

Before he could finish his sentence, Qing Shu glared at him coldly and interrupted, "Don't be a busybody. Just carry out your duties and stop asking about the things that you shouldn't pry into."

Joker instantly panicked and dropped to his knees. He slapped himself harshly and cried out hastily, "I am sorry! Please don't be angry with me, Miss Qing!"

Qing Shu waved her hand. "Alright, now. Get up. You have to do your best to assist Young Master and continue to hide his identity. Don't let Sumeru Heaven find him, get it?"

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"Yes!"

After a pause, Joker suddenly remembered something. "Miss Qing, in fact, some time ago, Young Master met someone from Sumeru Heaven..."

"What?" For the first time, Qing Shu looked shocked. Her eyes suddenly widened, and she exuded an oppressive aura, so much so that Joker could not even breathe, as if a mountain was weighing on him. His bones cracked as he was not able to handle the pressure given by her.



He quickly explained, "Miss Qing, don't worry. That person has been slapped to death by me, and the news of Young Master did not go out."

Qing Shu immediately retracted her aura and frowned. "What happened? Tell me every detail."

Joker didn't dare to delay and hurriedly told her about Lu Dongbin's incident. After he finished explaining, he added, "Young Master is very skilled at martial arts now, and Lu Dongbin is not even worthy to be his opponent. His future is promising, indeed; however, the only drawback is he is too kind. If I hadn't shown up in time, he would have let Lu Dongbin go, and the consequences would have been dire."

After Qing Shu listened to Joker's recount of the incident, there was a strange sparkle in her eyes. She smiled and said, "I know Lu Dongbin. His talent is just average, and he is as good as being useless in Sumeru Heaven. But for ordinary people, he is a great fighter who is very skilled, so I didn't expect that he would be defeated by Wenjing easily. It seems that I've underestimated the talent of my good brother. If that's the case, maybe I can carry out the plan earlier."





Qing Shu said the last two sentences very quietly with an intriguing expression on her face.

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A few days passed in a blink of an eye. During this period, Lin Wenjing did not laze around. Instead, he used his own methods to find out more information about the Soul

To him, the Soul Cleansing Pill was something he hadn't heard of before, something brand new. Apart from that, he would have to consume it in the future, so if he was negligent, he would have to pay with his life. Hence, he had to be very careful about this.

After going through many incidents, Lin Wenjing had developed an extremely cautious temperament. Even if this was what Joker told him, he could not trust him fully. For starters, Joker had once lied to him, so he could not trust his loyalty; secondly, if Joker himself had gotten the effect of Soul Cleansing Pill wrong, it would be a shame if Lin Wenjing had any complications after taking it.

Therefore, he had to find out more about this



pill using his own means to decrease the risk to the minimum!

After he knew more about it, he was quite certain that such a pill existed, and that it was effective for him.

The auction was held in Feng City, and it was extremely exclusive—the public was unable to participate as it was only open to some insiders within the field. On top of that, the so-called insiders did not belong to the business field; instead, they belonged to a unique social circle.

To be precise, the auction was somewhat shady. It was not just to auction antiques, calligraphy, paintings and lands; it also auctioned other unspeakable transactions, such as servants, women, rare treasures, and treasure maps.

To the public, the Soul Cleansing Pill was a poison, not a supplement.

If one did not have a lawful background or had someone to vouch for them, they would not be able to participate in this auction at all.

Master Grim vouched for Lin Wenjing, so he



was allowed to participate.

The auction was held in a huge suburban resort in Feng City. The people who came to participate had to park their cars in the parking lot a few hundred meters away and then walk to the auction site.

Along the way, there were many professional security guards upholding the security. Whoever dared to make trouble here would be severely punished.

With just a glance, Lin Wenjing knew that this place was not simple, and so he became even more interested in the auction tonight.

"The scale of this auction is very big."

After Lin Wenjing and Master Grim parked the car, they walked to the auction venue together and chatted to each other, smiling.

Master Grim answered, "Tonight's auction has been held for more than 20 years since the first auction. It is generally held once a month, and the admission requirements are very high. Only rich people or people with a high social status are eligible for admission."



"Yeah, I figured that's the case too." Lin Wenjing nodded.

While chatting with each other, they finally arrived in the auction venue.

The auction venue was not very large—it was just the size of a basketball court, and the decoration was quite vintage. There were not many traces of modern electrical appliances.

When Lin Wenjing and Master Grim arrived, there were already quite a number of people in the auction room who were all strangers to Lin Wenjing. TK

These people were quite ordinary and not eye-catching at all at first glance. But upon closer inspection, they were not simple at all, as they appeared to have hidden their strong aura.

For example, the plump middle-aged man in front of Lin Wenjing had a warm smile and looked friendly. However, he had quite a lot of power within him—he was a skilled master.

The young woman on the other side was dressed in a skimpy outfit, looking sexy with



a flirtatious expression. People might think that she was a housewife at first glance, but in fact, she was an assassin. She exuded a faint murderous aura which could not be detected by ordinary people.

Everything was very new to Lin Wenjing, so he appraised his surroundings observantly.

At this moment, a voice rang from behind. "Oh, isn't this Master Grim? What brought you here? You haven't been here to bid for stuff since a long time ago."

Lin Wenjing turned around and glanced at the source of the voice. She was a mature woman who wore a purple cheongsam, and she had a long cigarette that was especially made for women in her hand. Her long hair was coiled into a bun, and her skin was as fair as snow, looking extremely smooth. On top of that, she looked even more charming with a smile that was so seductive that almost every living being would be attracted to her.

Behind her were a few strong women with sharp eyes and huge strength in their bodies. They were all skilled masters with extraordinary skills.



Lin Wenjing had seen a lot of beautiful women, but this was his first time seeing someone so seductive standing in front of him.

To put his feelings into words, the woman looked like a human, but she felt like a fairy; it was as if she was a fairy that had cultivated into a human. Every action and every smile of hers had a unique charm.

Even Lin Wenjing, who was a person of strong will, felt something stirring in his heart when he saw her.

She first looked at the Master Grim before glancing over Lin Wenjing, whose plain look did not attract her attention at all. Hence, she thought that he was just a follower of Master Grim.

Meanwhile, when Master Grim saw her, he became vigilant, but the vigilance immediately disappeared as he smiled and greeted her. "Oh, it's you. Tao Sanniang, it's nice to meet you."

Tao Sanniang took a small step forward and got closer to Master Grim. The smile on her face became wider as she looked at him teasingly and seductively, which made a





mature man like Master Grim's heart beat faster involuntarily. With a faint smile on his face, he hurriedly channeled his Inner Energy to travel within his body to suppress the ball of fire raging in his heart.

Tao Sanniang smoked lazily. She then heaved a puff of smoke on Master Grim and smiled. "Master Grim, you're a prominent figure in Hua City, and you're also an honored guest of Grand Skylight Pavilion. I wonder what treasure caught your eyes this time? Tell me, and I might be able to help you attain it using my backdoor connections."

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She deliberately emphasized the word 'backdoor' with a lustful expression on her face, making people's imaginations run wild.

Master Grim cleared his throat. "Actually, I came with my Young Master this time."

Surprise was shown on her face when she heard this. "Master Grim, even someone like you has a Young Master? Where is he? Introduce me to him!"

She knew about Master Grim's background. *He's someone who could call the shots in Hua City, but he still has a Young Master behind him? I have never heard of this!*



Master Grim smiled. "My Young Master is right in front of us."

"Where?" Tao Sanniang looked around for the Young Master he mentioned. Immediately, she realized something and finally lay her gaze on Lin Wenjing, who was standing next to Master Grim. She exclaimed in surprise, "Master Grim, don't tell me that the man next to you is your Young Master!"



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When Tao Sanniang said this, her face was full of disbelief.

She was also considered someone quite skilled, and she took pride in her observant eyes and great judgement. She was able to distinguish whether the person in front of her was average or powerful, and this was the ability she had to hone for her career.

Right now, she carefully looked at Lin Wenjing for a long time, yet she couldn't see anything special about him. He looked exactly like an ordinary person who could be seen everywhere on the street. She knew very well that Master Grim was the underground emperor of Hua City and could not be underestimated in terms of his wealth and his strength. How could a man of such status be willing to be a subordinate to an ordinary person?

Hence, she thought that Master Grim was just joking with her.

Lin Wenjing smiled faintly. Of course he knew what Tao Sanniang was thinking, but he didn't bother to explain himself to her.

It actually wasn't Tao Sanniang's fault. Lin Wenjing had now reached the level of being



able to pretend to be an average Joe. As long as he did not reveal his powerful aura, people who were weaker than him couldn't tell his actual abilities. For instance, Tao Sanniang's level was far lower than Lin Wenjing, so it was natural that she couldn't notice his actual strength and thought he was just an ordinary person.

Master Grim nodded. "That's right."

Tao Sanniang smiled and rolled her eyes at Master Grim before saying amorously, "Hey, Master Grim, I haven't seen you for a while, yet you have become humorous—you even know how to make jokes now. Are you actually trying to flirt with me now? If I get attracted to you, you'll have to take the responsibility then."

Tao Sanniang walked up to him and poked his chest, looking like an exceptionally attractive fairy.

Yet Master Grim was not attracted to her at all, and his expression immediately darkened. "Tao Sanniang, I wasn't joking with you. Please apologize to my Young Master immediately!"

Tao Sanniang was shocked to see that



Master Grim suddenly became so serious. He appeared to be really angry right now.

"W-What?" While she was at a loss for words, Lin Wenjing spoke. "Joker, we don't have to take her seriously. Let's find a place to sit down and wait for the auction to start."

Only then did Master Grim drop his serious expression and nodded respectfully to Lin Wenjing. He then stopped talking to Tao Sanniang and walked away with him.

At this moment, Tao Sanniang was completely dumbfounded. At first, she thought that Master Grim was just joking with her. But his respectful attitude to Lin Wenjing just now, coupled with the nonchalant tone that Lin Wenjing used when he spoke to Master Grim, didn't seem pretentious at all. Could it really be possible that this young man, who looked average, was really the Young Master of Master Grim?

Tao Sanniang suddenly opened her mouth wide, immensely surprised. She had known Master Grim for a long time, but she had never heard of his Young Master! After all, Master Grim was already a prominent figure, so how impressive could his Young Master



be?

After a few seconds, Tao Sanniang finally came back to her senses and slapped her forehead immediately. She then caught up with Lin Wenjing and apologized to him hastily. "Young Master, I'm so sorry to have not recognized your brilliance. Please be generous and don't take my words seriously!"

Tao Sanniang nodded and bowed, looking obviously nervous. She had a voluptuous figure and was wearing a tight cheongsam, so when she bowed, he was able to witness a rather spectacular sight.

Lin Wenjing cleared his throat as his eyes were a little attracted to her. Since he and Chu Ling slept together, he discovered the appeal of women, so it was much harder now for him to resist the temptation of the opposite sex.

He waved and said, "I'm not that petty. Go ahead with your arrangements. Joker and I will manage by ourselves."

Tao Sanniang heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that Lin Wenjing was not angry at her. As someone from the top management





of Grand Skylight Pavilion, her influence was not weak; but for businesswomen like her, it was better to have one less enemy and make more friends. Besides, Lin Wenjing must have quite a prestigious background to have people like Master Grim as his subordinate. Hence, she had no intentions at all to offend such an important figure.

After she relaxed, she began to observe Lin Wenjing carefully. Although she found that Lin Wenjing looked average, she realized that he was very indifferent and exuded absolute confidence when she looked closely at him. When he came to Grand Skylight Pavilion for the auction, he didn't look nervous or curious at all. He was obviously someone who had seen his fair share of big events in life.

In that case, it was possible that Lin Wenjing was truly the Young Master of Master Grim.

There could only be one reason she couldn't recognize his strength—her training wasn't enough, and there was too much of a difference between Lin Wenjing and her powers.

After understanding this, she treated Lin Wenjing with more reverence. At the same



time, her mind raced. Since she was now sure that he was an important man, she could totally suck up to him.

"Young Master, may I know your surname, please?" Tao Sanniang changed her attitude and returned to her amorous manner. Her gaze was eagerly placed on Lin Wenjing's face as she looked at him affectionately with her beautiful eyes. Any man would be attracted to her once they received such treatment from her.

Facing such a beautiful woman, Lin Wenjing's male instincts kicked in. It was difficult for him to remain calm, and he could definitely feel something stirring within him. Fortunately, his abilities were very strong, so after breathing in, he suppressed his arousal and replied bluntly, "My surname is Lin."

"Oh, so you are Young Master Lin! I've heard of you!" Tao Sanniang smiled charmingly while her mind spun quickly, trying to recall if there were any powerful Lin families. Soon, she thought of the Lin family in Hua City and asked, "Young Master Lin, I'm sorry if I'm a little rude, but are you from the Lin family of Hua City? Who is Lin Hanhai to you?"



Lin Wenjing replied indifferently, "I have nothing to do with the Lin family. You don't have to guess anymore. I am just myself, and I don't have any connections with anyone else. I've come to Grand Skylight Pavilion this time just to shop for some goods."

When Tao Sanniang heard this, she felt that Lin Wenjing was even more mysterious. Not daring to offend him, she quickly nodded. "Alright, then. Young Master Lin, you are the honorable guest of Grand Skylight Pavilion. Please allow me to arrange for you a VIP seat. How does that sound?"

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Lin Wenjing did not act loftily; he nodded and agreed.

After that, Tao Sanniang personally arranged a VIP seat for Lin Wenjing and Master Grim. Afterward, she also arranged a young lady to serve them, giving them the best treatment possible.

After Tao Sanniang left, Lin Wenjing shot a meaningful glance at Master Grim, whose mind immediately went blank. Fear rose within him as he quickly lowered his head.

Lin Wenjing's look was clearly one of



warning!

It was because he didn't get Lin Wenjing's consent just now and told Tao Sanniang his identity. Being a low-profile person, he wasn't happy with this.

Master Grim felt emotional and thought, *Young Master is indeed the son of the Saint. He is becoming stronger everyday, and even I can barely stand the pressure given by him now.*

Not long after Lin Wenjing and Master Grim sat down, a group of people walked in from the entrance of the auction venue. The man who walked in the middle was a tall, burly young man who had prominent facial features and was wearing a custom-made suit. His aura was extremely powerful. After he showed up, he stood out from the crowd, as if he took everyone's attention away. The rest of the people seemed to be supporting characters standing next to him.

Standing beside him was an acquaintance of Lin Wenjing—it was Zhang Hairong, the man who was sent to jail by Lin Wenjing because he had malignant intentions toward Chu Ling.



Zhang Hairong used to be Chu Ling's classmate in college. Back then, he was crazy about her, but when she didn't agree to his pursuit for a long time, he became so angry that he invited her to Kunpeng KTV and drugged her, attempting to rape her. Nevertheless, Lin Wenjing arrived in time and put Zhang Hairong behind bars using his status as the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios, but unexpectedly, he reappeared after a mere six months.

"Xing, is this the famous Grand Skylight Pavilion auction? It really is spectacular!" Zhang Hairong bowed slightly, looking very humble as he praised the event respectfully.

Half a year ago, he was indeed thrown in jail by Lin Wenjing, but it was a blessing in disguise to him—he got to know the prominent man next to him and tried his best to suck up to him. Thus within half a year, he was already released.

After he was released, he realized that Gu Hanxing was a real deal with a powerful background and outstanding capabilities. The Chairman of Purple Jade Studios was nothing in front of him!

Tonight, he followed Gu Hanxing to the



Gu Hanxing's status in Grand Skylight Pavilion was not low either. After coming back from chatting with Lin Wenjing, Tao Sanniang saw Gu Hanxing and immediately put on a flirtatious smile. She then walked over to entertain him. "Well, if it isn't Young Master Gu. Welcome!"

When Zhang Hairong saw Tao Sanniang, his eyes immediately looked fiery with lust. He couldn't take his eyes off her, and his eyes were filled with desire.

Feeling Zhang Hairong's gaze, a look of disgust flashed in her eyes quickly. Even though she looked flirtatious, she wasn't someone who would sleep around—it was just a part of her tactics.

When Gu Hanxing saw Tao Sanniang, a look of lust also flashed in his eyes. But he immediately became normal and flashed a handsome smile. "Sanniang, it's only been a while, and you've become more beautiful and elegant now."

Tao Sanniang giggled and replied amorously, "Oh, Young Master Gu, you really know how to flatter people! I'm having butterflies in my stomach by just hearing that!"





Gu Hanxing smiled and walked to her, trying to hold her waist. However, she evaded him cleverly and uttered, "Don't be so anxious, Young Master Gu. I feel shy to do such actions in public. When the auction is over, I shall accompany you and chat with you, alright?"

*Gulp!*

The sound of men swallowing their saliva rang in the hall, with Zhang Hairong's being the loudest. His gaze was also fixed on Tao Sanniang, not willing to move away at all.

For the past years, he had had many experiences with women, but he hadn't seen anyone like Tao Sanniang.

He was not the only person who had such thoughts. In fact, the men around her were staring at her with passionate eyes and lustful thoughts.

As for the women around her, they were constantly calling Tao Sanniang a vixen and a shameless woman who seduced men in broad daylight. They thought she must have been a fox in her past life!

Meanwhile, Gu Hanxing felt some dryness in



his throat. It was difficult for him to look away from Tao Sanniang as well. He was a frequent visitor to Grand Skylight Pavilion, so he had known her for a while, but he also knew that she was not a person who was easy to get. What she said just now sounded very nice and open, but when he wanted to do something for real, she would run away again, making him annoyed yet helpless.

Thus he stopped flirting with her. After all, he would only be left upset and disappointed. He shifted his gaze from Tao Sanniang arduously and requested, "Please arrange a seat for us."

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"Of course. I will definitely give you the best treatment," Tao Sanniang answered with a beautiful smile.

When she left after arranging seats for them, Zhang Hairong's gaze remained on her back. Every twist and turn of her body made his inner fire grow.

Sitting next to him, Gu Hanxing asked, "Do you want her?"

"Of course!" Zhang Hairong nodded instinctively, "Xing, do you have a way?" he asked excitedly.



Gu Hanxing showed a disdainful expression. "She is the top management of Grand Skylight Pavilion. Do you think you stand a chance?"

Zhang Hairong suddenly felt despaired and extremely upset, as if he had lost something precious. Such a beautiful woman was in front of him, but he couldn't have her—to be precise, he wasn't even qualified to touch her. There was nothing in this world that was more upsetting than this.

Gu Hanxing also secretly swore in his mind that when he became stronger, he would definitely find a chance to devour Tao Sanniang, otherwise he wouldn't call himself a man.

At this moment, Zhang Hairong spotted Lin Wenjing, who was not far away from him, being massaged by two young women. He was stunned to see that and thought that he was hallucinating. Hence, he rubbed his eyes vigorously before opening them again and realized he was not mistaken—it really was Lin Wenjing!

This was greatly shocking to him, for he couldn't figure out why Lin Wenjing was here. *Isn't he the live-in son-in-law of the Chu family? He's a good-for-nothing who can't even find a job! And this is the Grand Skyli*



*ght Pavilion auction venue, which is extremely difficult to enter. Without the recommendation of someone here, even a wealthy chairman worth over 100 million might not be able to enter!*

However, Lin Wenjing was here, and Zhang Hairong couldn't figure how he got in. He even pinched his thighs hard and groaned out loud when he felt the pain.

Gu Hanxing, who sat next to him, looked at him peculiarly. "Zhang Hairong, why are you pinching yourself for no reason? Are you okay?"

TK

When Zhang Hairong heard Gu Hanxing's words, he returned to his senses and immediately asked, "Xing, do you remember that I told you I have an enemy?"

"Yeah. What about it?"

Zhang Hairong pointed at Lin Wenjing, who was not far away from them, and gritted his teeth. Anger and excitement flashed in his wide eyes as he hissed between clenched teeth, "He's right there!"



Gu Hanxing looked in the direction where Zhang Hairong was pointing and immediately saw Lin Wenjing lying on the sofa, receiving a massage from two young women.

When he saw Lin Wenjing, who looked meek and plain without any imposing aura—just like an ordinary person—he frowned slightly. "Are you sure it's him? This guy looks like an ordinary person, not someone who was able to put you in jail."

When Zhang Hairong saw Lin Wenjing enjoying the massage comfortably, he became angry and clenched his teeth as he suddenly recalled his failed plan with Chu Ling. Had it not been for Lin Wenjing, the bastard live-in son-in-law, he would have already gotten her, and the events that followed after would never have happened! The person he hated the most in this world was Lin Wenjing, followed by the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios.

"He's nobody. He's just a trash, parasite, garbage and a good-for-nothing! F\*ck him! After so many years, he can't even find a job. Who is he to be actually qualified to come to Grand Skylight Pavilion? He must have sold himself to the boss here!" Zhang Hairong



growled, and his facial expressions were distorted under extreme anger.

Gu Hanxing replied, "So he's the live-in son-in-law you've mentioned? He doesn't seem to be someone great. Why can't you even get rid of such a puny person? You even landed in such a pathetic state because of him."

Looking at the obvious doubts on Gu Hanxing's face, Zhang Hairong blushed immediately. "W-Who said I can't get rid of him? I didn't want to settle the score with him because I pitied his wife! Moreover, this guy is very despicable, and the way he operates is immoral. He's a complete \*sshole and has framed me many times. Otherwise, I would've gotten rid of him ages ago!"

Gu Hanxing could definitely tell that Zhang Hairong was exaggerating and was too lazy to expose his lies. However, he was quite interested in the story. "You mentioned that Chu Ling is very beautiful?"

Zhang Hairong nodded vigorously and spoke firmly. "She definitely is beautiful. She is one of the top three most beautiful women in Hua City and is at the same level as the celebrity, Ning Xiaohan."





Gu Hanxing's eyes immediately lit up when he heard this. Then he put his hand on Zhang Hairong's shoulder and smirked. "At the same level as Ning Xiaohan? That is indeed very beautiful. Introduce me to her some day."

When Zhang Hairong saw Gu Hanxing's expression, his heart fluttered. He knew that he was planning to hit on Chu Ling, so his expression soured. "Er..."

Gu Hanxing immediately widened his eyes before he squeezed Zhang Hairong's shoulder with his right palm. "Why, is it difficult for you to introduce her to me?" he squinted his eyes and asked with a menacing tone.

Zhang Hairong felt the pain and quickly explained, "Of course not! Please don't get me wrong, Xing. That's not what I meant. It's just that, after I got out of jail, I lost contact with Chu Ling. Since Lin Wenjing is here, let's go and ask him. Isn't that a better idea?"

"That makes sense." Gu Hanxing thought for a while and gave a thought-provoking smile. "There is still some time before the opening ceremony of the auction, so let's go over to meet this enemy of yours."



Zhang Hairong was overjoyed to hear that. He knew the strength of Gu Hanxing—as long as he took action, it would be difficult for Lin Wenjing to survive this time.

Soon, they swaggered over to him.

Meanwhile, Master Grim had discovered them long ago. He slightly frowned and told Lin Wenjing, "Someone is coming over to give you trouble."

Lin Wenjing lay on the couch comfortably while receiving a massage from the young women. With his eyes closed, he replied lazily, "I know." TK

He hadn't been so relaxed for a long time. A lot of things had happened for the past few months, and he had always been tense all this while, so he had been wanting to go for a massage and relax for a bit. However, he didn't expect to enjoy it at Grand Skylight Pavilion today.

When Zhang Hairong appeared just now, Lin Wenjing was surprised to see him. Technically, when he placed him behind bars back then, he was to remain there for at least eight to ten years; but he came out in less than six months. It seemed that the



man next to him was quite capable, indeed.

Soon, Zhang Hairong and Gu Hanxing walked over to them. Seeing Lin Wenjing enjoying himself, rage rose in Zhang Hairong, and he lifted his leg to kick Lin Wenjing's leg while sneering coldly. He had put in his entire strength in this kick. *Lin Wenjing is about to get some bruises*, he thought.

However, just as he was about to kick, Lin Wenjing suddenly retracted his leg, causing Zhang Hairong's foot to land on the pillar.

Zhang Hairong's kick, which carried his entire strength, landed on a sturdy iron pillar. He then jumped in pain and yelled, "Damn it! It hurts!"

His abrupt and shrill screams echoed in the auction venue, and it immediately attracted the strange gaze of the people around him.

The two young women who were massaging Lin Wenjing saw this and couldn't stop themselves from laughing.

"What the f\*ck are you laughing at?"

Zhang Hairong became even more annoyed



when he saw them giggling. He then raised his hand and was about to slap one of them.

Shock and fear immediately crept up to the young woman. However, before Zhang Hairong's hand could hit her, it was caught by Lin Wenjing.

Lin Wenjing opened his eyes and grabbed Zhang Hairong's wrist effortlessly before applying pressure on it. After all, Zhang Hairong was someone who wasn't skilled, so he couldn't bear it and fell to his knees in front of Lin Wenjing.

"Zhang Hairong, what are you doing? Even though you worship me, you don't have to kneel as soon as you see me," Lin Wenjing commented with a smile.

Zhang Hairong was so livid that he almost lost his mind. It was obvious that he came here to teach Lin Wenjing a lesson; but now, he was kneeling before him, which made him even angrier.

"Lin Wenjing! You useless scum! If I don't kill you here today, I'll forfeit my surname!" Zhang Hairong cursed with gritted teeth and glared at Lin Wenjing with eyes full of anger and hatred.



Lin Wenjing had no pity for someone like him—he wanted to teach Zhang Hairong a lesson. Hence, he held Zhang Hairong's hand and kept applying pressure on it. Finally, Zhang Hairong couldn't take it anymore and fell to the ground on all fours, looking disheveled and comical; the people around them laughed out loud at the sight of that.

Meanwhile, Gu Hanxing watched with an impassive expression beside them. His eyes gleamed coldly as he exclaimed, "Enough!"

With that, Gu Hanxing began to launch his attack to kick Lin Wenjing in a swift motion. He was even aiming for Lin Wenjing's groin; it was quite ruthless and despicable, indeed.

When Lin Wenjing saw this, a cold expression flashed on his face. Knowing that the opponent was also skilled, he did not block the attack directly. Instead, he pulled Zhang Hairong over and used him as a shield.

"Sh\*t!"

When Gu Hanxing saw Zhang Hairong standing in front of Lin Wenjing, he quickly tried to hold back his attack, but it was too



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late. Hence, his kick landed firmly on Zhang Hairong's waist, making him cough up blood as he let out a shrill shriek.



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Zhang Hairong had never been so miserable. Right now, he had the urge to cry, feeling as if there was a lump in his throat.

Up until now, he had never been beaten up in such a way.

The kick that landed on the pillar just now was already painful enough, yet Gu Hanxing gave him another kick that made him feel as if his back was about to snap in half. He could feel the pain even when he breathed.

He was a person who was born with a silver spoon and was spoiled as a child. Being someone who was pampered, he had not suffered much, let alone taken a beating. Even when he went to jail half a year ago, it was just a mental torture for him—he was not physically harmed. However, he was in immense pain right now as he cried.

Seeing Zhang Hairong crying so miserably, Gu Hanxing panicked as well. He knew exactly how powerful this kick was; even after trying to hold back, it was not something that Zhang Hairong could bear. He even suspected that he injured his kidney, otherwise he would not cry so hard.

"Xing, why did you suddenly kick me? W-



What the hell? Y-You should've kicked him! Ah... it hurts so much!" Zhang Hairong cried out loud tragically, with one hand on his waist and the other on the ground. He tried to support himself to stand up, yet he failed to do so. The pain made his entire body tremble violently.

Lin Wenjing couldn't stop himself from laughing after seeing him in such a miserable state. He felt ecstatic upon seeing that.

Back when he was still the live-in son-in-law of the Chu family, Zhang Hairong humiliated him and set his eyes on Chu Ling. Besides, the last time they met, Zhang Hairong even planned to assault her. If Lin Wenjing hadn't arrived in time, the consequences would have been disastrous.

Hence, he had never liked Zhang Hairong.

Seeing Zhang Hairong's miserable state, the people around him smirked furtively as well. Even their gazes at Gu Hanxing looked mocking.

"Isn't that Gu Hanxing? Why is he fighting here?"



"Yes, and the victim is just an ordinary person, but he used such force. This is unreasonable."

"I have long heard that Gu Hanxing is arrogant and domineering, and that he's a bully. I didn't expect it to be true."

"This guy is too pathetic. I think his spine is cracked."

"Poor thing."

"Gu Hanxing crossed a line! He bullies people everywhere because his father has his back..."

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Gu Hanxing's expression was extremely distressed. After all, he was quite famous in this circle. Now that this happened, everyone thought he was arrogant and loved to bully regular folks.

He stared at Lin Wenjing and growled coldly, "What a live-in son-in-law you are! It seems that I have underestimated you—I didn't expect you to be someone who knows martial arts! But you are totally not skilled enough compared to me. Now, if you kneel and kowtow to me to admit your mistakes, I will consider letting you go; otherwise, I will



let you witness how terrifying hell is. I'll make you wish you'd never been born!"

Gu Hanxing placed one of his hands behind his back and glared at Lin Wenjing with an icy expression, looking very domineering while he spoke in a commanding tone—as soon as Lin Wenjing defied him, he would immediately give him a fatal punishment.

Lin Wenjing was quite surprised when he felt Gu Hanxing's aura, for he didn't expect Zhang Hairong to be able to be acquainted with such a skilled master.

Master Grim stood up and advised Gu Hanxing nonchalantly, "Gu Hanxing, I advise you to give up on this idea."

Gu Hanxing tilted his head and looked at Master Grim. Then he asked, half-smirking, "What if I don't?"

"Then you will become my enemy." After Master Grim finished speaking, the look in his eyes changed immediately, and an oppressive aura that was no weaker than Gu Hanxing's emanated from him.

When the auras of the two powerful men clashed with each other, the bystanders



around them felt a great pressure. Many people who were not strong enough felt that their breathing became uneven, as if the surrounding air was pumped out of the room, making the air thinner.

Meanwhile, Gu Hanxing's expression changed again as he stared at Master Grim and spoke with clenched teeth. "Master Grim, are you determined to fight against me? You'd better think it through and remember who I am. Is it worth it for you to offend me because of a live-in son-in-law?"

Master Grim sneered disdainfully and spat out two words, "Get lost."

"What?" Gu Hanxing's face turned pale. He was a prominent figure with pride and dignity, after all. He had already embarrassed himself just now, but now, Master Grim asked him to get lost in front of everyone. His dignity was being trampled on!

"You're looking for death!" His embarrassment turned into anger, and he was ready to attack Master Grim.

At this moment, a low and strong voice came from the left. "Stop it right now!"



The voice is deep and powerful, full of strength. It was obvious that it came from a skilled master.

Lin Wenjing squinted his eyes and saw an old man wearing a traditional Chinese Tang suit walking toward him in large strides, surrounded by a group of people.

He was a master, an absolutely skilled master.

Seeing this old man, Lin Wenjing's heartbeat sped, and his blood boiled. He also felt a sense of animosity involuntarily.

TK

The old man seemed to have felt his animosity and narrowed his eyes slightly before glancing at him meaningfully.

When other people saw the old man, they all showed an expression of fear and awe.

"They are now in big trouble. Even the Old Master Fan of Grand Skylight Pavilion is alarmed."

"No matter how arrogant Gu Hanxing is, he surely has to show respect to Old Master Fan!"





"That's for sure. Look at who Old Master Fan is. In Grand Skylight Pavilion, no one would dare disrespect him. Gu Hanxing is just a nobody here!"

Hearing the whispers of the audience, Lin Wenjing guessed the identity of the old man.

Sure enough, when Gu Hanxing saw Old Master Fan coming over to him, his face showed a trace of fear and respect. He then glared at Lin Wenjing and Master Grim before taking two steps backward to show his respect.

Old Master Fan walked over to them with a warm smile on his face and uttered kindly, "Young Master Gu, Master Grim, I wonder if both of you can show me some respect and stop fighting here."

Master Grim immediately saluted Old Master Fan. "Of course. I definitely respect you, Old Master Fan. We didn't initiate this incident in the beginning too. It was Gu Hanxing who walked over excitedly to pick a fight with my Young Master, so I had to step up and stop him. You can check the surveillance cameras too."

Master Grim's words were cool and calm,



making people feel comfortable when they listened to him.

When Old Master Fan heard the key points in Master Grim's explanation, his eyes lit up. "Master Grim, since when did you have a Young Master? Haven't you always worked alone?"

Master Grim smiled slightly without giving a direct answer.

Old Master Fan was a smart man, so he could see that Master Grim was not lying to him. Then he merely glanced at Lin Wenjing intently and smiled at him as a greeting.

Lin Wenjing smiled back and nodded gently.

Gu Hanxing squinted his eyes when he heard what Master Grim said and quickly turned to look at Lin Wenjing. He had never heard that Master Grim had a Young Master!

Although he didn't take Master Grim seriously, the Young Master whom he served would be an entirely different case. However, the most important part was that Gu Hanxing didn't know Lin Wenjing at all.

At that instant, his mind raced and spun



fast.

"Young Master Gu, what about you?" Old Master Fan asked with a smile while looking at Gu Hanxing.

Gu Hanxing also saluted him. "Old Master Fan, since you've already spoken, I, too, shall show you my respect."

"I thank you for that," Old Master Fan replied smilingly.

This incident had temporarily calmed down. Gu Hanxing initiated everything confidently, yet it was resolved in such a way. Hence, he walked away like a dog with its tail between its legs. Even though Old Master Fan came to resolve the conflict, his pride was already lost, so he was in a bad mood.

When Zhang Hairong limped over, Gu Hanxing glared at him and exclaimed impatiently, "Zhang Hairong, how dare you lie to me? You're so brave, huh? I think you are tired of living!"

Zhang Hairong was so frightened that he trembled and almost fell to the ground. He quickly explained, "Xing, that's not true! Don't you know the kind of person I am? I could lie



to anyone in this world but you!"

"How dare you argue with me? Lin Wenjing, whom you've mentioned, is not the live-in son-in-law of the Chu family at all. Instead, he is the Young Master behind Master Grim, the underground emperor of Hua City. He's a prominent figure! How dare you ask me to offend such a person? Say, what are you up to?" Gu Hanxing demanded furiously.

Zhang Hairong immediately dropped to his knees, and he now felt fearful and aggrieved. He was also very puzzled—*how could the useless Lin Wenjing become such an important person after six months? This is totally illogical!*



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"Xing! I'm innocent! No matter how courageous I am, I wouldn't dare to land you in trouble! You've saved my life, after all!" Zhang Hairong had completely put down his dignity as he grabbed on Gu Hanxing's thigh while begging for mercy.

When Gu Hanxing saw him in such a state, he realized that he didn't seem to be lying. He then glanced at Lin Wenjing in the distance before ordering, "Tell me more about Lin Wenjing."

Zhang Hairong didn't dare to keep anything from Gu Hanxing and quickly told him everything he knew about Lin Wenjing.

"Are you really sure that Lin Wenjing was the live-in son-in-law of the Chu family for four years?" After listening to Zhang Hairong, Gu Hanxing was still a little skeptical. How could such a good-for-nothing live-in son-in-law become the Young Master of Master Grim and have such powerful skills?

"It's definitely true, Xing!" Zhang Hairong exclaimed vehemently. "If I lied to you, I swear I'd be struck by lightning and meet a horrible end, and my entire family will die a tragic death!"



Hearing Zhang Hairong's harsh oath, Gu Hanxing's expression changed slightly. He believed him, and at the same time, he became even more curious and shocked by Lin Wenjing.

"Interesting."

Gu Hanxing shot another sharp look at Lin Wenjing before retracting his gaze, and the corners of his mouth rose slightly, revealing a meaningful smile. Holding a wine glass in his hand, he finished the wine in one gulp.

He loved challenges and had absolute confidence in himself. To him, Lin Wenjing was like a prey. The stronger the prey, the stronger the resistance, hence the more fulfilling it would be when he hunted.

Meanwhile, on Lin Wenjing's side.

"What is the background of Young Master Gu?"

"His name is Gu Hanxing. He is the son of Gu Ze, the vice president of Bei Tian Society. He has a powerful background. He is also skilled in martial arts, and his strength is not to be underestimated. Apart from that, he is well-known in the circle, and many people





dare not provoke him," Master Grim explained. "Gu Hanxing is quite talented in martial arts. He has been practicing since he was a child, but he has no ethics and likes to bully the weak. He also has a narrow mind. Since you've provoked him just now, I'm afraid that he will not let this go easily."

Lin Wenjing made a hand gesture, and then both the young women understood and immediately stopped the massage before they stood aside obediently. Lin Wenjing stood up and stretched briefly, his bones making cracking sounds. "It's so comfortable!"

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After being massaged, his body had relaxed a lot, and his mood had improved.

Master Grim's eyes gleamed strangely. "Aren't you worried at all? Gu Hanxing is not someone who would take your taunts easily. After all, the Bei Tian Society that backs him up is a powerful organization."

Lin Wenjing replied, "Worrying won't do us any good. Also, since we have already offended him, let's just deal with whatever comes next. Besides, I thought this is the outcome that you want, isn't it?"



Master Grim's pupils shrank suddenly as he shook his head. "Young Master, I don't understand what you mean."

"You don't have to pretend anymore." Lin Wenjing smiled and patted Master Grim on the shoulder. "I'm not stupid—you can't fool me with your little tricks."

Master Grim didn't say anything—it was considered a silent admission of guilt.

Lin Wenjing continued, "Gu Hanxing is a good opponent. So it's not bad to use him for training."

TK

After a long silence, Master Grim commented meaningfully, "Young Master, you are getting smarter each day."

"Same goes for you too." Lin Wenjing gave a slight smile and did not speak any more after that. In a short while, the auction started.

Lin Wenjing had never been to an auction before—he had only seen it on television, so it was quite new to him. The product of the first auction was ten professionally trained servants. They looked no different from ordinary people, but each of them had a



professional skill.

The starting price of the ten servants was at 10 million, and they were finally bought by a wealthy businessman with 34 million.

Next, the auction was an internationally famous assassin who would unconditionally accept requests to assassinate three people once they had paid him.

Following that were a lot of peculiar things that were up for auction, and the starting prices got higher and higher. Some even auctioned off fighting techniques, which really opened Lin Wenjing's eyes.

Gu Hanxing also bought two things in the auction, spending tens of millions without batting an eye. He was quite a wealthy person, indeed.

When Lin Wenjing looked at Gu Hanxing, he was also looking at Lin Wenjing. Gu Hanxing sneered at him and gestured with his hand slicing his neck, threatening him.

"The next thing to be auctioned is tonight's highlight. It took the famous alchemist, Master Alma, 49 days and numerous invaluable ingredients to make this grade-A



Soul Cleansing Pill that has amazing effects! For anyone who has reached the Pinnacle Realm, you have 80% probability of reaching the Heavenly Realm after taking it!"

After hearing the host's excited introduction, a hole appeared on the auction stage, followed by a delicate box being slowly raised.

Next, the host opened the box with a key to reveal a pale golden pill within it, which was as big as an adult's fist and looked very sturdy. Under the light, it had a radiant surface, looking as if it contained life. It was especially dazzling and captivating.

On the big screen, a close-up shot of the Soul Cleansing Pill was shown. At this moment, the audience fell silent. Everyone held their breath and stared at the Soul Cleansing Pill intently.

Lin Wenjing was no exception; his gaze was also attracted to the pill. He had met the requirements—he had reached the Pinnacle Realm. Having a good eyesight, he could clearly see the Soul Cleansing Pill without even looking at the large screen, and even though it was far away, he could feel its power. If he took it, he would definitely break



through his current realm!

Another person who also stared at the pill passionately was Gu Hanxing.

In fact, Gu Hanxing's main goal for tonight was also the pill. Hence, he stood up abruptly and couldn't refrain himself from calling out excitedly, "Soul Cleansing Pill! It really is the Soul Cleansing Pill! Great, this pill is now mine! Hahaha!"

Slowly, many people came to their senses and immediately started a lively discussion.

"It's really the Soul Cleansing Pill!!!"

"This is too awesome! It's a grade-A pill refined by Master Alma. This is the highlight of the auction tonight. I wonder who will be so lucky to be able to buy this. "

"It must be Gu Hanxing. Look at his excited expression! The way he looked at the Soul Cleansing Pill almost made it catch fire. Besides, who would dare to challenge him, since he had clearly stated that his eyes are on it? That person would be looking for death."

"This is not necessarily true. To the masters



who have reached the Pinnacle Realm, the Soul Cleansing Pill is a first-class treasure. Maybe there's someone who won't mind fighting Gu Hanxing for the Soul Cleansing Pill."

"Aha! If that's so, it'll definitely be something worth watching."

Similar discussions ensued around Lin Wenjing, making his desire for the Soul Cleansing Pill grow stronger.



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Seeing the Soul Cleansing Pill on the auction stage, Master Grim also looked enthusiastic. He told Lin Wenjing, "Young Master, you must buy this Soul Cleansing Pill. It will have a great effect on you!"

Lin Wenjing took a deep breath, trying to calm himself down. Then he nodded. "I'll try my best."

After the host had given enough description to fire up the atmosphere, he began to start the auction. "This grade-A Soul Cleansing Pill refined by Master Alma has a starting price of 100 million. The highest bidder will get it. "

TK

Lin Wenjing took a sharp breath. The starting price of this pill was already 100 million—it was too expensive. After all, many big companies wouldn't even make a profit of 100 million a year.

No wonder tonight's auction wasn't open to the public—the taxes generated here were already enormous.

According to the usual style of auction, 100 million was only the starting price. When the transaction was done, it would cost far more than this.



Sure enough, as soon as the host finished speaking, someone immediately raised his sign and shouted, "200 million!"

Then another person immediately followed after. "250 million."

"300 million!"

"400 million!"

"500 million!"

"....."

And the bidding war went on.

In just one minute, the price had been raised to 800 million. This was crazy!

At this moment, Lin Wenjing even had a wild thought—perhaps Master Grim gathered so many people just to scam such a large sum of money from him.

Of course, this thought only appeared for a second before he shoved it out of his mind. It was impossible, after all.

At this moment, a loud and domineering voice rang. "1 billion."



It was Gu Hanxing. He stood up and looked across the audience ostentatiously and arrogantly, as if he was a god looking at the world below him. He announced nonchalantly, "My goal tonight is this pill. Please show me some respect and stop right here."

There were people who wanted to continue raising the price, but when they heard Gu Hanxing's words, they sat back with a look of strong bitterness on their faces. Nevertheless, they didn't dare to yell out any more offers as they didn't dare to offend him.

TK

Gu Hanxing was very satisfied with everyone's response and ordered the host, "What are you waiting for? Start the countdown to announce the winner."

The host was also quite fearful of Gu Hanxing, and so he immediately announced, "Is there anyone who would offer more than 1 billion? If there's none, this Soul Cleansing Pill will go to Mr. Gu with the price of 1 billion on the count of three. Three, two—"

However, at this moment, a calm voice rang, and a sign in the crowd was raised. "1.5 billion."



There was a momentary silence in the audience. In the next moment, everyone looked over and saw Lin Wenjing, who had a faint smile on his face, sitting there lazily.

Master Grim was also taken aback by him. Lin Wenjing directly offered 1.5 billion, raising the price by half of the total amount. How could the rest follow?

1.5 billion was a huge amount. The annual income of Purple Jade Studios might not even reach 1.5 billion. As the underground emperor of Hua City, Master Grim might look very prosperous and glamorous, but it was also difficult for him to spend 1.5 billion at one go.

After a short silence, a louder discussion broke out. Grand Skylight Pavilion was about to explode with the reactions of the audience.

"Have I heard it correctly? 1.5 billion?"

Someone slapped himself harshly, looking stunned and incredulous. "This must be fake! 1.5 billion for the Soul Cleansing Pill? I can't even earn 1.5 billion throughout my entire life! "



"This is crazy! 1.5 billion! He even looks so relaxed, as if the money is nothing to him! Where did this rich mogul come from? He looks very young."

"I haven't seen him before. It seems that he is the Young Master of Master Grim. He even had an argument with Gu Hanxing just now."

"Young Master of Master Grim? I've never heard of him!"

"He must be someone prominent to be able to offer 1.5 billion. On top of that, he deliberately shouted his bid after what Gu Hanxing said. He must be doing this on purpose to spite him. Haha!"

"Someone should have taught Gu Hanxing a lesson a long time ago. He relies on his dad—Gu Ze, the vice president of the Bei Tian Society—to bully people. Finally, someone more powerful is here to deal with him. He'd better teach Gu Hanxing a good lesson."

"Anyway, now the drama is about to start."

"I wonder what Gu Hanxing will do. With his temperament, I think that he must be livid now. Haha!"



A heated discussion was started at the auction venue as many people did not even bother to keep their conversation down. Their words entered Gu Hanxing's ears; each and every sentence was equivalent to a heavy slap to him.

This turn of events was even more embarrassing for him than just now, and he was so furious that he almost lost control. His face turned pale with anger, and his eyes were red, full of rage, hatred, and murderous intent.

He had never been so embarrassed before, and he felt as if he was going to explode. He clenched his fists so tightly that his knuckles made cracking sounds. He wished he could punch Lin Wenjing to death right now!

Zhang Hairong, who was standing next to him, was also stunned. He was completely dumbfounded when he heard Lin Wenjing offering 1.5 billion. His mind was spinning, and he even doubted the authenticity of the world around him.

He looked at Lin Wenjing as if he had seen a ghost. *Is this the same person who stayed at home and washed people's underwear everyday, who couldn't even find a job, and who didn't dare to make a sound even though he was*





*bullied?*

*Is there something wrong with my memory,  
or is this a hallucination?*

He opened his mouth wide as his mind went blank and his body turned cold.

"Lin Wenjing!" Gu Hanxing glared at Lin Wenjing with raging eyes and yelled through clenched teeth. "Do you have a death wish?"

However, Lin Wenjing ignored him. After shouting out his offer, he sat down and drank his wine leisurely, looking calm and relaxed. He didn't treat Gu Hanxing seriously at all, which was a stark contrast in comparison to Gu Hanxing's extreme anger.

At that moment, even the host didn't know how to handle the situation as he stood there, stunned. He was supposed to say, '1.5 billion on the count of three' and 'deal', but the words were stuck in his throat, and he looked particularly uncomfortable.

On the other side, one of the many gazes that was scorching hot came from Tao Sanniang, who was staring straight at Lin Wenjing. She was not attracted to him—instead, she couldn't figure him out, which



*Can you make a counterbid?*

This question was, to Gu Hanxing, a blatant insult.

He glared furiously at the host, who was immediately taken aback by him and quickly lowered his head, not daring to look at him again. He secretly thought that Gu Hanxing deserved such humiliation.

Everyone focused on Gu Hanxing, wondering what he would do next.

Gu Hanxing's emotion was unstable. He tried to calm himself down by taking deep breaths.

Initially, he came to the Grand Skylight Pavilion auction tonight to win the bid for the Soul Cleansing Pill. It was because he got the information from professionals that there would be a good-quality Soul Cleansing Pill for the auction tonight at Grand Skylight Pavilion. He had reached the Pinnacle Realm right now, and as soon as he took the pill, it would be highly probable for him to reach the Heavenly Realm.

It would be a great leap for him once he reached that realm because his strength



would greatly improve, and his social status would bump up a few levels as well.

Tonight, he had prepared 1.2 billion to buy the Soul Cleansing Pill in one go. With his status and strength, it was impossible for anyone to defy him, unless they were a lunatic or a fool.

This was the reason why he was full of confidence when he arrived just now—he had already imagined what would happen when he took this pill, and how glorious his life would be when he successfully reached the Heavenly Realm.

TK

However, he never expected that Lin Wenjing would appear, and he even had the guts to confront him in public!

At this moment, anger wasn't his only emotion; hatred and panic also clouded him.

Before he came here, he made a promise to his father that he would definitely buy the Soul Cleansing Pill. Now that there was a problem, how should he explain to his father when he heard of this and blamed him?

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He even pushed the blame on Zhang Hairong right now. If it weren't for Zhang Hairong, who asked him to antagonize Lin Wenjing, he probably would not have offended him.

The more he thought about it, the more livid he got. He couldn't help himself and gave Zhang Hairong a kick. "It's all your fault, you son of a b\*tch!"

Zhang Hairong felt aggrieved. *The person who offended Gu Hanxing is clearly Lin Wenjing, but why did he kick me instead?*

Fortunately, the kick merely landed on his ass. Even though it was very painful, it was not enough to make him a cripple.

But the heart-wrenching pain was inevitable.

The host waited for Gu Hanxing for a while, but he did not give any further offers. Hence, he started counting down. "Is there someone who would like to bid higher than 1.5 billion? No more? 1.5 billion, then. On the count of three. Three, two—"

Just when the host was about to slam the gavel, Gu Hanxing couldn't help but stand up and called out, "Wait!"



"Mr. Gu, are you going to offer more than 1.5 billion?" the host asked tentatively.

Gu Hanxing gritted his teeth as he glared at Lin Wenjing. "I'll bid 1.53 billion."

The host was stunned when he heard Gu Hanxing's offer. Lin Wenjing had just increased his earlier bid by 500 million, yet he only offered 30 million more? It seemed too petty of him.

Not just the host, but many people right there thought the same as well, and they looked at Gu Hanxing mockingly.

TK

Gu Hanxing could feel the ridicule by the crowd. This was an unprecedented insult to his arrogant temperament.

However, he had no choice but to pray that Lin Wenjing would stop bidding, otherwise he wouldn't be able to outbid him.

Of course, Lin Wenjing wouldn't care what Gu Hanxing wanted.

"1.8 billion," Lin Wenjing uttered lazily while raising his sign again.

When this number was shouted out, the





breathing of the audience sped up. Even to rich people like them, 1.8 billion was an astronomical figure. Many of them wouldn't be able to earn that much money throughout their lifetime.

Even Old Master Fan, from Grand Skylight Pavilion, had a different expression now. His idle mind suddenly became sharp and deep. He stared at Lin Wenjing closely, trying to see through him and figure him out.

But no matter how much he looked at Lin Wenjing, it was still difficult to see through him. To Old Master Fan, Lin Wenjing was just as good as a simple and unpretentious rock —there was nothing special about him besides being sturdy and strong.

The harder it was to see through Lin Wenjing, the more skilled he was.

Meanwhile, Tao Sanniang looked even more shocked right now. She stared at Lin Wenjing meaningfully, and her heartbeat also accelerated. She was a member of Grand Skylight Pavilion's top management and had organized many auctions, so she had seen a fair share of many prominent figures, but this was the first time she had seen someone as young and courageous as



Lin Wenjing. Moreover, he was only a young man in his twenties.

Lin Wenjing's calm and steady temperament had somehow moved her.

Master Grim was also a little shocked to see that. He, too, couldn't stop himself from looking back at Lin Wenjing.

Indeed, it was his idea to invite Lin Wenjing over to participate in the auction at Grand Skylight Pavilion tonight, and even Lin Wenjing's fight with Gu Hanxing was also within his arrangement. However, he didn't expect that Lin Wenjing knew this was his plan all along and voluntarily acquiesced to the arrangement in such an ostentatious manner, deeply offending Gu Hanxing.

He found it more and more difficult to understand Lin Wenjing right now.

When Gu Hanxing heard Lin Wenjing offer 1.8 billion, he gritted his teeth so hard that they almost shattered into pieces. 1.8 billion! Even if he forked out every single penny he had, he couldn't even afford it. This amount of money could only be accumulated if he called his father, Gu Ze.



The point was, Lin Wenjing would continue to increase his offer.

This meant that he couldn't buy the Soul Cleansing Pill!

Now, he really had the intention to kill people.

The host had never seen such a situation before. He gulped with great difficulty before saying, "Mr. Gu, Mr. Lin is offering 1.8 billion. Would you like to offer a higher price?"

*Offer a higher price, my ass!* Gu Hanxing yelled wildly in his mind. He no longer felt angry or hatred anymore. Instead, he felt a sense of deep regret. If he knew this earlier, he wouldn't have provoked Lin Wenjing just now, and none of this would have happened. The more he thought about it, the more he hated Zhang Hairong. He gritted his teeth as he thought about this.

Feeling Gu Hanxing's hatred, Zhang Hairong shuddered and almost peed his pants.

"Wait a minute! Let me make a call." Gu Hanxing gave an order and then began to dial some numbers on his phone. This matter had gone way beyond his control,



and he had to report it to his father, Gu Ze.

After a while, the call had gone through.

"Hey, Dad, it's me. I'm at the Grand Skylight Pavilion auction right now. The Soul Cleansing Pill? No, I haven't bought it yet. There's a slight problem..."

After Gu Hanxing finished explaining, an authoritative voice rang from the other end. "No matter what, you have to buy this Soul Cleansing Pill straight away!"

"The money—"

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"I will drop a message to Grand Skylight Pavilion about this."

After hanging up the phone, Gu Hanxing regained his confidence. His hopeless and annoyed look disappeared, revealing his infamous cruel smile. He held up the sign and said, "Two billion."

Then he deliberately looked at Lin Wenjing with a taunting expression.

Lin Wenjing frowned. After thinking for a while, he decided to give up.



When Gu Hanxing saw him right now, he became even more arrogant. "Weren't you so arrogant just now? Come on, make a higher offer! Come on!"

Lin Wenjing closed his eyes and ignored him. From Gu Hanxing's perspective, he had completely surrendered.

However, he didn't notice that the corners of Lin Wenjing's mouth curved upward slightly.

In the end, the grade-A Soul Cleansing Pill made by Master Alma was bought by Gu Hanxing with 2 billion.

TK

Everyone was shocked by Gu Hanxing's wealth. At this moment, Lin Wenjing seemed to have lost the battle.

However, when Gu Hanxing got the Soul Cleansing Pill, the host on the auction stage heard some announcement in his headset. He was stunned for a few seconds before he announced, "Dear guests, I just got a new message. It turns out that Master Alma has refined two Soul Cleansing Pills, and there is an even better Soul Cleansing Pill—the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill—with a starting price of 200 million. It will go to the highest bidder."



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Everyone was stunned when they heard what the host said, including Gu Hanxing.

In the next moment, Gu Hanxing's expression immediately changed. His body trembled violently as raged pulsed through his veins. Then he spat out a mouthful of blood.



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Gu Hanxing's blood happened to be spurted onto Zhang Hairong's face.

There were also differences between Soul Cleansing Pills. The best one was grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill, which had the best quality and brought about the strongest effects with the least side effects. It also had the highest probability of helping people to reach the Heavenly Realm.

The next grade was grade-A Soul Cleansing Pill. Its effects were much weaker than grade S, and the probability of reaching Heavenly Realm was lower.

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The next grade was grade B and grade C. In short, the Soul Cleansing Pill was divided into four grades, the best being grade S, but it was a very rare item. Most of the time, not even one grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill could be seen even in many years.

Unexpectedly, it had appeared in the Grand Skylight Pavilion auction venue today. On top of that, it even appeared after the grade-A Soul Cleansing Pill was auctioned off.

Gu Hanxing had never felt such despair in his life. He seriously questioned whether God was fooling around with him. He had



spent all his savings just to buy a grade-A Soul Cleansing Pill, yet the host suddenly announced that the next item was a grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill.

*F\*ck!*

Fortunately, some of his subordinates supported Gu Hanxing just in time before he fell. Even so, he had embarrassed himself, making everyone laugh at him.

"How dare you fool around with me? I'll kill you!" Gu Hanxing went berserk with anger. He rushed to the stage to punch the host violently; he had lost all control right now, and he resembled a mad dog.

The host was just an ordinary person who didn't know any martial arts, so he could not resist Gu Hanxing's violent beating at all. In no time, he looked like he was on the verge of dying.

Fortunately, the crew of Grand Skylight Pavilion reacted quickly—security guards rushed up to stop Gu Hanxing.

Old Master Fan walked out, fuming. "Gu Hanxing! How dare you throw a fit here at Grand Skylight Pavilion? I think you are sick



of living!"

At this time, Old Master Fan exploded with an imposing aura which made people shudder involuntarily. Gu Hanxing then finally returned to his senses and realized that he was in big trouble. He immediately blanched, and his heart palpitated quickly.

"Old Master Fan, I—" Gu Hanxing quickly tried to explain himself. He was afraid of Old Master Fan, after all.

Yet Old Master Fan stared at him coldly and growled, "I will tell Gu Ze about this and ask him how he disciplined his son! If he doesn't give me a good explanation about this, Grand Skylight Pavilion will make sure the Gu family pays for it!"

When Gu Hanxing heard this, he was even more panicked. "Old Master Fan, what happened just now was just a misunderstanding, and I'd like to apologize to you and Grand Skylight Pavilion. I am willing to compensate Grand Skylight Pavilion for the loss."

"There's no need for that," Old Master Fan uttered coldly. "Please leave now. We don't welcome you here."



Gu Hanxing felt very frustrated. Everything was fine just a few moments ago. How did something like this happen? It was all because of his impulsive behavior. He knew what was waiting for him when he reached home to face his father, Gu Ze.

Lin Wenjing couldn't help laughing when he saw Gu Hanxing like this.

Master Grim looked at Lin Wenjing, perplexed. He could not understand how Lin Wenjing knew there was a grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill right after that. He didn't tell him about this at all.

TK

When Gu Hanxing saw Lin Wenjing's smile, anger rose within him, making him have the urge to spit out blood again.

He glared at Lin Wenjing fixedly, as if he wanted to etch Lin Wenjing onto his mind for the rest of his life. Until now, he had never suffered such a huge loss, and he had never hated a person to this extent!

No matter how arrogant Gu Hanxing was, he did not dare to defy the orders from Grand Skylight Pavilion, so he had to leave in frustration.



After Gu Hanxing left, the auction continued, but everyone looked at Lin Wenjing with gazes full of fear and awe. No one dared to compete with him for the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill. In the end, Lin Wenjing only spent 300 million to buy it, which was a huge bargain.

It was not exaggerating to say that if Lin Wenjing had sold it right now, he would have earned billions.

Of course, Lin Wenjing would never do that, as he wanted to keep the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill for himself. When he held it in his hands, he could clearly feel its uniqueness. It was different from all the other pills on the market, as if it had its own life. Lin Wenjing even felt that if he loosened his grip on it, the pill would slip and fall into oblivion.

This was because the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill was full of vigor and life, making Lin Wenjing have such an illusion.

Next, the auction continued to sell other precious things that were extremely rare on the market. However, everything looked rather inferior compared to the Soul Cleansing Pill.



Having achieved his goal, Lin Wenjing did not want to stay anymore, so he shot Master Grim a look and was prepared to leave.

"Young Master Lin, please stay."

When he was about to walk out of Grand Skylight Pavilion, a melodious voice rang from behind. The voice was attractive, and the owner of that voice was none other than the sexy and seductive Tao Sanniang, who was walking over to him.

"Is there anything else, Sanniang?" Lin Wenjing turned and asked in a flat tone.

TK

Tao Sanniang was not only good-looking—her figure was curvy as well. On top of that, she was very sexy and seductive; she could be called the best among all women. After meeting many men, she had never met anyone like Lin Wenjing, who acted so indifferently in front of her and was able to turn a blind eye to her beauty. She couldn't help wondering if she was not attractive enough.

When he first saw Tao Sanniang, Lin Wenjing was indeed attracted, because he was a man, after all. But when he calmed down, he became calm and indifferent when he faced





her.

In this aspect, even Master Grim was not as good as him; even though Master Grim might look indifferent on the surface, he was still tempted when he saw her.

Tao Sanniang had round and wide eyes, which were energetic and captivating. Any heterosexual men who met her gaze would have their heart beat faster, and some wouldn't even dare to face her.

Few would react calmly like Lin Wenjing.

Tao Sanniang walked to the front of Lin Wenjing with an alluring fragrance around her that wafted into his nose. "Young Master Lin, you were so cool and decisive just now, and the arrogant Gu Hanxing didn't even have the strength to fight back. Upon seeing that, my heart raced wildly, and I was utterly impressed."

Lin Wenjing smiled faintly, but he did not respond to her.

His stony and rigid demeanor made Tao Sanniang frustrated. At the same time, he managed to arouse her competitive nature because she couldn't believe that there was



someone in this world who could resist her charm.

Hence, Tao Sanniang smiled wider, and the lust in her beautiful eyes became more prominent. At the same time, she took a step forward and bit her lower lip gently. "Young Master Lin, I wonder if I have the honor to have dinner with you. I have so much to tell—"

"No," Lin Wenjing interrupted her without even waiting for her to finish her sentence.

"Huh?" Tao Sanniang froze as she couldn't process what was going on.

Lin Wenjing continued, "I am already married, so I can't have dinner with you. I'm sorry."

At this moment, Tao Sanniang finally understood him. There was a huge change in her expression as she realized that she was rejected by Lin Wenjing.

She had never encountered such rejections since she learned the Charm Technique. Every man who met her tried their best to approach her, and they buckled down under her skirt.



Chapter 289 An Invitation From Tao Sanniang

It was a rare occasion that she took the initiative to invite Lin Wenjing to dinner, yet she was rejected.

She opened her eyes wide and couldn't believe that it was true.



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It was a huge blow to her, so her mind went blank for a while. After that, she couldn't help asking, "Are you sure you don't want to have dinner with me? Many men don't even get a chance to dine with me."

The smile on Lin Wenjing's face remained unchanged while he asked, "Do I look like I'm joking?"

*He doesn't seem like it...*

It was precisely because of that, Tao Sanniang was upset.

Fortunately, she was quite emotionally stable. Hence, the embarrassment on her face quickly disappeared as her flirtatious smile reappeared on her face. "Ha! I'm actually joking with you."

Lin Wenjing smiled slightly and brushed it aside. "Since there's nothing else, I shan't disturb you in doing your business."

Tao Sanniang raised her brows lightly. "I'll send you out, then."

Lin Wenjing didn't refuse this time and let Tao Sanniang send them to the entrance.



Finally, Lin Wenjing thanked her politely without the slightest arrogance and rudeness. His gentle and elegant demeanor made Tao Sanniang unable to find any negative points about him.

Then she watched as Lin Wenjing left without even turning back, looking like he was really uninterested in her. Tao Sanniang stomped her feet in frustration and snorted while looking at the direction he had left. "This guy must be a gay! That's the only reason he is able to ignore my Charm Technique. Damn it!"

After getting in the car, Master Grim asked with a weird expression on his face, "Why did you reject Tao Sanniang?"

Lin Wenjing replied, "I've said that just now—I'm already married."

Then Master Grim uttered, "Don't judge a book by its cover. Tao Sanniang is notoriously known to be difficult to date. There are no less than a hundred men around her, yet she has never been taken advantage of by anyone. She is still a virgin, you know."

"So what?" Lin Wenjing looked at Master



Grim.

Master Grim shifted his gaze and cursed internally before he changed the subject and turned solemn. "The grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill is very powerful, so you can't take it at one go. Otherwise, your body can't take it."

Lin Wenjing opened the box and saw the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill. A strong medicinal scent wafted out, making him feel alert upon smelling it.

Afterward, Master Grim told Lin Wenjing the right method to take the pill, the dos and don'ts, and the side effects that might occur.

After listening carefully, Lin Wenjing felt more confident.

Right now, he was at the Pinnacle Realm; if there were no accidents, he would be able to reach the Heavenly Realm after taking the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill. Once that happened, his strength would improve by leaps and bounds.

According to Master Grim, there were currently five realms in martial arts. Through training, ordinary people with better physique who could defeat several other





ordinary people alone were known as Fighters. This was just at the Beginner Realm.

After that, people who had become more skilled would reach the Professional Realm. Many professional boxing, fencing, and MMA athletes were considered Professionals in martial arts.

The next realm was the Grandmaster Realm. There were very few people who reached this realm, and people who were considered Grandmasters were already qualified to start sects. This realm was also known as the Pinnacle Realm by people in the martial arts world, and Lin Wenjing was currently at this level.

The vast majority of Grandmasters would be stuck in the Grandmaster Realm for a long time. There were many who had never made a breakthrough in their lives, because going from the Grandmaster Realm to the Heavenly Realm could not be achieved by training alone.

People who could reach the Heavenly Realm, which was also known as the Transcendental Realm, would be considered a new human being. Their fighting abilities



would be greatly improved, allowing one to defeat many, and their vitality would also vastly increase. On top of that, their life expectancy would also change. If they weren't poisoned, framed, or involved in accidents, they would generally live to 120 years old or more.

According to Master Grim, there were very few people in the Transcendental Realm in this world, and they were the rarest elites.

If Lin Wenjing could successfully break through to the Heavenly Realm, he would be competent enough to be grouped with the most powerful people in the world.

However, this wasn't enough to challenge Sumeru Heaven, because there were many skilled people in the Heavenly Realm in that organization.

"Are there any more realms beyond the Heavenly Realm?" Lin Wenjing asked the most important question.

It was the first time that he heard of this concept, so everything was still very new to him. Now, he was at the Pinnacle Realm, yet only a few people out there could be his match. Hence, it was hard for him to



imagine what the people from Heavenly Realm or even something beyond that were like.

Master Grim's eyes suddenly sparkled brightly with worship, awe, and fear. He took a deep breath and said, "Beyond the Transcendental Realm lies the Immortal Realm!"

"The Immortal Realm?" Lin Wenjing was taken aback by this. His eyes were then filled with doubts. "You're kidding! If that's the case, the person would have become a god already."

TK

Master Grim was very serious and solemn. "I'm not joking. In fact, many people don't know that there is another realm beyond the Transcendental Realm. It is not the kind of immortality you see in novels; when you reach this realm, you will not be immortal, nor will you be bulletproof, but your physique will be so strong that no virus or poison can harm your body. Of course, it's even rarer to have people in this realm. As far as I know, there are only two or three in the world!"

Lin Wenjing could tell that Master Grim was not lying to him. He immediately asked, "Who are they?"



Master Grim glanced at him, but he did not answer directly. "Young Master, I know you have always wanted to take revenge on Sumeru Heaven and rescue your mother. But as a loyal servant of Miss, I advise you not to think about this unless you have reached the Immortal Realm."

Lin Wenjing's eyes drooped, and he did not make any further replies. There was no expression on his face, and no one could guess what he was thinking.

After Master Grim bade farewell, Lin Wenjing returned to his villa in Yulong Bay and hid the grade-S Soul Cleansing Pill. Then he began to arrange a team of bodyguards to protect Chu Ling's family in case Gu Hanxing lost his mind to anger and wanted to take revenge on them.

Now, Lin Wenjing had to think of all aspects when he took every action, for he could not afford to simply make any mistakes.

Next, he would have to find some time to relax and leave everything to fully concentrate on reaching the Heavenly Realm.

Of course, he didn't rush to do it



immediately. For the next few days, he calmed himself down and concentrated on studying the Soul Cleansing Pill to minimize the risk and try to reach the Heavenly Realm in the safest way possible.

Now, he was no longer alone—there were many people depending on him, so there mustn't be any accidents.

Finally, after he had studied it clearly and had enough confidence in himself, he began to concentrate and isolated himself at a quiet place for half a month to reach the Heavenly State using all his efforts.

TK

When Lin Wenjing was about to start the isolation, Gu Hanxing also made preparations to reach the Heavenly Realm with all his might.

He was burning with the determination to take revenge, and anger blazed in his eyes. He swore to break through to the Heavenly Realm.

"Lin Wenjing, when I reach the Heavenly Realm, the first thing I'll do is to seek revenge from you! Wait for me!"

