnashed his teeth and turned to look at everyone, “He pissed Big Boss off, so what must we do?”

“Beat the shit out of him!” shouted everyone in unison.

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Jiang Ning nodded his head, “Rest well tonight, everyone. Tomorrow, we’re off to the northwest!”

Huang Yuming immediately brought everyone back.

After Jiang Ning told the company staff to relax and enjoy the party, he gave them the next day off and brought Lin Yuzhen home.

Lin Yuzhen was still slightly depressed.

She was angry.

She could still see the image of those people kneeling before her begging for help running through her mind, and she felt miserable.

How could someone do such awful things and bully those at the lowest level of society?

Didn’t it prick their conscience?!

“Hubby, did I cause you trouble today?” Lin Yuzhen finally turned around and looked at Jiang Ning, “I got so mad that I promised them.”

“Now that I think about it, I should have tried to solve it on my own, instead of getting all angry and adding more to your plate.”

Jiang Ning’s face fell when he saw how red Lin Yuzhen’s eyes were.

“Wifey, now you’re making me upset,” he said with a serious look on his face. “It’s my job to share your burden and make sure you’re happy. Do you



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want me to lose my job?”

“Although you’ve always been the one who brings the bread home, I’ve been working very hard too, you know!”

Lin Yuzhen looked at Jiang Ning. She suddenly couldn’t hold it in anymore and burst out laughing.

“I hate you!” she scoffed.

She deliberately turned her head and pretended to ignore Jiang Ning, but there was a look of bliss on her face.

“Do you hate me or do you like me?” Jiang Ning kept asking.

“I like you!”

“Do you like me or do you love me?”

“Yes, I love you! I love you! Happy now?”

Lin Yuzhen pursed her lips. It felt so wonderful to have such a powerful man protecting her.

She had nothing to fear.

Jiang Ning was her harbor, so he would protect her from any wind and rain and give her refuge from the stormy seas.

When Jiang Ning saw that Lin Yuzhen had relaxed, he laughed.

He reached his hand out to hold Lin Yuzhen’s with

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their fingers intertwined. They didn't need to say anymore.

When they arrived back home, Lin Yuzhen went back to the room to rest.

After a tiring afternoon and the low spirits she was in at night because of this incident, she was genuinely exhausted.

As Jiang Ning tucked her in, he gazed at Lin Yuzhen's face tenderly.

"You've always been so kind. Even if we didn't buy over the company, you wouldn't have ignored them, right?" he reached his hand out to smoothen the stray hair on Lin Yuzhen's forehead.

"Don't worry. I'll help you to protect all the people that you want to defend and accomplish anything you want!"



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As Lin Yuzhen slept soundly, her long eyelashes trembled gently without any indication of whether she heard Jiang Ning.

The night went by quietly.

When Lin Yuzhen woke up in the morning, she started packing and got ready to leave.

The mining company in the northwest remained on her mind. If this didn't get sorted out, she would continue to feel uneasy.

Jiang Ning was having breakfast downstairs when he stuck his thumb up and praised Su Mei, "Mum, these snacks are seriously delicious. Where did you learn to make them?"

Su Mei was delighted. She smiled and said, "It's a secret!"

Her greatest joy now was to cook for everyone and fatten them up nicely.

Especially since it was about time for Lin Yuzhen to start conditioning her body.

She was still waiting for a grandchild!

"What secret?" Lin Yuzhen came downstairs and smiled as she said, "Mum, what secret? Aren't you going to tell me?"

"Of course I'm not telling you. I'd rather tell Jiang Ning than you!" said Su Mei deliberately.

It was as if Jiang Ning was her real son.



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Lin Yuzhen was used to this. She shrugged her shoulders and resigned herself to this fate.

Jiang Ning had the highest position in this family now.

After breakfast, the two went to the airport. Xiaozhao already brought the miners there.

“CEO Lin, Mr Jiang, we can take the train back. The air ticket... is too expensive.”

“That’s right, we can just take the train. The hard seats are fine, it’s just a little slow. We’ll do our best to catch up with both of you.” They felt bad taking a free ride from them.

Since they arrived at Lin Group in Donghai, Lin Yuzhen provided them with food, lodging and medical attention for their injuries. They were so touched that they didn’t know what to say.

They wanted to do their best to minimize trouble for Lin Yuzhen.

“It’s okay. Consider it a company expense,” Jiang Ning smiled and said, “It’s one of Lin Group’s perks. Let’s go.”

He spoke no further and brought Lin Yuzhen and the miners straight up the plane and flew straight to where Black Star Mining was.

At the same time, Huang Yuming and the others set off too, but they went via another route.

Meanwhile.



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In the city of Xishan.

As a renowned mining development in the northwest, the city made its name mainly through mining.

They contributed to a third of the nation's annual production and were practically printing money. Many people had fought to take control of this place back then.

In the beginning, Linglong Group invested close to ten billion in order to control the Xishan mining industry and left its control in the hands of a few powerful families.

Now that Linglong Group was no more, all its stocks belonged to Lin Group.

But the person who wielded the actual power in Black Star Mining thought otherwise.

He didn't have to split his ill-gotten gains with anyone else with Linglong Group out of the picture. This company truly belonged to him now!

At the eighth mining zone.

Angry voices filled the air.

"Pay up! Our salary has been delayed for too long! You must pay us today!"

"We know Mr Zhou is here! He can forget about leaving today if he doesn't pay us!"

"Tell Mr Zhou to come out and pay us!"

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Dozens of workers stood in front of the office building. They blocked the entrance and kept shouting because they were furious.

They were very upset and their skin was badly wrinkled. If not for the numbers and names on their uniforms, they were completely unrecognizable with those black and dirty faces.

It had been half a year since they last received any salary, and they were starting to have trouble putting food on their tables. Yet the person in charge refused to pay them.

He even threatened to deny them of their back pay if they stopped coming to work while they delayed their salary!

How could he do that?



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“What’s all this noise?!”

A burly man stood at the door and picked up a stick on the ground to hit it hard against the metal railing, making a clanging sound.

“Keep it down, or else you’re going to get it from me!”

They knew this burly man before them called Bai Mao was no ordinary person and was well-known locally for being ruthless. He specialized in handling all sorts of troublemakers at the mines and often resorted to brutal tactics.

“Get lost!”

Bai Mao was a name that meant ‘white fur’, but he didn’t actually have much hair and was nicknamed after the single clump of white hair on the top of his head.

He scoured the place coldly with a look of contempt, “Don’t you know who the hell I am?”

“If any of you keeps making a racket here, I’ll break his leg!”

His malicious voice left the miners shivering.

“Mr Zhou has delayed our pay for too long. He said he would pay us this month...”

Someone couldn’t hold it in and cried out at Bai Mao.

Bai Mao raised his head to take a look before

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narrowing his eyes and scanning through the crowd. When his eyes stopped at this man, he sneered, “Do you want to talk to me about it?”

The man stopped talking. He didn’t dare to say anything as his face flushed crimson.

But Bai Mao had no intention of letting him off. Instead, he dragged the metal rod across the floor and made a beeline for him. His malevolent eyes made the worker instantly nervous.

“What... what are you trying to do...”

“What else?”

The corner of Bai Mao’s savage eyes twitched, “I told everyone to be quiet, but you still dared to talk. So either you look down on me, or you think my words are nonsense!”

BAM!

He raised the stick and suddenly slammed it against the worker’s leg.

CRAAACK!

A cracking sound was followed by a bloodcurdling scream.

“AHHH...” The worker instantly collapsed onto the ground and howled in agony.

“What are you doing?” The other workers were infuriated and their eyes reddened.



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“What? Do you want me to break your legs too?”

Although Bai Mao was alone, he was fearless about facing so many workers and remained contemptuous. He knew that these men didn't dare to protest at all and would fall to their knees over just a few thousand bucks.

These workers were the dregs of society!

But even so, the workers did not retreat at all.

They were really pushed into a corner this time!

Even a cornered beast would attempt to escape or attack when desperate, let alone humans.

They were human beings!

Everyone needed money to put food on the table, send their children to school, and send their elders to see a doctor. No one could stand it anymore.

“We're going to fight it out today!” someone yelled out of nowhere furiously.

“FIGHT!!” a second person chimed in instantly. All of them charged over with red and angry eyes.

They couldn't survive anymore if they didn't receive money today. If they had to die, then they were taking these awful people down with them!

“All of you are asking for it!” glared Bai Mao as he bellowed. He wasn't counting on retaliation. Had they no respect for him?

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If word got out, he would lose all his reputation in Xishan!

He waved the pole in his hand and struck the nearest miner in the arm. The pole struck him with a terrible sound and the pain was excruciating.

BAM!

He raised his leg and kicked someone else aside ferociously.

After mining nonstop day and night for years, the miners were exhausted, so they were no match for someone as vicious as Bai Mao. In a matter of moments, many of them had fallen to the ground and were wailing in agony.

“Anyone else?”

Bai Mao’s bellow frightened the others. They instantly stopped moving even though they were shaking from anger.



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Since no one else dared to step forward, Bai Mao spat on the workers on the ground in disdain.

“What a bunch of useless idiots! I gave you a chance, but you didn’t take it!” He turned to enter the door and shut the metal gate behind him.

The dozens of workers could only wait outside with teary eyes, but no one dared to charge forward.

The fragrance of tea filled the office.

Anyone with an appreciation for tea could tell by its scent that this was an expensive one and cost several thousand for just a pound of leaves.

Zhou Zhenghu made quite a lot of money as the person in charge of the eighth mining zone. He had spent the past number of years buying more than ten houses and an entire street of commercial properties.

He had dark skin and wore a thick gold necklace as well as a thumb ring. Apparently he had pried that ring off a dead man.

All these years, he had never done anything ethical.

“Are they asking for money?”

He drank a sip of tea before sneering, “They can dream on! I already paid them six months ago out of pity.”

“If they don’t want to work, then don’t. Tell them to



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get lost and stop harassing me. Do they want to die?”

Bai Mao smiled, “Mr Zhou, just ignore them. They’re just a bunch of worthless idiots. If they stop working, we don’t even have to give them back pay.”

Each worker made only a few thousand, but the entire eighth mining zone’s salaries added up to a tidy sum. He profited by using their salaries for investment instead.

Zhou Zhenghu narrowed his eyes.

He constantly stole the miners’ income to invest in shops and lucrative businesses.

Furthermore, these workers didn’t dare to retaliate at all.

Everyone knew each other in this industry. If they wanted to continue making a livelihood in Xishan without any education or skills, they could only work as miners. It spelled huge trouble for them if they offended anyone.

It only took a few thousand to decide on a person’s dignity. It felt fantastic.

“Have you caught those people yet?” he eyed Bai Mao. “Those dumbasses said they wanted to complain to the new boss and get their salary. What a joke!”

“Get their salary? Do they even know where Lin Group is located? Who’s going to care about



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them?” Bai Mao took a sip of tea and smiled as he said, “I told you they’re useless idiots who know nothing. Why would a big boss have the time for nobodies like them?”

“By the way, Mr Zhou, did the Lin Group really buy over our mining company? I asked around and heard that Lin Group isn’t in the trade at all.”

“Buy over my ass!” cursed Zhou Zhenghu. “Those powerful families in the north suddenly didn’t want it anymore. I wonder how much dirty money they sucked from us all these years.”

“They just changed hands like that. Did anyone stop to ask our opinion?”

He scoffed unhappily, “Would they be able to control the Xishan mines if we didn’t work for them? Now that they don’t want it, this company is ours!”

He believed the real owners of Black Star Mining didn’t take this buy over seriously.

How could Lin Group interfere when Xishan was his territory, and everything here was within his control?

They could dream on!

“Of course. Who would be willing to hand over such a lucrative enterprise to someone else?” Bai Mao took another sip of tea, “I don’t think anyone from Lin Group dares to come over!”

BAM!

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Suddenly, shouts came from outside again, demanding Zhou Zhenghu to pay their salary.

Zhou Zhenghu furrowed his brows as Bai Mao instantly stood up.

“Those fuckers are dead meat,” he snarled angrily. “Mr Zhou, enjoy your tea while I go take care of them and make them forget about asking for money for the rest of their lives!” Bai Mao walked out with a metal stick in hand.



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“Bloody hell, none of you are going to give up until you’re all dead, isn’t it?” Bai Mao darted toward them and glared fiercely at them. He waved the metal rod like a lunatic and frightened all the workers.

They wanted to back off but Bai Mao didn’t give them the opportunity this time!

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He swung the metal rod and clubbed someone savagely. That worker crumpled to the ground and howled nonstop as he held his head with both hands.

“That’s right! Keep shouting! Just keep on shouting!” Bai Mao hollered, “Go on shouting and disturb Mr Zhou while he’s having tea!”

His metal stick came crashing down on that miner’s head as though he was determined to kill him in order to shock and scare all these lowly workers.

“AHHH...” A piercing shriek was heard and a split second later, that worker’s head was covered with blood.

“Stop! Stop it!”

“You’re going to kill him! Stop it!”

The other workers rushed forward, but Bai Mao couldn’t be bothered and beat them up as well.

“Kill him? Even if I kill you all, you’ll be dying for

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nothing!”

He roared with laughter hysterically as he kicked a miner to the ground. When he raised the metal stick overhead, all the people around him became terrified.

If this stick landed on his head, he would become disabled even if he survived.

“Go and die, you idiots!” yelled Bai Mao as he used all his strength to strike this head before him to mush!

But all of a sudden, he couldn't move his hand anymore.

The metal stick stopped in midair and refused to budge.

“What the...?” Bai Mao was shocked. He turned around to see a clean and unfamiliar face appear in his line of sight. “Who are you?”

BAM!

Jiang Ning did not bother with niceties.

He kicked Bai Mao viciously in the knee, sending him kneeling to the floor instantaneously with a thud, and even the slate on the ground trembled.

“AHHH!!” It was Bai Mao's turn to howl.

His knee cap was shattered.

“You...”



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PAK!

Before Bai Mao managed to open his mouth, Jiang Ning slapped him, making three of his teeth fly out while blood oozed from the corners of his mouth.

“Who are...who are you?” Bai Mao was seeing stars and his shattered knee cap nearly made him keel over, but the intense pain kept him conscious.

“You have no right to know,” Jiang Ning slapped Bai Mao on the face, making his face swell.

“Ahhh...! Who the hell...who are you?!”

Bai Mao was in excruciating pain. He knelt on the ground with so much blood in his mouth that he couldn't speak clearly.

He turned to see that the workers whom Zhou Zhenghu ordered him to capture were behind Jiang Ning. He immediately realized that these workers had gotten help.

How dare these useless idiots actually get help!

“Men!” Dozens of men ran out from inside, each armed with a metal stick and looked ready to kill!

The workers were so frightened that their faces turned pale.

“Don't be afraid.”

Lin Yuzhen wasn't nervous at all. All she felt was

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fury!

If she didn't witness this with her own eyes, she would rather not believe anyone could be as cruel as this. How could anyone be capable of unleashing such violence on poor innocent laborers?

Was he still a human?

For the first time, she felt that there were times when being reasonable was no use. Jiang Ning must not let these incorrigible people off easy!

“Hubby!”

Lin Yuzhen bit her lip and yelled loudly, “They scared me!”



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At the drop of her voice!

BAM!

There was a loud blast, and Bai Mao flew out like a kite with a broken string. Even though he was 6'4 and weighed more than 200 pounds, he flew out gently before crashing heavily on the ground.

“AHHH!!”

Bai Mao screamed like a pig getting slaughtered and rolled around on the ground as he hugged his knee and thigh and convulsed.

“You frightened my wife?”

Jiang Ning raised his brow and yelled sternly, “Do you want to die?”

Jiang Ning moved without giving the men any chance to react.

He darted into the crowd instantaneously like a dragon manifesting in human form as he ruthlessly sent them flying left and right.

In the blink of an eye, no man was left standing.

Everyone around them was stunned.

They didn't expect Jiang Ning to be this incredible.

They witnessed Bai Mao's skills before, and the miners earlier were no match for him.

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But Bai Mao and his men were couldn't even defend themselves against Jiang Ning.

"Who... who is he?"

"He's awesome!"

"Even Bao Mao wasn't his match!"

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The workers muttered both excitedly and anxiously.

When they caught sight of the familiar faces that came with Jiang Ning, they hurriedly started asking them about Jiang Ning.

"Hua Sheng, you guys are back!"

"Who is he? He even dared to hit Bai Mao?!"

"They're going to get into big trouble here. Get them out of here quickly!"

Hua Sheng was the one who traveled to Donghai to beg Lin Yuzhen to save them. At this moment, he held his breath as he watched Jiang Ning fight.

Now he understood why Jiang Ning had the confidence to say he could make these animals disappear.

He was really incredible.

His body was almost numb.



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“They...they’re...” His Adam’s apple moved a few times before he finally collected himself and introduced them, “This is our savior!”

“This is the CEO of Lin Group from Donghai, Lin Yuzhen! She’s our new boss!”

Hua Sheng said excitedly, “CEO Lin has come to our aid! She and Mr Jiang are both here to help us!”

On hearing that, everyone was stunned and could hardly believe it.

Donghai?

That was all the way in the southeast!

It was way too far from the northwest district, but Hua Sheng and the others seriously made it to Donghai and even managed to invite representatives from Lin Group over.

They looked at the young and beautiful Lin Yuzhen somewhat in disbelief.

She had Jiang Ning with her, but would she really dare to fight with those people from Black Star Mining?

That had to be a joke, right?

If they failed to succeed, the miners would have gotten them into trouble, and they would probably be dead meat.

“Hua Sheng, hurry up and take them away! They’ll

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get into trouble for hitting Bai Mao!”

“Exactly! Don’t you know what Zhou Zhenghu and his people are like? You shouldn’t have come back!”

“Hurry up and go! Leave quickly, everyone!”

All the miners told Hua Sheng to take Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen away because they were keenly aware of what Zhou Zhenghu was like.

There was no way he would let Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen off.

Hua Sheng was in a dilemma.

Of course, he didn’t want to drag someone as kind as Lin Yuzhen into this and let any harm befall her.

He turned to look at Lin Yuzhen, who shook her head instead.

“We won’t leave without taking care of the problems here,” said Lin Yuzhen seriously, “This mining company now belongs to Lin Group, so it must follow our rules and we can’t let them bully honest folk like this!”

“I’ll give them a chance if they listen, but if they don’t...” She turned to look at Jiang Ning, “My hubby will teach them a lesson!”



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Jiang Ning's kick sent Bai Mao flying into the office building. He looked at Lin Yuzhen and the others and said calmly, "I'll go in and have a chat with them. Wait for me outside."

He then walked straight into the office building, leaving Bai Mao's men howling in pain from their broken limbs.

Although these workers couldn't help worrying when they saw Jiang Ning enter the office building on his own, they didn't know how to convince him otherwise either.

"Hold your weapons up!" someone shouted. "They came all the way here to help us, so we can't let anything happen to them!"

"That's right!"

"If Zhou Zhenghu dares to hurt them, we'll fight!"

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In no time, dozens of workers stood in front of Lin Yuzhen while they held their mining shovels tightly in their hands warily.

At the same time.

When Zhou Zhenghu heard the noise outside, his face turned pale.

"What is Bai Mao doing? Isn't he done with them after so long?"

All this noise was ruining his mood for tea

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drinking.

After Zhou Zhenghu cursed, he decided to open the door and reprimand Bai Mao. But when the door opened, he saw an unfamiliar face instead.

“Who are you?”

Zhou Zhenghu instantly shouted, “Men! How can you let random people in? Where are my men?”

“Are you talking about them?”

Jiang Ning turned to the side to let Zhou Zhenghu see all his men sprawled along the corridor and convulsing in so much pain that they couldn’t even utter a single word.

His face paled instantly!

What...what was going on?

“Can we talk?” Jiang Ning walked right in and glanced around inside the office as he nodded his head gently.

“This place looks pretty nicely done up. You can afford to renovate the office so nicely but you can’t afford to pay the workers?” He turned to look at Zhou Zhenghu, “Don’t you know that it’s wrong to delay their salaries?”

“Who on earth are you?”

Zhou Zhenghu ignored Jiang Ning and stared warily at him as he shouted sternly, “I’m warning you, this is Xishan. You won’t be able to bear the



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consequences if you dare to make trouble here!”

Jiang Ning narrowed his eyes without uttering a word.

“Are you afraid now?”

Zhou Zhenghu merely sneered, “I don’t care who you are or how influential you are out there. Xishan is no place for you to make trouble!”

“Don’t even think about leaving after attacking one of mine.... Ahhh!” But before he finished his words, Jiang Niang suddenly smacked Zhou Zhenghu on his face, leaving him rolling on the ground and screaming nonstop.

“I don’t feel like leaving today!”

Jiang Ning looked at Zhou Zhenghu coldly, “I won’t leave until this gets sorted out.”

“You...”

I’m from Lin Group. Black Star Mining is mine, and no one can do such things behind my back.”

“You’re from the Lin Group!”

Zhou Zhenghu was terrified. Someone from Lin Group actually came?

Weren’t they afraid?

They were in Xishan and not Donghai. Did they presume that buying over Linglong Group meant they could swallow Black Star Mining whole?

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They must be dreaming!

“Do...do you know what you’re doing?”

Zhou Zhenghu covered his face and continued to be stubborn, “Even if you’re from Lin Group, it’s pointless to make trouble in Xishan! You’ll regret it!”

He couldn’t believe Lin Group dared to come to Xishan and take over the assets they bought over. Did they prefer to die?

“I don’t know if I’ll regret it.”

Jiang Ning walked over and stepped on Zhou Zhenghu's chest, “But I’m pretty sure you will!”



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Zhou Zhenghu shrieked in pain as two of his ribs broke instantly!

He held onto Jiang Ning's legs with a pale face, "Let...let go...let go of me!"

Jiang Ning's leg felt like it weighed a ton when he stepped on Zhou Zhenghu. It immobilized him completely.

PAK!

Jiang Ning slapped Zhou Zhenghu again, "Let go? Would you dare to leave if I did?"

Zhou Zhenghu didn't dare to utter a word.

Was this man here a lunatic?

He was almost scaring the hell out of him!

He was too terrifying!

He was so powerful that he was scary!

He was so domineering that he was scary!

Jiang Ning grabbed Zhou Zhenghu by the collar and tossed him on the couch, causing him so much pain that he curled up and screamed excruciatingly.

"Are you done yelling?" asked Jiang Ning in a gentle voice as he sat right across from Zhou Zhenghu. He was too afraid to even whimper anymore.

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He looked fearfully at Jiang Ning and even his lips were trembling. Were all the people from Lin Group this domineering?

Didn't they know they were in Xishan and not Donghai?

Although the thought crossed his mind, he didn't have the guts to say it because he knew if he did, Jiang Ning would happily slap his face to a pulp without a second thought.

He could only nod without saying anything stupid.

"Since Black Star Mining is now Lin Group's, then you have to follow our rules," said Jiang Ning, "The first and most important rule is never to delay wages!"

Zhou Zhenghu opened his mouth to speak but decided against it.

"Pay what you owe immediately!" said Jiang Ning right away without any regard for Zhou Zhenghu's expression. "Any problems?"

Zhou Zhenghu gritted his teeth as his voice trembled, "No...no problem at all."

Would he dare say that there were problems?

A few dozen men were lying along the corridor and incapable of standing up now. And Bai Mao might even be dead.

If he dared to argue with Jiang Ning, he was bound to die today.



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Zhou Zhenghu resented this. Where did these representatives of Lin Group even come from? And he wasn't prepared for how tough they were going to be either.

If all his men were around right now, then this man in front of him would be the unlucky one today instead.

"Why are you still staring into space?" Jiang Ning furrowed his brows slightly as Zhou Zhenghu sat motionlessly, "Go get the money!"

"Yes yes yes!" Zhou Zhenghu didn't dare to argue. Jiang Ning was clearly the bloodthirsty type and definitely capable of wringing his head off his shoulders.

He struggled to climb off the couch while the pain in his chest made him grimace in pain.

After he walked up to the safe, he turned to look at Jiang Ning and gulped, "Can...can I have some privacy? I need to enter the password..."

"Just do it!"

This entire mining company was his now. What was one safe to him? Would he want to steal its contents?

After Jiang Ning shouted coldly, Zhou Zhenghu didn't dare to say anymore. He hastily entered its password and the safe opened to reveal stacks and stacks of cash.

He immediately took out a bag and filled it with



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cash. As he filled it up, he started thinking about how to contact his men to kill Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning glanced at the huge bag casually. It contained about five to six hundred thousand and looked enough to pay the workers.

This fellow kept so much money in the safe but claimed that he didn't have enough to pay the workers?

There were so damned black-hearted!

"This...this ought to be enough money to pay them." Zhou Zhenghu's heart was bleeding over the hundreds of thousands.

This was the money he kept in the office to excite the women he brought over to have some fun with. But now he had to take it out and actually give it to the workers.

"Then what are you waiting for? Are you waiting for me to do it?" Jiang Ning glanced at Zhou Zhenghu. Zhou Zhenghu was so petrified that he walked out immediately without any hesitation.

All his men were still sprawled on the floor. When they saw Jiang Ning walking over, they struggled to inch away even if their legs were broken.



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# NH

Zhou Zhenghu was overwhelmed with fear.

The more he looked at the men along the corridor, the more his heart shuddered.

How could Lin Group have such a vicious person around?

These were all good fighters who had followed him for years and helped to deal with countless conflicts in the mine.

These men were pretty terrifying themselves too.

But now they looked at Jiang Ning as if they had seen a ghost and couldn't wait to run.

His heart sank as he walked out the door and caught sight of Bai Mao and the others. They were lying on the ground as well while they shivered and howled in pain.

Did that mean that Jiang Ning knocked down nearly 40 men all by himself?

Was he even human?!

“Kneel!” Jiang Ning kicked the back of Zhou Zhenghu's knees, making him kneel immediately before the workers. “Apologize!”

“AHHH...”

He let out an agonizing scream as his knees hit the floor with a thud, making both his legs numb instantly.

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Hua Sheng and the workers were stunned and wore conflicted expressions on their faces.

Those who were so worried that Jiang Ning might be at a disadvantage were all dumbstruck now.

Jiang Ning actually managed to drag Zhou Zhenghu out.

He was really amazing.

“I...I’m sorry!” said Zhou Zhenghu softly with no choice but to yield as he gritted his teeth, and his face turned red.

“Did you hear that?”

Jiang Ning glanced at Hua Sheng and the others, “Did you hear his apology?”

The workers were very quiet.

Suddenly, someone shouted, “I heard nothing!”

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Jiang Ning slapped Zhou Zhenghu on the face instantly. “They said they didn’t hear you!”

Zhou Zhenghu was on the verge of tears as he knelt on the ground. Just as he was about to fight back, he turned to see Jiang Ning’s expression. All the fury on his face dissipated and his voice softened.

“I...I’m sorry!” he shouted loudly.



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When these workers heard his apology, their eyes turned red.

Even though they knew Zhou Zhenghu was probably insincere and was merely doing it because Jiang Ning was pressing down on his head and forcing him.

Yet when they heard it, they felt a rush nonetheless.

Zhou Zhenghu ought to apologize.

He ought to kneel and apologize to everyone.

“We’re giving out the wages now. You’ll get what he owes you exactly,” said Jiang Ning, “Hua Sheng, you’re the first one!”

Hua Sheng was still slightly apprehensive. Could he really take money from Zhou Zhenghu?

He was suddenly afraid.

“It’s okay. That money is yours to begin with. Go on and take it,” said Lin Yuzhen as she looked at him solemnly. “It’s your hard earned money and no one has the right to take it from you!”

“Thank you, CEO Lin! Thank you!”

Hua Sheng gritted his teeth and wiped all fear from his mind. Since Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen told him to take it, he was going to.

Why shouldn’t he take it since it was his money?

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“My wages for the past eight months are \$21,204!” Hua Sheng walked up to Zhou Zhenghu and stood towering over him. For the first time, the domineering and fierce Zhou Zhenghu didn’t seem as scary. Wasn’t Zhou Zhenghu kneeling before him after all?

“Pay him!” When Jiang Ning caught Zhou Zhenghu moving too slowly, he said coldly, “If your hands are useless, I’ll break them!”

Zhou Zhenghu hurriedly opened the bag to pull out a wad of cash. He counted out \$22,000 and handed it to Hua Sheng.

But Hua Sheng only took what he was owed and didn’t want the excess at all. “I’ll only take what’s mine!”

He looked at Zhou Zhenghu and shouted, “I’m not like you!”



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Zhou Zhenghu shuddered. He opened his mouth to speak, but no words came out of his mouth.

“You despise them, but you can’t be compared to them!” Jiang Ning glanced at Zhou Zhenghu with contempt, “This is what you get for being too greedy!”

After Hua Sheng went first, a second worker came forward, then a third...

All the workers present went to Zhou Zhenghu to take their well-deserved wages.

When they held the money in their hands, they even shuddered!

They said everything they could in an attempt to get the money back and even knelt to beg Zhou Zhenghu, but nothing worked.

Zhou Zhenghu not only refused to pay, he even threatened to send people to beat them up!

They would never forget any of this.

But now their new bosses, Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen, were here, and they helped them reclaim their money immediately. They were truly their saviors.

“Thank you, Mr Jiang! Thank you, Miss Lin!”

“Thank you both! Thank you both!”

“We’re really so grateful!”

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Many people were so touched that they were in tears!

They really needed this money very badly.

Some were waiting to send their sick to the doctor while others needed to send their children to school and buy them clothing.

They had to humble themselves as men and beg Zhou Zhenghu to take the money they deserved in the first place for the sake of their families. Wasn't it ironic?

"You earned it. You don't have to thank us," said Jiang Ning resoundingly. "Delays in payment won't ever happen again, especially since you're now employees of Lin Group."

He stared at Zhou Zhenghu, "Anyone who breaks the rules again will be punished severely!"

Zhou Zhenghu suddenly trembled as his throat went dry.

Jiang Ning squatted down and made Zhou Zhenghu even more nervous.

"They never asked you for a lot. They just wanted the wages that they deserved, and that was their hard-earned money," he said coldly, "When you kept the money for yourself, did it ever cross your mind that someone needed that money for their family members to see a doctor or to send their kids to school?"



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"I..."

"I'm sure it didn't cross your mind!" Jiang Ning yelled, "Because you're completely inhuman!"

Zhou Zhenghu face became increasingly pale. He could keenly sense that the murderous intent in Jiang Ning's eyes was real.

It felt so intense that he almost suffocated.

"Since you don't want to be a human, then you can be a dog." Jiang Ning kicked Zhou Zhenghu and sent him flying over 30 feet out. After he crashed heavily to the ground, he held his belly and writhed in pain.

Zhou Zhenghu's men felt their hair stand on end by just watching this happen in front of them. Nobody dared to retaliate.

"Mr Jiang, we're grateful to both CEO Lin and you for helping us fight for our wages." Hua Sheng's eyes were red. At least now he could send his wife to the hospital with this money. "But the people from Black Star Mining are all ruthless and you can't afford to offend them! I'm afraid that just the both of you might not be enough to fight them!"

"It's not just the two of us," said Jiang Ning calmly.

But so what if there was only him and Lin Yuzhen?

He wasn't worried about causing trouble in the north, and it was no different for the northwest.

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Jiang Ning was just thinking about cleaning the place up to establish his information network here and find the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

“But...”

“It’s okay. Don’t worry. If Jiang Ning says it’s not a problem, then it isn’t a problem.”

Lin Yuzhen said, “Don’t worry. We came to fix the problems here, so we won’t go back until we’re done.”

If she wasn’t going back, neither was Jiang Ning. And of course, neither was Huang Yuming and the rest.



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“It’s okay. Don’t worry about this trash. Let’s go. We want to have a look at your place,” said Jiang Ning.

“Sure! Please come with me!” said Hua Sheng hurriedly.

He was grateful for Lin Yuzhen and Jiang Ning from the bottom of his heart.

If not for them, he didn’t know when he would get these wages. Maybe when Zhou Zhenghu grew a conscience or felt merciful.

Hua Sheng left with Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen while all the other workers went their own way. Bai Mao finally dared to stand up before walking over to Zhou Zhenghu and helped him up.

“Mr Zhou! Mr Zhou, are you alright?”

“Don’t touch me!” yelled Zhou Zhenghu immediately.

“What happened?” Bai Mao didn’t understand why and pulled Zhou Zhenghu’s hand gently. Zhou Zhenghu immediately shrieked in pain like he was getting slaughtered.

“AHHH...Don’t touch me!”

It felt like there was a force pressing on him that made his bones shrink together. Just a tiny touch was enough to make him suffer great pain.

He could only curl his body up like a dog and didn’t dare to move an inch.

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“Mr Zhou, are you okay? What happened to you?”

Bai Mao raised his arms and didn't dare to touch him anymore. What happened to him?

What did Jiang Ning do to Zhou Zhenghu to make him end up like this?

“Hurry up and call the ambulance!” Zhou Zhenghu was on the brink of tears. His blood rushed to his limbs rapidly when he remained in this strange position and swelled so badly that it might explode anytime. Even his fingers and toes were swelling from blood congestion.

“Okay okay!” Bai Mao quickly took out his mobile phone and dialed for an ambulance. He had never been so lost and anxious before.

“Hello? Emergency! Help! We need help over here!”

“Mr Zhou can only stay curled up like a dog now... Hurry over quickly!”

When Zhou Zhenghu heard this, he eyes rolled as he blacked out.

Meanwhile.

At Hua Sheng's place.

Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen stepped into the 430 square foot house.

It was a simple house without much furniture. It was literally four walls and a roof.



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“I’m sorry, but the place is quite small. I hope you don’t mind,” smiled Hua Sheng awkwardly. After bringing two chairs over for them to sit on, he poured water for them. He seemed particularly constrained and a little embarrassed.

When he went to Donghai, Lin Yuzhen had done her best to host him. She gave him good food, provided accommodation, and got him a doctor to treat his injuries.

Yet all he could offer them was plain water now that they were at his place.

Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen paid it no attention. They looked around his house and sighed in their hearts. Hua Sheng and the other workers indeed led a difficult life.

A curtain separated the house into two spaces. When Hua Sheng heard a low and tortured voice coming from inside, his eyes started tearing again.

“That’s my wife. She has a serious case of arthritis and is unable to work. When the weather turns cold, she can only lie in bed,” his voice was somewhat choked as he reached out to pat the money in his pocket. “Now that I have enough money, I’m going to take her to the hospital for treatment and see if it’ll help.”

Lin Yuzhen glanced at the curtain, “Can I go in to see her?”

Lin Yuzhen hesitated for a moment as he was worried Lin Yuzhen might get a scare from the



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state his wife was in. But then again, if Lin Yuzhen was so easily frightened, she wouldn't have come all the way to Xishan to help them.

“Miss Lin, this way please,” Hua Sheng led Lin Yuzhen inside.

The small space behind the curtain only contained a large bed.

A lady was lying in bed with a sallow looking face. Clearly this arthritis had really taken a toll on her energy and she couldn't even comb her disheveled hair.

“Honey, our new boss is here to see you!” said Hua Sheng. “They helped us get the money back!”

The woman lying in bed opened her eyes and was so touched that she didn't know what to say. She reached her hand out to hold Lin Yuzhen's but was afraid she might not like it.

“Th-thank you...”

Lin Yuzhen went right up and used both her hands to hold hers.

“Mrs Hua, there's no need to thank us. We were just doing our job!”



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Lin Yuzhen grabbed Hua Sheng's wife by the hand without any disdain. Lin Yuzhen's palm was warm, making her feel warm from head to toe.

She was too useless to do anything and even ended up burdening her family.

They didn't even dare to have a child because they were worried about being incapable of caring for him.

But Lin Yuzhen surprisingly did not despise her.

"Don't worry. I'll find some way to cure you. Trust me."

"I...I..." When she heard Lin Yuzhen could cure her, she didn't know what to say.

She looked at her equally teary eyed husband and thanked Lin Yuzhen profusely, "Thank you, Miss Lin! Thank you!"

Hua Sheng wiped down his wife's body in the room after Jiang Ning brought Lin Yuzhen outside.

Given Jiang Ning's connections and affluence, it was no problem to treat Hua Sheng's wife at all.

"It's not enough just to treat her," said Jiang Ning, "Xishan and the entire Black Star Mining is problematic. If we can't fix them, I'd rather Lin Group abandon the whole business."

Lin Yuzhen looked at Jiang Ning and knew that nothing was beyond him.



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But how could they change such an unusual city that relied solely on mining?

Hua Sheng had no choice but to remain here even after he had been so badly exploited.

It was not only because this was their home, but also because they were uneducated low level menial laborers who lacked other means of earning a livelihood.

They could only undertake physical jobs in exchange for income.

And that was exactly how Zhou Zhenghu and others like him succeeded in exploiting them and sucking them dry to the bone.

“Help them, hubby,” Lin Yuzhen pursed her lips. “I want to help them.”

Jiang Ning smiled as he used a finger to gently touch Lin Yuzhen’s nose. He knew how kind and sensitive she was. She must be feeling so awful inside when she saw how bleak their lives were.

People like her wished for nothing else except that everyone in the world could live happy and blissful lives.

“Okay, then let’s help them!”

“Hubby, you’re the best,” Lin Yuzhen embraced Jiang Ning and kissed him on his cheek, “That’s your reward!”

She blushed and bit her lip gently, “When we’re



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done here, I'll...reward you with more after we get home."

At the sound of that, Jiang Ning's eyes shone brightly, and his heart started pounding wildly.

But his expression remained calm. He just nodded coolly, "Sure."

When Hua Sheng came back out, Jiang Ning called him over.

"You're from the eighth mining zone. Do you know miners from the other zones?" asked Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen were Hua Sheng's saviors now, so he didn't question them at all.

He nodded immediately, "I do! All the workers know one another quite well and often work in other mining zones too."

Occasionally when some mining zones were not open for mining, they would work in others. No one dared to stop working and put their income at risk.

There were a total of 13 mining zones in Xishan. Hua Sheng even worked in the furthest one for two months before.

"Hua Sheng, the only ones who can change your lives are yourselves," said Jiang Ning gravely, "Laborers have their pride and the right to work. No one can strip your rights and trample your dignity, understand?"

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Hua Sheng nodded solemnly. Jiang Ning's words made him start tearing up.

No one ever said such things to him before.

In the eyes of the rich, lowly workers like them were just cheap labor that they exploited.

What dignity was there to speak of?

"Gather the most influential people in each mining zone," instructed Jiang Ning. "Then..."

Hua Sheng immediately replied anxiously, "But all this belongs to you!"

Jiang Ning was doing it for their sake, but doing this was probably a huge loss for Lin Group.

He knew that Jiang Ning wanted the workers to benefit, but he felt bad that it would be at the expense of Lin Group.

"I only want meaningful businesses. The ones that only make money mean nothing," said Jiang Ning indifferently.

Money?

He had no interest in that.

If it wasn't good for helping more people or fulfilling Lin Yuzhen's dreams, Jiang Ning didn't care for having more money.

"I...I understand! Don't worry, Mr Jiang. I'll do as you asked!"



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Jiang Ning reached a hand out and patted Hua Sheng on his shoulder as he smiled and said, “You’ll like how this city looks in the future.”

Then he departed with Lin Yuzhen, leaving Hua Sheng in such a daze that it took him a long time before he could calm the waves of emotions in his heart.

Did Jiang Ning mean the city’s future was up to them to create?

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His heart started beating even faster.

He could feel a surge of blood rushing through his body. It filled him with energy instantaneously.

It was not only for himself but for other humble laborers like him. And even their children could have a better life.

He wanted to give it his all!

Even if it cost him his life, he was willing to fight!

Hua Sheng felt a brand new sense of courage in him.

He clenched his fists tightly and relaxed them again as his expression became increasingly resolute. Then he immediately went to work on the things Jiang Ning tasked him with.



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Meanwhile.

At Xishan First Hospital.

Zhou Zhenghu lay on a bed with a pale face.

He suffered from many broken bones and his knee cap had cracked into two. It was going to take a long time before he could stand again.

His partner, Liu Chao, was standing in front of him.

“People from Lin Group?” Liu Chao had somewhat hostile features with a lot of excess fat on his face and looked like a bad guy. “Aren’t they afraid to die? How dare they poke their noses into the northwest? Do they really think the business is theirs just because they bought over it?”

“That guy...can really fight,” Zhou Zhenghu gasped and gnashed his teeth. “Bring more people along with you, including those highly skilled ones!”

“Kill him! You must kill him!” He never suffered such humiliation before and even got beaten to a pulp and had to kneel and apologize to those lowly laborers. Zhou Zhenghu couldn’t take it lying down.

“Hoho, don’t worry. Xishan is our territory. Even if Lin Group wants to take over Black Star Mining, they have to get permission from our higher-ups.”

Liu Chao narrowed his eyes and glanced at Zhou Zhenghu, “I heard something went wrong up north, so those families were forced to give up



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their businesses in Xishan. If Lin Group thinks they can swoop in, they can dream on!”

Zhou Zhenghu gritted his teeth and stared at Liu Chao with a knowing look on his face as he asked anxiously, “Have they already found out?”

Liu Chao nodded, “Master Zhen said Xishan is ours, and no one else can have it!”

“If anyone wants to try, we’ll turn them into part of the mine!”



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Zhou Zhenghu's expression changed. He was a little stunned by Liu Chao's malicious and murderous air.

Turn them into part of the mine?

He hoped they could become part of the eighth mining zone. Then he could dig Jiang Ning out and lash his corpse hard!

"Did Master Zhen honestly say that?" asked Zhou Zhenghu.

Liu Chao said, "That's right. Not only Master Zhen but all three of them who control the mining company agreed. They're assembling a group of highly skilled fighters now and planning a major move to make an example of them!"

They wanted to use the opportunity to destroy Lin Group this time and strengthen their status in Xishan even more.

They were going to let those people who coveted the Xishan mining industry take a good look and no longer dare to have any designs on this place.

Since those powerful families in the north didn't want it, then this business belonged to them!

"Hahahaha! That's fantastic! That's fantastic!"

Zhou Zhenghu laughed loudly and couldn't wait. "Liu Chao, all I care about is that Jiang Ning. I want him dead!"

"Hoho, you might not have the chance." Liu Chao



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seemed to be smiling but didn't speak further and left the hospital straight away.

Zhou Zhenghu was a goner for sure after being incapable of holding onto the eighth mining zone. Master Zhen wouldn't let him off even if the other two did.

He wasn't here to visit Zhou Zhenghu. He was here to see him for the very last time.

Master Zhen and the others wouldn't keep a useless person around.

"From now on, I'm in charge of the eighth mining zone."

Liu Chao smiled smugly as he left.

Meanwhile.

Lin Yuzhen was writing a development plan for Xishan based on its environment, resources, and local industrial structure. She wanted to come up with an objective plan and its execution.

Jiang Ning sat on the sofa outside. Huang Yuming had already arrived.

He also possessed the information that Butler Zhao had sorted out.

"Xishan isn't as simple as it looks and is quite unusual," said Huang Yuming, "There are only mines here, and the standards of all other industries are very low. That's why the people don't have much choice except to mine, do menial



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labor, and get exploited.”

“There are three people in charge of Black Star Mining, Xie Zhen, Zhao Quan, and Gao Shou, but the powerful northern families who supported them no longer exist,” said Huang Yuming calmly.

It was as though those powerful families were nothing but fleeting smoke and cloud and had gone with the wind.

If Jiang Ning wanted to get rid of someone, they would vanish for sure.

“What’s so special about this place?”

“What’s special is that they’ve broken away from the control of the powerful families in the north a long time ago and they now run these businesses independently,” explained Huang Yuming. “They have secretly groomed a lot of people and many highly skilled fighters, including an advanced grandmaster.”

That was very unusual.

Of course, Huang Yuming was aware that to Jiang Ning, an advanced grandmaster was no different from a child.

It wasn’t the highly skilled fighters that prevented them from tackling Xishan’s problems. The crux of the problem lay in how difficult it was to alter the city’s industrial structure. But it was a problem that had to be solved.

“The people from Linglong Group wanted to solve



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the problems here but didn't know where to start, so it dragged on until they were destroyed. If Yuzhen wants to resolve them now, then we'll fix everything."

Huang Yuming knew that if Lin Yuzhen wanted something done, Jiang Ning would definitely do it and would definitely succeed too.

Jiang Ning nodded, "Since we're clear about the situation, then let's make a move."

"What about Gou and the others?"

Huang Yuming smiled mysteriously, "They've already spread themselves out and entered the mines."

"Good," Jiang Ning narrowed his eyes, "Then let's begin!"



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He wanted to see if the people who controlled Black Star Mining had anything to do with the Hidden Sect and how much they knew about the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

“Yes, Big Boss!” Huang Yuming rose to leave.

Jiang Ning sat there expressionlessly.

He was aware that these businesses which once belonged to Linglong Group were all closely linked and were created by Long Xiang to help His Lordship locate the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

All these businesses were secretly related to the Hidden Sect and His Lordship in some way or another.

They might even already have some information about the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

Jiang Ning kept thinking about the blow he exchanged with His Lordship.

It had the same style and moves...

The Extreme Fist Technique Manual contained nine pages, and each page contained only one move. But each move could be adapted and altered into several more, and this seemed to be consistent across the entire technique.

Jiang Ning hadn't heard of any other Chinese martial arts technique that could do this.

“This Extreme Fist Technique Manual isn't that



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simple.” Jiang Ning had one page of the manual and practiced it countless times by repeatedly training like a robot before it finally turned into part of his instinct.

Only now did he realize that he couldn't have reached that level solely on training alone.

“Hubby!” shouted Lin Yuzhen while Jiang Ning's mind was on this. “Come help me take a look at this!”

“Coming!” The stern look on Jiang Ning's face disappeared instantly and transformed into tenderness. He stood up immediately and walked into the room.

“Help me take a look and see if anything needs to be changed in my development plan.”

“Of course, there's none. My wife's plans are naturally perfect.”

“Don't praise me! It's time to get serious!”

“Okay. Let's get serious then!”

Jiang Ning suddenly scooped Lin Yuzhen up and turned towards the large bed, making Lin Yuzhen blush instantly. That wasn't what she meant by serious matters!

But it was too late.

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They didn't speak for the rest of the night and only

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moaned softly as they intertwined.

Lin Yuzhen was used to waking up in Jiang Ning's arms.

After they got out of bed, they washed up and had breakfast before heading straight for the eighth mining zone. They were going to be in for a good show today.

The atmosphere at the eighth mining zone was becoming intense.

It felt as though there were explosives in the air. It only took a spark to cause an explosion!

"You don't want to work? Say that again?" Liu Chao looked down at the miners in front of him as they refused to go mining. He had a frighteningly grim expression on his face.

"No, we don't!"

"If you don't give us a raise, we won't mine!"

"If you don't buy us insurance, we won't mine!"

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All the miners stood there and continued to shout.

Liu Chao sneered as he scoured the place, trying to figure out who put them up to this.

But after looking at them over and over again, he discovered everyone was shouting, and everyone was taking part!



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These fellows wanted a raise and even wanted insurance?

They could dream on!

“I’ll ask one final time. Are you going to mine or not?” bellowed Liu Chao. He brought a lot of men with him today to take over the eighth mining zone. He was hoping that the people from Lin Group would turn up and he could take them down in one fell swoop.

He didn’t expect these crazy people to actually dare to go on strike.

How dare they go on strike!


These lowly ants were just tools for him to make money out of! They had actually learnt to go on strike?

“We’re telling you for the last time too! If you don’t satisfy our requests, we won’t mine! We simply won’t mine!”

“We’re going on strike!”

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he picked up a stick and stared ferociously at them.

He had brought a few dozen men with him. They all picked up their weapons and prepared to make a move.

The miners continued to stand their ground. They took a step forward with an air of determination at the same time.

Both sides were tense!

Jiang Ning stood at a distance with Lin Yuzhen by his side while she looked terribly worried.

“Will anything happen to them?”

“Nothing will happen to them,” said Jiang Ning, “It’s not difficult to get rid of trash like those guys over there, but it’s hard to teach the miners to retaliate and fight for their rights.”

Everyone was born equal and no one deserved to be bullied. Society could only run well if everyone respected each other.

Jiang Ning had been a firm believer of this all along.

All work was equal, and low level laborers deserved even more respect!

“If those men hit the workers...” Lin Yuzhen was still concerned. Liu Chao had so many men and looked like they fought often. How could regular people go against ruffians like them?



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She didn't want to see Hua Sheng or anyone else get hurt.

"Don't worry," said Jiang Ning calmly, "They might not be the unlucky ones today. There's nothing for you to worry."

Lin Yuzhen felt a lot less nervous when she heard Jiang Ning's words. He never lied to her.

SWOOSH!

The atmosphere became more intense!

Liu Chao finally couldn't stand it any longer.

He scoured the place and stared at the one who shouted the loudest before pointing at him, "You, come over here!"

"You think I can't tell that you instigated the rest to make trouble here?"

Liu Chao was uncertain of the outcome if they were to make a move because these workers were incredibly determined. He only had a few dozen men on his side, while the few hundred miners in front of him weren't backing down at all.

In the past, he could rely on his notoriety and viciousness to intimidate them. Why was it useless today?

All he wanted to do now was to catch one of them to make an example of him!

Number 5 walked over from within the crowd. He

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yelled loudly as he glared at Liu Chao, "What do you want?"

He had a burly frame and a deep voice which sounded powerful!

Liu Chao was strangely intimidated by just one shout.

Who was this?

Liu Chao's heart trembled suddenly. Judging from Number 5's physique and gait, he couldn't be an ordinary person. This man was definitely a martial artist!

Did Zhou Zhenghu's eighth mining zone have such people?

"I wasn't talking about you!" Liu Chao gritted his teeth and started yelling again as he pointed in another direction as he found a much shorter man in the crowd who only came up to most people's shoulders.

"You! I'm talking about you! Get over here! I'm going to teach you a lesson!" he bellowed viciously.

The people made way for the short man to walk out. Liu Chao's eyes narrowed even more violently.



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This fellow was even bigger than Number 5.

His rippling muscles seemed terrifying since he wasn't wearing a shirt. Not to mention the numerous scars that made him appear like someone not to be trifled with.

“Looking for me?” Number 24 narrowed his eyes. He even looked a little excited.

Of course, he was excited. This was the first time Jiang Ning had called him on a mission since he decided to follow Jiang Ning.

He couldn't wait to get his hands on Liu Chao himself. That way, he could...

The eagerness on his face made Liu Chao gulp apprehensively.

“What the hell, isn't there anyone normal in the eighth mining zone?” he cursed in his heart.

He just wanted to single a few of them out and make shining examples of them, but ended up calling out people of such high caliber.

If he tried to beat these guys up, Liu Chao was the one who was going to end up dead instead.

Liu Chao scanned the crowd again and hoped to find a woman. Surely it would be easier to bully a woman, right?

“Since you can't make decisions on behalf of the mine nor take charge of the mine, we will!” shouted Number 5, making the crowd surge.



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“What does everyone think about us taking over the mine?”

“Why should we keep feeding these fuckers who just leech off us and never work for it?”

“We will manage it on our own!”

“We’ll do both the mining and manage ourselves!”

“This is not only our job but our hope! We want to make a decent living for our families and raise our children well! We don’t want them to suffer as we did!”

Number 5 said it like a motivational speaker with an impassioned and resounding voice.

Jiang Ning was the one who taught him what to say. But the more he spoke, the more excited he became because it all came from the bottom of his heart.

He had risen from the lowest levels of society and fought his way up too!

“Do you want to look over your shoulder for the rest of your life?”

“Are you willing to work and not get any money in return?”

“Do you want your children to be like us? Do you want them to only struggle at the lowest level and never afford a decent life?”

Number 5 sounded so enlightening that his words



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made all the workers' eyes red.

They didn't want these things to happen!

They wanted to live with dignity and wanted their families to lead a decent life. They hoped that their children could leave Xishan in the future and learn more about the big world out there!

“Wake up, my brothers!”

Number 5 shouted, “These animals are inhuman, so we should chase them away!”

“Our new boss is here and is willing to give us a chance and help us! What are we waiting for?”

The crowd became clamorous and the atmosphere was charged with passion.

Hua Sheng swiftly took a step forward and shouted, “My friends!”

“Our new boss, CEO Lin and Mr Jiang from Lin Group, are already in Xishan! All of you saw it with your own eyes yesterday that they're willing to fight for us and help us! They are all kind people, so we should trust them!”

“That's right! It's true! Mr Jiang was the one who helped us get our money back!”

“I got the money to pay my child's school fees yesterday! Thank you, Mr Jiang! Thank you, CEO Lin! We trust Lin Group!”

“Since the new boss is willing to give us a chance,

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then we'll do it! We'll manage the mine ourselves!"

There was an uproar, and the atmosphere exploded as though they were wild beasts that had been suppressed for too long. At this moment, they could no longer control themselves and wanted to free themselves.

Liu Chao looked all these people shouting angrily before him and he suddenly felt fear rising from the bottom of his heart.



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What was going on?

What new boss? Did those guys from Lin Group infiltrate the workers? Those two men Liu Chao picked must have been arranged by Lin Group.

He was keenly aware of what ordinary workers were usually like. They were nothing but a bunch of good-for-nothings. How could they have such lofty ideals?

And they even wanted to manage the mine themselves.

They could dream on!

“Retaliating now huh?! All of you are retaliating!” bellowed Liu Chao as he lost all patience and came jumping down the steps.

If he let them have their way, how could he manage them in the future?

How could he take over the eighth mining zone now?

“You damned fuckers! How dare you make trouble on my turf! I’ll make sure you regret it!” yelled Liu Chao. The men behind him moved in.

“Kill those two troublemakers!” said Liu Chao fiercely as he pointed at Number 5 and Number 24.

They dashed towards Number 5 ferociously. They had done such things many times and knew that regardless of how much noise these workers

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made, all it took was a good beating to make them behave.

Jiang Ning's lips curved into a smile when he saw all those men charging towards Number 5 and Number 24. "These fellows overestimate themselves."

Numbers 5 and 24 moved as well.

They were like two angry dragons who had woken up and escaped the icy dungeons that had sealed them for a thousand years.

BOOOOM!

The two whizzed over as swiftly as the roar of a dragon. Their demeanor was even more terrifying than those men.

In the blink of an eye, two of the men were sent flying onto a pile of mining ore the moment they were faced with Number 5 and Number 24. Their skin was blackened by the ore and they screamed nonstop.

"HA!" Number 24 was going hysterical. If he didn't work harder, he might not get to fight many since he was paired with Number 5.

In a matter of moments, Number 5 had already defeated five to six men. He had to catch up!

They attacked together and were unstoppable!

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Their unsurpassable fists were incredibly tough and domineering. Anyone who came close to Number 5 and Number 24 was sent flying into the ore nearby in utter defeat.

Liu Chao's throat went dry.

Were they even human?

Could miners ever be this strong?

His eyes must be playing tricks on him.

He initially intended to rush over and hit Number 5 on the head with a stick. But now he felt like his feet were nailed to the ground and couldn't move at all.

BAM!

Before Liu Chao could do anything, one of his men flew towards him and crashed at his feet. The blood gushing from his mouth terrified Liu Chao so much that he let out a scream and retreated several steps.

His face was deathly pale.

The men were defeated in less than a minute.

These two weren't bloody human at all!

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“You wanna hit us?”

Number 5 lifted his brows and walked towards Liu Chao, “I don’t like that.”

Liu Chao gulped as he retreated a step, “What are you doing?! What do you want?! This is Xishan, so you can’t mess around here! Master Zhen will kill you!”

PAK!

Number 5 gave Liu Chao a vicious slap on the face and sent him flying.

“My Big Boss taught me to lead by example,” he raised his foot and stepped on Liu Chao’s chest. There was a cracking sound that sounded like shattering bones and made Liu Chao let out an excruciating scream.

Wasn’t this the same spot...where Zhou Zhenghu suffered from broken bones?

“But Big Boss also said...” Number 5’s look became even more savage, as if a murderous air suddenly came pressing down and made Liu Chao hold his breath. “We don’t have to be reasonable with scum like you!”

“You...” Liu Chao’s voice quavered.

“We can just use force!”



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Number 5 punched Liu Chao's face. His teeth fell apart and he lost consciousness.

In a split second, all the workers holding their breaths earlier started roaring.

They were going to revolt!

They had always wanted to fight back and even attempted to revolt several times. But they weren't united or brave enough and even lacked the strength.

So Zhou Zhenghu and the bosses kept hitting them until they were too frightened to retaliate.

But now, they saw Number 5 and Number 24 beat Liu Chao up with their own eyes and showed them that they could revolt.

They were able to revolt!

They had to revolt!

They were revolting for the sake of their lives and their rights!

"You..."

"Don't come any closer!"

All the men sprawling on the ground watched as the miners approached them and they started to shiver. They struggled to get up, but both their legs were too limp for them to stand.

Hundreds of miners surrounded them. Just the

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look in their eyes were enough to strike terror in them!

“Get out of the eighth mining zone!” bellowed Hua Sheng. He led hundreds of miners to shout in unison with the wave of his hand, “Get out of the eighth mining zone!”

Their voices boomed like thunder.

Of course, those men were too fearful to either speak or stay after peeing in their pants in terror. Even though their limbs were broken, they crawled away with all their might...

Hua Sheng's eyes turned red.

All the miners' eyes were red.

They didn't expect themselves to be capable of retaliation and to fight for their own rights.

And they had actually won.

It was all because of their new bosses, Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen. They were willing to give the workers this chance and support them.

From a distance, Hua Sheng looked at Jiang Ning and wanted him to come over to say a few words to everyone. But Jiang Ning waved his hand to turn him down and left Hua Sheng to handle it himself.

If he went over, it would weaken their momentum. They would think they only accomplished everything because of him and not themselves.



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Jiang Ning wanted them to learn to retaliate and more importantly, to build their confidence and pride.

Hua Sheng understood and nodded. He then turned to address his fellow miners, “Brothers, we’ve worked in the eighth mining zone for years. It’s as good as our home, and we’ve even lost some brothers to the mines. But since the new owner is willing to give us the chance to take charge of the eighth mining zone, we must do it well!

“Tell me, can we do it?”

“Yes, we can!” everyone shouted with all their might.

“Great!” said Hua Sheng loudly. “Then from now on, we’ll set up a labor union and select representatives to manage the mining zones! We’ll create rules which everyone must abide by! Anyone who breaks them is against us and wants to destroy our dreams! We’ll get rid of anybody who dares to do that!”

“We agree!”

“We agree!”

“If anyone breaks the rules, it’s as good as destroying our hopes. We won’t let them off!”

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The crowd went wild!

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Lin Yuzhen trembled as she stood in the distance. She almost wanted to cry but pursed her lips and suppressed her tears.

She was a sensitive person to begin with, so looking at them grow independent enough to defend their hope and dignity moved her.

Such an ending was far more meaningful than having Jiang Ning solve the problem on their behalf.

“Hubby, you’re fantastic!”

Lin Yuzhen could not resist looking at Jiang Ning tenderly, “I really idolize you!”



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