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The scene was disorderly and people were arguing left and right.

Caesar stared at Lamont and asked, "Lamont Cao, what do you have to say for yourself?"

Lamont looked at Caesar and went silent for a while. He then said, "There were some things I wanted to bring with me to the grave, but it seems like that is not possible anymore. Are you sure you want to know the truth?"

Caesar looked at Lamont and felt uneasy. However, he insisted and said, "Lamont, my grandfather wants you to come clean and tell the truth. You have to restore my grandfather and my grandmaster's honor, as well as apologize to everyone who you have scammed over the years."

Everyone was silent. They were waiting for Lamont's response.

Suddenly, a group of reporters came running over with their equipment and started streaming.

Lamont saw that and his gaze flickered. He sighed and said, "I just wanted to let these things go and forget about it."

"But since the Tu family is so aggressively trying to frame me, I need to expose the truth about what happened."

Caesar heard that. He didn't like where it was heading.

The onlookers all gathered closer.

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"Old Master Cao, tell us. What really happened?"

"That guy said that you were an evil man and did loads of evil things. Is it true?"

"You need to explain yourself."

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Lamont then began to reminisce and said, "Back then, I was a disciple with Jason Tu under the tutelage of our master."

"I was the youngest amongst all the disciples and was the most talented too. The master loved me and also nurtured me the most."

"After I had some success, I went down the mountain to open a clinic to treat the people."

"Originally, it was a good thing. I could sharpen my skills and also help people. However, Jason became jealous of me. Hence, he spread lies about me and slandered me in front of the master. He told my master that I was scamming people and in the end, he got so angry that he called me back up the mountain."

Hearing that, everyone's face changed.

Caesar's face changed. He yelled, "Lamont, what is this bullsh*t? My grandfather has never accused you of anything. It was a fact that you scammed people and now you are trying to manipulate the truth! You..."

Lamont shook his head and said, "Look, I don't know what he told you, but that's the truth. Back then, Jason wasn't the only one that was jealous of me. All of the other disciples were just like him, but Jason was the worst."

Immediately, Lamont continued, "I was framed by Jason and had to go back. I continued honing my skills and improved a lot

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until the master eventually approved of me."

"Then, he decided that he wanted to bestow upon me his Bronze Acupuncture Manual, his prized possession. He wanted me to learn the Bronze Needle Spike from him."

"I knew that was a really big deal and I knew that the other disciples were envious of me but I didn't expect that Jason would resort to such despicable ploy."

"He wanted the manual for himself, so what did he do? He stole the manual and left the clan. In the end, the master died of depression."

"For so many years, I have always asked for the manual from Jason on behalf of the master, but he has never given it to me. Instead, he continued spreading lies, saying that he got the manual legitimately and slandered me in public."

"I always thought of him as my senior and a fellow National Chinese Medical Doctor, so I didn't want to expose him."

"But what I didn't expect was that he grew even bolder over the years and began to spread even more malicious lies about me."

"Now, he even sent his grandson to come and challenge Cao Medical Center and ruin its good reputation."

"If that is how you want things to be, I will not tolerate it anymore. I have been patient enough all these years and I will not be silenced!"

"If you continue creating trouble for me, don't blame me for retaliating!" Lamont roared at Caesar.

A group of men suddenly appeared behind Lamont and they surrounded Fade and Caesar. They were the bodyguards of the Cao family.

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Fade and Caesar could feel their blood boiling.

In particular, Caesar was absolutely furious. He didn't expect Lamont to be so shameless. Not only did he lie about the truth, he turned around and slandered Jason.

Caesar wanted to just go up to Lamont and give him a heavy punch in the face.

However, the people there sympathized with Lamont.

"So that's the truth! Old Master Cao, you really had it rough."

"Jason Tu is such a terrible man. How could he do this after all these years? You really should have stood up to him much sooner."

"I was almost fooled by him too."

"I didn't expect that there were people like this amongst the National Chinese Medical Doctors. What a disgrace to the name!"

"They need to be punished!"

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Most of the people there were locals from South Bay City and they were influenced by the Cao family. Hence, most of them naturally were biased towards Lamont.

In an instant, Fade and Caesar became the target of the public's scorn.

Caesar was anxious and he wanted to defend himself. However, his words all fell on deaf ears.

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Fade suddenly patted Caesar on the shoulder and assured him calmly, "Don't worry. They may be able to manipulate the truth this time around, but they can't keep hiding it forever. The truth will be revealed eventually."

"But..." Caesar was still worried.

Fade then took out his phone and dialed a number he had not called in a long time. He then said into his phone, "Director Qi, good afternoon. I am Fade Chen, the one from Sincere Medicine Center. I have something to report to you."

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"Okay, sure. I'll let someone tell you the whole story," Fade said and passed the phone to Caesar, saying, "Caesar, briefly summarize what happened back then. They can help us."

"Who is..." Caesar was confused. Could a simple phone call like this help settle all their problems?

However, since Fade had already said that, Caesar only followed his instructions. He told the man on the phone about the feud that took place between Jason and Lamont.

The members of the Cao family looked at them in disdain.

Henric was furious. He stared at Fade and scoffed, "Huh, are you calling for help? I wonder who dares to help you when they see us, the Cao family before them!"

Hayden looked at Fade triumphantly and declared, "You are in South Bay City and you are standing before Cao Medical Center. You are naive to challenge us here. As long as the medical industry in South Bay City still stands, the Cao family is impregnable."

Hayden was confident as he should be. After all, the Cao family were major players in the medical industry in South Bay City. They weren't only involved in the Chinese medicinal industry, but they were also involved with western medicine as well. The Cao family were stakeholders in most major medical services in the city.

In other words, the Cao family owned practically half the pharmaceutical industry in South Bay City.

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It was because of that reason that Hayden was extremely arrogant.

Fade saw that and sneered at Hayden. He said, "Do you really think that the Cao family is all-powerful in South Bay City?"

"If so, what can you do about it?" Hayden glanced at Fade and replied, "What can someone like you do to threaten the Cao family?"

Fade only smiled and refused to argue with him. He then took the phone from Caesar and scrolled through his contacts. He called Sasha and said, "I don't care how you do it, I want you to completely place an embargo on all of the Cao family's business and trades in South Bay City."

After that, Fade hung up the phone and smiled faintly.

The three members of the Cao family heard what Fade said on the phone and looked at each other. They cackled.

"Haha, what a show-off. I'll give you credit for the amazing acting though."

"An embargo on the Cao family? Who do you think you are? What a fool!"

"He is just trying to play tricks on us."

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Henric gritted his teeth and said, "Grandpa, dad, don't waste your time. He is obviously just trying to intimidate us. Hurry up and teach him a lesson."

Henric had been brutally beaten up by Fade twice in a row, and he absolutely despised Fade now. He waved his hands and all of the able-bodied fighters of the Cao family approached Fade.

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With around thirty people surrounding him, Fade's eyes twitched as he shook his head and sighed, "I didn't want to resort to violence today, but you leave me no choice."

After that, he turned around and charged towards Henric.

Henric saw that and was instantly in horror. He quickly shouted, "Help me! Protect me now!"

The fighters of the Cao family lunged towards Fade ferociously.

Fade looked at these seemingly professional fighters and heaved a long sigh. He cracked his knuckles as he said, "That's all you got? What a waste of my time."

Soon after, the fighters were all defeated by Fade. All of them lay on the ground, rolling in pain.

Everything happened in under a minute and Fade didn't even suffer a scratch.

With a simple leap, Fade appeared in front of Henric and grabbed him by the neck. He then narrowed his eyes and said, "I warned you to never provoke me. Now, you will live to regret it."

Fade then slammed Henric to the ground and placed a foot on Henric's left leg. He was going to stomp on it and break it.

Henric saw that and his face paled. He screamed in horror, "No, please don't!"

Hayden and Lamont were also shocked as they roared at Fade, "Don't you dare...!"

However, Fade didn't care one little bit.

Amidst their hysterical screams, Fade stomped his foot down and a loud crack was immediately heard. Henric began wailing.

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After that, Fade turned around and said to Caesar, "Let's go."

"But..." Caesar was still reluctant to leave.

After all, he didn't get to resolve the age-long feud and was instead slandered by the Cao family. Even Jason ended up being wrongly accused.

Fade understood what Caesar was thinking about and he patted him on the shoulder, saying, "Don't worry. Things will be fine. Didn't I already make the phone call just now?"

Caesar was curious and asked, "Brother Fade, who did you call anyway? Are they really that powerful? Could they really get to the bottom of this and clear my grandpa's name?"

Fade smiled and said, "Don't worry. The man I called is really that powerful."

"Really? Who is he?" Caesar curiously asked.

Fade pointed upwards before telling him, "It's someone from Capital City, Director Qi of the Drug Administration."

Caesar was amazed and pleasantly surprised, "Director Qi? He isn't just a member of the Drug Administration, but he is also one of the members of the board, right? If he is the one overlooking this matter, then that's great news!"

Fade patted Caesar Du on the shoulder and smirked, "I told you, don't worry. Everything will be fine."

"Brother Fade, thank you so much," Caesar finally had a smile on his face.

At that moment in front of the medical center, Hayden and Lamont had just managed to attend to Henric's broken leg.

Suddenly, Hayden's phone rang. He answered it impatiently and shouted, "What is it?"

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The guy on the phone answered anxiously, "Mr. Cao, there's bad news! The equipment and raw materials we were importing has been confiscated at the Jade City harbor."

"What? How could that happen? I thought we had all the paperwork done?" Hayden roared.

The man answered, "We have used this route for the past four years and we had no problems with it. But it seems like we have offended someone important and they want to mess with us."

"Offended someone!?" Hayden recalled what Fade had said and his heart skipped a beat. He was horrified as he thought to himself, "Did Fade Chen really have the power to impose embargoes on the Cao family?"

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The Cao family's affairs were finally over.

After all, Neal needed some time to investigate and collect evidence on that.

On the other hand, Sasha took action as soon as she received a call from Fade. She had immediately arranged for a boycott on the Cao family's businesses, putting them in a crisis.

At the moment, the Cao family's businesses were in a complete mess, and even their medical center was affected too and had been closed temporarily.

Hayden and Lamont were constantly going back and forth between the various family-owned companies, contacting the executives of each company to try and figure out what was going on?

Caesar had been quite busy recently as well. He maintained close contact with his grandfather and Neal, providing all kinds of evidence to help Neal in investigating Lamont's affairs.

Meanwhile, life was peaceful and quiet for Fade who was staying in the villa provided by Boss Xu, with Lauren attending to him respectfully every day.

Lauren had become a professional nanny from the training in the past few days.

Another day passed. Fade looked at the sun and said to himself, "The Soo family's annual banquet is happening tomorrow.

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Momo's marriage will probably be mentioned by then. I must take action at that time. "

While Fade was thinking about it with his head held low, his cell phone rang.

He looked at it and realized that it was from an unknown number. Fade paused for a while before he picked it up, "Hello."

"Hello, is this Mr. Chen?" A gentle young woman's voice came from the phone.

Fade was a little surprised, he replied, "This is Fade Chen, may I know who you are..."

The woman said softly, "Hello, Mr. Chen. My name is Natalie, I am Momo's friend. Momo has something to discuss with you, but it is inconvenient for her to do so now, so she let me contact you."

"You are Momo's friend!" Fade was slightly surprised and said, "Miss Lan, is there anything I can help with?"

Natalie replied, "Mr. Chen, can you meet me at the musical fountain in South Bay Garden? I will be waiting for you here."

Fade made a rough estimation of the travel distance and immediately said, "Okay, I will be there in half an hour. Thank you, Miss Lan."

"It's okay, I'm Momo's friend. It's not a big deal," Natalie said softly and then hung up the phone.

Then, Fade drove his car and hurried towards South Bay Garden.

Twenty minutes later, Fade arrived at the destination and saw a young girl with long hair in a sky blue dress by the water fountain in the garden.

She seemed to be in her early twenties. At first glance, she appeared friendly with her round cheeks and warm smile. He couldn't help but feel that she was an easy-going person.

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"Are you Mr. Chen?" The girl saw Fade approaching, and stepped forward with her right hand extended.

Fade shook Natalie's hand gently and nodded. "I am, and you must be Miss Lan, right?"

Natalie nodded. Then she smiled and tucked her hair behind her ears as she said, "Mr. Chen, please follow me."

Fade nodded and followed after her. Then the two of them walked around the park, and finally went through a narrow path in the forest and reached the back of the fence.

A black Mercedes-Benz SUV was parked behind the fence.

Natalie pointed to the car and said to him, "Mr. Chen, please get in the car!"

"This is..." Fade felt a little odd.

Before Natalie could explain, the door of the car suddenly opened. Someone emerged from the car and plunged into Fade's arms almost instantly. She cried, "Fade, you are finally here."

Fade took a closer look and found that the person in his arms was Momo.

He patted Momo's back, and comforted her softly, "It's okay, don't cry. I'm here, I'm here."

Momo wiped the tears from the corner of her eyes, and said to Fade, pouting, "Hmph, I'm not crying!"

Looking at her adorable face, Fade couldn't help but chuckled and said, "Okay, you didn't cry. The water stains on my shirt are definitely not your tears, it must be your sweat, right?"

"It's not sweat, it's just..." Momo huffed.

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At this moment, Natalie came over and smiled gently as she said, "Momo, it's getting late, let's get going."

Only then did Momo come back to her senses. She quickly took Natalie's arm and smiled while saying, "Natalie, I'm sorry! I was so excited for a while that I forgot about it. Let's get in the car and head off now."

Natalie smiled and said, "Young girl, I've seen you through. You've forgotten about me after seeing your sweetheart, haven't you?"

"Natalie, I haven't forgotten about you! You will always be in my heart," Momo refuted, and then got into the back seat of the car with Fade.

Natalie got into the driver seat and started the car.

As the car engine started, Fade couldn't help but ask Momo, "Momo, what is going on? Where are we heading now?"

At that, Momo pursed her lips suddenly, and said angrily, "Fade, let me tell you what happened to me in my family in the past two days. My uncle and grandpa treated me like a criminal. Apart from sleeping and going to the toilet, they ordered someone to follow me at all times, completely forcing me under house arrest."

Upon hearing this, Fade couldn't help but frown, revealing his disapproval.

Fade knew that the Soo family had always opposed Momo's relationship with himself, but he didn't expect Egbert and Somoset to put Momo under house arrest.

Momo continued angrily, "I know what they are thinking, they are worried that I will escape from the marriage if I get out of the house. So, they locked me up until the annual banquet to affirm my marriage."

"Then how did you manage to come out now?" Fade asked.

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Momo said, "I begged my dad for a long time, and with his help, I managed to get rid of those people on watch and get out of the house."

"After I came out, I found Natalie. Natalie is my bestie. We have known each other for more than ten years. I asked Natalie to arrange things for me, then let you come here and meet me."

"Arrange things for you? What things?" Fade asked.

Momo kept it a secret and smiled mysteriously to Fade, "Don't worry, just wait for a moment, we will be there soon."

After that, Fade stopped asking about it, and sat with Momo while listening to her complaints all the way.

Natalie who was in the driver's seat was surprisingly a great listener. She barely interrupted their conversation along the way. She knew when to intercept their conversation occasionally, which made her seem adequately involved in the conversation.

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Along the way, Fade had a good impression of Natalie.

Initially when they first met, Fade thought she was just another ordinary rich girl with a gentle demeanor.

However from what he observed, Natalie was a mature woman who knew how to handle things calmly and rationally. She was more sensible compared to the innocent Momo.

The car eventually came to a stop and Natalie said, "Here we are."

Following that, the three of them got out of the car. Fade saw the complex and exquisite architecture in front of him, and exclaimed in surprise, "A church."

Momo nodded and said, "Fade, this is a famous church in South Bay City. It has been here for more than 100 years. It is said that it was built way back when those Western missionaries first came to our country. Later, it survived through the war time without any damage, which was very lucky."

While listening, Fade looked at the church again. Although the church was not big, it was indeed sophisticated. Although some parts of it looked weathered from the test of time, there was an elegant and noble vibe to it.

The church was beautiful, but Fade remained puzzled. He turned towards Momo and asked, "Momo, what are we doing here? I didn't know that you're a Christian?"

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Momo couldn't help but blush upon hearing this. She lowered her head and said shyly, "This...I..."

"What's wrong, Momo! Is there anything that you can't tell me?" Fade questioned.

When Momo heard the words, she plucked up her courage, raised her head and looked into his eyes, and said, "Fade, I want to marry you, in this church."

"Ah!" Fade was taken aback. His eyes widened as he looked at Momo and said, "Momo, I am your... why did you suddenly think of marrying me? You never mentioned it to me before, we..."

Fade almost blew the cover out of shock.

Momo looked at Fade's surprised expression and pouted her lips. A look of disappointment flashed in her eyes.

However, she took Fade's hand immediately, moved a little further away, and explained in a low voice, "Fade, what I meant by marrying you is not the legal marriage. I just want to hold a wedding ceremony with you in this church. A ceremony has no legal effect, and you are not betraying my sister too."

"But, why do you want to do this? Tomorrow is the Soo Family annual banquet, you..." Fade was still puzzled.

Momo's eyes drooped as disappointment flashed across her eyes. Then she explained, "Fade, I know the annual banquet is going to be held tomorrow. I only decided to do this because I am worried about the annual banquet tomorrow."

"Now, in the Soo family, everyone wants me to marry Hector Yao except for my dad."

"Moreover, I learned from my dad that the Yao family has invited a lot of rich and powerful people in South Bay City, and they are going to formally propose an engagement to me at the annual banquet tomorrow. By then, my grandfather will definitely agree to

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the proposal."

"Even if my dad and I oppose it, I am afraid that it won't be of any help in front of all those big shots."

"I am worried about this. That's why I thought of a way to hold a wedding ceremony with you and announce our relationship to the public. This way, the Yao family and my grandfather will be forced to cancel the engagement. "

Fade finally understood Momo's thoughts after hearing her explanation.

She must be desperate enough to come up with this idea, she had no other choice.

Momo looked at Fade, who had remained silent, and pulled his sleeves nervously while whispering, "Fade, it's my fault. I made my own decision without discussing it with you in advance. If you don't want to do it, then forget it, let's go back."

As Fade noticed Momo's disappointment and pitiful appearance, he felt a pang in his heart. He rested a hand on her shoulder and said, "I am your brother-in-law, I will help you with this, okay?"

"Isn't it just a wedding ceremony? I'm okay with it," Fade said while patting his chest.

Momo was overjoyed when she heard this. She threw herself into Fade's arms immediately and said with a smile, "Fade, you are the best. I like you the most!"

Fade couldn't help but coughed a little when Momo hugged him, he bent over slightly and said, "Okay, keep your voice down, don't blow the cover."

"Yes, I will remember that, Fade!" Momo blinked as she replied sweetly. Her sweet appearance made Fade feel a tingling sensation in his heart, and his body felt numb almost instantly.

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At this moment, Natalie smiled and walked over. "Momo, don't waste time here with your boyfriend anymore! The photographer has been waiting inside for you two for a long time."

Hearing this, Momo couldn't help but blush. She let go of Fade quickly and said to Natalie, "Natalie, I didn't, I just..."

"It's okay, there's no need to explain. I know you the best! You are always like this every time you get excited. It seems that you really like him," Natalie said.

Momo smiled and nodded, "Indeed, I like him very much."

"Let's go and get changed for photos," Natalie suggested.

The three of them then pushed open the door and entered the church.

The simple church had been set up to look like a wedding venue. The fresh flowers, priest, and rings had all been prepared on the stage already.

"There is a small room over there. Go and change your clothes!" Natalie pointed to a room in the church.

Fade and Momo entered the room and got changed hurriedly.

Soon, the two of them were done, and emerged from the room.

Fade had on a suit, tie, and leather shoes. This outfit made Fade, who was still young, look more mature, and even manlier.

Momo wore a white lace wedding dress, which was extremely gorgeous and delicate. She looked just like a princess in a fairy tale with her dainty makeup.

Fade couldn't help but stare at her momentarily.

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"Fade, what's wrong?" Momo looked at the dazed Fade and asked.

Fade instantly came back to his senses and smiled. "My bride is so beautiful, I was star-struck for a moment."

Hearing this, Momo couldn't help but smile, and hook onto Fade's arm. "Fade, let's go out!"

When the two of them emerged, the few staff members in the church froze upon seeing them. They looked stunned, and their eyes were all fixed on Momo.

The smile on Momo's face grew even brighter, as her face lit up with joy.

Next, Momo and Fade walked towards the priest, ready to hold a ceremony with the priest as their witness.

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When they were before the priest, Momo turned her head but didn't see Natalie anywhere in the church. She was a little curious, "Why isn't Natalie here? Where did she go?"

Since no one responded to her, Momo muttered to herself instead, "Perhaps, Natalie has something to do. Let's continue."

The priest looked at the two of them and held up the Bible, and the holy music started to play. The priest said, "Mr. Fade, Miss Soo, you two..."

Although this wedding was just a fake ceremony, Momo still felt a little moved when the ceremony began.

She felt something that she had never felt before, it was a sense of holiness and bliss.

Just like all the girls in the world who would anticipate a perfect wedding, Momo had also fantasized about her wedding before.

Although the wedding at this moment was not perfect in any way, Momo felt a different kind of happiness. She felt sweet from head to toe.

However, just as Momo was indulged in the happiness, suddenly, the wooden door of the church was pushed open. The creaking sound of the old wooden door immediately destroyed this holy and happy scene. This caused everyone to stand up and look towards the door of the church.

Momo and Fade also turned their heads and looked at the church door.

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When they saw several young men and women entering, Momo's face instantly fell. Shock and confusion were painted all over her face. "Zarriah, Hector? Why are they here?"

Zarriah, the young master of the Soo family, was the son of Somoset, and also Momo's cousin.

Hector, the young master of the Yao family, was Momo's soon-to-be husband. Zarriah and Hector were known as the South Bay Talents.

Two days before, Fade and Lauren were dining in the restaurant when he met Zarriah, so Fade immediately recognised Zarriah. Zarriah was the same as before, clad in a suit and leather shoes, looking serious and even a little old-fashioned.

The young man next to Zarriah was smiling faint. He was wearing a casual suit, plus a customized watch and some accessories, which made him appear composed yet lively. His smile made him look slightly younger than Zarriah.

"He is Hector!" Fade's eyes turned cold as he fixed his gaze on Hector.

"Momo!" Zarriah and Hector turned towards Momo and called out

Momo stared at the two of them through gritted teeth and said, "How did you know I am here?"

Hector smiled without explaining anything. However, Zarriah clapped his hands and said coldly, "Come in!"

Natalie bowed her head slightly and walked in respectfully, standing next to Zarriah with her head down. She appeared to be extremely respectful towards Zarriah.

Zarriah looked at Momo sternly and asked, "Momo, did you think that none of us would know about your tricks?"

Hearing this, Momo's face fell, pain evident in her expression. She looked at Natalie and said, "Natalie, I thought you are my best

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friend, I believed you, so I told you about this. I didn't expect that you would deceive me and betray me!"

Natalie's expression changed as she raised her head and looked at Momo. Then, she continued slowly, "Momo, in fact, Young Master Zariah and I are doing this for your own good."

"Your engagement with Young Master Hector is indeed the best choice, whether it is from the aspect of your family status or from your personal considerations!"

"Furthermore, Young Master Hector is one of the South Bay Talents. He is outstanding in every aspect, be it his ability or appearance. Momo, you would be happy with him."

At this moment, Natalie spoke these words affectionately as if she was doing that for Momo's sake.

However, these so-called affectionate words and concerns came across as extremely disgusting especially from the mouth of a person who had deceived and betrayed her.

Momo's face paled as she stared at Natalie. "I don't need others to decide who I marry. Whether I am happy or not, it's my own business."

"I don't want to be with Hector, I just want to be with Fade, forever!" Momo blurted.

Hearing that, Natalie's expressions changed, and she paused before continuing, "Momo, you are still young now. You're still immature in the matter of love, so you could easily be fooled by others. You really need to calm down and think carefully about it."

"Think about it, can Fade even compare to Hector?" Natalie questioned, "Momo, if you spend some time with Hector, you will understand how good of a person he is. By then..."

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"Shut up, shut up!" Momo shouted, "Natalie, no matter what you say now, I won't believe you ever again. I..."

"Enough!"

At this moment, Zarriah suddenly shouted and glared at Momo as he took a step forward. He then stated sternly, "Momo, I don't care what you think, and whether you believe us or not. We have already made the decision for your marriage, you have no choice."

"Follow me back now!" Zarriah was about to reach out and pull Momo's hand.

Momo shook his hand away fiercely and glared at Zarriah. "I won't go back, I would never agree to this marriage, even in death."

"You..." Zarriah's eyes were red with anger. He raised his hand and was about to slap Momo.

When Fade saw this, his gaze turned cold. He was about to attack Zarriah.

However, at this moment, Hector, who had been smiling, stopped Zarriah and stepped up. "Zarriah, calm down, let me handle it!"

When Zarriah heard this, he put down his hand, looked at Hector, and said, "Hector, I'm really sorry. It's our fault that we didn't raise her well and allowed her to do something like this. We will definitely teach her well after this."

Hector waved his hand and smiled, "Zarriah, it's okay. Momo is still young and reckless, which is something that I can understand. She will definitely become more mature after we are married."

"Hector, who wants to marry you! Don't you ever think about it," Momo huffed.

"Momo, you..." Zarriah glared at her.

Hector continued to smile and said, "Zarriah, don't be angry. I'll talk to Momo."

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Subsequently, Hector walked up to Momo with a smile. He said to her with an affectionate look, "Momo, do you know that I have fallen in love with you at first sight when I saw you at the Soo Manor ten years ago?"

"From that moment on, I said to myself that you'll be the only woman I love in my life, and I'll do all my best to protect you, to love you, and to take care of you."

"You are my angel, my eternal love. The eternal treasure in my heart."

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Even Hector himself was moved by his own words, but Momo on the other hand, felt nauseous. She felt disgusted.

On the contrary, Natalie looked extremely moved by his words as she wiped the suspicious tears from the corners of her eyes and said, "Momo, did you hear that? This is how Young Master Hector feels for you. You're so lucky to have a man who loves you, and is willing to wait for you. Momo, don't hesitate anymore, Young Master Hector is surely the right one for you."

Momo retched a few times with a disdainful expression on her face. She interrupted Natalie and sneered, "Natalie, please stop your acting. If you're trying to act like you're moved, I suggest you go take some acting classes first?"

"Momo, I..." Natalie's expression fell.

Momo then turned to Hector and said, "Hector, do you really think I'm that naive to be fooled by your words? Although I have been studying abroad these years and didn't spend a long time in South Bay City, do you think that I'm clueless as to what you've done in the past?"

"When you were in high school, you harassed a girl in your class and forced her to do something she didn't want to. Her parents had even come to the school for this matter. In the end, this matter was settled with money from your family."

"Do you think I didn't know about the romantic affairs between you and the campus belles? Your disgusting videos have gone viral on the Internet a long time ago."

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"And I don't think you will want me to continue on those disgusting and absurd things you and your friends do in the clubs and bars, right?"

"I clearly know what kind of man you are, you know it too. Don't pretend to be an affectionate, infatuated man in front of me, it's disgusting," Momo said disdainfully.

Hector's expressions changed drastically, and the smile was wiped off from his face. His face was twitching uncontrollably.

"Momo, in fact, those are just some misunderstandings, they are all rumors. My true love is you, I just want to be with you forever, we..." Hector was still defending himself, but what he said sounded so weak, meaningless, and even a little ridiculous.

Zarriah also explained, "Momo, you may have misunderstood Hector. Hector is now the successor of the Yao family. He needs to go to a lot of meetings and functions, those stories aren't true."

Natalie also added, "Momo, Young Master Hector really loves you. I can testify that Young Master Hector..."

Momo couldn't be bothered by their words anymore, so she cut them off and said, "What does it have to do with me whether he loves me or not? Anyway, I don't love him."

"The person I love is only him!" Momo turned to look at Fade, and then she held Fade's head with her hands, and placed her lips on his, kissing him in front of everyone.

Under Zarriah, Hector and Natalie's shocked gazes, the two of them kissed.

Seeing the Fade and Momo kissing each other intimately, their faces darkened in an instant. Especially Hector, whose gaze had become extremely cold as he glared at Fade. He could pierce through Fade right then and there.

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Zarriah shouted angrily, "Momo, do you know what you are doing? You are ruining the reputation of the Soo family. What a sl*t! You—"

While talking, Zarriah rushed over and raised his palm to slap Momo.

However, at this critical moment, Fade raised his hand and grasped Zarriah's wrist, stopping him in midair. Then he threw Zarriah's hand off as he warned coldly, "You better don't do it, otherwise, I don't mind fracturing your arm."

Zarriah's face turned pale instantly.

He could still remember vividly the scene at the restaurant where Fade taught both him and Luther a lesson.

Luther was a disciple from East Deer Academy, and a real warrior at the early stage of the Black Level. However, in the end, he was unmatched for Fade. Zarriah, who didn't have any martial arts skill, was definitely not Fade's opponent either.

Zarriah stepped back with fear in his eyes. He looked terrible.

Meanwhile, Hector came over with a cold expression. He stared at Fade fiercely and commanded, "I don't care who you are or how you've tricked Momo. But let me tell you now, I am Momo's fiancé. Now, get out of my way. Otherwise, don't blame me for being impolite."

Hector knew that he couldn't do anything with Momo then, so he simply turned the target to Fade. As long as he chased Fade away, he would naturally win Momo back.

Momo was very angry when she heard Hector's words, "Hector, you're so shameless, I have said that I am not interested in you, I am not your fiancée. Why are you..."

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Fade patted Momo lightly as he comforted her and said, "You don't need to be angry with someone like him, let me handle this."

"Okay!" Momo nodded and took a step back obediently.

Seeing this, Hector's expression became twisted. He wished he could kill Fade right in that instant.

Fade approached Hector and said coldly, "I want to say the same thing to you too. I am the one whom Momo likes, you'd better get out of here now and stop getting yourselves involved. Otherwise, don't blame me for being impolite too."

"How dare you threaten me, do you want to die!" Hector was angered. Saying that, he wielded a punch towards Fade.

Zarriah was shocked when he saw that and shouted hurriedly, "Hector, don't..."

"Zarriah, you..." Before Hector came back to his senses, Fade had already countered Hector's punch directly with his own fist.

In an instant, a huge force hit Hector and caused him to stumble back. He then fell onto the floor, looked rather pathetic.

"How dare you..." Hector was both angry and humiliated. He pointed at Fade, waved his hand and shouted, "Catch him, and beat him hard!"

In an instant, a group of people rushed up from behind Hector and surrounded Fade.

These people were the thugs employed by the Yao family. They were all strong and were warriors of the Yellow Level. The leader among them was an experienced warrior in the late stage of Yellow Level, and he was quite famous in the martial art circle.

This group of people had been following Hector around, and had beaten up many people who were against Hector.

At that moment, they looked savage and fierce as they surrounded Fade.

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However, they were all greeted with Fade's attacks.

Fade didn't really need to use his full strength at all to beat these weak rookies. He shook his head, then started to throw his attacks towards them.

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In an instant, the sound of fighting accompanied by screams echoed through the church. Fade beat these thugs and sent them flying before landing with a thud front of Hector.

Hector, who was still full of confidence just then suddenly shuddered in fear as he saw Fade defeated all his men in less than three minutes. He widened his eyes in utter fear and shock.

"You, how did you..."

Fade stepped towards Hector and grabbed him by the collar. "What? I have warned you not to get involved anymore, but you did not listen. Now, tell me yourself, how should I teach you a lesson?"

"I, I'm Hector Yao, the young master of the Yao family! If you dare hurt me, our family won't let you go easily, I...", Hector shouted fearfully.

Fade shook his head, showing a lack of interest. He was bored with Hector's repetitive claims.

On the other hand, Zariah's expression had changed. He retreated to a distance to make a call. When the phone connected, he whispered something in a hurry, "Young Master Chee, where are you? We can't hold it anymore here. You've arrived? Okay, I'll come out and get you,"

With that, Zariah approached the door of the church quietly.

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Meanwhile, Fade had grabbed Hector by the collar and slapped him harshly several times. Hector's cheeks were swollen after that.

Hector was annoyed and in pain, he started cursing.

"Fade, how dare you hit me! I won't let you go,"

"My dad is Salgado. My dad will definitely get revenge for me."

"S-stop hitting me."

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At this moment, Zarriah walked into the church quickly with two people and shouted sharply, "Fade, stop, see who's here,"

At that, Fade stopped and looked towards the door.

There were two young men behind Zarriah. One of them had bandages on both his arms and a look of hatred on his face. It was Luther.

There was another young man next to Luther who was only in his teens.

The young man's expression was of arrogance. He held his head up and narrowed his eyes when looking at Fade. His attitude was extremely conceited.

"Fade, the master of the East Deer Academy is here. You'd better come to kneel and beg for mercy!" Zarriah shouted.

Fade let go of Hector and threw him onto the ground. Then, he sneered and walked over. Glancing at Luther disdainfully, he said, "The master of East Deer Academy? Are you referring to this guy whose arms had been fractured by me?"

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"You..." Before Zariah could speak, Luther was enraged. He glared at Fade fiercely, wishing that he could just kill Fade right then and there.

The young man beside Luther glanced at Fade after hearing that. He raised his right hand and pointed at Fade. "So you admitted that you hurt my senior, Luther?"

Fade looked at the boy and replied blandly, "Yeah. So what?"

"So what?" The young man repeated coldly, "How can we allow the disciples of East Deer Academy to be bullied by outsiders easily. Since you have hurt him, you have to pay for it now."

"Come here and kneel down in front of me, then cripple both of your arms yourself. I can spare your life," the young man said proudly with a condescending tone, appearing extremely arrogant.

Fade thought it was ridiculous. "Who are you? If you want me to kneel and apologize, just forget it, because it's impossible."

The young man snorted and said, "My name is Larson, the disciple of Valko, principal of East Deer Academy. Now, do you know who I am? Come over and kneel to apologize."

Fade shook his head upon hearing that. "Who's Valko? I've never heard of him. As for his disciple, this is even more ridiculous."

"Young man, this is none of your business. If you leave now, I will treat it as nothing has happened," Fade sneered and said with disdain.

Larson's immature face flushed red from anger instantaneously.

He stared at Fade ferociously, then raised his right hand and said, "You are courting death! Now, it's pointless to fracture your

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arms yourself. I will cripple all your limbs and then put you on a leash to take you for a walk on the street."

While talking, Larson rushed towards Fade.

As Valko's disciple, Larson's talents and strength were indeed incredible. At a young age, he had already reached the middle stage of Black Level. His strength was one level higher than Luther's, he was much better than many of the other warriors at his age.

However, it was a pity that his opponent was Fade. This meant that he was destined to lose.

Larson's move carried a kind of ferocity that was not commensurate with his age. Each of his moves was violent, and aimed at Fade's critical points. He attacked with full force.

Fade frowned and said coldly, "How did you develop this kind of move at such a young age. How did Valko teach you, how useless."

"Who are you to criticize my master? You're looking for death. Take this!" Larson was furious. He slammed his fist with maximum energy fiercely at Fade like a hammer.

However, Fade simply hit back with his palm, and the huge force straightaway pushed Larson backwards. Larson staggered and almost fell to the ground.

"You, I didn't expect..." Larson obviously didn't expect Fade to be so powerful. His anger soared. He charged at Fade repetitively with fiercer and more vicious moves.

Seeing this, Fade frowned and snorted coldly, "I've been merciful to you because of your young age. Please behave yourself. If this goes on, don't blame me for being impolite and destroy your entire life's hard work."

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However, Larson was furious, and didn't take Fade's words to heart.

After all, he was the disciple of Valko, the principal of East Deer Academy. He had always enjoyed a high position in the academy in terms of strength and status. He was literally the chosen one.

The kind of treatment he used to get in the academy made him become arrogant and reckless. Whenever he was not satisfied with something, he would force the others to do as he pleased. If he couldn't change the results, he would just destroy them.

Presently, he felt the exact same way towards Fade. Fade's strength had exceeded his expectations, and he knew that he was no match for him.

Seeing that he was going to lose soon, Larson's eyes flashed with a vicious look. He clenched his right hand into a fist and attacked Fade again, but he kept his left hand behind him, and quietly made some small movements.

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"Take this punch!" Larson shouted as his right fist charged towards Fade.

Fade narrowed his eyes slightly, anger evident in his eyes as he blocked Larson's attack with his palm.

With a loud "bang", the two forces collided, and the outcome was the same as before. Larson seemed unable to cope with Fade's strength at all. His punch was once again blocked by Fade directly.

Just when everyone thought that Larson was about to lose, a sharp look flashed across Larson's eyes, and his left hand, which had been behind him, suddenly appeared. He aimed and stabbed towards Fade's lower abdomen from another angle.

It was almost unpredictable as Larson's attack headed towards Fade once again.

Momo was shocked and shouted anxiously, "Fade, watch out."

Zariah, Hector and Luther on the other hand, almost laughed out loud with pleasure on their faces.

"Go to hell!" Larson flashed a sinister smile. A sharp blade, hidden between his fingers, dashed towards Fade's abdomen.

The lower abdomen was a critical point. For a martial artist, it was the place where the energy was stored.

At such a young age, Larson already demonstrated such vicious attacks, adamant to cripple Fade.

Noticing the move, anger swept over Fade as he said in a deep voice, "At first, I had thought that your arrogance was due to your

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young age. Now, it seems that I have misjudged you. You are just cruel and heartless, that has nothing to do with your age."

"If that's the case, then I will teach you a lesson on behalf of your master and your parents," Fade shouted coldly as he struck Larson's left hand.

Larson's expression was filled with anger. "Teach me a lesson? Who are you to teach me a lesson? Go to hell!"

While shouting, Larson pierced towards Fade with a sinister look on his face.

However, just as he was about to stab into Fade and end it all, Fade reached out his left hand at lightning speed and grasped Larson's left wrist accurately.

"You..."

Before Larson could even react, Fade twisted his left hand slightly. With a crack, Larson let out a scream as his left wrist was fractured, and the sharp blade in his hand fell onto the ground with a clatter.

"Ah, my hand! You, how dare you..." Larson grimaced as he glared at Fade and screamed. He then rushed over to Fade like a beast gone berserk.

Fade narrowed his eyes at Larson and said coldly, "Again? You're asking for your own death."

Fade kicked Larson on the chest before Larson could reach him. Larson, who was not tall, was sent flying in the air from Fade's powerful kick, and landed hard on the ground. He spat out a mouthful of blood, and lay almost motionlessly on the ground.

Zarriah, Hector, and Luther had never expected such a result.

After all, they had thought that Fade would not be able to face off against the disciple of Valko.

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However, after witnessing the outcome, they realized they were wrong. Fade's strength had completely exceeded their expectations. Not only was he stronger than Luther, but he was even stronger than Larson, the talented disciple of East Deer Academy.

In an instant, Zarriah and Hector's impressions of Fade changed.

Fade glanced at them with a disgusted expression on his face, and snorted coldly, "What are you guys doing here, do you want me to drive you away personally?"

Hearing that, the few people came back to their senses suddenly. Not daring to stay there any longer, they scurried out of the church.

In the end, only Natalie remained standing on the spot with a terrified expression. She didn't know how to face Fade and Momo at the moment.

When Natalie sensed Momo's gaze on her, she forced a smile and said, "Momo, I was just doing these for your—"

Momo turned her head away in disgust as she didn't want to look at Natalie anymore. She waved her hand and cut Natalie off coldly, "Don't talk to me. From now on, we have nothing to do with each other anymore. Please leave!"

Natalie's eyes fell and she froze momentarily. In the end, she turned away and left the church quickly.

The other staff members in the church had already fled in panic when the fight started just now.

Therefore, only Fade and Momo were left in the church.

Momo's eyes were a little sorrowful. She looked up at the colorful stained glass of the church and stared at the sunlight shining

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through the window. An indescribable feeling slowly rose in her heart.

Disappointment, sadness, anger and joy, a mix of emotions surged in Momo's heart as she was drowned in an unspeakable ocean of emotions.

At that moment, she heard a warm voice saying, "My beautiful bride, you look better with a smile."

Hearing this, Momo came back to her senses immediately and looked up at Fade, who was standing in front of her, smiling as he reached out his right hand.

Momo couldn't help but laugh at the moment as she looked into Fade's eyes, with a shy and joyful smile, she said, "My husband, you are very handsome today."

Fade took Momo's hand and kissed the back of her hand gently.

Momo looked at Fade affectionately, and felt an emotion surging in her heart.

At the same time, Fade looked at Momo's face, and his emotions too started to surge uncontrollably in his heart. Then, the temperature around them rose slowly.

"Huff!"

Their breathing gradually became rapid as they gazed at each other with fondness and love.

Without realizing, their heads drew closer to each other, and finally, their lips met.

Almost instantaneously, they erupted into a passionate kiss.

It was a kind of feeling that they couldn't control, a feeling that emerged from the bottom of their hearts.

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Momo had taken the initiative to kiss Fade in front of Hector just for show. However, this time, she was just caught up in the moment.

They didn't let go of each other until they were out of breath.

They looked at each other, their cheeks flushed. Something sweet was in the air and that made everything look so dreamy.

"Momo, I just..." At this moment, Fade felt excited yet conflicted. He didn't know what to say as he looked at Momo.

However, Momo seemed to have thought of something suddenly, she turned her head away and smiled, "Fade, you've really taken advantage of me this time! What do you think would happen if my sister were to find out..."

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Hearing that, Fade, who was still emotional, was suddenly speechless. He glared at her and replied, "Momo, I have helped you! You can't betray me!"

Momo twitched her tiny nose and snorted coldly to Fade, "That will depend on your performance. Otherwise, I would contact my sister..."

"Momo, please don't, tell me what you want me to do. I will definitely go all out and won't let you down," Fade said hurriedly.

Seeing Fade's reaction, Momo couldn't help but laugh, "I like this attitude. However, I have no idea what I want you to do now. We will talk about it later!"

Hearing that, Fade was confused and speechless again. He could no longer remember how many favors he owed Momo.

However, it was obviously not the time to talk about this, so Fade nodded in agreement, and then walked out after Momo.

At that moment, Momo had her back on Fade. Her mischievous face was painted with a tinge of sadness. She whispered to herself, "Fade, I know your feelings for my sister. I can't be too selfish. I can't upset my sister! So, you can just treat this as a joke."

Due to the circumstances, Momo's plan of a fake marriage naturally couldn't take effect any longer.

The two of them didn't continue thinking about it too, they treated it as an opportunity to have a good time together. In the

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evening, Fade sent Momo back to Soo Manor, and he returned to the villa of Boss Xu.

Boss Xu and Lauren were both very respectful to Fade. They greeted Fade when he returned to the villa and immediately served him some tea. "Mr. Chen, tomorrow is the annual banquet of the Soo family. We have received their invitation too, I don't know if you..."

Fade thought for a while and said, "It's okay, both of you can attend. Tomorrow, I will go to their annual banquet too."

"Yes!" Boss Xu and Lauren nodded.

Meanwhile, in other parts of South Bay City, the rich and powerful families were also discussing the Soo family's annual banquet.

Amongst them, many people were gossiping about Fade and Momo's affairs. After all, South Bay City was not a big city. Although the Soo family had tried to cover up Fade and Momo's affairs, the news was somehow leaked. Some well-informed people had already known about the situation and couldn't help but look forward to the Soo family's annual banquet the next day.

"Initially, I thought that the engagement between Momo and Hector was decided long ago and they would just make it official at the banquet, but I didn't expect someone to suddenly come out halfway and compete with Hector."

"Actually, it's not a competition, it's just a little sideline to the story. How could Fade be compared to Hector? The gap between them is too big!"

"Absolutely! If I were Soo family, it's easy to choose. There is no competition at all between these two men. Of course Hector is the better choice! He's better than Fade in every way, this includes his status and personality."

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"So, at the annual banquet tomorrow, are we going to side with Hector?"

"Of course, should we even consider it? If you don't help Hector, then do you want to help Fade? That's impossible."

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In the lively night, the Yao Manor and Soo Manor were even livelier.

It was just that, the young masters of both families had just gone through the incident during the day, so their expressions at the moment were gloomy.

Zarriah sat in front of his father, Somoset, with a cold face and said, "Dad, Fade was just too much, he almost hurt me, and..."

After listening to Zarriah's story, Somoset's face fell and he bellowed coldly, "He's absolutely crossed the line. He still didn't know who's the boss in the city, huh? He'd better not come tomorrow. I won't be treating him nicely—"

In the Yao family manor.

Hector was no better. He looked at his father, Salgado and his grandfather, Finnegan, and narrated the day's incident. Then he slammed on the chair's armrest with a dark expression and said harshly, "I must take revenge on Fade."

"Also that shameless b*tch, Momo. How could she kiss Fade in front of me! This kind of woman, I don't—"

Salgado frowned and said, "Momo is still the daughter of the Soo family after all. This marriage is still necessary. You still have to propose to her tomorrow. As for your post-marriage life, I will not care about it."

Finnegan added, "Hector, you have to remember. You are the young master of the Yao family and our future hope. A woman is nothing to you, understand?"

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"I understand! Grandpa!" Hector nodded, but his face was still gloomy. He gritted his teeth and thought, "Momo, I will definitely teach you a lesson after you marry me, you b*tch."

Just as the young masters of the two big families were in a heated discussion, a piece of news reached the hands of both families almost at the same time.

The one who received the news at the Soo family was Harper's mother, Lyla, while the one who received the news at the Yao family was Sonia's father, Henderson.

The news they received was about the investigation of the matter related to Harper, Sonia, and Abell being held up in Jade city.

The report of the investigation had been delivered to them.

After the two of them studied the report, their faces darkened almost at the same time, albeit in different locations. Looking at the photos on the report, they gritted their teeth with hatred and said, "It's you! My child had been trapped in Jade City because of you too. Tomorrow, I must—"

Amidst their anger, the report that had Fade's photo on it was torn to pieces by Lyla and Henderson.

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At the same time, Abell's father, Harib Liu, who was the head of the Stealth Team in South Bay City, was still awake.

As the director of the Stealth Team in South Bay City, Harib was definitely one of the top elites in South Bay City. He had received the invitation from the Soo family to join the annual banquet the next day too.

However, Harib was a little absent-minded about the annual banquet.

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After all, his son, Abell had not returned from Jade City yet, and he didn't know what happened to Abell.

While Harib was still depressed, his wife received a phone call. After talking on the phone aggravatedly, she walked out of the room as she replied, "I know what I should do tomorrow, don't worry!"

After hanging up the phone, she came over to Harib's side. He glanced at her and asked casually, "Who were you talking to? What happened?"

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Harib's wife replied, "It was Henderson. He said that he's received the news about Abell and the others in Jade City."

"Henderson wants us to side with them at the annual banquet of the Soo family tomorrow to question the culprit and also speak for Hector. He also mentioned that Lyla will also be on our side."

Hearing this, Harib frowned and said, "We'd better not intervene in the Soo and Yao family's affairs, to prevent any trouble."

The wife said in displeasure, "Why can't we intervene? Do you know who is the culprit who harmed our Abell? It's the one who came to South Bay City recently, the one named Fade! He even had an affair with Miss Momo."

"That fella has caused Abell to suffer in Jade City. How dare he even come to South Bay City to cause trouble and go against the Yao family now? He is totally digging his own grave."

Harib listened to his wife without saying a word, he wasn't interested in intervening in the affairs of the two families.

However, when he heard the name "Fade", he thought it sounded a little familiar. He frowned inadvertently and asked, "Who's that Fade whom you are talking about? Do you have his information?"

The wife grew curious and subsequently got up and found a copy of the report. She handed it to Harib and said, "This is the guy who made Abell suffer in Jade City. You must teach him a good lesson tomorrow. You can't let him go just like that..."

While his wife was still complaining, Harib's body trembled as he looked at Fade's photo in the report. He turned to his wife and

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asked, "Are you sure this is the Fade you are talking about?"

"It's him, what's the matter? Recently, the scandal between Momo and this guy has spread throughout the South Bay City. What's the matter with you, why are you so anxious?" His wife asked with confusion on her face.

Harib stood up immediately and said, "If it is him, we definitely can't offend him tomorrow. Regarding your promise to Henderson just now, call him and reject him immediately."

"Harib, are you crazy! This guy caused Abell to suffer in Jade City, why are you still helping him? Why are you afraid of taking revenge against him when your son was harmed by him? Are you still a man?"

Harib was angered, he stared at his wife and shouted, "What do you know? He is not someone we can deal with! If you offend him, then you are only courting death."

"What are you talking about, he is just a young kid, what's so great about him? At most, he is just the owner of a company in Jade City. What are you afraid of! Besides, Henderson and Lyla are with us, why are you..." the wife said in puzzlement and dissatisfaction.

Harib said with agitation, "What am I afraid of? Do you know his true identity?"

"His true identity? Does he have any other identity?" his wife wondered.

Harib's face was grim as he replied, "Of course there is. Do you still remember that I went to Bay City last year? At that time, when I was there, I..."

Harib recounted the situation he encountered in Bay City. His wife listened quietly, her expression slowly changed, and finally she fell into a shock.

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In the early morning of the next day, the South Bay City was lively.

Almost all the rich and powerful people in South Bay City had all gone out to converge at the Soo Manor.

This was because it was the day of the much anticipated Soo family's annual banquet where Hector was going to propose to Momo. Therefore, all attention was on the annual banquet of the Soo family that day.

The Soo family had made a lot of preparations for the annual banquet that day.

Early in the morning, many servants had stood by at the entrance of the Soo Manor to welcome the arrival of their distinguished guests.

Endless luxury cars drove into the Soo Manor one after another. Some of the big shots whom one could only see on the TV news had shown up in South Bay City.

The average citizen stood by watching, while the excited reporters were busy taking pictures and videos.

When some VIPs arrived, the reporters would try their best to interview them personally, hoping to get an exclusive report.

The entrance of the manor was soon crowded, and the time until the annual banquet commenced was slowly ticking.

When the Yao family entered the Soo Manor in a Rolls Royce Phantom, the crowd grew excited. Some even started to cheer.

"Young Master Hector, you must marry Miss Soo!"

"The marriage between the two big families is a great thing!"

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"Young Master Hector, congratulations."

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Hearing the cheers around him, Hector, who was sitting in the car, lowered the window and waved his hand towards the crowd. He greeted everyone with a smile, looking kind and approachable, completely hiding his anger and ferocity from the night before.

Fade sat in Boss Xu's car and entered the Soo manor following the arrival of the Yao family.

As all attention was on the Yao family, Boss Xu, who was a real estate tycoon in South Bay City, appeared a little unremarkable. Not many people paid attention to them, so they entered the Soo family almost discreetly.

The scene inside the Soo Manor was lively too.

Guests were greeting each other. It was very happening.

Among them, influential families in South Bay City like the Yao family and the Cao family were in the spotlight. The rest of the guests here were business people with a status similar to Boss Xu.

Moreover, this time, there were some unexpected guests as well, such as Larson, from East Deer Academy. He was injured by Fade the day before, but still appeared at the banquet.

While the courtyard of the Soo Manor was crowded with guests, at the back of the hall, Lyla stared at Momo, who was pouting and getting her make-up done, and reminded, "Momo, Hector will take the initiative to propose the marriage today. At that time, you should behave. If you do anything to tarnish the reputation of our family in front of so many distinguished guests, your grandfather would be upset."

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A look of sorrow flashed in Momo's eyes, but she didn't say much. She let the makeup artist prep her up in silence.

Lyla saw this and thought that Momo had listened to her words. She nodded lightly and then said, "Don't you expect Fade would come and stop Hector's proposal. He should be thinking on how he will be able to leave here alive today first,"

Hearing this, worry flashed across Momo's face. She looked at Lyla, and asked, "Aunt, what are you going to do to Fade?"

Lyla gave her a wry smile and said, "You'll know when the time comes. If you want him to be safe, you'd better hope that he doesn't show up today."

"Hurry up, the annual banquet is about to begin soon," Lyla reminded her, and then turned to leave.