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The annual banquet of the Soo family officially began at ten o'clock in the morning, at the Soo family's hall.

The distinguished guests of South Bay City City were seated below according to their social status.

Egbert Soo, also known as Master Soo, appeared at the main seat clad in robes. Behind him were his three children - Somoset, Ernest and Lyla.

Then, the third generation of the Soo family followed after them. Zarriah and Momo walked out together.

There was a seat for Harper too. However, he was still going through the harsh intensive training at the Stealth Team base in Jade City, so he couldn't attend the meeting.

Egbert was glowing as he glanced at the invited guests below, and announced loudly with a smile, "I'm honored by the presence of everyone here who took the effort to join the Soo family's annual banquet."

"It is an honor for us to be here."

"Master Soo, the pleasure is mine."

"The Soo family annual banquet is a grand event in South Bay City."

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A round of compliments echoed in the hall. The Soo family felt proud and smiled.

Egbert nodded, then gestured for everyone to quiet down before he continued, "The main agenda for the annual banquet today is my granddaughter, Momo's marriage."

"Momo has reached the age for marriage, and it's time to find her a suitor. If anyone is interested, please come forward. The Soo family will consider him carefully."

As soon as that was said, everyone turned to look at the Yao family.

Everyone present knew that Master Soo's speech was just for the sake of formality—in reality, Momo's marriage had long been decided and it was to marry Hector. Master Soo was just being polite. If someone really were to step out and propose, they would obviously become a laughing stock.

The Yao family obviously had the same idea. After Egbert said this, Hector looked towards Momo, and the corners of his mouth raised, revealing a brilliant smile.

Just then, Finnegan, the elder of the Yao family, and Hector's father, Salgado, both stood up at the same time and made an obeisance by cupping their hands together as they turned to everyone.

Then, Finnegan said to Egbert, "Egbert, the Soo and Yao families have been friends in South Bay City for many years. Moreover, I have watched Momo as she grew up into a fine young lady. Therefore, I would like to propose to Momo on behalf of my grandson, Hector."

Salgado also turned to Somoset and continued, "Somoset and I are also old acquaintances. Momo is beautiful and talented, well-behaved and sensible, and she is definitely a wife candidate. Hector has been in love with Momo for a very long time. Will you

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fulfill my son's wish?"

Somoset smiled and answered, "Salgado, you are too humble. Hector is young and promising. A talented young man in South Bay City. It is an honor for our Momo and Soo family to have Hector's favor! Since Hector is interested, then Momo would agree too."

After he finished he words, Somoset glanced at the old master. Egbert immediately added, "Since both parties are interested, I am here to announce that the marriage has been decided."

Everyone else began congratulating the two. Many guests even took the lead and started applauding.

"Young Master Hector and Miss Momo are both talented and good looking, they are indeed a match made in heaven!"

"The both of them are outstanding talents, what a perfect match!"

"There will be another fairy tale on everyone's in South Bay City in the future."

"Is this the marriage of the prince and the princess? What an envy."

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The marriage that everyone expected was about to be settled.

The two elders of the families had agreed on the engagement way earlier. They made the final decision after all the formalities. However, all the while, no one had asked Momo what she would have wanted, and no one even consulted Momo's father, Ernest.

Just when Egbert was about to announce that the marriage was set, a loud voice interrupted Master Soo's words. "Wait a minute."

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Then, everyone saw a young man stood up and stared straight at Egbert. "Wait a minute, I object to this marriage."

In an instant, everyone's focus was on this young man.

Those who were slightly familiar with him, recognized him immediately. He was none other than Fade.

A smile appeared on both Momo and Ernest's face when they saw Fade.

On the other hand, the Egbert, Somoset and the others' faces darkened, especially Somoset's.

Somoset stared at Fade and exclaimed, "What are you doing? This is no place for you to mess around. Get out!"

Fade did not flinch, and instead replied loudly, "I'm not messing around. If I heard it right, Master Soo himself announced that anyone who is interested in Momo can propose to the Soo family."

"You..." Somoset's face paled. Master Soo did indeed say those words.

Fade continued: "I have admired Momo for a long time. So, according to Master Soo's words, I am eligible to propose a marriage too. I hereby formally propose to the Soo family to win Miss Momo's heart. Please agree."

As soon as his words came out, the scene was in an uproar.

Although many had heard of the scandal between Fade and Momo, they did not expect him to daringly offend both the Soo and Yao families in such occasions by expressing his love for Momo publicly.

Everyone started to gossip and Yao family's expression looked grim. Hector's face turned green as he stared at Fade with hatred.

Several of the Soo family members also looked terrible.

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When Somoset heard Fade's words, he immediately waved his hands dismissively. "The Soo family disagrees with your proposal. Guards, throw him out of here!"

After speaking, Somoset was about to chase Fade out.

Fade replied to Somoset in a loud voice, "I am proposing to Momo. It would only be fair for Momo to decide whether she agrees or not. Words from the others shouldn't be counted."

With that said, Fade looked at Momo and said, "Miss Momo, will you marry me?"

When Fade asked the question out in public, Momo's cheeks blushed. She took a step forward and said with a smile, "I do. I will marry Fade."

"Wow!" As soon as these words came out, there was a clamor.

Somoset, Lyla, Zarriah and the others turned to Momo with disappointment. "Momo, you..."

Egbert slammed the table and stood up in a rage. "This is nonsense. I don't agree to this proposal."

Momo said anxiously, "Grandpa, this is my own marriage. I want to make the decision myself. I really like Fade and I want to marry him. I will not marry anyone else."

"Nonsense, shut up," Master Soo shouted at Momo, his eyes were red, and anger was evident on his face.

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"I insist..." Momo's eyes were red with tears, and there was stubbornness in her gaze.

When he saw Momo trying to talk back at him, Egbert grew so furious that he raised his arms and almost hit her.

Ernest pulled Momo aside instantly when he saw this, and whispered, "Momo, stop."

"Dad, but I..." Momo's voice was filled with grievance.

Ernest felt a pang of pain in his heart, but he had no other choice. He could only comfort Momo in a low voice, "Momo, your grandfather is angry now, don't talk back. We will talk about it later, maybe there is still a chance."

Although Momo didn't have high hopes, she had no other choice but to sob silently.

As Momo fell silent, Egbert then looked at Fade coldly and said, "I disagree with your proposal."

Next, he waved his hand dismissively to chase him out.

When Fade saw this, he didn't back down, but went one step further and asked aloud, "I want to know, just why do you disagree? You said that as long as anyone is interested in Momo, they can propose a marriage. But as a result, you only agreed when Hector proposed a marriage. My proposal was denied instantly. I would like to know, why, and what is the selection criteria? Shouldn't it be based on Momo's wish?"

Upon hearing this, everyone fell silent as they stared at Fade. It was as if they were staring at a clown.

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Egbert frowned and kept quiet. He then glanced at Somoset and Lyla beside him.

The children immediately understood their father's sign and stood up. Somoset replied in a deep voice, "We naturally have our own standards. We've considered various aspects and felt that Hector is more suitable for Momo. Therefore, We chose him."

"On which aspect do you feel that way?" Fade pressed on.

Somoset frowned when he heard the question. He was beginning to feel impatient.

Lyla stood up and looked at Fade in disdain. She replied, "Fade, my eldest brother was trying to keep your dignity and didn't make it clear. But since you are pushing the limits, then I will be frank."

"The Soo family is a well-known family for centuries in South Bay City City. As a member of the Soo family, Momo is a young lady from a noble family. Therefore, her husband must match her in terms of identity, status and ability."

"And there is no doubt in each and every aspect that Hector is a very suitable candidate. As for you, I will just say that you are not worthy of Momo in terms of status and wealth. You're nowhere near compared to Hector."

"That's why we didn't choose you. Now, do you understand?" Lyla finished, not caring about Fade's dignity at all.

As soon as she finished speaking, the guests in the hall couldn't help but start discussing amongst themselves. Of course, most of them were mocking Fade.

"Where did this guy even come from? Is he trying to get us on his side? How ridiculous."

"He actually dared to ask the Soo family why they didn't choose him. Isn't it obvious?" someone sneered.

"How dare he even try to compare himself to Hector. He's digging his own grave!"

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"Indeed. They're not even on the same level. I wonder who gave him the courage to compete with Hector?"

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Amidst the mockery, Fade's expression remained unchanged. There were no signs of embarrassment and awkwardness on his face. Instead, he looked at Lyla with confidence and said, "If the aspects that you've mentioned are no more than wealth and status, then I can assure you that I will not lose in those areas."

After hearing that, Lyla rolled her eyes at him. "You just won't give up, will you? Then tell me, what status do you have, and how much wealth do you have?"

When everyone heard her words, they immediately turned to Fade, entertained at the sight of him being mocked.

Not waiting for Fade to speak, Hector took a step forward and looked at everyone with a smile. "I understand the status of Mr. Fade. Let me introduce him to everyone."

As Hector stood up, everyone grew interested immediately. They turned their attention to Hector.

Under everyone's watchful gaze, Hector looked at Fade and said with a smile, "As far as I know, Mr. Fade is quite a successful businessman."

"Mr. Chen started his business in Bay City, and co-founded a cosmetics company. He even owned a pharmacy. I heard that he also has shares in a martial arts center. His wealth is indeed indescribable." He exaggerated his words then pretended to think for a while before he continued, "I would estimate his wealth to be more than 100 million yuan. To Mr. Chen, his status and wealth are pretty outstanding!"

Although Hector's words seemed to praise Fade, his attitude while speaking these words was completely different.

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As he finished the introduction, the discussion grew even more heated.

"A net worth of more than 100 million yuan is not bad for ordinary people. But for a family like the Soo family, it's not worth mentioning."

"What an idiot. Did he really think that with his accomplishments, he could really be accepted by the Soo family?" someone mocked.

"And he wanted to compete with Hector. There's nothing to compare at all!"

"That's true. When Hector was twelve, he began to involve in his family business. He started investing at the age of fourteen and made 20 million. At the age of twenty, his net worth had increased to a billion. Now, Hector has control over most of the Yao family's businesses, which makes his net worth over five billion!"

"Fade's little achievement is nothing compared to Hector!"

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After all the mockery towards Fade, Lyla sneered as she looked at Fade. "Now, do you understand the difference between you and Hector!"

"As for this marriage, I will definitely support Hector," Lyla said.

Somoset agreed concurrently, "Hector is a better choice."

The wealthy businessmen amongst the guests also cheered to show support.

"Miss Soo and Hector is a match made in heaven. They couldn't be more suitable for each other."

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"The Wang family supports Hector."

"This is no place for clowns, you should leave now."

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As the voices of support for Hector heightened, Zarriah stood up and turned to Fade. "Did you hear that? No one here supports you at all. Why are you still here?"

However, just as Zarriah finished his sentence, Momo, who had calmed down, shouted immediately, "I support Fade."

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As soon as Egbert and Somoset heard these words, their expressions fell as they glared at Momo.

"Momo, stop messing around," Lyla scolded.

Somoset looked towards Ernest and said in disdain, "Brother, Momo is your daughter, you have to discipline her."

Ernest hesitated for a while before summoning the courage to say, "Actually, I think that we should consider Momo's thoughts too since it is her marriage. I think Fade isn't a bad choice after all. The Soo family can consider—."

Before Ernest finished his words, Egbert interrupted him sharply, "Shut up, Ernest, do you know what you are talking about?"

"Dad, I...." Ernest tried to explain.

However, Egbert did not give him the chance to continue. "Needless to say, you have seen everyone's opinion. Then, it is settled. Momo will be engaged to Hector, and the date will be set on—"

Disappointment and despair were evident in both Ernest and Momo's expressions when they heard Egbert's words.

Just as everyone thought that the matter had been settled, there came a voice. "Master Soo, in fact, I support Mr. Fade."

Everyone looked over at the source of the voice in shock.

When they saw who it was, they were stunned. Even Master Soo frowned slightly in surprise.

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Andrew Xu has spoken ."

Andrew is a real estate tycoon in South Bay City, and he can be regarded as one of the wealthiest bosses here."

Why does he support Fade? I don't understand at all."

That's right, Andrew has no relation with Fade!"

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midst the cries of surprise, everyone turned to Andrew.

Indrew smiled and said, "In fact, Mr. Chen is much more outstanding in every aspect than what everyone thinks. Moreover, Miss 10mo has someone she likes. So, I think that Mr. Chen is a good choice."

he discussion just grew heated when they heard Andrew's words. Nobody understood why Andrew was supporting Fade.

he expressions on the Yao family's face fell. Salgado snorted coldly at Andrew, "Director Xu, it is quite clear that you are not ware of the affairs between the Yao family and Soo family. It's best for you not to speak casually."

he words carried weight and had a hint of threat.

lowever, Andrew didn't change his mind. Instead, he smiled and said to Salgado, "Mr. Yao, I am just voicing out my opinion. In ny opinion, Mr. Chen is indeed a better option."

You..." Salgado was at the verge of anger, but at the critical moment, his father, Finnegan pulled him back. He did not speak, but a stead cast his eyes on Egbert, who was the host of the event.

Ibviously, Finnegan did not want to have a meaningless argument with Andrew. As long as Egbert made his decision, it didn't

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matter what other people thought.

Egbert understood what the Yao family was thinking. He glanced at Andrew and said slowly, "Thank you Director Xu for your opinion, but we have our own choice for the marriage of the Soo family. We still choose Hector."

Andrew shook his head and sighed in disappointment after hearing Egbert. He then said, "I understand Master Soo's choice, but I hope Master Soo will not regret it later."

Egbert was a little displeased with Andrew's words and couldn't help but frown. However, Andrew was also someone well-known in South Bay City, hence it was not appropriate for Egbert to lose his temper at Andrew. He replied with a cold expression, "I won't regret it."

Andrew did not say anything else as he retreated silently.

On the other hand, Andrew's daughter, Lauren, covered her mouth and let out a laugh.

Noticing that, the Soo family's expression darkened, showing their disapproval. Lyla asked angrily, "Miss Xu, why are you laughing? Is there anything to be happy about?"

When Lauren heard this, she stood up sportingly and explained, "In my opinion, I'm happy that the Soo family rejected Mr. Chen's proposal. After all, I will have the opportunity to pursue Mr. Chen."

"Pursue Mr. Chen?" As soon as these words came out, everyone was shocked and turned to look at Lauren.

Lauren was the only daughter of Andrew, the absolute heiress to her father's business. Her status in South Bay City was only second to someone from a big family like Momo. In addition, Lauren had an attractive appearance and stunning figure. Many men had expressed their love towards her in the past, but she had never shown interest in any of them.

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- However, Lauren had just announced publicly that she would pursue Fade. This was indeed astonishing.
- Even Hector said with disdain, "I'd never thought that Miss Xu would have such a unique and extraordinary taste in men!"
- Lauren chuckled and replied, "Mr. Chen is a person worth pursuing. On the other hand, I'm not sure about you."
- Andrew then added, "If Mr. Chen agrees, I am willing to give the entire Xu family business and my daughter to Mr. Chen."
- With that said, everyone was dumbfounded.
- Although Andrew's wealth was not as great as the Soo family or the Yao family, he was still a billionaire.
- However, Andrew stated that he was willing to give Fade his entire business, and also his own daughter. He was blatantly trying to suck up to Fade.
- Everyone couldn't understand why Andrew prioritized Fade so much. In an instant, the hall was filled with doubtful discussions.
- Hector's face fell after hearing that.
- Lauren walked obediently to Fade's side, bowed her head and apologized, "Mr. Chen, I'm sorry, I was reckless just now. I've said those words, I..."
- Fade replied indifferently, "It's okay, I can understand."
- Egbert looked at the chaotic scene and frowned. "This is the annual banquet of the Soo family. Anyone who is not related or doesn't want to stay is free to leave."
- These words were a direct warning to Lauren, Andrew and Fade.

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Zarriah immediately waved his hand when he heard Egbert's words, motioning for the guards to force Fade out of the event.

However, just as the guards were about to take action, Hector stood up and looked at Zarriah. He announced loudly, "Zarriah, before driving this person away, I have something to resolve with him."

"Hector, please speak." Zarriah signaled for the guards to stop and looked at Hector.

Hector looked around, then pointed at Fade and said loudly, "Initially, I didn't want to make this public on this occasion. But since Mr. Chen has proposed publicly to my fiancée and disturbed our relationship, there are some things that I have to solve right now."

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Hector's face darkened as he said coldly, "Yesterday, Mr. Fade attacked several guards of the Yao family, causing serious injuries to them. For this, I want Mr. Chen to give me an explanation. Otherwise, don't think about leaving here easily."

Everyone was shocked. They hadn't expected that at all. They all looked at Hector and Fade, wanting to know the truth.

Hector stared at Fade and questioned, "What do you have to say about this matter?"

Fade glanced at Hector and replied, "Well, they deserved it!"

As soon as Fade replied, there was an uproar. Fade had openly admitted that he had beaten the Yao family's guards, and the Yao family was definitely going to take revenge on this.

When everyone was pondering about how Hector would deal with Fade, Hector remained silent.

He looked at the crowd and waved his hands.

Following that, an elder stood up. Everyone looked closely and found that it was a well-known Chinese medicine master in South Bay City, Lamont Cao from the Cao family medical center.

Mr. Cao stood up and said, "Today, Master Hector would like to settle his grievances with Mr. Chen. It happened that we, the Cao family, also have some grievances to settle with Mr. Chen too."

There was surprise and curiosity in everyone's eyes. Lamont said, "Just the day before yesterday, Mr. Chen had sabotaged an

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investment of our Cao Family in the Southern Hill. He blatantly trampled on the plaque of the Cao family medical centre and insulted my reputation as the Acupuncture King. The worst part was that he wounded my grandson, Henric, and Henric is still in the hospital receiving treatment."

As soon as he said that, everyone turned to Fade in surprise.

They never expected Fade to not only offend the Yao family, but also took action on the Cao family. Although the Cao family was not as powerful as the Yao family and the Soo family, and they were not as wealthy as businessmen like Mr. Andrew, but due to their special profession as doctors, the Cao family was acquainted with many high-ranking officials. They had a good network of relationships in South Bay City and even the entire Southern region.

Even the Yao family and the Soo family were envious of their connections.

Even for such a powerful family like the Cao family, Fade had not only offended, but also insulted Lamont, the Acupuncture King of South Bay City. This made everyone angry and stunned.

Amidst everyone's discussions, Hayden said with sarcasm, "Not only that, Mr. Chen has said shamelessly in front of our Cao medical center that he would ban our medical business. I am quite looking forward to Mr. Chen's action!"

Fade glanced at Hayden and replied, "Don't worry, the ban will come soon."

Hayden sneered, "Mr. Chen is quite powerful. He is able to ban the Cao family's business with just a word. I'm so scared!"

The venue was filled with heated discussion once again.

"I don't even know what to say about Fade. Not only did he offend the Yao family, but also the Cao family. He's digging his own grave!" a person commented.

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"True. He is nothing more than an owner of a small business. It's okay to brag in front of the ordinary people. But this is the Yao and Cao family. It's ridiculous for him to even think of banning them."

"Is this guy here for a comedy show? Why do I feel that everything he does and says is so absurd?"

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Amidst the waves of ridicule and laughter, Hector's expression grew more and more delighted. He looked at Fade and remarked, "In the face of the Yao and Cao family, you seem really calm."

Fade replied, "I am calm because to me, the Yao and Cao family are not even worth mentioning."

"Still boasting without shame!" Hector grew angry immediately and snorted as he pointed towards the crowd. Then, he asked, "What about this one?"

As he spoke, the crowd separated, and a young man aged 17 or 18, with a group of young men in uniform, walked out majestically.

Everyone was shocked to see them.

"East Deer Academy? Even people from East Deer Academy are here too?"

"East Deer Academy is not the strongest in power and financial resources, but they are definitely the strongest force in martial arts in South Bay City!"

"That's Larson, he is a direct disciple of Principal Valko. He's here too?"

"But why is his arm injured? What happened?"

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Amidst the cries of surprise, Larson and his group of men walked towards Fade angrily and asked coldly, "Do you remember me?"

Fade glanced at Larson and answered, "The guy whose arm I broke yesterday. Your arm seems to have recovered quite fast."

"You..." Larson was seething with anger. He glared furiously at Fade. "The East Deer Academy will make you pay the price today."

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Everyone was surprised. They had never expected the scene.

Fade, who had Boss Xu's support, had become a public enemy of South Bay City. He had offended the Yao family, the Cao family, and the East Deer Academy. All of them were there for revenge at the moment.

Everyone sighed.

"Is this guy just unlucky? He offended so many powerful people."

"I think he's just getting what he deserved. Look at his attitude, I wouldn't be surprised if all three of them tore him into pieces.

"Now even Andrew can't keep him safe!"

"Ernest was supporting him a moment ago. Will he dare to do the same right now?"

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Sure enough, Egbert, Somoset and the others looked at Ernest and asked coldly, "Ernest, do you want Momo to marry this kind of

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person?"

"This, maybe..." Ernest didn't know what to reply.

However, Momo said firmly, "They were at fault initially and provoked Fade. Fade is just acting on self defense."

"Shut up!" Master Soo shouted sharply and glared at her.

At this moment, Lyla suddenly thought of something and said, "I didn't want to talk about it here at first. But when Momo said that Fade was just acting in self-defense, then I won't accept it."

"I just found out about it. Harper went on vacation at Jade City some time ago and has yet to return till this day. That is because he has been detained in Jade City, and is currently being tormented. This is all because of Fade's scheming."

"I want him to explain his actions!" Lyla exclaimed loudly.

When Egbert heard about this, his face sank, as he grew even more unhappy. Although he knew that Harper was somewhat useless, he was his grandson after all. When he heard that Harper was being tortured in Jade City, he was enraged. "Is that so? This is outrageous! He has to pay the price for what he did."

Ernest's expression grew grim.

Lyla didn't stop there. She pressed on. "Not only Harper, but also Henderson's daughter Sonia, and Principal Liu's son Abell. Fade had schemed against all of them, and they're currently being detained in Jade City."

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Within the Yao family, Henderson stood up immediately and stated loudly, "Yes, it's true. My Sonia was victimized by Fade. I want an explanation from him."

After listening to Lyla and Henderson's statement, the clamor at the scene grew even tenser. Their expressions changed as they looked at Fade, not knowing what to describe of him.

"What the hell is this guy doing? Is he a troublemaker? He's offended so many people now!"

"Sonia, Harper, and Abell. They are well-known in South Bay City, and all of them have been tortured by Fade! Goodness!"

"Needless to say about the Yao family, Hector didn't see eye to eye with him in the first place. For the Soo family, the old master's attitude towards him is probably even worse. The most important thing is Abell, he is a member of the Stealth Team, and his father Harib is the Director of Stealth Team. Anyone who has offended Harib would be captured by him immediately. No one can save him by then."

"The Yao family, the Soo family, the Cao family, the director of the Stealth Team, and the East Deer Academy. This guy has only been in South Bay City for a few days. How many more people has he offended! Moreover, all of them are influential figures."

"Next, let's see how he will be punished!"

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Amid the boiling discussion, Lyla looked both resentful and proud as she turned and looked at Fade. "How will you explain all these?"

When faced with their angry gazes, Fade answered calmly, "Indeed, Harper, Sonia and Abell remained in Jade City because of me. However, they deserved it. Plus, they are not suffering. On the contrary, after this incident, they should be grateful to me."

"Bullsh\*t, what nonsense are you talking about?" Lyla exploded in anger immediately, then threw out a bunch of photos. She yelled, "These are the photos of my son Harper being tortured, what else do you have to say? "

On the other hand, Henderson also threw out a bunch of photos, and glared at Fade. "Sonia is a girl, yet you have been so cruel and vicious towards her. You must pay the price!"

Fade glanced at the photos of the so-called torture. They were nothing more than the scenes of their training. It was just that these people had been doted on their children too much, so they would naturally feel that this was a torture to their children.

Shaking his head, Fade didn't bother to pay attention to them.

However, Henderson and Lyla would not give up. They pressed on, attempting to force Fade to pay the price for his actions.

The two of them had joint forces to pressure Fade, but to their surprise, they didn't find Harib doing the same. After all, the three of them had agreed to join hands to put pressure on Fade.

Just as the two of them were looking for Harib, he walked out hurriedly.

Lyla and Henderson shouted at him as soon as they noticed him.

"Principal Liu, the kid is here! Hurry!"

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"Principal Liu, he is the one who caused Abell to suffer. We must have him pay the price."

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However, Harib's face fell. As if he hadn't heard the two at all, he hurried over to Fade and knelt before him with a thud. "Mr. Chen, we are wrong. Please, forgive us!"

Everyone looked at the Harib and Fade in utter shock, They were confused at what had just happened.

After all, they had thought that Harib was there to join forces with Lyla and Henderson. They did not expect Harib to come over and kneel before Fade, admitting his mistakes and apologizing instead.

"Principal Liu, what are you doing? He is your enemy, why are you apologizing to him?" Lyla inquired, puzzled.

Henderson was confused too. "Principal Liu, did you make a mistake? This guy is just a small businessman in Dragonville City, why are you..."

However, Harib ignored their words. Instead, he stated, "Mr. Chen cannot be wrong. It's Abell's privilege to receive Mr. Chen's teachings and guidance."

"Harib, are you crazy? The children are being tortured, how is this lucky!" Lyla grew even angrier.

Henderson was also skeptical and exclaimed angrily, "Harib, I don't care what drugs you're on for you to be fooled by this man. But I will take revenge for Sonia!"

"Yes, I would avenge Harper too," Lyla added coldly.

Lyla and Henderson both motioned for their guards to come over. They closed in on Fade, ready to take on him and teach him a

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lesson.

Behind them, Hector, Lamont and Larson chimed in, "Keep him alive, don't kill him. We want to teach him a lesson too."

"Don't worry, we will only break his limbs." As they spoke, Henderson and Lyla commanded the guards to surround Fade, ready to pound on him. They were full of anger and resentment.

Seeing this, all the guests backed away and sighed at the same time.

Fade really was too foolish. He had asked for this himself, and there was no one to blame but himself.

On the other hand, Momo was anxious and shouted, "Auntie, no. Fade, he didn't harm Harper, he is only..."

However, Lyla wouldn't listen to Momo's explanation, instead she retorted, "Momo, you don't have to defend him. He must pay the price today."

The guards surrounded him, and they were about to make their move.

However, at this moment, there was a rush of footsteps outside, followed by voices, "No."

"Dad, don't do it!"

"Mom, please don't do it!"

In an instant, the voices caught everyone's attention. They turned around.

Next, they saw three figures rushing into the hall at once. Upon a closer look, everyone was surprised to find that these three people turned out to be Harper, Sonia and Abell.

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However, instead of their usual fashionable clothes. They donned short hair, tanned skin, and they looked somewhat tired.

Lyla and Henderson were shocked by the appearance of the three.

"Harper, you, how did you come back?"

"Sonia, you are back, you have suffered."

After the surprise, Lyla and Henderson stared at Fade resentfully, and said to their children, "Harper, Sonia. It's this guy who made you suffer. Come, teach him a lesson yourselves."

Lyla and Henderson had wanted to take revenge on Fade. However, they never expected to see Harper and Sonia's reaction when they saw Fade. There was fear in their eyes. They quickly grabbed onto their parents and pleaded, "Dad, Mom, no, don't do it.!"

On the other hand, Abell was relieved to see his father Harib standing next to Fade respectfully, without any intention of doing anything.

However, he still asked with a little worry, "Dad, you didn't do anything to Mr. Chen, did you?"

Harib hurriedly shook his head and answered, "I won't dare do anything to Instructor Chen."

When Abell heard his father address Fade as "Instructor Chen", he felt relieved. It seemed that his father had found out about Fade's identity, therefore he did not retaliate.

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Abell was relieved. Meanwhile, Sonia and Harper were still holding their parents anxiously, and continued to persuade them.

"Dad, don't do it, listen to me!"

"Mom, I didn't suffer, but I've gained a lot in Jade City."

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Henderson and Lyla were confused. They did not understand why their own children would stop them from teaching Fade, the culprit, a lesson.

The scene was a total chaos.

Just then, Master Soo cleared his throat and said, "Since Harper is back, that is good news. However, today's discussion is about Momo's marriage, so Lyla, you take Harper with you and go rest."

The Old Master's intention was to have Harper and the others back off, and settle the engagement between Momo and Hector as soon as possible.

When Lyla heard the Old Master's instruction, she nodded and agreed to take her son back to the house to rest.

However, Harper stepped forward and said to Egbert, "Grandpa, there is a distinguished guest from Jade City with us today. This distinguished guest learned that we are hosting the annual banquet and is here to visit and congratulate us."

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"A guest?" Master Soo was a little surprised when he heard this. He did not know any 'distinguished guest' from Jade City, so he was confused.

However, the Old Master said solemnly, "If that is the case, then please invite the distinguished guests in."

Harper nodded and walked out of the hall, then he greeted with respect, "Master Xie, please enter."

Sonia and Abell also stood on both sides of the corridor respectfully to welcome this distinguished guest.

Immediately after that, a fine looking man in his sixties, clad in a maroon robe with his hands behind his back walked in.

Most of the people present were puzzled when they saw the man. They felt a little confused as they didn't know him.

Even Egbert frowned. He thought that this person looked unfamiliar. He didn't know him either.

Lyla gave her son a look when she saw this, and urged Harper in a low voice, "Harper, wouldn't you introduce this distinguished guest to Grandpa quick?"

Harper announced loudly, "Grandpa, this is Master Xie, the leader of Titan Studio in Jade City."

As soon as Harper finished his words, everyone was shocked.

After all, South Bay City was not far from Jade City, and they had heard of the name Titan Studio. The person helming the Titan Studio carried tremendous weight.

Amidst the shock, Director Xu emerged with a smile and stated loudly, "Master Xie is not only at the helm of the Titan Studio, but also the new Martial Soul of Jade City."

As soon as his title was mentioned, everyone grew even more surprised. All turned their eyes towards Lucas.

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Many people were excited and tempted, trying to step forward to get acquainted with Master Xie.

After all, the last Martial Soul of Jade City, Master Chiu, had been well known in South Bay City as well. The newly appointed Martial Soul of Jade City naturally attracted much attention.

At this moment, even the members of the Yao and Soo family couldn't hide their excitement and proceeded to greet Master Xie.

The Martial Soul of Jade City was an important person that even for them, it would be their honor to befriend him.

At this moment, Lucas paced in while smiling and said lightly, "Mr Xu is polite, I dare not take the title of the Martial Soul."

"Master Xie is being too polite. You are in charge of the Titan Studio. Your reputation is well known. The title of Martial Soul is definitely yours." Everyone concurred respectfully.

Lucas shook his head and replied, "The title of Martial Soul was won by Master Chen. I am only taking orders from Master Chen to take care of the Titan Studio. Having said that, I would not dare assume the title."

Hearing this, everyone's face changed drastically. They suddenly recalled the various rumors from Jade City some time ago.

Among the rumours, almost every incident was related to Master Chen. However, Master Chen rarely showed his face. After the Battle of Sunset Mountain, he was no longer seen. Then, Master Xie took charge of the Titan Studio in Jade City. Therefore, the people in South Bay City still had doubts about Master Chen.

Hearing Master Xie personally acknowledged the existence of Master Chen, and also claimed that he was only Master Chen's subordinate, this news shocked everyone. They couldn't even imagine just how powerful Master Chen was.

After a moment of silence and shock, Egbert announced loudly, "You are too humble. Master Chen is unparalleled and his power

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astounded Jade City. You, as the Master Chen's right-hand man and in charge of the Titan Studio, are indeed respectable and are quite the master yourself."

"Master Xie, please take a seat!" Egbert walked down from his seat and invited Lucas to take a seat.

On the Yao family's side, Old Master Finnegan had also approached, ready to make friends with Lucas.

As for the other rich and powerful people in South Bay City, they had also rushed over, not wanting to miss this great opportunity.

However, just before Lucas took his seat, he glanced around.

Then he noticed Fade who was still standing.

Lucas stopped sitting down immediately and walked straight towards Fade.

When everyone saw this, they couldn't help but look at Lucas in confusion.

"What's Master Xie doing?"

"Master Xie seems to be walking towards Fade?"

"Do they know each other?"

"Or, the troublemaker also offended Master Xie."

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Amidst the debates, Lucas walked up to Fade and bowed respectfully. "Mr. Chen!"

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Then, he pointed to the seat reserved for him by Egbert, and invited Fade to the seat. "Mr. Chen, please take a seat."

Fade glanced at the puzzled crowd. He nodded, then walked over and sat down in the chair. Master Xie stood respectfully beside him, his hands on his sides and his head slightly bowed, as if he was a servant.

The scene puzzled everyone even more.

"What happened? Why did Master Xie give up his seat to the kid."

"Do they really know each other?"

"It seems that Master Xie is very respectful to that kid. This is incredible!"

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Voices of discussion and gasps of shock echoed in the hall.

The Soo family was also puzzled. Zarriah saw Fade sitting on the seat with arrogance, and couldn't help but feel dissatisfied. He came forward with a gloomy expression and shouted at Fade, "Who let you sit here? This is Master Xie's seat. You can't just sit here casually. Get out from here!"

Hector sneered sarcastically, "Don't you know what is good for yourself? Do you know who Master Xie is? He is not someone you can insult unless you have a death wish!"

The two of them mocked Fade, and was about to attack him.

Right at that moment, Lucas stepped forward and shouted, "How dare you!"

Immediately after saying that, two slaps were heard. Both Zarriah and Hector had a bright red mark on their faces each, and their

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The two of them held their red and swollen cheeks, froze in place, and looked at Lucas in shock and doubt.

The Soo and Yao family were also surprised and turned towards Lucas.

Egbert questioned him in a low voice, "Master Xie, what did my grandson do wrong?"

Finnegan frowned and asked coldly, "Master Xie, my grandson did not offend you, right?"

Hearing this, Lucas snorted as he glanced at Master Soo and Master Yao. "What's wrong? They actions just now were courting death. I was being merciful for not killing them."

Hearing this, the Yao and Soo family paused. Both their expressions fell.

Although they thought highly of Master Xie, as the big families in South Bay City, they couldn't be too humble. Otherwise, they couldn't uphold the honor of their family.

Master Xie had hit their grandsons for no reason, it was almost as if he had slapped both families in their faces.

As a result, Master Soo glanced at Lucas and stated unhappily, "If Master Xie is reluctant to be our guest, then we will not force you."

Finnegan also added solemnly, "The Yao family has also seen the prestige of Master Xie today."

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At this moment, the atmosphere grew tense.

Lucas looked at the two of them and said coldly, "Are you not satisfied with me hitting them?"

Although Master Yao and Master Soo did not speak, their expressions showed that they were clearly dissatisfied and angry.

Lucas snorted coldly, pointed at Fade, and said loudly, "Do you know who Mr. Chen is? How dare they acted rudely towards Mr. Chen. Slapping them was the slightest punishment."

"Mr. Chen? Who is he?"

"Isn't he just a small businessman? Does he have a hidden identity?"

Just then, not only the Soo and Yao family, but also the rest of the guests, were utterly confused.

Lucas narrowed his eyes and with a cold expression, he scanned the crowd and announced loudly, "Mr. Fade Chen is the Martial Soul of Jade City, the real helm of the Titan Studio, my master, Master Chen!"

The silence was deafening.

In an instant, silence fell upon them. No one made a single sound as they turned to Fade in surprise, disbelief evident in their eyes.

People only came to their senses moments later.

A heated discussion quickly ensued.

"Master Chen? Fade is Master Chen? Is...is this true?"

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"It should be true, even Master Xie is being respectful to him."

"But, didn't you say that he is just a small businessman?"

"Wow, he turned out to be someone else completely!"

"I still can't believe that Fade is the famous Master Chen from Jade City."

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Many were shocked, puzzled, and in disbelief amid the clamor.

The Soo and Yao family were completely dumbfounded at that moment, and looked at Fade incredulously.

Lyla and Henderson, who were about to assault Fade, trembled in fear as they muttered to themselves, "I-is this even possible?"

Sonia said to her surprised father, "Dad, it's true. Fade is Master Chen. He is the Martial Soul of Jade City after defeating Titan Chiu."

Harper also said to his mother, Lyla, "Besides that, Master Chen is the largest shareholder of the former richest family, the Li family of Jade City. The Li family currently belongs to him."

Abell also added, "Moreover, Master Chen is also a special instructor of the Stealth Team. The three of us were left in Jade City to receive special training at the Stealth Team base."

"After this period of training, the three of us have gotten rid of a lot of bad habits and our physical fitness have improved. My martial arts strength has also improved by a level, from the peak of the Yellow Level to the early stage of the Black Level."

"Because of this, we said that we were not suffering in Jade City, but we have greatly benefited from the training," said Abell.

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Sonia and Harper nodded and echoed, "It is true. We have benefited a lot from being trained by Master Chen in Jade City."

After the three finished speaking, everyone at the scene fell into shock once again. Their expressions froze.

The clamor ensued right after.

"This is amazing! Master Chen is stronger than I thought he is!"

"Yes, I had thought that Master Chen was just a master of martial arts. Now it seems that he is not bad in other aspects too!"

"It's more than just 'not bad'. You have to understand that most of the shares of the richest family, the Li family, means tens of hundreds of billions! The special instructor of the Stealth Team, now that is also a position that comes with lots of privileges!"

"Who on earth said that Fade is just a small businessman. They've got it totally wrong!"

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The expressions on the Soo family members and Yao family members fell. Especially Zarriah and Hector, they were both shocked as they turned to look at Fade in astonishment. They would never have thought that someone they had looked down upon, was actually someone so powerful.

They felt lost at the sudden drastic change and were still in denial. They couldn't help but turn to their grandfathers, trying to seek help.

However, both Egbert and Finnegan had no way of helping them as well.

Fade's status was way beyond their imagination, and even they couldn't deal with it.

Following the silence of the Soo and Yao family, the topic of discussion in the hall suddenly changed.

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"Who was the one who said that Fade was inferior to Hector? It is totally the opposite now!"

"Is the Soo family regretting it now? They chose Hector instead of Fade before. They've made a grave mistake!"

"Hector's achievements are not even worth mentioning in front of Master Chen."

"If I were the Soo family, I would dig a hole for myself to hide in embarrassment."

"Now, it's not an issue of shame anymore. It's the question of how the two families are going to face the wrath of Master Chen."

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The Soo and Yao family fell silent, not one person made a sound.

Only Momo was enthusiastic as she ignored everyone else's gaze. She jumped into Fade's embrace and sat in his lap, hugging him happily. "Fade, good job! I knew you could do it!"

Fade smiled and pinched Momo's nose, and said softly, "I told you a long time ago, I will definitely not let you marry Hector."

"Fade, you are the best, I like you the most," Momo said sweetly.

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Looking at the two fooling around, someone from the Soo family immediately changed his attitude.

Somoset forced out a smile and said, "Since Momo has such a good relationship with Master Chen, it would be a better choice for Momo to marry Master Chen."

Lyla also changed her attitude completely and added, "It is an honor for our Soo family to have Master Chen fond of Momo. Father, didn't Master Chen propose a marriage before? I think you should agree!"

While speaking, Lyla looked at Egbert.

Just then, Master Soo was hesitant. The corner of his mouth twitched, and he couldn't decide.

On the Yao's side, their expressions were livid.

If the Soo family relied on the relationship between Momo and Fade, the tension with Fade could be eased, and they would even eventually become relatives.

However, the Yao family would completely be on the opposing side of Master Chen. There was no chance for them to turn the situation over.

Moreover, if the news of Hector's marriage proposal being rejected got out, it would be a huge blow to the reputation of the Yao family.

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The strong sense of frustration made every member of the Yao family feel dejected.

At that moment, a young figure stepped forward and snorted coldly, "I don't care about the relationship between the Soo family and Fade."

"However, as I said before, I will never let go of what Fade owes to the East Deer Academy." After saying that, Larson and the people from East Deer Academy stood up straight away and looked towards Fade with cold gazes.

As a result, the atmosphere at the scene took another turn, and once again caught everyone's attention.

"East Deer Academy is going to fight against Master Chen!"

"That's Master Chen, the invincible warrior of Jade City! Is East Deer Academy really going to fight him head-on?"

"Master Chen is very powerful, but don't forget Valko, the principal of East Deer Academy. He is a master in the Martial Dragon List."

"Who is more powerful between Valko and Master Chen? We really don't know yet. There's really no need for East Deer Academy to back off now."

"Furthermore, if they can defeat a famous master like Master Chen, the East Deer Academy will improve their reputation, and it won't be a problem for the academy to venture beyond South Bay City."

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When Fade heard the words, his gaze darkened as he turned to Larson. "Do you want to take revenge on me?"

Larson's eyes were filled with determination and hatred as he replied, "You've hurt both Luther and I. You are definitely paying for

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this, otherwise, the East Deer Academy will never let you go!"

"We will never give in!" Everyone in East Deer Academy screamed in unison.

Fade stood up, glanced over at them, then looked around and said, "Is there anyone else who has things to settle with me? Come forth together, I don't want to waste time."

Fade's words were very arrogant, but he was indeed qualified to be arrogant. Everyone lowered their heads, not daring to meet Fade's gaze.

The people who had bad-mouthed him previously had all but lowered their heads, not daring to make a single sound.

Amidst the silence, Finnegan gritted his teeth and stepped forward. "The Yao family will stand together with the East Deer Academy."

When Finnegan said so, he had thought it through. He knew that there was almost no possibility of reconciliation between the Yao family and Fade, so he could only make enemies with him.

However, he did not directly state that he was going to take revenge on Fade himself. Instead, he had stated that the Yao family would stand together with the East Deer Academy. It was obvious that he was trying to rely on the power and reputation of the East Deer Academy to defeat Fade.

After all, in terms of martial arts strength, the Yao family was obviously not qualified to be Fade's opponent. However, if they joined forces with East Deer Academy, the results might be different.

Lamont shared the same idea as the Yao family.

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When Fade revealed his identity as Master Chen, Old Master Cao was immediately frightened. Only then did he know just how powerful the person who had challenged his pharmacy was.

He finally understood why a call from Fade could affect the fate of his pharmaceutical business. It was because Fade had the support of the richest family in Jade City.

Facing such an opponent, Lamont knew that he had almost no chance of winning. However, he had to stand against Fade because he knew exactly what he had done back then. If he admitted defeat, Fade would definitely want him to come clean on what happened back then.

If that happened, his reputation as the Acupuncture King of South Bay City, and the reputation of the Cao family would be completely ruined.

However, if he chose to stand with the Yao Family and East Deer Academy, there might still be a chance to defeat Fade, and to give the Cao family an opportunity to survive.

After considering all of that, Lamont stood up and announced, "The Cao family and the Yao family stands together with the East Deer Academy."

Hearing that, everyone looked over in surprise.

After all, the Yao family, Soo family, Master Chen, and East Deer Academy were the only big players in the game. The Cao family wasn't exactly involved, so everyone was surprised by his actions now.

With the involvement of the Yao and Cao family, plus the East Deer Academy, the situation seemed to change.

When Fade's identity was first revealed, everyone was shocked, they were almost certain that he would win. However, now that

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the three opposing forces had stepped forward, everyone began to wonder, was Master Chen really as powerful as what the legends had said?

Just as everyone was having doubts, Fade snorted coldly and turned to Lamont. "If you've remained silent, I would've almost forgotten about you."

"In that case, let's start with the Cao family first!" After speaking, Fade strode over to Lamont.

Seeing that, Lamont looked terrified as he began to retreat, trembling in fear.

"Master Yao, Young Master Ran, I..." Lamont looked at Finnegan and Larson, seeking for help.

Master Yao's expression was indifferent and he remained silent. Larson on the other hand, snorted and stepped forward. "Since the Cao family supports the East Deer Academy, then the East Deer Academy must protect those who support us."

With that, Larson got into position, as if he was about to fight Fade.

Fade shook his head lightly when he saw this. He smiled and said. "When it comes to the Cao family, I don't even need to dirty my hands."

After saying that, Fade took out his mobile phone and made a call. He said a few words. In the end, he said, "Great, start the announcements!"

Just as everyone was confused, Fade turned to Momo. "Momo, is there a TV? Switch to the news channel please."

Hearing this, Momo was equally confused. However, she turned on the TV and tuned in to the news channel.

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Under everyone's watchful eyes, the news channel started broadcasting.

"Today, under the personal supervision of Director Xu of the Food and Drug Administration, a 40-year-old case was being reopened and investigation done. The current National Chinese Medical Doctor, Lamont Cao, who is also known as the Acupuncture King of South Bay City, had done..."

"Finally, the relevant parties decided to strip off Lamont's title as the National Chinese Medical Doctor. The authorities will track down the victims back then and hold Lamont responsible for the compensation. At the same time, all the medical products of the Cao family will be banned, and a criminal investigation will be launched. Our news station will follow up this case with further reports."

The news was broadcasted one by one, and the deeds that Lamont had wanted to hide from the public, were slowly being exposed.

Everyone was surprised to see the news. They turned to Lamont in shock.

Many wealthy businessmen and dignitaries in South Bay City knew that the Cao family had a disgraceful past, but they did not expect Lamont to have done so many disgusting and harmful things back then.

All of a sudden, everyone's gazes changed as they looked at Lamont. Some of them who had turned to Lamont for various sickness, started worrying about their own health.

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Accusations and discussions erupted in an instant.

As Lamont listened to the broadcast, he fell limp onto the floor. He stared blankly ahead as he listened to the punishment on the Cao family. He muttered to himself, "It's over, it's all over. The Cao family is done for, it's over..."

He finally understood where Fade's confidence had come from when Fade made the phone call to ban the Cao family.

Behind Lamont, Hayden and the others were full of regret as they knelt down in front of Fade, crying and begging for mercy. "Mr. Chen, Master Chen, we were wrong. We don't want the Bronze Acupuncture Manual anymore. We are willing to offer you the land of the Southern Hill unconditionally. Please, spare our family..."

Fade looked at Hayden and replied coldly, "If I were to forgive the Cao family, who would give those patients who died because of you another chance?"

Hayden was rendered speechless.

Fade waved his hand in disgust and said coldly, "Get out!"

Lucas chased the Cao family out of the hall instantly.

There was silence in the hall. Everyone turned to Fade in astonishment. Those who were still doubtful of Fade previously, had immediately changed their stance. Fade finished off the Cao family without even lifting a finger. Presently, there were only Yao family, and East Deer Academy left.

Fade turned to them with an icy gaze. "Now, it's your turn."

When the Yao family heard this, they couldn't help but feel nervous. They paled as they turned to East Deer Academy.

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Larson came forward once again and looked at Fade. "The Yao family is a supporter of my East Deer Academy. If you want to touch them, you have to pass through me first!"

Fade glanced at Larson and said disdainfully, "You are just someone who has been defeated!"

Larson's face fell upon hearing his words. He flew into a rage immediately.

However, he knew that he was no match for Fade. With a wave of his hand, he ordered, "Move!"

In an instant, several disciples of the East Deer Academy who came with Larson started to move and surrounded Fade.

Almost all of these disciples were Black Level martial artists. They were considered good. Together, they would be even more powerful. The guests in the hall could feel the immense pressure and began to retreat, worried that they would be caught in crossfire.

Fade glanced at those East Deer Academy disciples and shook his head indifferently. "If East Deer Academy has only these people, then there is no need for me to fight, it's a waste of my time."

"You! What an arrogant guy. Attack!" Larson gritted his teeth and gave the order. About eight disciples of the East Deer Academy swarmed towards Fade fiercely, blocking all angles to prevent Fade from dodging.

Many guests at the scene were shocked and amazed by such strength.

"This kind of combination and strength, they are too powerful."

"They are indeed the East Deer Academy and the apprentices of a Martial Dragon List master. It's amazing."

"Can Master Chen really survive such an attack?"

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"Master Chen has defeated Titan Chiu in Jade City, how could he be defeated now?"

"According to the legend, Titan Chiu was indeed powerful, but no one knows about the truth after all!"

"True. Master Chen's achievements are all rumors. Has anyone seen it with their own eyes?"

"This time, maybe the East Deer Academy will win."

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Amidst the discussion and the impending attacks, Fade only moved his eyelids just slightly. He waved his hands, and a surge of energy appeared.

He drew an arc with the energy and then spread it out with a swoosh.

With a loud "boom", the disciples of East Deer Academy flew backwards in a blink of an eye, before hitting the ground with a loud thud. They howled in pain as they spat out blood, unable to move.

This time, everyone who was still in heated discussion froze in shock. They turned to Fade in surprise and disbelief.

"Is, is this the end? I have not mistaken, right?"

"Have the people of East Deer Academy been defeated? They were defeated in just one move?"

"Just how powerful is Master Chen!"

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"Who was the one who claimed that Master Chen's powers were just a baseless rumor? Do you see it for yourself now?"

"Who dares to question Master Chen, show yourself now!"

"Master Chen is almighty and invincible!"

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Amidst the debates, Fade walked over to Larson who was pale from fright. "Do you still want to continue?"

"I, I... I was wrong..." Larson's lips trembled, and he felt a nagging pain on his bandaged arm and a chill down his spine.

"Bullying the weak while fearful of the stronger ones, what a coward!" Fade shook his head in disappointment. A surge of energy appeared on his palm, and he directed it towards Larson's lower abdomen.

Larson was shocked when he realized that. He protested desperately, "No, please don't hurt me. Master Chen, I was wrong, please..."

However, Fade ignored him and hit him directly with the energy.

As his palm was about to make contact with Larson, rumbling thunder echoed through the Soo family's hall. "Who dares to hurt a disciple from the East Deer Academy!"

Following that, a figure appeared in the hall.

It was someone in his mid-thirties, dressed in a cyan robe and his hair was tied up in a bun. He had his hands behind his back and looked rather outstanding.

As soon as Larson saw this man, he got up and ran over while wailing, "Master, save me! Please save me!"

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Hearing that, everyone turned to the man in bewilderment.

He was none other than Larson's master, Valko Chu, the principal of East Deer Academy.

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Fade did not pay much attention to Valko's arrival. Instead, he looked at Larson who was trying to run towards Valko and asked coldly, "Are you trying to escape?"

Right after that, Fade made his move. An invisible force grabbed onto Larson's back, pulling him back at once. Larson stumbled in front of Fade.

Next, Fade landed his palm on Larson's lower abdomen.

Larson let out a scream. His face turned pale, and he was sweating profusely as he curled up in pain. He nearly fainted from the pain.

Larson, the direct disciple of Valko, a young martial artist in the middle of Black Level, was destroyed by Fade just like that.

No one had expected that at all.

"This...Fade is being too bold!"

"Valko is already here, yet he still destroyed Larson. This is akin to slapping Valko right in the face!"

"This is outrageous. Now, the conflict has just gone out of proportion."

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Amidst the din, Valko's expression fell as he saw his favorite disciple destroyed. He glared at Fade fiercely, gritted his teeth and questioned, "Do you know what you are doing?"

Fade glanced at Valko and replied softly, "I'm doing what I should do."

"What you should do?" Valko shouted sharply. He raised his eyebrows in rage as he approached Fade. "Then, what I should do now is to kill you!"

As he spoke, energy surged around Valko's body, it was strong and intense, creating a strong gust of wind inside the hall.

A terrifying, oppressive power radiated from him as he closed in on Fade.

The people in the room felt a tremendous pressure from the ripples of the energy. It was as if a large rock was on their backs. Their faces gradually turned red, their expressions were the look of concern.

However, Fade, who was at the center of Valko's energy, had a calm expression. He remained motionless, as if he did not feel the pressure at all.

Instead, Fade replied calmly, "You want to kill me? Let's see if you have the ability to do so?"

"You arrogant man," Valko shouted as he strode towards Fade. His robes swayed as he walked. "Before you die, I want you to remember that the person who kills you is the principal of the East Deer Academy, the forty-second on the Martial Dragon List, Valko Chu!"

"Remember my name, and when you arrive in hell, report to the official that Valko's aura was so impressive that he shook the entire hall."

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Some people with poor health could no longer stand the pressure, and left the hall looking pale.

The rest of the people who remained in the hall also looked pale and stunned as they watched Valko.

"Valko really does live up to his name. His strength is too strong."

"Forty-second on the Dragon List, his strength should be at the Earth Level, right?"

"Let me check the ranking list. See for yourself, forty-second, Valko, thirty-five years old, in the early stage of the earth level."

"Sure enough, he is strong as he is an Earth Level master."

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As the discussions continued amongst the guests, Momo, who had initially been excited because of Fade, couldn't help but become a little worried.

She pulled her father along and came to Egbert, then she said hurriedly, "Grandpa, you can't let Valko take action on Fade!"

Egbert frowned slightly, but did not respond.

Ernest also added anxiously, "Dad, Fade is Master Chen. Whether it is his status, financial ability, or even potential, Fade is an outstanding individual!"

"Now, by stopping Valko, it is a great opportunity for our Soo family to show our attitude towards Fade and mend our relationship with Master Chen!"

"Yes, grandpa. Fade will definitely thank our family for our help this time," Momo said quickly.

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However, Egbert hesitated and couldn't make up his mind.

If it was the time when Fade revealed his identity as Master Chen, there was no doubt that Egbert would favour Fade.

However, Valko had made a move, and with such a terrifying strength, Egbert was hesitant once again. If he helped Fade by coming forward and made Valko angry, it would be devastating. They would have to bear the wrath of East Deer Academy if Valko were to win.

For the Soo Family, who was not too strong in martial arts, it was definitely not the outcome he wanted to see.

Taking these into consideration, Egbert was unwilling to make a decision. He replied vaguely, "Mr. Valko and Master Chen are both warriors. It is not for outsiders like us to intervene."

"But, grandpa..." Momo was anxious.

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At that moment, some of the people in the heated discussion discovered something new.

"Look at the rankings and click on Valko's name to see more detailed information."

"It is true. The previous rankings only had ranks and names. This time, more detailed information has been updated!"

"Let's take a look at Valko's introduction. Before this, we only knew that he was from the west, but we knew nothing else about him."

"Valko, thirty-five years old. Twenty years ago, he was a factotum disciple of the Tianwu Clan, a force of the Heaven Level, of which he trained hard for fifteen years. After quitting the Tianwu Clan, he returned to his hometown at West Ning District, and

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defeated a hundred people. He was invincible in the West Ning District..."

Furthermore, there was more information in the introduction column, such as the enemy that Valko had defeated, the details of the battle, and even the analysis of martial arts.

However, ordinary people did not have access to it. Even so, they were already shocked just listening to the previous introduction.

In particular, the fact that Valko was once in Tianwu Clan, had stunned everyone.

As everyone's knowledge, there were only four Heaven Level forces in China now, namely, Tianwu Clan, Lindsay Hall, Juetong Temple and Wushuang Tower. All of them were powerful, and were no match for any of the so called wealthy families in South Bay City.

Therefore, even though Valko had only entered Tianwu Clan once, and his status was only the lowest, as a factotum disciple, the terrifying reputation of Tianwu Clan still shocked everyone.

In a few moments, everyone's attitude changed drastically.

"It's unbelievable. Valko has such an impressive background! He has once studied martial arts in the Tianwu Clan."

"No wonder Valko could enter the Dragon List. His strength is quite terrifying."

"Master Chen is in danger. It is very likely that he is not Valko's opponent."

"It goes without saying that Master Chen is also a powerful man in Jade City. But Valko was from the Tianwu Clan, the fortysecond in the Dragon List."

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"Just now I thought that the Soo family was about to flourish after getting a promising son-in-law. But now, it seems that it is not a blessing but a curse?"

"The plot twist is too big. If I were the Soo family, I would turn my head and support Valko now before anything changes."

"Look, the Yao family has already stood by Mr. Valko."

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There was a lot of discussion on the matter. The expressions on the Soo family members had also changed.

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