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After that, Afton hung up the phone. His eyes were serious and cold. He calmed down and shook his head before commanding his men to continue cleaning up the scene.

Just then, in the courtyard of the Xu family, Pascha was rooted to the ground, unable to make a move. The beeping tone of the mobile phone could still be heard as he was still holding his mobile phone.

"Old Master, Old Master!"

In the end, Pascha finally came to his senses after being nudged by his secretary. He handed the phone to his secretary and walked to his room.

When his secretary noticed his pale face, she looked worried as she followed behind him, "Old Master, let me help you. You should get some rest..."

"No, you may leave. Leave me alone for a while," Pascha waved his hand,. He then slowly hobbled into the room.

Right then, he had completely lost his previous high-spirited appearance and seemed to have aged a lot in an instant.

Although his secretary, Anstice was worried, she could only turn around and go about her own business when Pascha asked her to leave.

But not long after, Anstice suddenly heard a loud bang, followed by a noisy commotion coming from outside.

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All of a sudden, Anstice's heart dropped and she immediately rushed out.

She quickly rushed into the courtyard. Currently, many people had gathered in the yard, each of them looking extremely frightened as they kept retreating.

Anstice pushed through the crowd and rushed over. Then, she saw a man lying facedown on the grass.

The person had slammed head first into the grass, his skull deformed from the impact of the fall. Beneath the body, a pool of dark, red blood had formed, staining the green grass a crimson ruby colour.

Looking up again, she noticed that Pascha's coat was still hanging on the balcony on the third floor, dancing along with the wind.

"The Old Master, he..." Anstice muttered. She recalled the last few words and deadpan silence after Pascha made the call just moments ago. She murmured in a daze, "The Xu family is finished!"

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The next day, the whole Southzobe City was in an uproar.

Even in this era where news was flying everywhere, people had already gotten used to all kinds of strange news.

Yet, when the news of six Xu family members being killed in an abandoned factory, as well as the suicide of the Xu family's Old Master, Pascha Xu broke out, Southzobe City and even the entire Zobery District were swept with shock and disbelief.

All kinds of gossip and rumors quickly spread around.

There were many different speculations trying to explain the sudden death of the six Xu family members and Pascha's death, but

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there was no evident conclusion. Nonetheless, the final consensus that everyone had arrived to was eerily similar: the Xu family's era was officially over.

The Xu family, which could almost represent the official government of Southzobe City, suddenly collapsed, catching everyone off guard.

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Of course, back at the Choo family's house, Clara, Hailey, Heinz, and the rest understood what was going on!

They already thought Fade was extremely admirable, but after knowing what had happened, they were even more in awe of him.

The well-informed rich and powerful people in Southzobe City quickly came to visit the Choo family. One by one, they presented Fade with all kinds of precious gifts, hoping they could get close to him.

Nevertheless, Fade was not interested. He refused to meet any of them and sent all of them back.

Moore, on the other hand, found Fade. He had a puzzled expression on his face, as if he had a question he wanted to ask.

Seeing this, Fade said directly, "Master Chen, if you have any questions, feel free to ask me."

Moore nodded and asked, "Fade, Joey told me before. She trained under Master Hsuanyuen from Tianwu Mountain in martial arts, just like you."

"That's true!" Fade said.

Moore continued, "Joey also told me that your current strength has already reached the peak of the Heaven Level, which is very powerful. As for her, she has attained the strength of the mid-Heaven Level stages."



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"That's true too," Fade agreed, "Master Chen, if you want to improve your cultivation, I can..."

Moore shook his head and explained, "I'm not in a hurry to raise my cultivation for the time being. What I wanted to ask was why Joey was captured by Maldrick's men despite being so strong? It seems..."

Speaking of this, Fade's face couldn't help but sink, and his expression grew a little serious.

"Is there anything you are not comfortable telling me? If that's the case, I won't ask any more questions," Moore smiled.

Fade shook his head and said with a sigh, "It's nothing much. It's just that I thought that she would tell you herself."

"What's the matter?" Moore felt a sense of ominousness.

Fade revealed, "See, when my master took Joey back to Tianwu Mountain, she was seriously injured and was on the verge of death."

"Thankfully, my master finally managed to save her. However, Joey was already seriously injured in the first place. Even if he rescued her himself, she was still very weak, even more so than most ordinary people."

"If so, Joey..." Hearing this, Moore couldn't help but feel his heart ache.

Fade continued, "Master taught her martial arts from an early age in order to train her body. His original intention was to help Joey build up some muscles and keep her in good health."

"He never expected Joey's potential in martial arts to be astonishing. She surpassed most of the martial artists and made rapid progress."

"Initially, it was good news for any martial artists to improve quickly. But for Joey, there was an exception."

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Moore couldn't help but ask, "What's wrong with Joey?"

Fade sighed, "Joey has been seriously injured since she was a child. Apart from her severe injuries, her internal injuries were pretty bad, affecting her meridians and several organs."

"It wasn't such a big problem at first. However, as her cultivation increased, the positive energy within her continued to grow denser and circulate quicker. Because of that, her weak meridians and dantian abdomen were unable to withstand the impact of the positive energy."

"That was why Master had forbidden Joey from cultivating martial arts. At the same time, she was perseverant in martial arts and insisted on cultivating. She was also looking forward to her success in her cultivation and finding traces of her parents."

"Hence, Master has thought of a lot of ways to help her. He used a lot of different medicinal concoctions to help Joey repair her meridians and dantian abdomen. However, it wasn't enough. She has to slow down her cultivation. If not, her meridians and dantian abdomen would explode from the sheer impact of the positive energy circulating within her."

"Master once said that Joey's talent in cultivation is no less than mine. If it weren't for her body, perhaps she would have already long surpassed me."

At that thought, Fade couldn't help but sigh heavily, his gaze filled with resignation and empathy.

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Moore, who was sitting opposite of Fade, was silent for a while. He had a complicated expression on, which was a mixture of pity, sadness and surprise. Eventually, he could only sigh deeply, "She was worried about her meridians and dantian abdomen, no wonder she couldn't wasn't able to give it her all. This does explain why she was captured by Maldrick."

Fade nodded and said, "That's right. Of course, it's not that Joey can't use any positive energy, it's just that she can't use too much of it."

"She can still use the positive energy belonging to the Black Level for now. It'll be dangerous once she tries to use positive energy belonging to the Earth level, and it will start causing harm to her body. As for her own mid-Heaven level cultivation, if she uses it with all her strength, she can only use it at most for three times. More than that, and her dantian abdomen and meridians will burst due to the pressure."

Moore was worried for Joey after hearing this. He looked up at Fade and asked, "Then, is there any way to cure it?"

Fade replied, "In recent years, Master has tried a lot of methods. The effects of ordinary medicine and cultivation methods are very limited. Now, there is a rare medicinal material called the Nine-star Root which can probably still work. However, it is very difficult to find. Truthfully, we still have no idea how to completely cure her."

"The Nine-star Root... I'll keep this in mind." Moore nodded, a solemn expression lurking on his face.

Then, he stood up and walked towards the door, "Thank you, Fade. I'm going to have a chat with Joey. I have owed her too much



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over the years. For the rest of my life, I will do everything for her."

Fade nodded. He looked at Moore and smiled, "Joey is very blissful to have a father like you."

Just then, Joey had tiptoed to the door. She made sure to be as silent as she could, and was ready to eavesdrop on Fade and Moore's conversation. When she heard the conversation between the two in the room, especially Moore's last words, tears couldn't help but well up in her eyes.

She was going to push the door open and scare them. However, she retreated silently, carefully wiping her tears away and left.

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Fade and the others stayed in Southzobe City for another two days. By then, the turmoil in Southzobe City had died down.

The Xu family was completely destroyed, and the relevant personnel and forces involved had also collapsed or fled. After the fall of the Xu family, the Choo family had taken over their positions.

At first, as the Choo family was merely a larger merchant in business, it was impossible to be able to replace the Xu family that quickly.

However, Fade had been living with the Choo family for a few days. This gave others the impression that he was supporting them. With that, the other forces in Southzobe City naturally did not dare to act at will.

On the other hand, on the other side of Long City, Taufeeq had also managed to control the situation well. With the title of the number one family in Long City, he arrived in Southzobe City to help the Choo family gain a firm footing.

Fade didn't care much about that. The empty position in Southzobe City would always be occupied by others. In this case, it was

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better if someone he knew took over the position compared to others.

After the Choo family managed to gain full control over Southzobe City, Fade, Joey, and Moore bade farewell to them and returned to Capital City.

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At the Capital City International Airport, Fade and his friends walked out of the airport. They looked up at the dusky sky of Capital City and felt an inexplicable sense of familiarity.

"It's been close to two months. Finally, I'm back," Fade sighed. Along with Joey and Moore, they got into a taxi on the roadside and went back.

Fade went back to the dorm. Since it had taken much difficulty for Joey to reunite with her father, it would be inconvenient for her to continue living in the dormitory.

Hence, Fade bought a house near Capital City University so the two could live together comfortably.

As such, Moore was able to express his fatherly love and doting care towards Joey. Every day, he would help Joey wash her clothes, even making her adorable packed lunches and bringing them to university.

At the beginning, Joey was a little moved. However, after a long time, the active Joey could no longer stand her father's exceptionally warm care anymore.

As a result, the father and daughter duo started having small quarrels with each other. From time to time, they would even have a physical fight and caused much fuss.



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Fade was used to this. After all, he was very clear about Joey's character. In fact, this was actually quite normal for her. If she were to pretend to be sentimental and gentle, she wouldn't be able to take it.

Therefore, after Fade's persuasion, Moore reduced his overbearing care towards his daughter. Instead, he focused on other matters, such as dealing with some matters from a few decades ago and meeting some old friends from years back.

Of course, the most important thing for him now was to help his daughter find out anything about the Nine-star Root.

Fade also paid close attention to this. He asked the staff in the Sincere Medicine Center to help him keep an eye out for this, and he also contacted some herbal suppliers to have them look for it.

After making all these arrangements, Fade immediately thought of Master Choi.

As the National Chinese Medical Doctor as well as an official imperial physician in the Capital City Imperial Hospital, he might know some ways to obtain such valuable herbs.

With that in mind, Fade contacted Master Choi and asked for his help to look for the Nine-star Root. After Master Choi learned about the matter, he agreed and invited Fade to come over the next day to have a chat.

Of course, Fade agreed. The next day, he planned to go to the Capital City Imperial Hospital to look for Master Choi.

Before he left, he received a sudden message from Master Choi, saying that he had something urgent to do that day. He was not at the Capital City Imperial Hospital, but at the National Medical College instead. Hence, he asked Fade to go to the National Medical College to meet up with him.

Fade knew that in addition to being employed in the Capital City Imperial Hospital, Master Choi was also a teacher like Fade himself. Master Choi was a lecturer at the National Medical College, which was considered a hub to promote the use of Chinese

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medicine.

The National Medical College was not far from Capital City University, so Fade didn't see the need to ride a car. Instead, he walked there.

When he arrived at National Medical College, Fade noticed that the students here walked much faster. It seemed that they were extremely busy. Studying medicine was truly harder than studying for other general subjects.

After he secretly teased these students, Fade asked a student where the Chinese Medicine School was and walked over.

The Chinese Medicine School was located in an old three story building. The building's red and grey bricks made the whole building look pretty old, but it had perfectly encapsulated the beauty of having passed the test of time.

Compared with other medical colleges where the number of students would enter and exit the building in endless stream, the number of the students passing through the entrance of the Chinese Medicine School were significantly less.

Upon seeing this, Fade couldn't help but sigh. There really was a need to popularize Chinese medicine!

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After a slight sigh, Fade walked into the building.

Fade did not know the location of Master Choi's office, and there was no such thing as a map in this old building. Fade could only look into each and every room manually.

After searching on the first floor, Fade still did not find Flynt's office. Hence, he headed for the stairs and was ready to go upstairs to look for him.

Just as he was about to go upstairs, a crisp female voice could be heard, "Hi, what's wrong?"

Fade turned around and saw a girl around 19 years old standing in front of him. She was the one who asked him politely with a smile on her face.

It seemed that she was a student of the Chinese Medicine School who thought that Fade was a student of the National Medical College as well.

Without further explanation, Fade smiled and asked, "Hello, may I ask where Professor Choi's office is? Can you point out the way for me?"

Hearing that, the girl smiled and said, "So, you are also looking for Professor Choi too! His office is on the top floor. Follow me, I'll take you there!"



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"Alright, thank you," Fade expressed his gratitude before going upstairs with the girl. He had small talk with her along the way, "Are there a lot of students in the school looking for Professor Choi?"

The girl, whose name was Felicity, looked at Fade and replied, "Of course! Professor Choi is a National Chinese Medical Doctor as well as an imperial physician in the Capital City Imperial Hospital. In the Chinese medicine field, he is a famous figure, thus there are a lot of people who would look for him."

Fade nodded. He immediately smiled, "You must be very lucky to be Master Choi's student. If so, you can meet him regularly!"

Felicity nodded and answered solemnly, "That's right. Last year, I indeed applied for the Chinese Medicine School of National Medical College because of Master Choi."

"I see. Are you a first year student?" Fade asked casually.

Felicity said, "Yes, it has been half a year since I've enrolled in the school. Many classmates of mine are just like me since they all have enrolled here just for Master Choi. But now, some people in our class are regretting it."

"Regretting it? Why? Master Choi is such a famous professor. Why do they regret it?" Fade asked.

Felicity pursed her lips and frowned, "Chinese medicine is too unpopular. It's too troublesome and hard to learn. Besides, Master Choi's teaching is quite strict. Some students haven't been able to cope well, saying that it is way more difficult than back in high school. Because of that, some have decided to transfer courses."

Hearing this, Fade could only sigh. At the same time, he understood the students' concerns.

Back in the days, Chinese medicine was usually taught from a young age. One would start learning from an early age, from memorizing different concoctions to learning about herbs and various prescriptions. Without years of effort, they wouldn't be

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experienced in it.

Nowadays, a lot of students had never been exposed to Chinese medicine when they were young. Once they got into college, they would have to learn everything from the very beginning. Naturally, it would be harder for them as Master Choi had stricter requirements as well.

However, Fade did not want to say too much. They chose this difficult path in the very beginning, only to complain about how hard and unpopular it was. If they decided to give up and stop studying because of that, it would be all their fault.

Felicity noticed Fade's contemplative look for a while. She mumbled, "Actually, I'm feeling a little regretful too."

"Oh, you don't want to learn Chinese medicine either?" Fade looked at Felicity with some surprise. Just a while ago, she seemed to be quite interested in Chinese medicine. Why did she suddenly say she regretted it?

Hearing that, Felicity quickly waved her hands and laughed, "No, no, I didn't mean it like that. It's not that I don't want to learn Chinese medicine."

"What do you mean then?" Fade asked.

Felicity explained, "Although I said I'm feeling regretful, to be honest, I'm actually envious."

"Envious?" Fade was even more puzzled.

Felicity said, "I like Chinese medicine, and the Chinese medicine major in National Medical College is considered one of the best in the industry. Hence, I decided to apply here after the college entrance examination."

"But to my surprise, I heard from my classmates that in the Chinese Medicine School of Capital City University, there is a young



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lecturer teaching Chinese medicine. His name is Fade Chen, if I'm not mistaken, and his classes are very interesting. He talks in a profound way and often conducts various intriguing experiments, making his teaching fun, simple and clear for students. Moreover, he is also a National Chinese Medical Doctor himself. His medical skills are not inferior to that of Master Choi's. In short, he is very awesome."

"Of course, there is a classmate who also mentioned that he is a handsome guy. Many girls like him."

"My entrance results are good enough to apply for Capital City University. If I had known of this, perhaps I would have applied for the Chinese Medicine School at Capital City University instead," Felicity said emotionally.

Fade, who was listening aside, couldn't help but scratch his nose. He couldn't describe what he was feeling at the moment.

He didn't expect that rumors of his reputation had already spread to the National Medicine College. Moreover, news of his teachings had been so widespread that it attracted Felicity's attention as well.

Fade thought to himself, "If I reveal my identity at this moment, will Felicity be disappointed? She will probably think that I have ruined the perfect image of myself she thought up!"

Fade didn't say anything for a long time. From Felicity's point of view, it was a period of awkward silence.

It suddenly occurred to Felicity that this senior seemed to be here to visit Master Choi. Perhaps, he was here to apply for Master Choi's postgraduate entrance examination, or perhaps he was a student who had come due to Master Choi's fame. She had actually mentioned her regret of being Master Choi's student in front of him. It was no wonder that he would be displeased.

Suddenly, Felicity's face turned pale. She quickly explained, "Hey, don't get me wrong. It's not that I'm not satisfied with Master Choi's teaching. I'm just saying things aloud. I don't regret it. I..."



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Fade looked at Felicity with some surprise and was confused for a while. After a pause, he came to his senses and finally understood what she was concerned about.

Fade parted his lips with a smile, "It's okay. I know what you mean. There's no such misunderstanding."

"Okay, seems like we are on the third floor already. Where is Master Choi's office?" He changed the topic.

Felicity pointed to the left and directed him, "Master Choi's office is over there. It's the innermost room. Come on, let's go!"

Fade nodded and walked forward with Felicity by his side.

The door of the office in the innermost room was closed, so they couldn't see the inside of the room clearly. Felicity knocked on the door, then she stood at the door and waited respectfully.

A moment later, a soft cough came from the room, after which a deliberately suppressed voice asked, "Who is it?"

Felicity replied, "Someone is here to look for Professor Choi."

"Come in!" The voice from inside ordered.

Then, Felicity pushed the door open and walked into the office. Fade also followed behind her.

This office was not small and it was divided into three rooms. In the outermost room, there was a man in his twenties, wearing a tie and glasses. He was currently sitting in front of a desk and looking through some files.

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Beside the man, Tenant, was a woman in a suit called Betty. She was holding a stack of documents and was busy sorting them out.

Seeing this, Fade could not help but feel slightly doubtful.

Seeing this, Felicity whispered to Fade, "The buildings in the Chinese Medicine School are too old, and we don't have enough offices. Master Choi's office is relatively large, so he suggested dividing his office into another few parts so they can be used for other functions."

"The outermost room is our school's student union office. The room in the center is where Master Choi teaches his postgraduate students, and only the innermost room is Master Choi's office."

After hearing this, Fade finally understood and nodded thoughtfully.

Just then, Tenant and Betty noticed Felicity and Fade whispering to each other. They couldn't help frowning out of displeasure.

Tenant said in an unpleasant tone, "Felicity, aren't you here to report something? Are you here to just chit chat?"

After hearing Tenant's words, Felicity quickly explained, "Of course not. This student here is here to look for Professor Choi, but he got lost. Thus, I brought him here..."

Before Felicity could finish, Tenant harrumphed loudly. Beside him, Betty threw the documents on the table heavily and glared at

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Felicity. She snarled, "Felicity, are you aware of the school rules?"

"Betty, I-I..." Felicity was at a loss. She looked at Betty in panic and in distraught, with no idea what to do.

Betty remarked coldly, "Who allowed you to address Tenant by his first name? You should pay attention to your identity and status. You should address him as Mr. Liu instead."

"Oh, I..." Felicity was a little flustered. Then, she looked at Tenant and said timidly, "Mr. Liu, I-I'm sorry. I..."

Tenant did not reply to her and instead, continued looking indifferent. Betty cleared her throat and snorted coldly. A second later, she shouted at Felicity, "Felicity, do you know the rules? Do you know who you are?"

"You are also part of the student union of our college. Don't you know that you have to report everything based on the hierarchy of our student union? Do you even have a shred of common sense?" Betty berated.

"I-I..." Felicity's face was slightly pale. It was true that she didn't consider so much. She then stared timidly at Betty before stammering, "Betty, I..."

"Why are you still addressing me as Betty?" Betty's expression darkened as she berated Felicity.

Felicity quickly amended her words and said, "Miss Zhang, I-I have something to report to you."

Hearing this, Betty crossed her arms in front of her chest. After a pause of around four to five seconds, she scoffed haughtily, "Go on!"

Felicity quickly continued, "Miss Zhang, I-I've brought this student to find Professor Choi. May I know if Professor Choi is in his office?"



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After the question, Betty nodded and then leaned over towards Tenant. She smiled seductively, "Tenant, about this..."

Without waiting for her to finish, Tenant waved his hand and said, "I understand, I'll handle it."

Then, he looked at Fade and asked in a deep voice, "Are you looking for Professor Choi?"

Fade noticed Tenant's arrogant tone and could not help frowning. However, he still nodded and said, "Yes."

"Who are you? Why are you looking for Professor Choi? Have you made an appointment in advance? If not, come and register first," Tenant said.

As a student, his tone had become more and more domineering, which made Fade feel uncomfortable. With that, Fade decided to ask, "Why are you asking so much? I'm looking for Professor Choi, not you."

"What's wrong with your attitude? How can you talk to me like that?" Tenant was furious. He slammed his palm on the table and shouted at Fade.

Betty, who was next to him, also took the chance to shout, "Who are you? Which school are you from? What's your name? What's your student ID number?"

Fade snorted and rolled his eyes, "I'm not from your school. You don't have the right to ask me these questions."

"You... how can you talk to us like that?" Tenant was so angry that he was already raising his voice.

On the other hand, Betty glared at Felicity and reprimanded her, "What have you done? You've brought someone here without looking into his identity clearly. If he has evil intentions and wants to harm us or Professor Choi, what are you going to do? Can you bear the consequences if that happens?"

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"I-I didn't think so much. I just wanted to help lead the way. I..." Felicity did not expect this to happen and tears welled up in her eyes.

"You didn't think that much? As a student union, you do things without keeping the iron rules in mind, and you don't have the proper thinking as well. In my opinion, you are not capable of working here anymore. Write a reflection letter and resign after this."

"I-I just..." Felicity wanted to explain.

However, Tenant waved his hand and dismissed her, "The decision has been made. Our organization has made the final call, and your only job is to obey us. No other explanation is needed."

"It's an extremely dangerous act to bring unidentified people to the student union. Even if you refuse to do any work, you have to reflect on your own behavior," Betty was still reprimanding her haughtily.

At that moment, Felicity's tears flowed down silently. She couldn't say a word to retort Betty.

Fade patted Felicity's shoulder gently and comforted her, "It's okay, don't cry. You did nothing wrong. They are the ones who did something wrong."

"But, I..." Felicity looked at Fade helplessly.

Fade said, "Professor Choi asked me to come here and you led the way for me. This is an act of kindness, and you shouldn't be blamed because of that."

Felicity nodded and felt a little better.

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Meanwhile, Tenant and Betty started to sneer at Fade after hearing what he said.

"Professor Choi asked you to come? Are you kidding me?"

"Who are you? Judging by Professor Choi's identity, why would he take the initiative to invite someone like you here? You should really learn how to spin logical lies."

"I have good reason to suspect you of improper intentions due to your suspicious identity. Betty, please ask the security guards to come over! Detain him and conduct a search to prevent any accidents from happening."

"Yes, Mr. Liu."

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Soon, the two security guards came upstairs and were going to take Fade away.

Fade warned them coldly, "I am Master Choi's guest. If you don't believe me, you can call Master Choi to confirm."

The security guards looked at each other in dismay before turning to Tenant. Obviously, they did not have Master Choi's phone number, so they could only seek for Tenant to help.

However, Tenant didn't want to confirm Fade's identity at all. He waved his hand and ordered, "He is just a young lad with no proper identity. How could he be a guest of Professor Choi? You don't need to confirm anything, just arrest him and take him to the Department of Safety and Security. If you investigate him carefully, perhaps you can tell us more things."



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The two security guards were about to make a move on Fade. Fade frowned and pushed them away with little effort. Then, he headed straight towards Tenant and Betty.

When they saw this, their faces suddenly turned pale and their expressions looked anxious. They stammered, "Wha-what are you going to do?"

Fade looked at the two people coldly. He grabbed Tenant by the collar, lifted him up, and warned coldly, "I'm here for official business, and I don't want to make any trouble. Though, I don't mind entertaining you if you insist on provoking me. I can show you who you're allowed to offend."

Tenant did not expect Fade to be so powerful. He immediately panicked, but still tried to flaunt his identity and status, "Let me tell you, don't mess around with me. I am the president of the student union of the Chinese Medicine School. I have a good relationship with Master Choi."

"If you beat me up, I will explain the situation to Master Choi. When the time comes, you'll know of the consequences."

Betty who was standing beside him also chimed in, "What Mr. Liu said is true. You'd better let us go, otherwise..."

"Shut up!" Fade didn't wait for her to finish. He roared at her, scaring her as she dropped to the ground, not even daring to make another move nor sound.

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Immediately, Fade threw Tenant to the ground as though he was a ragdoll, then swaggered right to Flynt's office.

Seeing this, Felicity was extremely shocked, and there was a look of worry on her face. However, she still stepped up and followed him in.

Flynt was not in the office, but Fade was not in a hurry. He sat down in the office and waited for Flynt's return.

Meanwhile, Tenant and Betty who were in the outer room got up from the ground with great difficulty. They glanced inside and looked at Fade, resentment bubbling in their gaze.

"That brat actually attacked me! I'm going to make him pay the price."

"Don't forget, Felicity has colluded with outsiders against us. Her behaviour is not befitting of our organization. People like her must be punished severely."

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Just as they were discussing how to deal with Fade softly, the sound of footsteps came from the corridor outside.

They quickly got up and looked at the door. Then, they saw an old man walking in with some teaching materials in his hand. It was none other than Master Choi.

Noticing that they were in a mess, Master Choi could not help but feel startled and puzzled. He then asked, "What's wrong with you two? Did something happen?"

Once they noticed Master Choi was back, they came up to him in a hurry.

"Professor Choi, something did indeed happen."

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"Professor Choi, someone broke into our office and attacked us just now. You must punish him!"

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"What? Did such a thing really happen?" Hearing this, Master Choi looked immensely surprised. He quickly asked carefully, "Is he still here? What is going on? Tell me in detail."

"Professor Choi, here's the thing. Just now, Felicity brought a strange man with her and broke into our office rashly..." Betty immediately started to speak up.

Just then, Fade heard Flynt's footsteps and walked out of the office. He smiled slightly and greeted, "Master Choi, you are back."

After noticing Fade, Master Choi immediately came up to him with a big smile on his face, "Fade, you're here. I'm really sorry. There were some things I had to attend at the university today. Hence, I changed the location and had you come over to the school from the Imperial Hospital. I'm sorry to have caused you trouble."

Fade shrugged, "Master Choi, I'm here to ask for your help. I should be the one troubling you. You are being too polite."

Tenant and Betty were dumbfounded when they heard the close conversation between Master Choi and Fade. The words they were about to say were stuck in their throats, and they soon found that they couldn't say anything anymore.

After Master Choi and Fade exchanged a few words with each other, Master Choi shifted his gaze back to the duo and asked, "Do continue what you were saying. What happened just now?"

"Professor Choi, this... we..." The two stuttered as they stood up. Their expressions were a little unnatural.

"What's the matter? Is there anything wrong? Why aren't you continuing?" Master Choi asked.



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They didn't dare to speak up, and their expressions were growing more grimmer by the second.

Meanwhile, Fade snorted and walked forward, smirking as he said, "Mr. Liu, Miss Zhang, since the two of you are tongue-tied, let me speak on your behalf."

Upon hearing his words, their expression suddenly changed and their faces turned pale.

Master Choi also noticed the sarcasm in Fade's words. In particular, the way he addressed them by honorifics was particularly harsh to hear.

As a result, Master Choi looked at both parties and asked, "The troublemaker you just mentioned is Fade here, isn't it?"

"Um, th-this..." Betty was at a momentary loss for words. Beside her, Tenant hurriedly tried to clear up the situation, "Professor Choi, th-this is a misunderstanding. We didn't know about Mr. Chen's identity just now. That was why we stopped him from entering your office. We'll apologize to Mr. Chen now."

Then, Tenant quickly tugged Betty's sleeve. The two of them bowed deeply to Fade and apologized.

Fade snorted coldly and continued mocking them, "I can't accept the apologies from noble presidents like you two. I would never dare to!"

Hearing this, the two of them had their heads hung even lower. They didn't dare to look up at all.

As for Master Choi, there was a puzzled look on his face. He looked at Fade with an inquiring look.

Even if they did not recognize Fade and stopped him outside, Fade's reaction seemed to be a bit too much. He had now proceeded to insult them twice. Generally speaking, Fade was not such a person. There should be something that he was not

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aware of.

Therefore, Master Choi looked at Fade and requested, "Fade, tell me about it in detail. What's going on?"

Fade nodded and immediately said, "Master Choi, this is what happened. Just now when I came to the school to look for you, I met..."

He then proceeded to tell Flynt the entire story, Felicity adding on occasionally as evidence to what had happened.

As for Tenant and Betty, cold sweat could be seen dripping down their faces as they could only listen in horror. They were panicking so badly that their clothes were almost drenched in their own sweat.

After Master Choi heard this, his expression darkened as he looked at Tenant and Betty. He slammed his palm on the table and roared angrily, "This is a school, not a government. You haven't even learned much knowledge and skills here, yet I see you're trying to create an autocracy!"

"As a president of a student union, you flaunted your privileges and abused your power. What is this all about? I can't even fathom how many people are going to suffer if you actually manage to enter government positions in the future!"

Betty and Tenant's faces turned pale as they hurriedly apologized.

"Professor Choi, we are wrong."

"Professor Choi, we won't do it again. Please give us a chance and forgive us."

"This will never happen again. We promise."

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Flynt was not convinced at all. He looked at them coldly before turning to ask Fade, "Fade, tell me, how should we punish them?" Obviously, he had given Fade the right to call the shots.

Immediately, both Betty and Tenant shook, quickly resorting to pitiful begging.

"Mr. Chen, we are sorry for misbehaving. Please forgive us."

"We really didn't know you were Professor Choi's guest. We didn't mean to offend you, so please forgive us."

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Fade looked at them and said coldly, "You're only apologizing to me now because you didn't know that I am Professor Choi's guest. What if I am really not a guest of Professor Choi and am just an ordinary person? What will you do then?"

"We... W-we will still apologize. We..." Both of them quickly said after being momentarily dazed.

Fade waved his hand and dismissed their excuses, "You don't have to explain. Such tears and lies are useless in front of me. Do you think I can't read what you are thinking?"

"At first, my initial suggestion is to expel both of you. But since you are Master Choi's students, I will spare you this time. You will receive disciplinary demerits and delay your graduation for a year. During this whole year, you have to be volunteers in the university to serve the students and teachers of the Chinese Medicine School. Can you do that?" Fade looked at the two,



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narrowing his eyes as he spoke.

The reason why he proposed such a punishment was because of some concerns he had. After all, Chinese medicine was not very popular now, so he didn't want the number of students practicing Chinese medicine to reduce. Therefore, he gave them a chance for them to be volunteers for a year to hone their temperament. At the same time, they would also make some contributions to the Chinese Medicine School.

If they could accomplish this, change their personalities and finally improve themselves, it would be a good thing for everyone.

If they couldn't complete what was expected of them or couldn't withstand the test of time, they would be expelled directly. Fade felt that such a punishment was enough for them.

He had taken a lot of effort to come up with this punishment .

However, to both Betty and Tenant, such a punishment was like a bolt from the blue. They were horrified and petrified by the degree of punishment they had received.

To them, this incident was just a minor mistake, and there was no need to make such a big deal out of it. At most, they would only need to apologize and submit an apology letter to the school. The worst that would happen to them would be that they would be demoted from the student union.

However, the punishment Fade had suggested was far beyond their expectations. They had to receive a disciplinary demerit and postpone their graduation for a year, staying in the university as volunteers.

Furthermore, Fade mentioned this was considered a light punishment as he had taken into account Master Choi's reputation. If he had taken it seriously, both of them would likely be expelled.

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They could not accept this punishment, so they could only stand still.

Seeing this, Fade snorted coldly, "What? You don't want to accept my suggestion? If that's the case, you can just expel them directly. It will be less troublesome."

"No, don't! Please don't expel us. We ju-just..." The two of them didn't want to be expelled, but they still felt that the punishment they had received was disproportionately heavy. Hence, they looked at Master Choi, hoping that he could help put in a good word for them and reduce their punishment, "Professor Choi, we..."

However, before they finished, Master Choi commented, "I think Fade's suggestion is good. Moreover, Fade did this for your own good. To be able to follow Fade's arrangements will be an honour to talk about in our industry."

"B-but..." Betty and Tenant could not understand what Master Choi had said. After all, Fade had punished them. Yet, Master Choi had said this was some sort of honour! This didn't make any sense.

Noticing their confusion, Flynt asked, "You still don't know Fade's identity, do you?"

"Identity? What identity?" This time, Betty, Tenant and even Felicity, who was standing beside, was puzzled. All three of them had a confusing expression on their faces.

"Isn't Fade your guest, Professor Choi?" Felicity asked.

Master Choi nodded and agreed, "That's right, Fade is my guest. But you must have heard of Fade's other identity."

"What identity?"

Master Choi took a look at Fade and chuckled, "Fade's full name is Fade Chen. He is a teacher at the Chinese Medicine School of

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Capital City University."

Hearing this, Tenant and Betty were a little confused. For a moment, Fade's name didn't register in their brains.

However, when Felicity heard this, she immediately gasped in joy. She looked at Fade with surprise and exclaimed, "Fade, you are a teacher in Capital City University. Don't tell me... you are the infamous distinguished professor of Capital City University, Professor Chen?"

Fade nodded and laughed, "That's me!"

After getting confirmation, Felicity was even more surprised. She couldn't help but shriek in excitement, "Professor Chen... You really are Professor Chen! Professor Chen, you are so amazing. I really enjoy your courses, and I've even dreamt of becoming your student. I..."

Felicity was thrilled, acting much like a fan who had seen her idol in person.

"I know, you just told me that," Fade grinned.

Felicity suddenly recalled that when she was chatting with Fade just now, she seemed to have mentioned that she wanted to go to Capital City University to become Fade's student. Back then, she did not expect the person she was talking about to actually be the person in front of her.

Thinking of this, Felicity couldn't help but blush. She lowered her head and looked a little embarrassed.

Fade smiled and continued, "Besides, Professor Choi is standing next to you. Is it really appropriate for you to say that?"

"Oh, I-I... Professor Choi, I didn't mean it. I..." Felicity panicked a little. Obviously, it was inappropriate for her to say that she



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wanted to be Fade's student in front of Professor Choi.

Fortunately, Master Choi did not mind this. He even laughed at the thought, "Well, you don't have to explain to me. It's ok. Let alone you, I even want to be his student in Chinese Medicine. It's normal!"

Felicity didn't expect Master Choi to have such a high appraisal towards Fade. She was a little flustered.

Tenant and Betty, who were standing next to them, finally remembered who Fade was after listening to their conversation.

He was the distinguished professor at Capital City University. A few months ago, he defeated Master Chiang, the National Chinese Medicine Doctor working in Chiang Medical Center. Furthermore, he was also the creator of the Ephedra Syrup...

Once they recalled his achievements, all of his heroic deeds started flooding their thoughts like a tidal wave. The two of them were so shocked that they found themselves tongue-tied.

At that very moment, their legs felt so weak that they almost fell to the ground. They finally understood why Master Choi valued Fade so much, and why he said being able to receive punishment from Fade should be an honor.

Immediately, there was no hesitation left in their hearts. They quickly said, "We are willing to accept Mr. Chen's punishment."

Fade nodded and said, "If this is the case, great."

They quickly agreed and left. Meanwhile, Felicity looked much like a crazed fan admiring her idol. She asked Fade for his signature and left with much satisfaction and excitement after taking a photo with him.

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Fade and Master Choi went into the office and began to discuss some serious matters.

After all, Fade had come to see Master Choi to search for the herbs to cure Joey.

Upon hearing this, Master Choi gave Fade his word that he would utilize his connections to help Fade look for herbs in the National Medical College and the Capital City Imperial Hospital.

After expressing his utmost gratitude, Fade bid his goodbyes and left the school.

Then, he drove back to his university to Joey's dormitory, planning to pay her a visit. 7

To his dismay, she looked like she didn't care about him at all and instead, went out with her classmates. She completely ignored Fade's care towards her.

However, back in the dormitory, Fade found Yankee Meng, who had dark circles under her eyes and was in a somewhat low spirit.

Fade asked with concern, "Yankee, are you ok? Why do you look so exhausted? Have you been very tired recently?"

Yankee smiled forcefully and tucked a strand of hair behind her ear, saying, "Brother Chen, I'm fine."

"Are you really okay?" Fade looked at the tiredness that couldn't be concealed on Yankee's face. He couldn't help but worry.

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"Brother Chen, I'm really fine. I'm just a little tired. I'll be fine after a good night's sleep." Yankee smiled. She picked up a document and was about to go out. "Brother Chen, I still have some things to attend to. I'll leave first..."

Seeing this, Fade frowned. He placed his hands on Yankee's shoulders and forced her to sit down. He said with a serious look, "Sit down. Without my permission, you are not going anywhere."

"Brother Chen, my... work..." Yankee frowned.

Fade grabbed the folder from her grasp and threw it aside, explaining, "Work is not as important as your health."

"Come, give me your hand. Let me check your pulse," Fade looked at Yankee and requested.

Yankee withdrew her hand and sighed, "No, there's no need to. I'm fine."

"Give me your hand!" Fade didn't care how he sounded now. He grabbed Yankee's right hand directly and placed it on his thigh. Then, he placed his fingertips on her fair wrist and began to check her pulse.

Soon, Fade frowned. He quickly dragged Yankee up and said, "Come, come to the hospital with me."

"Hey! Brother Chen, I'm fine. I don't have to go to the hospital," Yankee hurriedly refused.

Fade turned to look at her and asked, "If you don't want to go to the hospital, then tell me what's going on? How did you manage to exhaust yourself to this extent?"

"I-I'm feeling pretty good though!" Yankee exclaimed in surprise.

"Pretty good?" Fade looked solemn, "I just felt your pulse. Did you know that your body is on the verge of extreme fatigue? You may pass out any moment now and even die suddenly. Does this sound like a small matter to you?"



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"Sudden death!" Hearing this, Yankee was startled. She couldn't help but gasp, "No way!"

"What do you mean 'no way'? Are you doubting my medical skills?" Fade stared at Yankee and asked.

"No, that's not it. Brother Chen, that's not what I meant. I'm just..." Yankee tried to explain.

Fade held her hand. He looked straight into her eyes as he asked again, "Yankee, tell me, what's going on? Why are you so exhausted?"

"I..." Yankee wanted to say something, but she didn't.

Fade caught a glimpse of the thick stack of documents and guessed, "Is it because there are too many things you have to deal with in the company? If so, I will fire you right away."

"Brother Chen, please don't, it's not..." Yankee grew anxious at the sound of being fired.

Fade cast his gaze at her and asked once more, "Then, tell me what happened. I sent you to the Fei Enterprise Holdings' branch office to be the manager's secretary to help you relieve some of your economic burden, not to overwork you and create even more problems for you."

"Th-this..." Yankee hesitated. When she looked up and noticed Fade's determined gaze, she finally nodded and gave in, "Fine, Brother Chen, I'll tell you everything."

"Great. Go ahead then!" Fade let go of Yankee's hand and sat next to her, listening to her quietly.

"Brother Chen, didn't I tell you about my family's situation?" Yankee asked.

Fade nodded and remembered how she had worked in a factory as manual labour just to earn some money in the past.

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Yankee's family was not wealthy. In fact, her parents did not even want her to go to school. Instead, they wanted her to marry off quickly so they could use her dowry for her younger brother's wedding.

Eventually, because of Yankee's persistence and her scholarship, her parents allowed her to go to college. Though, even so, they refused to let her off easily. Before she left, they asked her to pay 50,000 yuan as the betrothal gift for her younger brother before they agreed to let her receive education.

Back then, Yankee had to work at the factory just to earn the 50,000 yuan.

Fade was still angry now that he thought about it.

Just then, Yankee said, "Brother Chen, after you gave me a job, I was able to earn a few thousand yuan every month. Not only do I have enough living expenses, but I also have extra money to send to my family."

"For these few months, my salary was 5,000 yuan, and I only kept 1,000 yuan as living expenses. The rest of the money was sent back home. At the beginning, my parents were very happy and praised me because I was able to make money."

"I was very happy at first since I would probably be able to earn 50,000 yuan in about a year. I never expected my parents to tell me that my brother's betrothed requested much more than initially asked for. Now, they're asking for 100,000 yuan. I have to find a way to get them the money."

"I was scared. I told them that I didn't have so much money. Even if I'm working now, it takes time to earn such a large sum of 100,000 yuan. I wanted my parents to talk to the bride's family to maybe get a reduction or at least, to postpone the wedding for some time more."

"But my mother said my brother's girlfriend is already pregnant. She's two months' pregnant, and her belly is already getting

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bigger. My mother said that we can't afford waiting, and I have to send them the money by the end of this month."

"I told her that I really couldn't help, but my mother said that if I couldn't get her the money, I'd have to quit school and go back to get married. She already found a divorced man from her connections who is willing to give her a betrothal gift of 150,000 yuan."

"Of course I'd refuse, I even told her that I was unwilling to go back. My mother then threatened me that if I don't go home, she'd send someone to fetch me back. Tomorrow, my mom is going to send someone to Capital City."

"I-I don't know what to do," At the mention of this, Yankee burst into tears in spite of her stubborn and tough personality.

On the other hand, Fade's expression had sunken, and his eyes were burning with anger.

He didn't let the anger boiling in his heart escape. Instead, he held Yankee's shoulder, patted it gently, and consoled her in a soft tone, "There's nothing to be afraid. I am here. Tomorrow, when your mother arrives, I'll go meet her with you."

"Thank you, Brother Chen!" Yankee said, tears brimming in her eyes.

"There's no need to thank me. Don't worry, everything will be fine," Fade comforted her with a smile.



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The next day, Fade took leave just to go out with Yankee early in the morning. They came to Fei Enterprises Holdings Inc. As she was busy with her work recently, she planned to meet her parents in the company so that she could save some time. He originally wanted to have a good talk with Yankee and comfort her, but what he did not expect was that as soon as she entered the company, she became a workaholic and became crazily busy. She was dealing with all kinds of files, passing commands, and answering calls one after another. In just a few months, Yankee became a professional white-collar worker. Moreover, she was doing very well. Fade could tell this from the respect the employees showed her. Working until past eleven o'clock in the morning, Yankee put down her work and was ready to go out to pick up her parents. Although she was not satisfied with their behavior, they were still her biological parents. It was not easy for them to come to Capital City. She was a little worried, so she went to the train station to pick them up. Fade intended to send someone to pick them up, but she wanted to go there in person, so he drove there with her. After more than an hour of driving, they arrived at the train station and waited for her parents at the exit. About twenty minutes later, among the crowd, two old faces appeared in front of Fade's eyes. Yankee's eyes were fixed on them and she immediately walked over.

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He took a look and then followed behind.

"Dad, Mom, you're here!" Yankee walked up to them and took their luggage from their hands.

At this moment, Fade also came over and looked at her parents. Perhaps because of the poverty of her family, her parents who were in their 40s looked like the people in their 50s or 60s in the city.

Her mother was a bit fat, but she still looked healthy. However, her father's skin was dark and he was skinny, and his hands were full of wrinkles, making him look extremely old.

"Nice to meet you, Uncle, Auntie!" He greeted them faintly.

They looked at him and couldn't help showing curious expressions.

Yankee then explained, "Dad, Mom, this is my colleague in the company. His name is Fade Chen. He drove me here to pick you up."

Hearing this, Yankee's father could not help but show an embarrassed expression. He reached out his hands and wanted to shake hands with Fade. His face was full of gratitude, "Mr. Chen, thank you very much. It must have troubled you to specially drive to pick us up. I'm really sorry."

Fade could see that Yankee's father was a simple person, so he liked him more. He nodded slightly and said, "Mr. Meng, you're welcome. Yankee and I are friends, so it's not a big deal."

"Not a small deal at all, it's not!" Her father was still thanking him.

Yankee's mother, on the other side, sized Fade up with a scrutinizing look. She held Yankee's hand and whispered, "Yankee, who

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is this Fade? Is he your pursuer? He looks very young. What does he do in your company? How about his salary?"

She was unhappy with her mother's snobbishness. She frowned and did not reply to her mother. She just said, "It's getting late. Let's go back!"

As they spoke, they took their luggage with them to the parking lot and got into Fade's car.

He was driving a company car which was used for dealing with business; it was not that high class. However, for a poor family like the Meng family, it was a great car.

Suddenly, Yankee's mother looked at Fade with a little excitement. After getting in the car, she couldn't help asking him, "Fade, what do you do in the company? You are so young, but you already have the ability to buy a car. You are really young and promising! In the future, please take good care of Yankee."

He did not understand the meaning of her words and said faintly, "This is the company's car, not mine."

Hearing this, Yankee's mother was disappointed. The excitement on her face became gloomy. She said in a disappointed tone, "It's not your car! It-it's normal. After all, you are still young. You must have just graduated and started this job not long ago. It's normal that you can't afford a car."

He replied "yes" and had a preliminary impression of Yankee's parents.

Her father was honest, reticent, and would not say much. He was that kind of honest farmer.

Her mother was obviously more active. She asked about Fade's job, income, family, and other details as soon as she met him, as if she was a mother testing her son-in-law.



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It seemed like Yankee's marriage with the young boss was arranged by her mother.

Thinking of this, Fade was even more dissatisfied with Yankee's mother.

Yankee sat in the front seat. Naturally, she could feel his dissatisfaction. Moreover, she was also very unhappy with her mother's attitude. Hence, she took the initiative to speak and changed the topic. "Dad, Mom. Didn't you say that my brother is coming with you? Why didn't he come?"

"He's here," her father said.

"He's here? Where is he?" She was slightly puzzled.

Her mother said, "Your brother and your sister-in-law have already arrived in Capital City ahead of us. They should have arrived a few hours earlier than us."

"My sister-in-law is here as well?" Yankee was even more surprised. She immediately asked, "Then didn't they come with you?"

Her father said, "They came here by high-speed rail, so they were quicker. The train we took was slower."

"Why didn't you take the same transport? It's more convenient to travel as a family," Fade began to talk.

Her father was a little embarrassed and said, "Well, the-the high-speed rail ticket was too expensive. The train only took four or five more hours and the ticket price was cheaper by two or three hundred yuan. We old people were not in a hurry, so we took the slower train."

Hearing this, Yankee couldn't help but feel unhappy. Her brother and sister-in-law were comfortable in the high-speed rail, but her parents were left in the slow and old train.

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Her mother noticed Yankee's dissatisfaction and glared at her father. She quickly explained, "Yankee, don't think too much about it. Actually, your brother originally wanted to come with us on the train, but your sister-in-law felt some fetal movement today. Your brother was worried, so he took her on the high-speed rail and rushed here in advance. It would be safer if she went to the hospital in Capital City to check it out."

Hearing the explanation, Yankee felt a little relieved. She asked, "Will they come over at noon?"

"I've already given them the address. If they are done with the checkup, they will come right away," her mother said.

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After an hour, it was two o'clock in the afternoon. They returned to the company.

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Yankee's parents also got out of the car. When they saw the towering Fei Enterprise Holdings Inc on the prosperous commercial street in the center of the city, their eyes couldn't help but get a little cross-eyed.

"Yankee, is this your company?"

"There are so many floors. This is your company?"

As they mentioned the company, Yankee couldn't help showing a look of self-confidence and excitement on her face. She nodded and said, "This is our company. It's called Fei Enterprise Holdings Inc. It's very powerful. This is just a branch company. The real headquarters is much bigger."

"So powerful!" Her parents couldn't help but gasp in surprise.

"Mom and Dad, let's go in!" Yankee took her parents to the company and arranged for them to have lunch.

It was past lunch time, and the company's cafeteria was closed. However, before they came, Yankee had already asked the chef to leave some dishes out, so there was no problem.

Moreover, there were not many people in the cafeteria at the moment, which was convenient for her to talk about things with her parents.

Hence, she chose a place near the corner of the canteen and served the food. She let her parents eat. "Mom and Dad, you



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haven't had your lunch yet, right? This is a meal from our company. You can have a taste."

Her parents took a few bites of the food and then began to eat in mouthfuls.

Yankee's father, Gerald, saw that Fade was still sitting across from him and felt a little embarrassed. He could not help slowing down and said, "The food of your company is even better than the food in small restaurants at our place. It's very good."

Yankee nodded and said, "Our company's benefits are very good."

Upon hearing that, her mother, Emilia's, eyes lit up, and she rolled her eyes as she was eating the food.

After Yankee's parents almost finished their food, they drank a glass of juice, then put down their cutleries. They looked at their daughter and smacked their lips a few times, as if they wanted to speak, but they stopped on second thought.

It was obvious that they were going to talk about something. Fade, an outsider, should not be there.

However, he did not intend to leave. Instead, he stayed next to Yankee, as if he wanted to take part in the whole process.

Seeing this, Emilia could only take the initiative to say, "Fade, we have eaten already. We have troubled you. You have work to do, so don't worry about us."

She obviously wanted him to leave, but he still did not move. He said lightly, "Don't worry, Auntie. I'm not busy at work."

"This..." For a moment, Emilia didn't know what to say.

Yankee saw through the meaning of her mother's words and said directly, "Mom, Dad. Fade is my good friend. He knows everything about our family. If you have any thoughts, you don't have to avoid him."

Hearing these words, Yankee's parents couldn't help but shoot Fade shocked looks.

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Yankee went straight to the point. "Mom, let me tell you my idea. You want my brother to get married, and you need a dowry, which I can understand. However, I don't have 100,000 yuan right now. As for going home and marrying the divorced businessman, that's even more impossible."

Hearing her words, the faces of her parents on the opposite side changed suddenly.

Gerald looked hesitant. A look of guilt and helplessness appeared on his face.

On the other hand, Emilia's face darkened and she frowned slightly. Then she said, "Yankee, I know your situation. I'm not forcing you, but there's nothing we can do about your brother's situation."

"Now, your sister-in-law is already pregnant and is waiting to get married. She needs 100,000 yuan as a dowry. If our family can't afford it, they won't get married and she will get rid of the child."

"That's the flesh and blood of our Meng family! It's our only bloodline! We can't just let it be gotten rid of like this!" Emilia wailed.

Although Yankee did not agree with some of her mother's opinions, she could understand her emotions. She said, "Mom, I know what you're thinking, but you can't force me. I really don't have money, and there's nothing I can do! You can't ask me to rob the bank, can you?"

"Th-This..." Emilia stammered, and then said, "Yankee, you can't abandon your brother! He's the only son of the Meng family. We can't just let our bloodline end like this!"

Listening to her mother's complaints, Yankee was speechless, but helpless. She said, "Mom, can we discuss it with them? Like asking my sister-in-law's family to reduce the amount of the dowry, or delay it?"

"I'm pretty well-paid now. I can earn 5,000 yuan a month. I'll send you 4,000 yuan every month. In just one or two years, I'll be

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able to make it."

Yankee had already made her concession, but her mother shook her head and said, "We've already talked with them. They're very determined to take her back if we don't give them 100,000 yuan. There's nothing I can do!"

Yankee felt a little irritated. She frowned and said, "Wasn't it 50,000 yuan previously? How did it suddenly turn into 100,000 yuan? They doubled it. That's too much!"

Emilia said, "Th-This is your brother's fault. He made the girl pregnant, so they must get married. Her family wants to raise the dowry suddenly and we can't do anything about it!"

"If you can't do anything about it, then what can I do? I can't possibly get money out of thin air, can I?" Yankee said, feeling a little aggrieved.

Emilia looked at Fade and hesitated for a moment. Then she said, "Yankee, the method I told you earlier, you..."

"Mom, you don't have to say anything. I won't marry a divorced, middle-age man. Definitely not," she said firmly.

At this point, Fade also frowned, and his expression looked a little angry.

Emilia hurriedly explained, "Yankee, listen to me. In fact, things are not what you think."

"You know that boss. He used to run a bakery in our town, but now he has expanded his business and has hundreds of millions in assets. Last year, his wife and child went on a trip and died in a car accident."

"He is now alone. In addition, he is getting older now, so he wants a son to inherit his business."


"At first, some of them recommended girls to him. Some of them are still young, but now, he's the boss of his business and those



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girls in town do not suit him anymore. He even said that he wants someone with outstanding genes. He wants to find a beautiful girl with a high education, and so that his son would be born outstanding."

"Following that, some people told him about your situation. That boss saw photos and videos of you and thought that you are very suitable. Thus, he went to our home and brought this matter up. In fact, the marriage is only for a period of time. You just need to give birth to a son for him and then divorce him. You can leave after that."

"You don't even need a marriage certificate. Just give birth to the child. All you need to do is to withdraw from school for a year and give birth to a child. After that, you can go back to school in Capital City. It won't affect your life." 

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At first, Yankee was annoyed and irritated. After listening to her mother's plan, she immediately became angry instead.

She looked at her parents and said angrily, which was rare, "What do you take me for? A tool to give birth to a child, or a breeding pig? Using this money to pay my brother's dowry, don't you feel disgusted?"

Hearing this, Gerald had a look of self-deprecation on his face. He pulled his wife and said, "Forget it. It's unfair to Yankee."

"Forget it? If we forget it, what about Fabio's marriage? If we don't proceed with the marriage, your Meng family's bloodline will be gone!" Emilia shouted at her husband.

He immediately lowered his head in silence, not saying a single word.

As for Emilia, she looked at Yankee with a sincere look and said, "Yankee, don't think like that. In fact, things are not so serious. You only need to go back and sleep with the boss. It's not a big deal."

"Besides, isn't it common for the young generation now to sleep around? I've watched a lot of TV. You just consider him a boyfriend from university," her mother began to persuade her.

However, the more Yankee listened, the angrier she became. Her eyes turned scarlet. "You, how could you say something like this?"

"I don't care what you say. I won't agree to this kind of thing anyway." She stood up emotionally.



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At that moment, Emilia was also angry. She looked at her daughter and said, "Yankee, you have to agree to do this even if you don't want to. It's settled then."

"No way, I won't go home," Yankee said firmly.

Emilia said, "In a few days, the boss will send someone to bring you home."

It was obvious that they had planned to do this forcefully.

Yankee suddenly burst into tears, while Fade, who was next to her, looked serious and said coldly, "Do you know that this is illegal?"

"I don't care what crimes we commit. He's a boss, and he hired someone to come. When the time comes, he'll definitely take you away," Emilia said.

Fade yelled, "This is Capital City. This is the capital, and he is trying to kidnap someone! If he dares to bring people here, I will call the police to arrest him. Ask him to come to the company and try!"

Emilia was suppressed by Fade's imposing manner, and her expression was somewhat unnatural.

Gerald was also anxious. He tugged at his wife's clothes and gave her a meaningful look.

Her expression changed, and her resolute expression became solemn. She then sat on the ground and began to cry. "Ah, my unfilial daughter, my unfilial daughter! You are trying to kill us! Only when we die will you be happy, right? Then we will die right here."

Seeing this, Yankee couldn't help but feel heartbroken. Her face was filled with anger and disappointment.



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She looked at her mother and said, "What do you want?"

"I-I only want 100,000 yuan as a betrothal gift!" Emilia said.

Gerald said, "Yankee, there's nothing we can do. Your mother signed a contract with the boss. If you don't marry him, she'll have to pay."

"You..." Yankee gritted her teeth as she was about to curse.

However, she held back the anger she was feeling. Her eyes turned cold, and her expression was indifferent. She said, "How much is the liquidated damages?"

"Fif-Fifty thousand!" Emilia replied.

Hearing this number, Yankee's heart trembled again. She sighed deeply, turned to look at Fade and said, "Brother Chen, I want to..."

Without her saying more, he naturally understood what she meant and said, "I'll give you the money."

Yankee nodded and said gratefully, "Thank you, Brother Chen. I will try my best and work hard to return the money to you as soon as possible."

Fade didn't say much. He quickly called the finance department and got the 150,000 cash.

150,000 yuan in cash was placed in front of Yankee's parents. The huge impact made their eyes light up.

At this moment, Yankee had a cold expression on her face as she looked at her parents and said, "You can take this 150,000 yuan back. 100,000 for Fabio's betrothal gift and for the other 50,000, use it to compensate the boss. You can go back now!"

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Her words were very decisive, as if she was about to sever contact with her parents.

However, at this moment, Emilia, with a face full of joy, put the money into her luggage bag. She then looked at Yankee and then at Fade and said, "Yankee, your colleague is so wealthy. He lent you 150,000 so easily. How will you pay it back?"

"You don't have to worry about that," Yankee said coldly.

Emilia laughed hollowly, but she was reluctant to leave. It seemed like she still had something to say.

Seeing this, Yankee couldn't help but say, "Is there anything else? Say it, or else I'm going to work."

When Emilia saw that she was about to leave, she quickly said, "Yes, yes, there's something else."

"What is it?" Yankee asked coldly.

Her mother said, "Well... Well, Yankee, does your colleague still have money with him? If so, can he lend you some more money?"

"150,000 is enough. Why do you need more money?" Yankee was about to explode.

Her mother hurriedly explained, "Yankee, it's not that I want money. Think about it, this 100,000 yuan is dowry. I'll have to pay 50,000 yuan to the boss. Other than that, I won't have a single cent left. However, your brother still has to hold a wedding, and buy some furniture. That's not a small sum of money!"

"You..." Yankee restrained the impulse of anger in her heart and said, "For the past few months, didn't I send you my salary every month? When you accumulate that, it should be almost 20,000 yuan. Take this money to hold the wedding!"

When Gerald heard this, he said, "The money you sent was used up by your brother."

"What? He used it? What did he use it for?" Yankee asked, agitated.

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Emilia quickly explained, "Your brother didn't waste it. He took your sister-in-law to the hospital for examination. You know, giving birth to a child, there are many kinds of tests that must be done, which costs a lot of money."

"So we don't have much savings left in our family. If we were to hold a wedding, I'm afraid we'll have to..." She looked pitiful as she looked at her daughter.

Yankee felt that her heart, which was riddled with holes, was stabbed by them again. She let out a long sigh and turned to look at Fade.

Fade didn't look at Yankee. Instead, he looked at Emilia and said coldly, "30,000 yuan. I'll lend you 30,000 yuan at most. If you're still dissatisfied with it, then return the money and leave by yourself."

"I'm satisfied. 30,000 yuan is good enough." Emilia quickly nodded.

He took out his mobile phone and asked the finance department to get him the money again.

Yankee, who was standing by Fade's side, had a face full of gratitude. On the other hand, she was full of disappointment toward her parents.