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The compliments made Sasha giggle and proceeded to speak in a breathy tone, "You're a smooth talker, aren't you? I really like that about you. Come on then, let's see what else you've got. I'm sure you have much more to offer than that."

Not a moment later, the sound of clothes being rummaged and discarded filled the house.

Just as they were about to get down to business, Fade was already standing outside the door. He was filled with anger at that moment, his eyes looked as if they were capable of shooting flames.

He kicked the door open with no hesitation.

With a loud bang, the hardwood door flew open, breaking upon impact. The deafening sound startled the couple in the room, making them turn their heads towards the commotion.

At this moment, the flustered young man hugged the half-dressed Sasha to him to secure her modesty. He looked up and shouted with rage, "Who are you? Get the hell out!"

Fade's face was devoid of all emotions. He merely ignored the man's demands, stepping into the office as he intended.

At this moment, Sasha, who had been lying on the desk, raised her head out of curiosity to take a look at the intruder.

When she saw who it was, her nonchalant expression immediately morphed into one of panic as she hurriedly stammered, "Mr. Chen! What are you doing here? I..."

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Fade glared at Sasha and answered coldly, "If I hadn't been here, I wouldn't have found out that you were planning to go back on your words."

As soon as he said that, Sasha's face fell. This meant that he had already heard what she said just now. Rendered speechless by fright, she eventually started to stammer out, "I, I'm... That's..."

On the other hand, the young man who had been getting frisky with Sasha had no idea what was going on. He went ahead and shouted at Fade, "You b\*stard! How dare you speak to her like that! Get out of here! Otherwise, I'll have you kill..."

Before he could even finish his sentence, Fade had stretched his hand out and made a grab for the other man's throat.

It felt like an invisible force had commanded the young man into Fade's grip as he was lifted up by his throat.

As he started to suffocate from the lack of air, he began to panic and choked out in a flurry, "You... Let go! Let go of me!"

Fade ignored the man's struggle, tightening his grip instead, pinching him until he passed out. It was only until then that he decided to let him go, tossing the unconscious body out of the office like a rag doll.

Sasha trembled with fright at the scene before her. She took a few involuntary steps back from Fade as she tried to explain, "Mr. Chen, this is all a huge misunderstanding, I..."

Before she could start explaining herself, she was startled into silence by Fade's heavy palm hitting her desk. The force of it left a clear five-finger palm print on it.

Fade spared Sasha a fierce glare and stated in a chilly tone, "I don't care for what explanations you have. All I want is the Fire Blame Plant."

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"Hand it over to me right now or bear the consequences."

Fade's ferocity scared the living daylights out of her. She tried to explain as she trembled in fear, "Mr. Chen, please understand. Whatever you heard just now... I was just joking, I was fooling around!"

"Don't worry, we'll definitely have the Fire Blame Plant delivered to you as soon as possible. I promise!" She insisted.

"No, that's not good enough. I want it now. Take me to the Li family's house immediately, I'll come with you to get it," Fade answered.

Sasha turned ghastly pale, a look of embarrassment slowly overcoming her features as she said, "Mr. Chen, that would be impossible."

"Why not?!" Fade questioned, tone menacing.

Sasha spared a quick glance at Fade's sullen expression and quickly supplied, "It's because the Fire Blame Plant is still in Earlington. It hasn't been shipped back here yet so there's literally no way for us to get it right now."

"I don't believe you!" Fade spat.

"Mr. Chen, please believe me! I'm telling the truth! The Fire Blame Plant really hasn't been shipped yet. Moreover, there are still two days left from the seven days stipulated in the contract. Trust me, we'll definitely have the plant delivered to you within the agreed deadline."

Fade's eyes gleamed a little as he muttered coldly, "Then what did you mean just now?"

Sasha stiffened at that. Her resolve crumbled once she made eye contact with Fade's fiery gaze. Hurriedly, she tried to assuage the situation, "Dr. Chen, you need not worry about that. I was just bragging, please don't take anything to heart, it was all just a

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joke."

"The Fire Blame Plant is worth 20 billion. Even to my family, that's a lot of money. To be honest, I felt a bit reluctant to give it up so yes, I'll admit that I did think about reneging the debt."

"But even so, my grandfather has told me that I can't ruin the reputation of the family because of that. He has criticized my way of thinking before... Please, I was just bragging a little just now, it was all lies..."

"Really?" Fade retorted, looking at Sasha solemnly.

Sasha nodded fervently and even got on her knees before him, "Mr. Chen, what I said is all true. I haven't lied to you at all! My father's doing his best to get the Fire Blame Plant here as soon as possible. Everything has been arranged accordingly."

"I have proof as well! There are some relevant documents and videos I can show you," Sasha hurriedly got back on her feet and dug out a stack of documents and videos as she spoke, showing them to him.

Fade looked through them. It seemed like she was telling the truth.

After a long silence, Fade eventually spoke up, "You have two more days. Once your time is up, have the Fire Blame Plant delivered to me immediately."

"Otherwise, your family will bear the consequences."

Sasha couldn't help a shiver as she listened to Fade's words. She felt an unrelenting chill up her spine, causing her whole body to tremble. The fear he evoked was so prominent that it felt as if it were embedded into her bones.

Satisfied that he had rendered Sasha a trembling mess, Fade turned and left the office.

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Watching Fade's retreating back, Sasha felt her body finally relax as she slumped to the ground in a cold sweat. She hurriedly got up from the ground and took out her phone. She dialled her father's number with shaking fingers, "Dad, something horrible just happened. Fade came by the hospital just now and I..."

After returning from The Li's Hospital, Fade felt a little uneasy, as if something was off.

Immediately, he called Director Xu and asked him to help track the Li family's movements so as to avoid any unprecedented accidents.

Two days would pass them by soon enough.

At the moment, it was the last evening of the deadline as agreed in the contract.

Fade had heard from Director Xu that the Li family had indeed flown a special plane back from Earlington to Jade City. It arrived that afternoon.

It was also reported that Sasha and Martin from the Li family were up to their normal daily routines. It didn't seem like they had anything suspicious planned as well.

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Sasha held a dinner party that night to celebrate her 28th birthday. She had invited many celebrities and influential figures from Jade City to attend, so it was very lively.

She had even sent an invitation to Fade.

However, all he cared about was the Fire Blame Plant. He had not been in the mood to attend the birthday dinner and so, he didn't.

As night fell, Fade accompanied Quin to bed, trying his best to relieve her from cold syndrome.

Looking out the window, the dark sky was without its star, as if painted in dark ink. Fade held Quin's hand in his and whispered softly, "My dear, after tonight, everything will be alright soon. Once I get the Fire Blame Plant tomorrow, I'll be able to cure your illness. You won't have to suffer so much anymore."

Fade looked at his watch at the thought of the plant. It was already nine o'clock in the evening. The deadline was only a few hours away.

Right at that moment, the mobile phone in Fade's hand vibrated, indicating a call. When he saw that it was Director Xu who was calling, he couldn't help the nagging sensation that made him feel uneasy. He felt that it was a bad omen.

He got up and walked out of his wife's bedroom to the living room before he answered the call, "Hey, Director Xu."

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Just as Fade greeted him, Director Xu who was on the other end of the phone started to scream, "Mr. Chen, things are not looking good! We were tricked by the Li family!"

"Tricked? How? What's happened?" Fade felt his heart squeeze as he asked.

"Mr. Chen, you asked me to track the movements of the Li family a few days before, correct? Well, I've been sending people to track them and found nothing unusual. But just a few moments ago, some of our colleagues have discovered that the Li family had performed a diversion!" Director Xu explained anxiously.

"They ordered their personnel to perform their duties as usual but had sent out Fenrir, Old Master of the Li family in secret!"

"What? Where was he sent to?" Fade asked, confused. Something had gone terribly wrong, he thought.

"I've checked the aviation records just now. Half an hour ago, a small private plane owned by the Li family took off to Earlington. Fenrir was on that plane."

Upon hearing this, Fade's expression went sullen.

Fenrir was already a man of age and his health condition wasn't too great. It was odd for him to fly abroad in secret like that; Fade didn't think it was a coincidence at all.

Thinking back to the things he heard Sasha say from before, he started to tremble in rage, his expression turning cold with rage as he said through gritted teeth, "How dare the Li family trick me!"

The rage Director Xu could hear in Fade's voice made him worry. "Mr. Chen, please don't act impulsively. I'm already making arrangements to stop Fenrir..." He continued.

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"Thank you, Director Xu. I will take care of this personally," Fade said coldly, and proceeded to hang up the phone. Suppressing the anger in his heart, he made a call over to Lily and told her about the situation.

After that, Fade left the hotel promptly and sped towards the Li family villa in no time.

At that moment, the Li family villa was still brightly lit.

Many Jade City's celebrities and influential figures had gathered around the magnificent hall. Everyone was chatting with each other, the atmosphere was high-spirited.

Sasha was dressed in a gorgeous long gown that glittered under the brilliant light. She looked like a princess from a fairytale, being the focus of everyone's attention at the scene.

After a greeting toast, Martin pulled Sasha aside and whispered, "Old Master's plane just left Jade City. Things are well under wraps, nothing has been leaked as far as we can tell."

When Sasha heard him, a smile appeared on her face.

However, the image of an angry and terrifying looking Fade from the hospital two days ago popped into her mind.

It made Sasha frown slightly as she spoke with concern colouring her tone, "Dad, if Fade finds out about this. I don't think he'll let it go so easily..."

At the mention of Fade, Martin couldn't help but frown and pause a little. However, he immediately waved his hand in dismissal and said, "I've already made arrangements to deal with him. I've invited a lot of experts from all over to help us out this week."

"Besides, we still have someone from Titan Studio to back us up. We treat them relatively well so he'll definitely help us if



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needed," continued Martin.

Sasha's eyes shown with respect and yearning at the mention of the Titan Studio. "I heard that the senior will have another breakthrough soon! It's scary how much his strength seems to exceed human expectations!"

"Yes, if he improves further, he'll be able to reach the Earth Level in no time. No one in Jade City has ever stepped into that top realm for many years now," Martin sighed. "After obtaining this level of strength, he can single-handedly resist an army of men!"

"A person like that would be equivalent to the entirety of our family, more even. It's terribly unfortunate that we don't have a martial arts expert in our family yet," he continued on.

After hearing that, Sasha began to comfort her father, "Dad, you don't have to be so upset. A master of that level may come to us by chance, you know. It's all down to fate and luck. We have enough money to hire hundreds of warriors to protect us anyway, the end result would be the same either way."

"You're right!" Martin nodded, and then continued to speak, "Hey Sasha, I think I'll be leaving a little earlier. You'll have to handle the rest by yourself later, alright? We're using this party as a cover-up after all; it'll surely bewilder Fade for a while. After the party is over, I want you to leave Jade City immediately and stay somewhere else overnight."

At the mention of leaving Jade City, Sasha turned reluctant, "Dad, do we really have to leave? My business in the Chinese Medicine Hospital has been going pretty well. If I leave now, I'm afraid that it'll be affected. Besides, didn't you hire a combat master to protect us already? Why do we have to leave..."

"You're my one and only daughter, Sasha. To be on the safe side, we have to prevent Fade from doing anything berserk. It would be best if we go hide somewhere else until everything dies down."

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Sasha nodded her head in understanding, "Alright then. Dad, take care, alright? Once the party is over, I'll leave immediately." After that, Martin took his leave.

Meanwhile, Sasha held a wine glass in her hands as she walked back to the main hall.

As soon as she entered the hall, a group of young and powerful masters started to gather around her.

After all, a wealthy lady like Sasha who was still single interested many of them. It was natural for them to want to introduce themselves in order to court her into marriage.

However, just as the group of young masters began to surround Sasha...

One of her subordinates rushed in looking panicky and shouted, "Miss Sasha! We're in big trouble! It's..."

The shouting immediately attracted every attendee's attention.

Sasha frowned, quirking an eyebrow as she asked, "What's the matter? What happened?"

"Miss Sasha, someone just broke in and demanded to speak to you and the head of the family," the servant replied hastily.

"What?! Someone managed to break in? Who the hell is it?" Sasha exclaimed, feeling startled. She did not feel good about this.

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Just as Sasha contemplated about the possibilities, several screams sounded.

Some security guards had been tossed quite a distance from the gate into the main hall. They were thrown into multiple sets of tables and chairs. With a resounding smash, most of the party decorations were ruined.

A figure stepped into the main hall just then.

When Sasha caught a glimpse of who it was that walked in, she couldn't help but tremble, a look of abject horror on her face as she stuttered, "Fade, you..."

Who else could it be but Fade?

His face was void of any emotions as he stalked towards Sasha.

When his target was made obvious to the people around them, the young masters who had previously been trying to court Sasha started to surround her immediately, forming a barricade against Fade and started to yell at him to keep away.

"Who the hell do you think you are? Get out of here."

"Do you honestly think that you're worth Miss Sasha's attention? Get out!"

"You'd better leave right now, or else..."

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A group of young masters took turns throwing threats at Fade.

He merely spared them a cold glance and barked, "Move!"

This startled them a little, making them pause a little. However, this soon morphed into anger as they yelled, undignified.

"How dare you speak to me like this?! You've just dug your own grave!"

"Get someone here to deal with him! I want him out of here right now!"

"Yeah! Someone has to teach him a lesson! What a shameless toad!"

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Before the young masters could even call out for help, using his core strength, Fade had already waved a hand out and had them thrown several feet away, hitting the ground with loud thuds. Mouthfuls of blood spurted from their mouths as they struggled to sit up.

"How dare you hit me! I'm going to kill you, you hear me?!" A young man with green hair who had been knocked back by Fade spat out. With a look of resentment on his face, he produced a gun that had been hiding, pointing it at Fade. His finger ready to pull the trigger.

Such a scene shocked everyone in the hall.

Sasha's expression fell as she hurriedly yelled, "Maxtor, don't shoot, please..."

However, Maxtor was known for being arrogant and stubborn. Instead of listening to Sasha, he replied through gritted teeth,

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"Miss Sasha, don't worry. He's nobody important after all. My family can handle the repercussions."

"Go to hell, you b\*stard!" He yelled as he began to pull the trigger.

However, with a flicker of his eyes, Fade waved one of his hands about, raising a visibly crimson ray of energy that slashed towards Maxtor at the speed of light.

Before Maxtor could even react, the ray of red had already hit him.

The flash of light had slashed open his neck. In seconds, blood started to pour out of the slit.

"I..." Maxtor felt a little disoriented as he looked down at himself.

However, just as he lowered his head, it slipped off from his shoulders immediately. His head had broken off from the neck and rolled onto the ground with a large snap. Fresh blood sprayed out all over the carpet.

Maxtor's decapitated head still held a look of absolute disbelief.

The sound of the headless body hitting the ground echoed in the silent hall. The sound of blood gushing out of the headless wound was made all the louder by the quiet atmosphere.

At this moment, all the young masters who had been clamoring to teach Fade a lesson merely stared at the decapitated body in horror, looking dumbfounded. They trembled in their boots.

Sasha, who had been standing close to Maxtor had been rendered speechless from the shock. Her entire body was frozen with fear, her legs felt like jelly, making her feel as if she would collapse at any moment.

Fade began to stalk towards her after that which caused her to quickly stammer out, "Mr. Chen! What are you doing here? I..."

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"Where is the Fire Blame Plant?" He interjected rudely. He was not in the mood for small talk.

"That... Well, it hasn't been shipped back yet! It'll arrive tomorrow morning, I swear! Don't worry, Mr. Chen, we will definitely have it sent to you once we get it, I..." Sasha said.

"Do you take me for a fool? You're really going to stand here and lie to me?" He snorted in disbelief.

"Mr. Chen, I'm not lying to you! I swear! I..." Sasha defended.

"Really? Then pray tell, where is Fenrir right now? Bring him here, I want to see him," Fade said coldly.

"That's... he's..." Sasha stuttered nervously.

Fade grabbed her by the neck at that and muttered dangerously, "If you have any sense left in you, you'd think twice about lying to me again. How long did you think that you could hide the fact that Fenrir left Jade City?"

"I..." Sasha looked startled. She had not expected the news of her grandfather's departure from Jade City to reach Fade at all.

Fade tightened his grip on Sasha's throat as he continued, "Tell me, then. Where exactly is the Fire Blame Plant? What is your family planning to do with it?"

"I, I don't..."

"If you don't tell me, I'll kill you right here. I warned you, didn't I? I said if your family ever decides to play me for a fool, I'll destroy all of you," Fade tightened his grip on Sasha even further, murderous intent in his eyes.

Scared out of her mind, Sasha quickly yelled out, "Okay, okay! I'll tell you, I'll tell you!"

With that, Fade threw her to the ground unceremoniously and demanded her to speak up, "Tell me then!"

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"Both my grandfather and my father are indeed not in Jade City. They've gone to Earlington already," Sasha admitted.

"Oh, so Martin's not here as well. Well, why did they leave?" Fade questioned, eyes going cold with an intent to kill as he heard.

"It's because they were worried about not being able to hand over the Fire Blame Plant in time. They didn't want to anger you further, Mr. Chen."

"Why would that be an issue?!" Fade asked angrily.

Sasha paused a little before she continued, "It's because we've promised the Fire Blame Plant to someone else already..."

"What?! You've gone back on your word then, is that it?!" Fade barked out, furious.

Sasha shook her head fervently and hurriedly explained, "No! That's not it at all! It's just that this other person's identity is too special for us to disobey them! We had no choice! That's why..."

"I don't want to hear anymore of your excuses! Just tell me who it is!" Fade demanded.

"It's the Guardian of the Titan Studio, his name is Master Chiu. He's the combat expert in martial arts from Jade City," Sasha replied truthfully.

At the mention of that name, everyone in the main hall let out a gasp of shock.

After all, Master Chiu was well-known in Jade City. No one who lived in the city would react to his name with a blasé attitude.

Even Fade couldn't help but frown slightly at that. With an icy tone, he asked for confirmation, "So you gave the plant to Titan, then?"

"Master Chiu is doing a monastic practice. He needed the Fire Blame Plant to break through. He got wind of us being in

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possession of one so he sent someone over to ask for it. He's an Earth Level master, after all. We were too scared of him to refuse otherwise... We had no choice!" Sasha hurriedly explained.

"No choice?! So, your family's more afraid of Titan than me, is that right?" Fade taunted menacingly, his eyes blazed with anger as he smashed a marble column in the hall with his palm.

"That's not... I..." Sasha stuttered, panicked.

She had only said that her family was afraid of Titan to make what they were doing seem justifiable. After all, it was only rhetorical. It was true that the Li family was afraid of Titan's wrath, but it was highly unlikely that the Earth Level master would initiate a war with them for the Fire Blame Plant.

The truth was that they had chosen to give Titan the plant instead of Fade because they wanted to benefit from doing a favor for the combat expert. By giving him the plant, their family would be in good graces with the powerful and influential Titan. They hoped that Titan would return them the favor in the future.

After all, in their opinion, they were more interested in earning favor from Titan rather than worry over something trivial like offending Fade.



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The situation had escalated into something that went beyond the Li family's expectations.

Fade had somehow gotten wind of their plan in advance and had boxed Sasha in before she could leave Jade City.

After a long moment of silence, Fade's eyes narrowed into an icy glare as he did his best to resist the urge to deal Sasha with a deadly blow. He then lifted Sasha by her neck, turning around and prepared to leave with her.

At this moment, a group of security guards gathered at the door; many of them were dressed in plain clothes. By the look of their stances, they looked to be professional warriors.

Dozens of them started to approach Fade in a collective and imposing manner.

"Let go of Miss Sasha!"

"You b\*stard, let go of her this instant!"

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They yelled as they advanced towards Fade.

Fade merely spared them a menacing glare and growled lowly, "I'm not in the mood to kill anyone today. Leave right now and I'll spare you."

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The professional warriors could sense a wave of powerful energy spread through them at Fade's statement, making them tremble.

However, they did not retreat. A burly bald warrior that led the group merely curled his mouth into a grin and stepped up to speak. Cracking his fists, he laughed, "Boy, aren't you being a little bold? As if you could kill us all! In your dreams, kid!"

The other warriors started to laugh along as well.

"B\*stard, let go of Miss Sasha right now! We'll let you leave unharmed if you do as we say."

"I can't believe Master Li spent so much money on us to guard against this punk! What a waste of money!"

"That doesn't concern us. As long as we get rid of him, we'll be able to get paid handsomely."

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The confidence the group of warriors possessed did not waver in the slightest. They obviously did not take Fade seriously.

The horrified guests in the hall placed all their hopes on these warriors. They hoped that these warriors would be able to take down the vicious Fade.

However, Fade did not look ruffled in the slightest as he spared each of the fighters that surrounded him a fleeting glare. In an icy tone, he threatened once more, "This will be my last warning. Let me leave now, or suffer the consequences."

"You're insane, aren't you?! Faced with so many of us and you're still acting all high and mighty. Well, you've asked for this..." The bald-headed warrior said and instantly advanced towards Fade with a manic grin.

The other warriors behind him followed behind him with a loud battle cry.

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A sudden burst of energy could be sensed.

The stone-faced Fade who was still holding Sasha in one hand used his other hand to wave a steam of shining energy blades into existence. With a cold glare, he directed them to pierce into the group of fighters who were rushing towards him.

In an instant, blood splattered all over the hall. Terrified screams sounded one after another as severed limbs were flung around. One of the fighters who had been laughing arrogantly at him just now fell to the ground with a pained yelp and rolled over.

The expensive Persian carpet that covered the entrance of the living hall was completely soaked in blood. It resembled a small river of red in the middle of the hall.

Such a scene made everyone present freeze in fright. Even though they were terrified by the sight, they could not bring themselves to look away.

Sasha, who was still held in Fade's grip could do nothing but watch as the blood from the severed limbs splattered all over her face. She couldn't help but wretch at the stench.

Fade threw a harsh glare at the remaining security guards of the Li family who were trembling in fear and bellowed, "Tell Fenrir and Martin that if they fail to deliver the Fire Blame Plant to me before sunrise tomorrow, Sasha will die. After I kill her, I will go after them as well."

After he finished speaking, Fade dragged Sasha with him and disappeared in a flash.

It wasn't until a few minutes after he left that everyone else in the hall snapped back to their senses. All of them were pale with fright, rushing out of the Li family's house. They started to spread the news about Sasha's abduction like wildfire.

Just a few minutes after that incident...

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In the Jade City Airport, Martin, who was sitting in a private plane, about to leave Jade City suddenly received a call from his subordinates.

Once he picked up, the person on the other end started to report Sasha's situation to him in panic, filling him with rage, "What?! You're telling me that Sasha's been captured by Fade? What's the point of hiring so many of you fighters then? Are all of you that useless?!"

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In the midst of his fit, Secretary Liu who was sitting next to Martin reminded, "Mr. Li, you'll have to contact Old Master and discuss the countermeasures quickly. That'd be of utmost importance. We have to make sure that Miss Sasha stays safe."

"Yes, you're right. I'll have to do that now. Change of plans then. We'll be returning to the family house now. Get all the senior members of the Li family to gather there as well for a temporary meeting," Martin instructed Secretary Liu as he picked up another mobile phone.

Half an hour later, most of the Li family members were gathered in the meeting room. Martin, Hanson and other high-level officials of the family were present; many of them still looked sleepy.

However, the head of the table remained empty. Fenrir, the Old Master, was not there. In his place, a big screen was displayed. It showed Fenrir in a private jet.

The whole conference room was silent, no one dared to speak, and the atmosphere seemed tense.

Martin's face remained emotionless. With gritted teeth, he announced in a deep voice, "Sasha was just abducted by Fade and many of us have been killed already. Now, does anybody have any ideas to stop this?"

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As soon as he spoke, everyone started to discuss among themselves. The room was filled with angry protests as they roared out their outrage.

"That punk really thinks he's the king of the world, doesn't he?! How dare he even think to do such a thing! He's digging his own grave!"

"That's right! We should call the police! We have to get them to send this guy to jail!"

"It'd be better if we sent someone over to kill him! Isn't he just some doctor? Who does he think he is?"

"How despicable! He has to be punished!"

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In the midst of complaints, Martin merely frowned in annoyance and interjected, "Look, I don't need anymore complaints about this situation. What we need to work out is how to get Sasha back."

The room fell silent at that. For a long while, no one dared make another sound.

On the other hand, Hanson looked around the room and spoke up for everyone, "Martin, I know you're anxious about Sasha but you can't vent out your frustration on us. After all, it was all your idea so you only have yourself to blame for this..."

"What did you say?!" Martin yelled angrily.

Hanson quirked his lips at that and replied, "I'm just telling the truth! You and Sasha were the ones who trusted Fade to come over to the Li family's house to do the treatment! If you hadn't done that, we wouldn't even be in this situation right now! So let it be known that..."

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"Hanson, Sasha's life is in danger right now and you're trying to throw the blame onto me now? You..." Martin sputtered in anger, glaring at Hanson fiercely.

Even so, Hanson did not back down. He returned the glare in full force. The atmosphere in the room was beyond tense.

At this moment, Old Master yelled through the screen, "Martin, Hanson, I've had it with your nonsense! Shut it!"

It was only then that the two lowered their heads, finally breaking their heated eye contact.

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"I can't believe the two of you are still fighting at a time like this! Aren't we already aware of Fade's demands? If he wants the Fire Blame Plant before sunrise, go get it for him! Sasha's life is at stake!" Old Master shouted angrily.

"I'm on the plane now and it'll take me at least four hours to fly back to Jade City. There'll only be two to three hours left before sunrise by the time I get back. During my absence, the rest of you will have to find a way to save Sasha's life."

After he spoke, the rest of them did not dare utter another word of complaint anymore. As such, they started to put forward their own opinions on the matter.

"I think it's better if we call the police. Murder and abduction are huge crimes! Furthermore, he's taken someone from the Li family hostage! The police will definitely do their best to help us!" Martin's cousin suggested. It was a more conservative option but it made the most sense.

Martin shook his head when he heard it, "I've already reported the matter to the police. They've only agreed to investigate it but there doesn't seem to be any major action being taken."

"Moreover, I know that Fade and Director Xu are well-acquainted with each other. They might not be much help," Martin said.

"Let's just get someone to attack him then! With our family's abilities, we'll be able to find someone to beat up that doctor, right?" One of Sasha's aunts muttered grumpily.

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As soon as she finished speaking, Martin shook his head in refusal. He hastily took out his phone and showed everyone clips of Fade taking Sasha away and the bloody scene in the living hall. Upon seeing the bloody mess, some of them paled on the spot as they felt a trickle of fear in their spine.

"That's... How is that..." Someone trailed off and retched out loud.

Martin then proceeded to speak with a pale face, "According to our investigation, Fade isn't just a doctor. He's also a martial arts master. The people we hired were all killed by him."

"A martial arts master?!" Everyone in the Li family was taken aback by that.

Everyone remained silent after that. Hanson on the other hand, frowned and took a step forward, and said, "So what? With our family's power and influence, we can hire other martial arts experts as well!"

"As long as we're willing to spend some money, we'll definitely be able to hire better martial arts masters to defeat him! We have to find a way out of this! Since when have we ever backed down from something like this? We have to persevere!" Hanson said with determination.

Hanson's encouragement attracted many of them to nod along in agreement.

Martin couldn't help but frown as he spoke, "Hiring more martial arts experts won't be a problem for us of course. But the main issue we have now is with time. We only have six or seven hours before the deadline... How can we get a top-notch martial artist in such a short time?"

"If we can't hire someone to get here in time, Sasha's life will be over! Moreover, Fade even threatened our lives as well! It won't be just Sasha! He swore to wreck our whole family!" Martin added anxiously.



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"He wants to destroy the Li family? How bold of him! How could he possibly do that alone?!" Hanson scoffed in disdain. The others started to speak out as well.

"What an arrogant punk!"

"What a joke! Is he underestimating us?"

"Martin, don't worry about it too much. I think Fade was just trying to frighten us. If he even touches a single hair on Sasha's body, I'll tear him to pieces!"

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Martin's face fell a little at that. Hanson decided to speak up once more, "Martin, I know you're worried about Sasha's safety. But you can't lose your mind and get intimidated by Fade just like that! I'm certain he was just faking it... We don't have to worry about it too much.

Right after Hanson finished speaking, the living room's doors were suddenly slammed open. A bandaged figure with a bruised nose and swollen face walked in.

All members of the Li family were taken aback by it. However, Martin recognized the person at once. It was the leader of the group of warriors whom he had hired before.

His name was Benedict Wu, a well-known martial artist from South Bay City who was a Black Level martial arts master.

"Master Wu, why are you here?" Martin inquired, looking him over.

Benedict answered, tone panicked, "Mr. Li, that punk Fade... If he has any demands, please comply with them as soon as you

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can. He's not someone we can afford to offend!"  
Martin startled a little as he heard.

Hanson merely frowned, snorted coldly, and said in a displeased tone, "Master Wu, what the hell are you on about? Are you implying that we should give ourselves up to the enemy?! We didn't hire you for nothing, did we?"


Benedict scrambled to explain, "Mr. Hanson, you misunderstood me. I really am thinking for the good of the Li family! He really isn't someone you can provoke."

"Well, why not? He's just a Chinese medicine doctor who knows a few martial arts! Do you really think we can't beat him?!" Hanson snarled in disdain.

The rest of the Li family members were also puzzled. Even Fenrir who was displayed on the screen frowned at them, remaining silent all the while.

"But Fade's not an ordinary warrior, he's a real master, a martial arts expert!" Benedict hastily replied.

"A master? This kid must be in his early twenties! How the hell can he possibly be a master?" Someone scoffed out.

Benedict shook his head and explained, "No, I'm telling the truth! He really is a martial arts master. He was in Bay City about a year ago. In half a year's time, he successfully swept Dragonville and defeated Master Sun of the Sun family! He's the big boss in Dragonville City. 

"What? Is the master of that town so worthless?" Hanson sneered. He glanced at Master Wu, mockery filling his eyes.

Benedict understood Hanson's implication but he did not care much about it. Instead, he continued to add on, "Mr. Hanson, Master Chen is much more powerful than me..."

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"After Fade swept Dragonville, he subsequently participated in the Martial Arts Convention and successfully defeated all the martial arts masters from five other districts and won the championship. He is also known as the martial arts master of five districts..."

Hearing this, many of the Li family members frowned. Martin's eyebrows quirked up at that, looking more worried than before.

Benedict merely continued with his narrative, "After that, Fade even went over to Westamor District and defeated Weldon. He even managed to subdue the boss of the Yue family..."

At the mention of the Yue family, someone in the conference room exclaimed, "Weldon Yue?!"

Everyone couldn't help but turn to look at that person. The person who had yelled out was an average member of the Li family who was usually responsible for the expansion of the family's business.

"What are you yelling about? What's so surprising about that?" Hanson scoffed out in anger.

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Martin's expression turned sullen as he asked, "Downey, tell me what's on your mind."

Downey nodded before standing up to explain, "When I was promoting my business before, I stayed in Westamor District for several months. I've heard of the Yue family."

"They are a centuries-old martial arts family; they practically dominate the Westamor District. The family has a powerful background and the Old Master of the Yue family, Weldon, is rumored to have reached the Earth Level and is considered as a top martial arts expert."

"Since Master Wu had mentioned that Fade had defeated Weldon, wouldn't that mean Fade has reached the Earth Level as well? That was why I..."

At this point, there was no need to continue their discussion. Every member of the Li family was dumbfounded and was rendered speechless for quite a long while.

Even though they couldn't comprehend who Weldon was, they were shocked to hear the words 'Earth Level' being uttered.

"A master of Earth Level in his twenties? Is... Is that even possible?" Someone frowned, suspicious.

Hanson merely frowned and asked, "Aren't these just rumors? Have they been confirmed?"

"Although I wasn't an eye witness, many from the martial arts circle back home know this to be true," the bandaged Master Wu

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replied.

"That means you can prove it to be true then?" Hanson snorted coldly as he muttered.

"That's..." Master Wu couldn't figure out what else to say. He was rendered speechless.

At that moment, Hanson's son, Billy, who was dressed up in leather clothes, curled his lips into an arrogant smile and commented lazily, "Earth Level? A Master in Dragonville? Please, it must be an exaggeration. I think his ability is subpar at most!"

"No matter how powerful of a martial artist he is, he isn't bulletproof, is he? If Fade shows up again, we'll just arrange a platoon of gunners and gun him down! He can't possibly avoid that now, can he?" Billy continued. He did not know much about martial artists so he did not think very highly of it.

Most of the younger generation in the Li family nodded in agreement.

After all, they were more familiar with Western culture and were more enticed by secret agents, killers, supernatural beings, and mutant warriors.

They simply did not find traditional Chinese martial artists to their liking. As such, they appeared naturally scorned by the idea of it.

Master Wu frowned upon hearing Billy's contempt towards martial artists. He shook his head a little and sighed.

Billy couldn't help feeling upset when he saw Benedict's reaction and so, he voiced his displeasure, "Hey, what are you shaking your head for?! Do you really think that punk is bulletproof? How can anyone be?! Do you want to do a demonstration, perhaps? I can try shooting you now. Let's see how you fare against a bullet!"

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As he spoke, Billy fished out a black gun from his trousers and pointed it at Benedict with a snobbish look on his face. He was being blatantly disrespectful.

The group of youngsters from the Li family were all anticipating a good show.

When Martin saw this, his face darkened as he barked out, "Billy, put that gun away! Stop messing around."

Billy quirked his lip as he complied, putting away the pistol reluctantly. However, he did not reign back his rudeness as he taunted, "Is Master Wu really the so-called martial artist from Dragonville? I bet that's just a hoax..."

Although Benedict was injured, he was still a Black Level master. Being humiliated by ignorant youngsters made him snap, "Master Billy, you don't seem to believe in the power martial artists possess. Very well, I will present you with a humble show."

After that, he dragged his injured body across the room, warming up a little before he sprinted his way towards Billy.

The speed at which Benedict rushed towards him was startling. However, he managed to grab hold of the gun he had just put away and pointed it at him. The corners of his mouth lifted into a smirk as he snickered, "You forced me into this."

With that, Billy pulled the trigger.

"Don't!" Just as Martin yelled out in warning, it had been too late.

With a loud bang, a ball of flame shot out of Billy's muzzle, the bullet shot towards Benedict.

Seeing this, most of the Li family members couldn't help feeling shocked. They shook their heads and frowned, looking on in dismay. They inwardly lamented Benedict's recklessness.

Billy and the bunch of youngsters around him lit up in excitement. They were looking on eagerly, expecting Benedict to die on the

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spot from the shot.

However, just as they were smiling in triumph, Benedict, who clearly had no way of avoiding the gunshot suddenly made his move and pulled out an afterimage. As such, he had managed to dodge the bullet.

"How did he..." Billy and the others gaped at the scene in astonishment. With gritted teeth, he went and pulled the trigger again, and again.

Several bullets shot out of his pistol, all zooming towards Benedict's chest.

Even so, Benedict moved even faster than before. At lightning speed, Benedict managed to avoid all of Billy's bullets. His movements were too quick for anyone to catch with their naked eye.

Before Billy could snap back to his senses, Benedict appeared before him. Snatching the gun out of his hand, he aimed it at Billy's forehead.

"Don't you dare..." Billy shrieked out furiously. However, he toned down his rage in an instant, trembling a little in fright.

Hanson couldn't help stammering out in shock when he saw that his son had a gun pointed at his head, "Billy..."

Before any more words could get out, Benedict had already squeezed the gun he held in his hand into a useless lump of iron. He let it go, letting it fall to Billy's feet with a loud clang.

He then withdrew his hand and took a step back. He spared Billy a cold glare and muttered, "Young Master Billy, this is the true strength of a martial artist."

At that moment, Billy and the younger members of the Li family looked back at Benedict with immense shock painted on their faces. The ones who had looked down on martial arts prior to his demonstration were all rendered dumbstruck.

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With a soft snort, Benedict continued, "Understand that with my skills, I am only a Black Level martial artist. After passing the pinnacle stage of the Black Level, I'll be able to reach Earth Level and finally become an Earth Level master."

"Fade managed to defeat Weldon. That would mean that he is at least an Earth Level martial artist in his first few stages. His strength will equate to ten times of mine."

"Now, Young Master Billy, are you going to revise your opinion on Fade being essentially bulletproof?" Benedict questioned.

Billy did not know how to answer that; he was already tongue-tied from the shock.

On the other hand, Hanson tried to stand up for his son with an unhappy expression on his face, "If a gun won't work, what about a rifle? A sniper maybe? A bazooka?"

Benedict spared a glance at Hanson and stated lowly, "Mr. Hanson, if you believe that you can use weapons as such to deal with an Earth Level master, go ahead."

"Just a reminder. Before Fade came to Jade City, rumor has it that he managed to kill two Ace Killers, Kenny and Davina from the Blood Blade Killer Organization in Dragonville."

Hearing this, most of the Li family members exchanged confused looks with each other.

However, Hanson, Billy, as well as the youngsters couldn't help but look stricken.



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The youngsters preferred to immerse themselves in Western culture. They did not know much about the warriors in their own country but were very familiar with foreign mercenaries and killers.

Fanatics like Billy even went as far as Fransburg to find someone in the foreign legion so he could learn more about them. He had wanted to join them and train to become a mercenary as well. However, Old Master ended up sending someone to haul him back home and that was the end of it.

As such, Billy and the rest were very familiar with the name, Blood Blade.

After all, the Blood Blade Killer Organization was a well-known one and was considered the best in the world. The hitmen from the organization were divided from low to high ranks, from Bronze Killers, Silver Killers, Ace Killers to Supreme Killers.

Among those ranks, the lowest-level, Bronze Killers, would only be available internationally at a million dollars. The Silver Killers were ones that ordinary folk would not be able to hire. Even if one had the money, recommendations and connections would still be needed before they would accept the job.

As for Ace Killers who were a rank above the Silver Killers, they were all skilled beyond belief. There were not many of them and they were rarely deployed.

Finally, there were the Supreme killers, the cream of the crop whom Billy did not know much about.

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As they understood how much power the Ace Killers of the Blood Blade Killer Organization had, when they heard that Fade had managed to kill two of them, Billy and the others were startled.

This was a greater shock to them than when Benedict had mentioned earlier that the man in question was an Earth Level master.

The other Li family members did not understand why they looked so stunned, turning to look at each other in confusion.

As such, Billy started to explain who the Ace Killers from the Blood Blade Killer Organization were and what it implied about Fade's abilities. Everyone was rendered speechless after that, unable to utter a single sound.

For a while, the entire conference room was silent. No one dared to speak up.

They all had sullen expressions on their faces.

After all, they didn't expect that such an insignificant doctor would have such strong capabilities. It was completely beyond their expectations. They were caught off guard for a while and did not know how to deal with the situation.

Breaking the silence, Old Master Fenrir growled lowly through the video call, "Why do all of you look so dejected? Get your act together and think!"

Once Old Master finished speaking, everyone in the Li family raised their heads and turned towards him.

His face was void of all emotions as he continued, "It doesn't matter if Fade is an Earth Level master or not! So what if he killed two Ace Killers from the Blood Blade Killer Organization before?! We must stand up and fight! We're the richest family in Jade City, and the most honorable! No one can beat us!"

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"Yes!"

"That's right! We have to fight! We can't give up!"

"Long live the Li family!"

Old Master's words inspired many of them at once, causing a sudden uproar.

However, the facial expressions on Martin and Hanson did not lighten in the slightest.

"But Dad, Sasha..." Martin started to speak up, looking worried.

"Leave Sasha's dilemma to me," Fenrir interrupted.

"How are you planning to solve it? Fade's an Earth Level master! It would be almost impossible for us to beat him!" Martin retorted. After all, it was his daughter's life they were talking about here.

Fenrir narrowed his eyes slightly and said calmly, "Yes, it would indeed be difficult for us to hire an Earth Level master to help us in such a short time. However, it is not impossible."

"Dad, who else would..." Martin asked hurriedly.

"Sunset Mountain, Titan Studio," Fenrir interjected coldly.

At the mention of these two terms, a look of surprise appeared on the faces of everyone present in the conference room. A name instantly came to their mind, Titan Chiu.

Not a moment later, the room was filled with discussion.

"Master Chiu is the leader of our martial arts world in Jade City, isn't he? He's a martial arts icon here!"

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"Yes, that's right. Furthermore, his status as an Earth Level master is pretty extensive right? More than ten years! With his strength, I'm sure we won't encounter anymore problems."

"If Master Chiu helps us, Fade would have no choice but to submit."

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Amidst the rejoicing crowd, Martin still did not look sated. Worried, he started to speak once more, "Dad, Master Chiu's strength is obviously unbeatable. If we're able to get him to help us out, I'm sure everything will be fine."

"But the problem is, Master Chiu does not seem reachable at the moment. It would be difficult for us to get hold of him now..."

Martin's words snapped many of the Li family members back to their senses.

"That's true. Master Chiu hasn't shown himself for a long while now. He won't be persuaded out of his retreat so easily..."

"Some time ago, Fade had crippled Young Master Chiu, Brayden. Master Chiu never showed himself after that so Fade's wrath might be the reason for his retreat. But this is all pure speculation of course..."

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Amidst the discussion, Fenrir broke it up with a yell, "None of you have to worry about this anymore. After I touchdown Jade City, I will find a way to get Master Chiu here."

"However, there are still a few hours before then. For now, each and every one of you are tasked to utilize all the resources you have to ensure Sasha's safety until my return. Do you understand?"

"Yes!" The Li family members yelled in unison.

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Immediately, Fenrir began to bark out orders, "Hanson, you'll be responsible for contacting the police and army in Jade City. If Fade tries to run, you can use the previous business card I've given you and head to the security office for more manpower, understand?"

When the rest heard that he was calling in special favors, they understood his determination and went to work.

"Martin, you'll be responsible for contacting the Chief Executive. Get the government to apply pressure onto the situation. We have to force Fade into a corner no matter what."

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Orders were issued one after another. Under Old Master's instructions, the entire Li family started to click into gear.

After Fenrir was finally done, he hung up the video call.

He let out a long sigh after that. He dropped the stern look on his face and slumped forward, a sad frown painting his features.

Next to him, the butler quickly handed him a glass of water and spoke up, "Old Master, have some water. You seem exhausted."

Fenrir grabbed the cup and took a small sip from it as he said, "Owen, you've been with me for nearly fifty years now, is that right?"

"Fifty one years and three months to be exact," Owen, the butler said respectfully.

Fenrir let out a small sigh at that and continued, "Your memory's impeccable, isn't it? Well, this crisis has exceeded my expectations... I'll have to put all my effort into this. Sasha's life is in my hands."

"Miss Sasha is blessed. I'm sure she'll be fine," Owen answered respectfully.

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"I hope that's the case. The main problem we have now is I'm not sure if Master Chiu can make it in time," Old Master looked a little solemn as he said.

"Even if we proceed without Master Chiu, Fade would not dare to touch a single hair on Miss Sasha. She is the eldest child of the Li family and is your granddaughter after all. Her status might save her from harm," Owen replied.

Old Master couldn't help but frown after hearing that, snorting coldly as he muttered, "Fade went overboard this time."

"Since he had cured me of my previous illness, I had been planning to reward him with a high-status position. Who knew that it would turn out like this? He's too self-absorbed to comprehend common sense! He even laid his hands on Sasha!"

Old Master slapped his hand on the armrest in anger, boiling with rage.

At that moment, Fenrir did not once acknowledge that the cause of the whole issue was that his family had broken their promise. They had breached the contract they signed with Fade, giving the Fire Blame Plant to Titan Chiu instead.

Perhaps this was a mentality all powerful families had.

They were under the impression that only other people were to blame for their faults; they themselves could do no wrong.

"After this, I'll have to restructure Jade City. This is my family's territory after all. I can't believe a kid from Dragonville is stirring up so much trouble! He's really getting on my nerves; it's simply atrocious!" Fenrir snarled.

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Owen nodded fervently at that and said, "Old Master, your health has gotten a lot better. If you confront him personally, I'm sure you'll be able to show him up in a blaze of glory!"

"You really are a smooth talker. Alright then, let me rest for a bit. There's still a few hours left before we land," Fenrir replied as he closed his eyes.

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Meanwhile, Jade City seemed to be bustling with action in the night.

The Li family had begun to seek out various connections and found plenty of people to help them out. The search for Fade and Sasha was initiated.

The police, the military, merchants, martial arts sects, even the gangsters who walked the streets of Jade City had all come together at this time. They began scouring the city in search of news.

The Li family who was fully mobilised had demonstrated its unparalleled appeal at that moment.

Even though Fade had the police and military help from Director Xu and Leonardo, the leader of the Stealth Team, to help cover his tracks, the people in Jade City managed to track him down. Of course, this was also partly because Fade was not deliberately hiding.

Fade had brought Sasha to a dense mountaintop.

They were now on Eastset Mountain, located on the east side of Sunset Mountain. It was a picturesque mountain that emanated a floral fragrance where bird chirps could be heard.

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This mountain would have been a popular tourist attraction. However, as it was on the east side of Sunset Mountain, Master Chiu regarded it as the gateway to Titan Studio. That was why he would not allow it to be further developed into one.

As such, the top of the mountain was deserted and very quiet.

At that moment, Fade dragged Sasha towards a boulder that was situated there.

He sat cross-legged on the boulder and closed his eyes. He then began to meditate and recuperate.

Ever since he had gotten wind of Fenrir having given the Fire Blame Plant to Titan Chiu, he had already anticipated that Titan was likely to challenge him.

As such, he did not bring Sasha back to the hotel. If he did, he might drag Quin and Lily into this mess.

As night fell, the mountain fell into darkness accompanied with a drop in temperature.

However, Fade did not seem bothered by it at all. He remained motionless, sitting cross-legged on the boulder whilst he meditated.

On the other hand, Sasha, who was still dressed in a gown did not share his calm nature. Her dress was quite revealing, exposing large areas of her skin to the cold.

She was trembling in the cold at the moment. She crossed her arms, hugging herself to preserve some warmth as she looked at Fade.

Fade obviously did not feel sympathetic for her in the slightest, merely ignoring her piercing gaze.

Therefore, all she could do at the moment was curl herself up on the boulder and shiver.



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After an undetermined amount of time had passed by, they started to hear the sound of sirens and the roar of helicopters getting louder and louder, approaching them gradually.

Fade, who had been meditating, couldn't help breaking away from his concentration.

He proceeded to get up and gaze at the scene below, soon discovering the anomaly.

Jade City was brightly illuminated at the foot of the mountain, littered with night lights that shone brilliantly. At this moment, Fade could see several rays of lights aimed at all directions, almost as if they were recreating a gorgeous light show. These lights were slowly but steadily approaching Eastset Mountain.

It was obvious that the Li family had sent people over to track him down. They must have discovered his whereabouts and were all rushing over to him.

Sasha, who had been shivering from the cold, stood up as well. She gazed at the beams of lights that were approaching with clear anticipation.

"Do you really think that they can save you?" Fade snapped coldly as he turned his head to look at the gleeful Sasha.

"The power of the Li family is beyond your comprehension! Looking at the current situation, at least half of the police force in Jade City have been dispatched to find me! The military as well! There will be other civilians coming to my aid too, you know," Sasha replied triumphantly as she glared at him.

"I know you're a pretty decent fighter, but do you think you can beat so many people in one go?" She continued.

Fade shook his head at that and replied, "How quaint. You don't even know what I'm capable of."

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"Even if the entire police force in Jade City are dispatched, they won't be able to rescue you from me."

Sasha had wanted to call him out on his blatant lies, but when she saw the indifferent expression he was sporting, she couldn't help but be tongue-tied. She had a bad feeling about all of this.

"Could he really be as capable as he says he is?" Sasha thought to herself.

At this moment, the sirens that could be heard coming from the foot of the mountain were getting closer. Police cars could be seen driving up the mountain and some police officers had begun to canvas the area, starting to hike up the mountain along the trails.

The helicopters overhead also flew over them with huge searchlights.

Under such circumstances, Sasha could not help the arrogant confidence that filled her heart at such a brazen display of power.

She turned to throw Fade a triumphant smile as she said, "As you can see, there are more people that you can handle coming to my aid right now. Things are going to get worse if you don't let me go."

"I understand that my family is at fault. We shouldn't have given the Fire Blame Plant we promised you to others," Sasha continued.

"But you have to understand that we had no choice but to do so. After all, the person who had asked us for it was Master Titan Chiu! How could we possibly disobey him?" Sasha attempted to analyze the situation to sound wise.

"Since the plant has already been given away, there's nothing we can do about it. Your anger will serve no purpose! You can put the blame on my family but the Fire Blame Plant has already been sent to Titan Studio so what's the point? It would be impossible to get it back at this point. Why don't we settle this with money? We'll compensate you with a sum, then you let me

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go. How does that sound?" She suggested.

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Fade merely looked at Sasha coldly after her suggestion.

"Don't worry, we'll definitely compensate you handsomely! The Fire Blame Plant bid at an auction for 2 billion Micovia dollars a few years ago. Now, assuming that the price has gone up, we'll pay you 15 billion yuan for all the trouble, alright? It's a lot more than 2 billion Micovia dollars, that's for sure. So, what do you say?"

After she finished speaking, she turned to toss Fade a charming smile, trying to persuade him to take up the offer.

Fade stared back at her impassively and muttered, "Do you know why I hate people like you? Families like yours, in particular?"

"You... Why?" Sasha startled for a moment before she asked.

"Because you're all self-centred and too defiant. People like you always assume what you think is right."

"That's not true! I was just suggesting a win-win solution! It would be good for both of us, you..." Sasha started to defend herself.

"A win-win solution? Are you kidding me? Have you ever thought to ask me about what I think of this solution? Do you honestly think I'm short of money? 15 billion is nothing to me! Do you even know why I want the Fire Blame Plant?!" Fade interrupted her, bellowing in turn.

"I, I don't..." Sasha stuttered.

Fade said coldly, "You don't know anything. You just make a series of decisions on your own, and then euphemistically tell me

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that it's for my own good!"

"As if it's for my own good! If anything, it's only for your own benefit!"

"You would rather breach the contract and give the Fire Blame Plant to Titan than me just because Titan is deemed the most powerful person in Jade City. All your family wants to do is earn a favor from him! After all, you people think that you won't lose anything by offending me, is that right?"

"It's human nature! Anyone who's been faced with such a situation would do the same! We're all victims of circumstance!" Sasha defended after pausing for a little while.

Fade's eyes narrowed into a harsh glare as he muttered lowly, "Human nature, you say? What a nice way to put it! Well, let me tell you something. No matter your status, once one has made a decision, one has to pay the price of it and suffer the consequences."

"What do you mean by that? What are you planning to do?!" Sasha felt a chill run down her spine at that.

"I have warned your family back then. I said that if you people breach the contract, I'll make you regret it. I will annihilate the Li family in its entirety," Fade replied coldly.

Sasha couldn't help but tremble when she heard the word 'annihilate'. She tried to rationalise with him, "Fade, is a plant really worth such a big fuss? All this for a herb? Isn't it just two billion dollars? We'll just compensate you for it! Why can't you just let this go?"

Sasha's words fuelled Fade's anger. With a menacing glare directed at Sasha, he grabbed her by the front of her dress and lifted her off the ground as he growled out, "You think this is too big of a fuss, do you?!"

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"Let me tell you; it is worth the fuss. I don't care what else you have to offer. Even if you offer me Jade City in its entirety, I would still choose the Fire Blame Plant over it! That's how important it is to me!"

"I, I..." Sasha looked at Fade with blood-shot eyes, scared out of her wits.

"I need the Fire Blame Plant to save my wife's life. If anything happens to her, be it the Li family, or the Titan Studio, I will destroy all of you," Fade threatened, his body exuding fierce, murderous intent.

Appalled, Sasha stumbled back a little as Fade let her fall out of his grip. She fell onto the cold stone, trembling in fear and from the sudden coldness that enveloped her. She started to speak, "If it was to save your wife's life, why didn't you just tell us earlier?! We would've..."

"Tell you earlier?! I told you that the plant is really important to me! Even so, your family still decided to go back on your words! Even if I had told you people that I needed the plant to save my wife, your family's decision would still be the same! Titan is your priority after all, isn't he?!" Fade sneered.

That rendered Sasha speechless.

She knew very well that even if the Li family knew about Fade's situation, faced with the choice between Titan and Fade, they would definitely choose Titan over him without hesitation.

Fade tossed a cold glare at the blank Sasha and spat, "The reason why your family would break your promise is because you perceive me as weak and too young to know better. I'll show all of you today what true power is!"

After that, Fade triggered his energy. A violent aura spread over his body, terrifying Sasha to her core.

At this time, the first SWAT team, armed with rifles, had arrived at the top of the mountain. They were nervous but were very

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cautious with their movements. They stopped at a distance of about fifty meters away from Fade and Sasha and yelled with a megaphone, "You are surrounded! Let go of the hostage now or we'll..."

At the same time, a helicopter rumbled and flew over Fade's head, the searchlights shining directly onto him. When he lifted his head and looked up, he saw a sniper in it, armed and ready to take a shot at him.

"So they want a fight, do they?" Fade sneered, the corner of his mouth raised into a menacing grin as he did.

Before the police could finish speaking, Fade had already made his move with a wave of his hand.

All of a sudden, a dazzling blade of light shot out of nowhere, heading directly towards the policemen.

A policeman who was standing dozens of meters away from Fade was struck by the light and fell to the ground with a groan as he rolled around.

With another wave of his hand, Fade produced an air blade and sent it flying forward, directing it at the helicopter.

The pilot hurriedly swerved the chopper to dodge the attack. However, he was a little too late to avoid it as the air blade collided with the side of the helicopter in the end.

The policemen held a hand over their chests as they stared at the scene before them in bewilderment.

"I'm warning all of you. Leave now or suffer the consequences. You've seen what I can do," Fade threatened loudly.

Hearing this, the police couldn't help taking an unconscious step back.

Someone in the crowd thought Fade was being a little too arrogant and wanted to take him down a peg. As such, the person aimed their gun at Fade, planning to shoot him.

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However, just as the shooter was going to pull the trigger, he realized that his gun had been broken into two pieces. Furthermore, the bulletproof vest he was wearing had been completely cut open. Even the form-fitting clothes he wore underneath was the same as well. It looked as if it had been cut open by a sharp blade, revealing a slit. The night breeze that blew past them sent a rush of coldness through his body.

Not a moment later, a loud exclamation could be heard coming from the helicopter. This was because the sniper on it was shocked to find that the helmet he was wearing had been cut open. The position of the severing cut was impossibly close to his face.

Everyone present could not help the chill that ran up their spines, evoked by the fear they had of Fade.

The display of petrifying strength as shown by Fade had completely exceeded their expectations. The sort of control he had over reality was terrifying.

Everyone could see that Fade's attack had obviously been reserved. He could've shot out those air blades and aimed them at more people. He would be able to kill each and every one of them with one blow!

In the face of a skilled master like Fade, the policemen were scared off immediately. With shaking fingers, the policemen at the top reported the situation to the others who were at the foot of the mountain as they hurriedly scampered downhill. The helicopter flew away as well.

After all, no one could guarantee what would happen if Fade procured another blade of light and directed it at the helicopter. They thought it was best to avoid any possible casualties if they could.



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As the police scrambled downhill in panic, every member of the Li family who had been waiting anxiously at the foot of the mountain rushed up at that moment.

"Why have you guys retreated?! Where's Sasha?" Martin questioned.

When the terrified policemen heard Martin's questioning tone, their faces turned sullen, showing their displeasure.

However, as it was Martin who had been the one to speak, they dared not raise their voice back at him, "Mr. Li, we're sorry, but we're no match for Fade. We've failed to rescue Miss Sasha."

"How is that possible?! You're the police, aren't you? How can you just surrender like that? You're..." Martin cried out, almost pouncing on the police.

Secretary Liu quickly reached out and held him back.

"Sir, you shouldn't be angry at the police now. We still need their help," Secretary Liu persuaded.

Martin's anxious countenance eased a little at that but his anxiety did not abate. "Two hours have passed since then! I don't know how much Sasha has suffered already. We need to get to her quickly."

At this moment, a group of people walked up behind him. Secretary Liu looked over at them and reminded, "Mr. Li, the director of the security department, Mr. Huang is here."

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At the mention of that, Martin's heart skipped a beat. He forced a smile onto his face and turned around to welcome him. He knew that Mr. Huang was a bigshot in the security department. He was in charge of police and military affairs of Jade City, and his status was almost on par with the Chief Executive.

Initially, Mr. Huang had not wanted to get involved with a mere kidnapping case. However, as the Li family used Old Master Fenrir's business card this time to request for a special favor, they managed to get Mr. Huang there.

"Mr. Huang, you're here! Sorry for troubling you," Martin said respectful as he greeted the man.

Mr. Huang was over sixty years old and slightly plump. He shook hands with Martin and replied, "Mr. Li, no worries. I'm glad to be of help; it's just a small matter anyway. Let's get right to it, shall we?"

Martin nodded at that and together with the armed forces, he reported all the relevant information to Mr. Huang.

After they were done, Mr. Huang couldn't help but frown as he inquired, "So according to your statement, this Fade fellow is a martial arts master, and a very powerful one at that. You're telling me that ordinary police forces and even the army wouldn't be able to tackle him head on?"

"That's right, Mr. Huang. He defeated the first batch of police and even scared off a helicopter just now before they got the chance to attack!"

"Furthermore, we suspect that he merely demonstrated surface-level skills and hadn't gone all out yet. If he did, I'm afraid our personnel would most likely be killed or injured."

Hearing this, Mr. Huang's face turned sullen as he roared, "How despicable! He's even bold enough to abduct people to become his hostages in Jade City?! You're telling me that after he attacked the police, he said he hasn't gone all out yet? Ridiculous!"

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Martin who was standing beside him added fuel to the fire, "Mr. Huang, Fade has killed a lot of people who were from the Li family. He's really malicious!"

Mr. Huang's eyebrows knitted into a furrow when he replied, "When encountering such an outlaw, it seems like there's only one way to go about this..."

"Mr. Huang, are you referring to..." Martin started to ask.

"Stealth," Mr. Huang finished the sentence for him with narrowed eyes.

At the mention of that name, Martin couldn't help himself from getting startled. He was vaguely reminded of something.

"Stealth Team is a special team formed by relevant departments of our country. Its members are far superior to ordinary people and they all have various special abilities. There are many martial arts masters in it as well. This team is specifically formed to deal with crimes related to martial artists in which ordinary police would not be able to handle lightly," Mr. Huang explained aloud.

Hearing Mr. Huang's introduction, Martin suddenly perked up a little and exclaimed, "Is the Stealth Team really that powerful?! That's great to hear! Please have them help us out in this matter."

With a wave of his hand, Mr. Huang proceeded to issue a command, "Mobilize the Stealth Team of Jade City right now. Have them sent over here to deal with this."

Half an hour later, the Stealth Team made their appearance at the foot of Eastset Mountain.

Mr. Huang wasted no time once they arrived, quickly explaining the situation to them and barking out orders to the team, "Go up the Eastset Mountain and rescue Sasha from the despicable martial artist, do you understand?"

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However, instead of replies of affirmation, he was met with silence from the Stealth team members.

Feeling embarrassed, Mr. Huang flushed red in embarrassment at that. His expression darkened as he glared at the leader of the Stealth Team, Leonardo, and yelled out, "Leonardo, did you understand my order?"

Leonardo merely looked up at the man and answered sharply, "Yes, Mr. Huang. I heard you loud and clear."

"Then what are you still doing here? Go do your job!" Mr. Huang bellowed in a deep voice.

"We're not able to carry out this task," Leonardo answered.

"What?! Why not? Are you defying a military order right now?" Mr. Huang shouted at him, infuriated.

Seemingly unaffected by the anger pouring out of the other man's body, Leonardo said coolly, "It's because of Mr. Chen's special identity. We're not allowed to take any actions against him."

"What's so special about his identity?!" Mr. Huang asked slowly.

At that point, Martin was also getting impatient with the slow pace of things. With a tone laced with dissatisfaction, he added on, "Isn't he just some small town doctor? Why don't you just do away with him? Are you people really not going to do anything to help someone who is in danger?"

Leonardo spared a quick glance at Martin at that but turned his head around immediately after and ignored him. Redirecting his gaze back to Mr. Huang, he began to explain, "It's because Mr. Chen's is a special instructor of our Stealth Team."

"What? Your special instructor?!" Mr. Huang's eyes nearly bugged out of his skull as he echoed.

Martin on the other hand, merely looked confused as he questioned further, "So what?! Even if that's the case, you cannot

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possibly leave someone he abducted in grave danger!"

"Mr. Li, you'd better not involve yourself in a mess like this if you can help it. You don't understand the severity of the situation at all," Leonardo glared at Martin.

Martin fumed and proceeded to yell, "Leonardo, are you not a government servant? In the face of such a blatant crime, how could you possibly turn a blind eye over this? So what if the enemy is someone like Fade? Abduction is a crime, through and through!"

Unaffected, Leonardo let out a cold snort as he answered calmly, "Mr. Li, everyone else might not know the reason behind Mr. Chen's motives but you do, don't you? I'd advise you to comply with his requests and requirements as soon as you can. Otherwise, the Li family will be in jeopardy."

"What are you talking about? Are you threatening me right now? I knew it! You and Fade have joined forces, haven't you? Mr. Huang, did you hear him? This guy is in cahoots with Fade! Have them arrested and interrogated! I..." Martin exclaimed, choking up a little at the end from the overwhelming emotions of shock and disbelief that enveloped him.

With a grave look at Martin, Mr. Huang interrupted him in a steady voice, "Mr. Li, please calm down."