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There was a circular space in the middle of the valley. In the center of the empty space was a square arena. Around it, there were tiered seats that formed a bowl-sized battle arena.

At this moment, the arena was full of people. The crowd greeted each other with a smile, and it was very lively.

However, when Fade and his men passed by, the surrounding atmosphere grew cold. Even if the people around saw them, they only glanced at them and quickly looked away. They didn't greet them at all.

After all, to them, this group of people didn't seem to have any need to make friends. Needless to say, the Zhu family had declined so much that they were about to be eliminated from the hidden family. In addition, they had offended the Pei family, so the other families naturally didn't want to cause any trouble.

Romeo and Harmon were the younger generations of the Hsing family. Their status could already be considered pretty good. However, since the two of them had fallen out with Shergius, the Old Master, the news of them leaving the family had already spread. The other people did not wish to offend the Hsing family for the sake of these two people.

As for Fade, there were not many people who recognized him and they completely ignored him.

Thus, the group of people noiselessly arrived at their seats in the midst of the bustling atmosphere.

With the Zhu family's current status, their assigned seats were not ideal. In the furthest corner, there were a few wooden

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benches, which could not be compared to the luxurious VIP seats on the opposite side of the platform.

However, it was fortunate that Fade's group did not care about these things. They did not feel anything and just sat down.

When they sat down, the people around them, who arrived earlier than them, smiled and waved to greet them. Of course, those who were in the position to greet the Zhu family were basically in the same situation as them. They were at the bottom of the hidden family.

They greeted each other, which was also another way of them showing support to each other.

Compared to the silence, the VIP seats were much more crowded. The big families of the hidden families came in one after another and talked and laughed with each other. Even the members of the small families came to greet them, which made the scene more lively.

Amidst the lively noise, a group of people walked over. Immediately, they attracted the attention of everyone present. As their gazes turned toward the source of the commotion, discussions could be heard.

"He's here. Look, the Chiang family is here."

"It's really the Chiang family. A second-rate hidden family. They're no ordinary people!"

"That's Fairoze and Hambrick, right? They're both Martial Arts Masters. They're powerful."

"Of course, this is the Chiang family. It's not easy to find a few Martial Arts Masters."

"Furthermore, this doesn't include Harold and Raleigh who have died. If the two of them were to participate, the Chiang family would be even more powerful. It's enough to break through to become a first-rate hidden family."

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"The Chiang family head participating in the tournament this time is probably Finley, Hambrick's son!"

"It's him. The main fighter was supposed to be Fairoze's son Faxon, but Faxon was disabled in the secular world, and he is still recovering at home. It's a big loss for the Chiang family!"

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In the midst of the discussion, at this moment, many families walked over and greeted the Chiang family. Amongst them were members of the Hsing family.

Shergius brought Lanzo and Jones to the front of the Chiang family and took the initiative to speak, "The Chiang family's strength is indeed extraordinary. Here, Chiang family, I wish you good results in the ring."

When the two brothers Fairoze and Hambrick heard this, they both looked over at Shergius and glanced at each other. Their gazes were slightly strange. Immediately after, they smiled and said, "Old Master Hsing, you're too courteous. The Hsing family is also very powerful."

Shergius immediately cupped his hands and said, "We're still far inferior to the Chiang family."

Fairoze's gaze swept through the people of the Hsing family. He then said, "I heard that Harmon returned with a friend. How come we don't see anyone?!"

At the mention of this, the faces of the few people in the Hsing family suddenly changed.

After all, Fade, whom Harmon had brought back, had a grudge with the Chiang family. It was something that practically everyone in the hidden family knew about. The reason why Fairoze spoke like this was obviously to inquire on where the Hsing family stood on this.

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Shergius understood this point. With a serious expression, he immediately said, "You might have misunderstood. The person that Harmon brought back isn't a friend. It's merely someone he knows. The Hsing family doesn't have much relationship with that person."

Obviously, Shergius was anxious to disown the relationship between the Hsing family and Fade.

However, the Chiang family was obviously unwilling to let the matter rest. Fairoze suddenly pointed at the Zhu family and said, "Shergius, the person over there must be Harmon. He seems to be very close to that person!"

Following Fairoze's finger, everyone gazed over. They just happened to see Harmon and Romeo chatting and laughing with Fade.

In an instant, everyone began to talk about it.

Shergius's expression darkened. He immediately said in a low voice to Lanzo who was beside him, "Go and get them back."

"Yes!" Lanzo nodded his head and immediately walked over. Everyone's gazes also followed him and shifted over.

"Harmon, Romeo! Both of you, come over!" Lanzo instructed.

The two of them heard the voice and turned around. When they saw that the person who spoke was Lanzo, their faces immediately sank.

"Lanzo, what are you doing?" Harmon asked in a low voice.

Lanzo frowned and said, "Do you know what you are doing? If you continue to be with this kind of person, not only will you lose your own face, but also the face of the Hsing family."

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When Harmon heard this, he frowned and said sternly, "You better be careful when you speak. Fade is our friend. As for whether we lose face or not, there is no need for you to worry about it."

Lanzo leaned closer. Lowering his voice, he said, "Harmon, you're already so old, how much longer are you going to be willful? Don't you know that the Chiang family is watching over there? Your every move right now would implicate the Hsing family."

Hearing this, Harmon glanced at the Chiang family. He then coldly snorted in disdain and said, "Since we have already left the Hsing family, it has nothing to do with you all anymore. It cannot be considered dragging the Hsing family down."

"You..." Lanzo was so angry that his entire body started to tremble.

Harmon let out a cold snort and said in a low voice, "We still have things to discuss. If you don't have anything else to say, then please leave!"

"Y-you all will regret it!" Lanzo violently shook his hand. He then turned around and left with a gloomy expression on his face. He returned to Shergius' side and whispered to him.

Immediately after, Shergius looked at them a few times, lowered his head and said something to Fairoze, then left.

Although Harmon did not hear their conversation, when he looked at their gloomy gazes, he could guess what they were saying. He did not pay them any attention and sat back down. He continued to chat with Fade.

At this point, Keeran's expression was somewhat uneasy. "Mr. Hsing, why don't you guys go back? On my side—"

Harmon waved his hand and said, "Brother Zhu, there's no need to worry. With Fade here, we'll definitely be fine."

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When Keeran heard this, he turned his head and saw Fade's confident look, and he could not help but feel relieved.

Several people approached and the sound of footsteps could be heard. "The Zhu family is so happy!"

Hearing the voice, Keeran looked up and discovered that it was a man from the Pei family. He became nervous again.

At this time, Fade also looked up and saw two familiar faces. They were Eamon and Warron, whom he successively had conflicts with.

Beside them, there were several middle-aged men. They were probably the elders of the Pei family.

A burly middle-aged man stood in the middle. He looked at Keeran and said in a low voice, "A few days ago, someone from the Pei family was injured by someone from the Zhu family. I don't know what Zhu family has to say about this matter."

"This—" Keeran was at a loss for words and didn't know how to respond.

Fade immediately stood up, went straight to the man, and said, "The Pei family's people were injured by me. If you want to get even with me, feel free to come here."

"You—" The person looked Fade up and down and then snorted coldly. His eyes were full of disdain. "Who do you think you are? You think you can interrupt when I'm talking to Master Zhu?"

The rude words made Fade's face sink slightly, but he did not show it. He just looked over and said in a deep voice, "Of course, I

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am nothing. It's just that some time ago, I accidentally defeated two juniors called Eamon and Warron."

"Uh..." Upon hearing Fade's words, his face fell and he was obviously filled with anger. He stared at Fade coldly.

Behind him, Eamon and Warron also had ugly expressions on their faces.

Eamon bit his lip, and with a resentful look on his face, he wanted to refute. But at the thought of Fade's terrifying strength in the Dragon Mausoleum, he was a little frightened and did not dare to stand out.

Warron did not think too much. He stepped out, glared at Fade, and snapped, "Fade, how dare you speak to my father like this! Kneel down and apologize!"

"Apologize?" Fade sneered and said with disdain, "I don't have the habit of apologizing to a defeated man."

"You —" Warron was extremely angry. "Just you wait. At the beginning of the battle, I will show you the consequences of offending the Pei family."

"Really?" Fade didn't express any opinions and said lightly. He didn't take Warron seriously at all.

At this time, the burly middle-aged man, Warron's father, Danick, looked at Keeran and said, "Keeran, I don't care what tricks you want to play. After this election, the Zhu family will wait to bear the wrath of the Pei family!"

After that, Danick left, leaving Keeran behind looking nervous and sighing.

Harmon was comforting Keeran while Fade was pulled to the side by Romeo. He understood the rules of this battle of the fighting stage.

In reality, arena matches were very simple. It was a battle of drawing lots, and the winner scored an advancement. The loser

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would fall into the loser's group, and then there would be another promotion competition. If they were defeated again, then they would be completely eliminated and lose their qualifications.

In the end, the level-by-level advancement would determine the final champion. At the same time, the points of each two contestants would be calculated, and then the points of each family would be added up.

Soon after, the arena duels began. The representatives from each family started to publicly draw lots to determine the order of the duels.

The two representatives from the Zhu family were Fade and Leena. It was needless to talk about Fade's strength, but Leena's strength was only at the middle stage of the Earth Level. She could be considered pretty good in the secular world, but in this hidden family, she was not worth mentioning.

Especially when the result of the draw was out, Leena was to compete against Warron, and Fade against Eamon, which made Keeran even more worried.

Meanwhile, the Pei family was full of smiles, and they constantly looked in the direction of the Zhu family with a ferocious look of revenge in their eyes.

Dong! After a gong was sounded, the battle in the arena officially began.

The first two players who came on stage were two young fighters with the strength of the middle stage of Earth Level. The fight was quite fierce. After fighting for nearly half an hour, the last player lost all his energy and took the initiative to admit defeat.

The two of them went to rest and the competition continued. In pairs, the competitors came on stage one after another.

Needless to say, the hidden families were indeed worthy of being hidden families. The contestants sent by the various families



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were all very powerful. The fights were also very interesting. Fade couldn't help but nod his head.

At the same time, he also roughly estimated the strength of these players.

The strength of the inferior members of the Zhu family's younger generation was basically between the middle-stage and late-stage Earth Level.

As for third-rate families like the Pei and Hsing families, their strength was basically at the late stage of the Earth Level.

As for the younger contestants of second-rate families like the Chiang family, their strength had reached the peak of the Earth Level, and they were only a step away from the Heaven Level.

However, even if they were of the same realm, the gap between their strengths was quite big. Some could even defeat the other within ten moves.

In this way, the competition continued, and the atmosphere gradually became lively.

There was also a huge electronic screen next to the arena, on which numbers and names of participants, their points, and their corresponding family's total points were displayed.

The points jumped and changed all the time according to the ranking of the scores, from highest to lowest, representing the current ranking of the various families.

Those who were ranked close to the top were without a doubt from the various great families. In the middle was a group of mid-level family members competing with each other. The difference in their scores was very small, and the ranking continued to rise and fall. It was as if an intense and chaotic battle had caused the scene to become even more intense.

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The real-time ranking stimulated a competitive atmosphere in the ring and made the fighting more and more fierce. There were even several players who were seriously injured one after another.

In this lively atmosphere, the organizer shouted numbers and names, "No. 33, Zhu family, Fade Chen. No. 34, Pei family, Eamon Pei."

Hearing the voice, Fade stood up and walked toward the arena. From the Pei family, Eamon also stood up, but he seemed to be a little hesitant.

When the two sides stood in the middle of the ring, the atmosphere was a little enthusiastic.

After all, before the start of the contest, the Pei family had already had conflict with the Zhu family. Coupled with the fact that Harmon and Romeo had caused the Zhu family, a small clan from the bottom, to become the focus of everyone's attention.

For a moment, the crowd burst into a heated discussion.

"There's no need to watch this match at all! The Pei family will definitely win."

"That's right. Eamon is an expert at the late stage of the Earth Level. This guy named Fade, I've never even heard of him."

"However, I heard that Eamon was injured the last time he went out. Since he hasn't recovered yet, it is unlikely that anything out of the ordinary will happen."

"No matter how unexpected it might be, he won't be defeated. Fade is too weak. He is probably only at the early stage of the Earth Level."

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In the midst of the discussion, the Hsing and Chiang families gazed in their direction. It was obvious that they were all taking pleasure in Fade's misfortune and wished that Fade would immediately suffer a setback.

In this regard, Fade did not care. He just looked at Eamon and asked, "Are you sure you want to compete with me?"

When Eamon learned that the opponent he had drawn was Fade, his first reaction was to give up. But under the persuasion and encouragement of his family members, he mustered up his courage and stepped into the arena, ready to welcome Fade and his battle.

Originally, he thought that he stood a chance. What happened at the Dragon Mausoleum was a special situation.

But as soon as Fade opened his mouth, the reality of the situation hit Eamon. He stood up and disappeared in an instant. He had no intention of fighting at all. "I-I—"

"You're backing out? Well, I'd better do it myself. Although it's a little troublesome." Fade shook his head, then stepped out and was about to fight with Eamon.

Eamon, who was already trembling with fear, saw the majestic aura around Fade's body. He could no longer bear it and collapsed. He turned and ran out of the ring. "I admit defeat. I admit defeat."

Such a scene really surprised the crowd. They looked at the center of the ring in surprise, as if they didn't understand what was

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going on.

Fade was the only one who remained calm. He told the referee, "The match is over. You can now announce the results."

The referee was stunned for a moment before he came to his senses. He quickly said, "The competition is over. The winner is number 33, Fade Chen from the Zhu family. You get one point."

Upon hearing that, Fade turned around and walked back.

The surprised crowd came to their senses and there was a huge commotion going on.

"What the hell is going on? Eamon didn't even fight and directly admitted defeat."

"Is there an inside story? Or did the Pei and Zhu families make an agreement to fake a match?"

"Are you joking? Didn't you see the Pei family's attitude toward the Zhu family just now? How could it be a fake match?"

"How do you explain this? No matter what, Eamon is a master at the late stage of the Earth Level. It's unusual that he would admit defeat without fighting."

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When Eamon returned to his family, he looked at the faces that were full of surprise and anger. He could only bury his head and say nothing.

Warron glared at Eamon and said with disdain, "What's wrong with you? You admitted defeat without even fighting. You're really a disgrace to the Pei family."

"Okay, stop talking. Eamon, take a good rest. You have another chance to compete later. Try to perform well," Danick said.

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Meanwhile, Fade returned to his seat. Keeran still couldn't believe it. He didn't expect the Zhu family to be able to get a point so easily.

Then, the battle in the ring continued. Soon, it was Leena's turn to fight Warron. At the same time, Warron was eager, and he looked thirsty for vengeance.

Leena, on the other hand, lowered her head, a look of obvious nervousness on her face.

Seeing this, Fade walked over to Leena and said to her, "Don't be nervous. If you fight with Warron later, you don't have to do anything. Just admit defeat."

"Ah, give up? But—" Leena looked at Fade with a puzzled expression.

Fade said, "Warron's strength has reached the late stage of the Earth Level, and his strength is even more powerful than Eamon's. Even among the third-rate hidden families, he is already very powerful. If you fight with him now, you will have almost no chance of winning."

"So, for now, it's the best option. You should just admit defeat and maintain your physical condition. Get ready for the loser group's battle."

Upon hearing this, Leena pondered for a while. Then, she looked at her father, Keeran, with an inquiring expression.

Keeran nodded and said, "Leena, you can do as Mr. Chen says."

Leena looked at Fade and nodded. She said, "Fade, I'll admit defeat."

Fade nodded, took out a pill, and handed it to Leena, saying, "When the competition of the loser group starts, eat this pill if you

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don't feel confident in defeating your opponent."

"This is—" Leena looked at the pill in Fade's hand with a puzzled expression.

The hidden family was a martial arts family, so they were good at making medicine and pills. It was not rare to use stimulating drugs to increase their strength during all kinds of contests.

However, medicine that could significantly increase one's strength had a very strong side effect, which could damage a martial artist's body. It might even destroy the foundation of their practice. Add to that the harsh disapproval of the Elders Council, it was very rare for people to take drugs during a competition.

That was why Leena was so surprised.

Fade understood what she was thinking. He smiled and explained, "Don't worry, it's not a forbidden drug. It's just a pill that I made to nourish energy and blood, and stimulate the True Energy. There won't be any side effects."

This pill had originally been refined by Fade to aid the practitioner in healing and cultivation, but now Leena was going to use it in the arena, it had its use. Of course, the strengthening effect couldn't be compared to those accessing pills that could damage their foundation, but it was still quite good.

Although Leena didn't know how Fade got this pill, she trusted him. She nodded and put it away.

Soon, it was Leena's turn to compete with Warron.

The two stood in the ring. Warron looked at Leena strangely and said, "Leena, you are my woman, I don't want to hurt you. But your father doesn't know what's good for him, so don't blame me for being rude."

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Upon hearing this, Leena's face darkened and she became a little nervous.

Warron became prouder. He stared at Leena and said, "Little beauty, don't be nervous. You are the woman I like. I will only defeat you, not kill you. After all, I am still waiting to marry you as my concubine!"

"You—" Leena bit her lip and glared at Warron with her face full of anger.

"I like the way you're looking at me. When the time comes, I will conquer you. I love that kind of feeling." Warron licked his lips with a greedy look on his face.

Then, the judge announced the start of the duel.

"Beauty, I'm coming." Warron smiled and rushed toward Leena.

With this move, he intentionally inspired an uncommon amount of true essence aura, and even put on a dashing posture. On one hand, he wanted to display his strength, and on the other hand, he wanted to redeem the Pei family's dignity that they had lost just now.

However, before Warron could launch his attack, Leena retreated from the ring and admitted defeat almost as soon as they announced the start of the fight.

This incident made Warron feel like he had eaten a dead mouse. Although he won, he felt very uncomfortable. With a gloomy face, he gave a cold snort and then turned back. 5

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Leena turned back with an apologetic look on her face. She bowed her head and said, "Fade, Dad, I've lost, I—"

Fade touched her head with a smile and said, "It's okay. This is all part of the plan. Besides, there will be another competition later. It's not a good time to be discouraged. You should be well-prepared!"

"Yes, I'll be well-prepared. The next match in the loser group, I'll definitely fight harder," Leena clenched her fist and said firmly.

"I believe in you." Seeing this, Fade couldn't help but smile.

The competition continued. The first round of the competition was over. Next, it was the competition of the loser group.

For them, this was their last chance. Therefore, the next match of the loser group was even more cautious and intense than before. Almost everyone gritted their teeth and used all of their strength to win points for their own family.

Leena was lucky. The opponent she drew was also a warrior in the early stage of the Earth Level. Their strength was almost the same, so they were well-matched. However, Leena took the pill that Fade gave her in advance. With the stimulation of her blood and Qi, she defeated her opponent and won one point for the Zhu family.

The Zhu family got two points. Their ranking on the electronic screen was within the top 20. This was something Keeran had never imagined possible.

With this split, the Zhu family's profit distribution had already exceeded their expectations. In the very least, it would not be any



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worse than what it had been in the past.

The loser group's competition ended, and the winners met with the previous winners, drawing lots again to compete with each other.

Very quickly, the results of the draw came out. This time, the person that Fade drew was none other than Warron of the Pei family.

This time, even a fool could tell that there was something wrong with the draw. How did Fade draw a member of the Pei family for two successive rounds? This obviously had the Pei family behind it, trying to target the Zhu Family.

However, even if everyone understood this point, no one was willing to admit it. After all, it was not worth offending the Pei family for the Zhu family's sake. No one was that stupid.

Keeran's face was gloomy, but when he saw Fade nod confidently, he did not say anything and remained silent.

As for the people of the Pei family, they looked at the Zhu Family with a provoking expression at this point. Warron was even more arrogant. He pointed at Fade and then made a throat-cutting gesture, indicating that he would kill Fade.

To Fade, it was just a joke, and he did not pay any attention to it.

However, in other people's eyes, his silence was perceived as fear of the Pei family. Before the competition begun, many people directly asserted that Warron would win this competition.

Amidst the discussion, the competition between Fade and Warron soon started.

Warron's face was full of pride. He jumped from the seat of the Pei family and into the ring. Then, he hooked his arm in Fade's

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and said in a loud and clear voice, "Chen, come and meet your death."

Such an attitude immediately caused a heated discussion, and the atmosphere in the field quickly became intense.

Despite the heat, Fade still looked indifferent. He got up and walked to the ring without any fancy moves, looking at Warron who was opposite him.

"You have insulted my Pei family. Today, I will avenge my family. Just wait and accept my anger!" Warron pointed at Fade and said confidently.

Fade's expression didn't change, and he said coldly, "If you want to fight, let's do it. Why are you talking so much nonsense?"

"You—" Warron had been interrupted, and his expression was very ugly. Then, he darkened his face and glared at Fade. He gnashed his teeth and said, "You are looking for death."

Warron surged a breath of his True Essence, and the breath of the late stage of the Earth Level broke out. It was like a huge wall falling from the sky, and it hit Fade hard.

Faced with such a horrible attack, Fade's expression did not change. He even slightly raised the corners of his mouth and showed a disdainful smile. He said faintly, "Is that all you've got?"

As he spoke, Fade's body shook, and a majestic aura instantly broke out from his body, like a fierce hurricane blowing from his body.

Then, Fade unceremoniously slammed his palm against the true essence aura barrier that was pressing down on him from the air.

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In an instant, Warron's Qi immediately burst open with a booming noise and turned into a shower of light, falling from the sky.

"How could it be possible? You should—" Warron didn't expect Fade to block his attack with one palm. He couldn't help being blindly surprised and his face was full of disbelief.

Just as Warron was shocked, Fade had already rushed over with an offensive. It was a simple palm. Without any fancy moves, the palm came straight toward Warron.

However, it was such a simple movement. At this moment, Warron, who was standing in front of Fade, felt as if he was shackled by invisible ropes and couldn't move at all. He could only watch Fade's attack approach him.

Finally, a palm slapped against Warron's chest.

In an instant, Warron felt a huge force hit him like a huge hammer smashing onto his chest. Then, he flew up more than ten meters into the air, and finally fell directly outside the edge of the arena. He hit the ground, and spat out a mouthful of blood. Then, he rolled his eyes and fainted. 

The Pei family's people, who were originally proud of themselves, couldn't help but change their expressions at this time, and they rushed out with a cry of surprise.

"Warron, are you okay?"

"Warron!"

"Chen, aren't you a little too harsh?"

"You are so young but already so vicious. I must teach you a lesson."

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Amidst the angry shouts, the elders of the Pei family couldn't help but want to take action against Fade.

Seeing this, Fade's eyes sank, and a hint of coldness appeared on his face. The True Energy in his body began to surge as he prepared to receive the attack of the elders of the Pei family.

But at this critical moment, the referee shouted, "In the arena, there is a life-and-death order. Outsiders are not allowed to intervene." He blocked the movements of the elders of the Pei family.

Immediately, the referee announced loudly, "Zhu family, Fade Chen wins. He gets one point."

Hearing this, Fade nodded his head slightly. Following which, he turned around and walked back to his seat. His expression was indifferent and relaxed. It was as though he was confident that all this would happen. There was not the slightest bit of surprise on his face.

But the rest of the audience did not think so. Most of them thought that Warron would definitely win. Now, not only did he lose, but he was also defeated by Fade within two moves. This kind of result was beyond their expectation. Suddenly, there was a commotion.

"F\*ck, that kid from the Zhu family actually won. It's unbelievable."

"And he won so easily. I can't believe it's true."

"Is there an inside story? It's Warron of the Pei family. How did he lose so badly?"

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In the midst of the commotion, the Pei family was as gloomy as the sky before the storm.

They never thought that Warron would be so easily defeated by Fade, and so badly defeated too.

The current situation was that not only was Warron defeated, but he was also knocked unconscious by Fade. In this way, although Warron still had a chance to fight in the defeated group, he obviously could not fight in such a state. Therefore, among the defeated group, it was a foregone conclusion that Warron will lose another battle.

If this was the case, the two members of the younger generation that were sent by the Pei family to participate in the arena matches would only have one point in total. This was far from what the Pei family had expected.

If the profit share was distributed according to this score, the Pei family's profit would be greatly affected. For the Pei family, this was definitely a piece of bad news.

The Pei family looked at Fade with gloomy eyes, and they wanted to kill him. But in front of the public, the Pei family obviously couldn't do anything.

As for Fade, he completely ignored the Pei family's attitude and returned to his seat. As he sat down, he chatted with the rest of the crowd while watching the next match.

The competition continued. Once again, there were fewer people present, and fewer and fewer people remained. Leena picked

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out a representative of a third-rate hidden family, and although she did her best to fight, she was ultimately slightly weaker. She was eliminated after being defeated.

After two rounds, the Zhu family's score was fixed at three points, which was a very good score. After all, it had only been two rounds, and each family could only send two players. Even if they won all the rounds, the maximum score would be four points.

The family that could get four points was basically a second-rate hidden family. It was normal for the Zhu family to rank behind them.

At noon, the competition temporarily stopped. Everyone went to have lunch and a rest. They needed to replenish their energy and prepare for the competition in the afternoon.

The Zhu family's unexpected outstanding performance attracted a lot of attention. When they left, many people looked at them. However, there were no friends who took the initiative to greet them.

This was because everyone knew that the matches in the morning were just the appetizers. The main event was in the afternoon. After all, there were almost no matches between outstanding competitors from the various families. By afternoon, these outstanding competitors would definitely meet as the knockout rounds advanced, and that was the focus of everyone's attention.

The Zhu family had already clearly offended the Hsing and Chiang families. Therefore, even if the Zhu family performed well in the morning, no one took the risk to befriend the Zhu family.

Fade was so happy because it was a good time for him to enjoy some quiet. After lunch, he rested for a while. At 1:30 PM, the arena matches continued.

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It was another round of drawing lots. This time, Fade did not continue to draw acquaintances. He drew a third-rate hidden family disciple whom he had never seen before.

His opponent had also won two rounds of battles in a row, so his strength should not be underestimated. Moreover, he obviously had learned a lesson from Warron's failure. As soon as the battle began, he immediately rushed out to strike first. He wanted to beat Fade by catching him off guard.

However, the strength of this contestant, in fact, was about the same level as Eamon or even a little weaker than Warron. How could he be a match for Fade?

In the end, after Fade made more than ten moves with his opponent, he knocked the opponent out of the ring with one palm and won the match.

The Zhu family scored another point, and Fade had won three consecutive victories and entered the next round.

The atmosphere of the competition was getting more intense.

An hour later, the third round of the competition was over. Then, the fourth round of lots drawing began.

At this point, there were not many people left. This time around, Fade picked another person that he was familiar with. His opponent was none other than Jones of the Hsing family.

After Jones drew Fade's name, he immediately looked over but did not look at Fade. Instead, he looked at Romeo who was next to Fade, and said, "Romeo, I will defeat him in the ring. Then, I will show you how stupid you were for choosing to leave the Hsing family and follow Fade."

Romeo raised his eyebrows and said coldly, "Jones, I don't need you to teach me a lesson about my choices. But what I can tell

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you is that you will not be able to defeat Fade."

"Is that so?" Jones snorted. His face was full of disdain and confidence. "Let's wait and see."

Soon, the fourth round of the competition began.

Of the contestants in this round, even the lowest cultivation was the late-stage of Earth Level. What was more, each of them had a lot of fighting experience and were very familiar with all kinds of methods and martial arts. They fought so fiercely that they took much longer than before. It would take at least 15 minutes to half an hour before the winner could be decided.

Fortunately, there were fewer people. In total, it didn't take a long time.

Not long after, it was Fade's turn.

Jones, his opponent, had already stood in the middle of the ring. He looked at Fade with a gloomy face and said, "Fade, you don't know what's good for you. I don't want to meddle in your business, but you got my family in trouble."

"Now, if you were to properly explain it to Romeo and Harmon, then I might consider not crippling you," Jones said to Fade.

Fade's expression was calm. He looked at Jones and said faintly, "Why are you talking nonsense? If you want to fight, then let's fight. I don't want to waste more time."

"Y-you're courting death. Since you don't know what's good for you, then go to hell!" Jones shouted. The aura of his True Energy exploded violently, condensing into sharp Qi swords in front of him. Like raindrops from the sky, they came crashing down, making it impossible for Fade to avoid them.

Jones displayed his strength when he made his move, shocking everyone. Waves of sighs flew out of his mouth.



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"Jones' skills are phenomenal!"

"Given this kind of strength, he is probably far from the peak of the Earth Level of the Hsing family. The future of the Hsing family is boundless!"

"However, Harmon, Romeo, and the Hsing family have fallen out with each other. What a pity!"

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In the midst of the discussion, the Qi swords from all over the sky whistled and arrived in front of Fade, they were close to piercing him.

Faced with such an attack, Fade narrowed his eyes. With a shout, he slapped forward with a rumble.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

In an instant, everyone heard a whistling sound, and then a strong wind came. It actually blew the air swords all over the sky into pieces, and they finally dissipated in the air.

"What..."

Just as the audience and Jones were still in a daze, Fade waved his hand and shot out a ray of Qi light, hitting Jones' chest and causing him to fall to the ground.

Then, Fade looked down at Jones and said coldly, "Do you admit defeat?"

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There was a wave of uncertainty in Jones's expression. His face was filled with unwillingness. "I'm not prepared. I won't lose..." Fade looked at him coldly and said, "I have given you a chance. You know, the reason why I didn't hurt you is because you are Romeo's cousin."

"If you don't admit defeat, I don't mind throwing you out." As he spoke, the aura of True Vitality on Fade's palm began to condense.

Jones felt the strength and couldn't help thinking of what happened in the morning when Warron passed out from being beaten by Fade. His heart jumped. He gritted his teeth and said, "I admit defeat."

Upon hearing this, Fade turned around, left the ring with his hands clasped behind his back, and returned to his seat.

Fade had won four consecutive rounds and continued to advance.

Meanwhile, Jones' face was incomparably gloomy as he returned to his clan's seats. The group of people from the Hsing family, who had been complacent just now, did not look good at this moment.

As for the other spectators, when they saw this, they were shocked. They discussed the Zhu family and Fade.

"He actually defeated Jones. This is incredible."

"Who on earth is that guy? Why is he so powerful?"

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"Fade won four times in a row. He's totally amazing!"

"The Zhu family also has five points, and now they are in the top ten of the ranking. This time, the Zhu family will earn a lot."

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"Do you think the Zhu family made a miracle happen this time? They really made it into the top ten!"

"You think too much. The following matches are all true experts. Almost all of them are masters from first or second-ranked hidden families. Fade will find it very difficult to continue down this path."

"I think you're thinking about it in too simplistic terms. Next, it's not only about whether we win or not, but whether we'll be able to survive."

"What do you mean?"

"You must know that I've heard that that kid has offended the Chiang family. In the following matches, as long as he encounters a member of the Chiang family, the Chiang family will definitely kill him. When that happens, it'll be too late for him to even admit defeat."

"I-it's really possible!"

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Everyone was talking about this matter. On the Zhu family's side, Keeran looked at Fade with a worried expression and said, "Fade, if you meet with Finley from the Chiang family, you might as well admit defeat. The Zhu family has already reached this point, that's good enough."

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Fade understood that Keeran was worried about him, so he didn't say much. He smiled and said, "Keeran, don't worry. I know what I'm doing."

It didn't take long for the fifth round of the competition to begin again after drawing lots.

And this time, Fade's opponent was none other than Finley of the Chiang family.

Finley's father, Hambrick, and Faxon's father, Fairoze, were biological brothers. Finley and Faxon were both carefully trained by the Chiang family. Their strength and realms were similar, both at the peak of the Earth Level.

However, Faxon was four years older than Finley, and his combat strength was slightly better than Finley's. He was known as the first person among the younger generation of the Chiang family.

Under normal circumstances, Faxon would represent the Chiang family in this kind of arena battle. It was just that during the previous Martial Arts Convention, Faxon had been injured by Fade, and had not yet recovered. It was impossible for him to participate in the arena battle.

Therefore, Finley had become the number one person among the younger generation of the Chiang family, and also the head of the Chiang family.

As soon as Finley stepped into the ring, he looked straight at Fade and said in a loud and clear voice, "Fade, today I will avenge my cousin Faxon for the injury you inflicted on him. Are you ready?"

As soon as he finished speaking, the crowd burst into an uproar, and many people began to talk about him curiously.

After all, although many people knew that there was conflict between Fade and the Chiang family, they didn't know why. Now, Finley had directly pointed out the matter, and it was a way for everyone to understand the reason behind it.

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It turned out that Fade had hurt Faxon, which was why he bore a grudge against the Chiang family.

Amidst the commotion, Fade looked at Finley, and his eyes flickered slightly.

As soon as Finley came up, he put on a proud pose, like he was ready for revenge. It seemed that he was no different from Warron and Jones. They both disdained Fade and wanted to defeat him.

However, Fade was still keenly aware that Finley was different.

Although he pretended to be arrogant, there was vigilance in his eyes and he kept his tense body in a state that could break out at any time.

Obviously, he wasn't as arrogant as he looked on the outside. On the contrary, his mind was very delicate, and he was even a bit sinister.

What he said just now sounded like he wanted to take revenge for Faxon by dealing with Fade. But from another perspective, it was also a kind of deprecation toward Faxon to solidify his position in the Chiang family.

After all, in the previous Chiang family, under Old Master Jariah, the two sons Fairoze and Hambrick had developed well, and their sons Faxon and Finley were on the same level. However, Faxon had always been slightly stronger than Finley.

Now, if Finley really took this opportunity to take revenge for Faxon, it would mean that he could defeat Fade, whom Faxon couldn't defeat, which would prove that he was more powerful than Faxon, thus raising the status of his bloodline in the Chiang family.

One had to say, Finley had considered things quite well. He'd also gotten the effect he wanted from what he'd said earlier. However, all of this was provided that he could defeat Fade.

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As soon as the referee announced the start of the match, Finley immediately moved. His body was surrounded by the aura of the True Energy, and his figure flashed, drawing out images as he quickly approached Fade.

Fade narrowed his eyes and looked at Finley, who was constantly flashing, feeling a little bored.

Finley had reached the peak of the Earth Level, and his strength was quite good. He was even stronger than Warron and Jones. However, in Fade's eyes, they were just like two different ants. There was no difference at all.

Fade yawned and couldn't care less about him.

As for Finley, he also keenly took advantage of this opportunity. Like lightning, he rushed to Fade's side with a whoosh, forming an air blade in his palm and stabbing at Fade's waist.

This movement was sharp and fast, and it was almost perfection.

However, it was a pity that Finley was fighting Fade. The moment he raised the corner of his mouth and was confident that he had succeeded, Fade suddenly turned around, raised his big hand, gathered the aura of true essence, and slammed down with a bang.

In an instant, Finley felt as if a mountain was pressing down on him, and an incomparable majestic aura fell from the sky.

There was a kind of unstoppable momentum, which caused Finley's whole body to be stiff in place. He couldn't move. He could only watch Fade move his palm downwards.

With a huge boom, Finley's entire body was sent flying to the ground. The enormous force even shattered the hard stone tiles of the arena floor, imprinting a human figure on the ground.

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After this slap, Fade immediately turned around and left. He had no intention of fighting any longer.

The referee was stunned for a moment, and then hurriedly came over to check on Finley. The referee's face suddenly changed, and he hurriedly called the medical staff over.

The expressions of the Chiang family members instantly changed as well, and they hurriedly rushed over.

When the medical staff carefully lifted Finley from the broken stones, he had already passed out. Moreover, all the bones in his body were broken, and his whole body was soft like a pool of mud.

Such serious injuries were truly beyond the Chiang family's expectations.

In addition, even if Finley recovered from his injuries, his future martial arts training would be affected. It could be said that Finley once had the hope of spearheading the younger generation. But after he got injured, there was no more the possibility of that. He could only be a second-rate practitioner at most in the future.

Such a fact was a huge blow to the Chiang family.

After all, Faxon had just been crippled by Fade not long ago. Now, Finley was also destroyed by Fade. The two most outstanding fighters of the Chiang family's younger generation had been defeated by Fade.

This destruction of a family's hope instantly turned the Chiang family members indignant. They glared at Fade one after another,

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gritting their teeth and wishing that they could swallow him alive.

"Fade Chen, you're going to die a tragic death."

"Fade, let me tell you, you and the Chiang family will never coexist. Just wait for the Chiang family to take revenge."

"Brat, you've ruined the Chiang family. You must pay the price."

"You're going to pay with your life!"

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However, Fade did not pay any attention to their shouting. He returned to his seat and closed his eyes to rest, replenishing the aura of his True Energy that he had expended.

Following that, the matches continued. After round five, there weren't many people left, and all of them were well-known amongst the hidden families.

The sixth round of lots were drawn.

This time, Fade drew a young fighter called Hoffman Zhou. Hoffman's cultivation was higher than Finley's, and he had entered the Heaven Level. Moreover, the Zhou family behind Hoffman was also a first-rate hidden family.

It could be said that before Hoffman took part in the tournament, he was one of the hot contenders for the championship.

Now, this top-notch fighter was fighting against the mysterious Fade, so naturally everyone was talking about it.

"I want to see if Fade can continue on and win six consecutive victories!"



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"It's unlikely that six consecutive victories will happen. Look, who has won five consecutive victories? Which one of them is easy to deal with?"

"That's right. After all, Hoffman is a first-class secret disciple, and he is already a Martial Arts Master. It is almost impossible for Fade to go further."

"I think it's possible for Fade to continue advancing. After all, Finley had the strength of the peak of the Earth Level, but he was defeated so easily by Fade. Fade's strength is also very likely to be at the Heaven Level."

"So what if he has reached the Heaven Level? He still doesn't have much of a chance against Hoffman."

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Amidst the discussions and arguments, the two of them walked onto the fighting platform.

Hoffman had a smile on his face, and his attitude wasn't bad. He took the initiative to introduce himself and said, "Hello, my name is Hoffman, a disciple of the Zhou family. My strength has reached the early stage of the Heaven Level. My goal is to defeat you and continue forward."

This attitude was somewhat unexpected, which stunned Fade for a moment. Then, Fade introduced himself, "My name is Fade Chen, and I'm fighting on behalf of the Zhu family. It's not easy to talk about my strength and realm. However, I can tell you that you cannot beat me. If you take the initiative to admit defeat, I won't hurt you."

Hearing Fade's words, the people of the hidden family were livid, breaking out into a heated discussion. Those who had not been eliminated, in particular, all looked at Fade with a sneer and disdain in their eyes.

Hoffman, on the other hand, didn't look resentful. His eyes were filled with determination as he looked at Fade and said seriously,

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"I know you're very strong, but I would still like to give it a try."

Upon hearing this, Fade did not say anything. He took a step forward and approached Hoffman. At the same time, an invisible aura of True Energy erupted from his body and enveloped Hoffman.

When Hoffman detected the aura of Fade's True Energy, he immediately ran his own True Energy aura, trying to resist the pressure of Fade's aura.

But before he could run his aura, he felt Fade's. His face changed dramatically in an instant. Gritting his teeth, he wanted to resist, but he soon opened his mouth and said, "I cannot beat you. I admit defeat."

Upon hearing that, Fade released the aura of oppression for the first time.

Hoffman suddenly felt his body become lighter. He gasped for breath and finally recovered. He looked at Fade with a serious face and said respectfully, "Your strength is much stronger than mine. Originally, my goal in this arena was to become at least the runner-up, but your appearance has cost me this goal."

Fade didn't know what to say. He just nodded slightly and said, "You are also very good. Keep working hard."

After that, Fade turned back to his seat.

This time, the scene was quiet, and no one could say anything. Even those who were arguing just now had nothing to say now.

No one expected Fade and Hoffman's competition to end this way. Most people thought that Hoffman would win.

And even the small number of people who thought Fade was likely to win did not expect the victory to happen this way.

After six consecutive victories, Fade continued to advance. The Zhu family's total score had already reached seven points. This

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score had already surpassed many second-rate families and had reached eighth place in terms of total score. This was far beyond Keeran's expectations.

Fade ignored the discussion around him and closed his eyes to rest.

After a long time, suddenly, there was a boisterous noise on the scene, and the whole venue almost boiled up. This caused Fade to open his eyes and look over.

At this moment, there were two young contestants standing face to face on either sides of the ring, and their momentum was loud.

One of them was none other than Hoffman, whom Fade had just defeated. As for the other, Fade did not recognize him. He could not help but look at Romeo with a questioning expression.

Romeo introduced, "The one opposite Hoffman is Eliff."

"Eliff? Is he from the Lin family?" Fade thought of something and asked.

Romeo nodded and said, "He is. The Lin family is said to be the strongest amongst the first-rate hidden families, and Eliff is the son of the current head of the Lin family, Moon Lin. His strength is extraordinary, and he reached the early stage of the Heaven level two years ago. He is the outstanding talent from the younger generation of the hidden family, and is known as the top of the new generation."

"Hoffman said that his goal was to be the runner-up because of Eliff. He didn't have the confidence to defeat Eliff, so he said that."

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Hearing this, Fade nodded and looked at Eliff. His mind was full of thoughts. He didn't think about the match, but about his wife Quin. <sup>2</sup>

Based on the information he obtained back then, Quin's departure had something to do with someone called Moon Lin. Now that Moon Lin's son was here, Fade felt that he was getting closer and closer to his wife.

Just as Fade was lost in his thoughts, the referee in the arena announced the start of the match.

Eliff was tall, handsome, and had a good temperament. With his hands behind his back, he looked at Hoffman and said loudly, "Hoffman, you are no match for me. You'd better give up."

Hoffman was still smiling. He shook his head and said, "I'd like to try my best."

"Let's do it then!" Eliff sneered and then immediately said disdainfully, "A guy who took the initiative to admit defeat in front of a nobody said that he would try his best. It's ridiculous."

Hearing this, Hoffman remained calm and said faintly, "Just now, I gave up because I knew that I was no match for Fade. But now, I don't think I'll lose."

As soon as Hoffman said this, Eliff's face fell and he looked terrible.

Hoffman said that he would not lose to Eliff, but he was very sure that he could not beat Fade, indicating that Eliff was weaker

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than Fade.

This was something Eliff could not accept. Immediately, he glanced at Fade who was sitting in his seat, and gave a heavy snort. He said to Hoffman, "Since you don't know what's good for you, I'll give you a chance to give up."

Eliff's strength broke out and he launched an attack on Hoffman.

At the same time, Hoffman also moved and attacked with his True Energy.

For a time, the collision of the forces in the arena surged, and waves of air spread out, causing the surrounding audience to be unable to open their eyes. It was indeed a battle between two martial arts masters. The movement of this battle was no less than that between some famous masters.

The fight between the two was so fierce that the audience couldn't help screaming, and they were all very nervous.

Only Fade looked away after a few glances, because he had seen through Eliff's strength.

Eliff was similar to Hoffman. They were both in the early stage of the Heaven level. But his aura of True Energy was slightly stronger than Hoffman's, and his strength was slightly better than Hoffman's. However, that was all. To Fade, there was no difference.

As expected, after about half an hour of fierce fighting, Hoffman was finally defeated by Eliff.

Eliff kept his undefeated record and advanced to the final. There was no doubt that his opponent was Fade, the last one to beat.

The final battle was between Fade and Eliff.

No one had expected this to happen. After all, Fade was too strong and mysterious. He'd won seven straight rounds and entered

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the final.

However, it was expected that Eliff would enter the final. Therefore, no one was surprised.

Because Eliff had just finished a battle, for the sake of fairness, Fade let him rest for a while to recover some strength before the final.

When the final began, the two of them stood in the arena. Everyone's eyes were focused on them, and the atmosphere began to heat up.

The discussion about the two seemed especially lively at this time.

After all, one was a traditional expert, and the other had won unexpectedly. It stirred up a huge discussion.

However, the two players in the arena seemed calm at this time.

Eliff looked at Fade and said coldly, "I'm going to win this championship."

Hearing this, Fade said faintly, "Really? I happen to think the same way. I want to be the champion too."

"You want it too. In that case, prepare to pay the price!" Eliff snorted coldly. Immediately after, he exploded forth. With a loud sound, he attacked Fade.

Given Eliff's offensive strategy, the mood of the audience by the side of the stage became more enthusiastic, and the cheers and shouts continued to ring out.

Of course, most of the cheers were for Eliff. The Zhu family was the only one to cheer for Fade.

Keeran shouted with all his might, his face full of excitement and tension.

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On the opposite side, the Pei, Hsing and Chiang families' expressions and attitudes were very obvious. All of them clenched their fists and desperately cheered for Eliff, even more enthusiastic than the Lin family themselves.

It was no wonder. After all, they were all defeated by Fade. Of course, he hoped that the Lin family, the giant, could avenge them. However, their expectations were destined to be in vain.

Facing Eliff's fierce attack, Fade didn't have much intention of fighting this time. After all, he came to the hidden family for two purposes. One was to find the Chiang family and seek justice for the Luo family and Gentro, and the other was to find a trace of his wife, Quin.

The current battle, for Fade, was just a small step in the process of fulfilling these two goals.

After almost fighting for a day, it was enough. The only thing Fade wanted to do now was to end the battle as soon as possible so that he could do his own things.

Fade's thoughts were empty, but when he saw his body movements, he was stunned.

Eliff rushed out in a fierce offensive attack, but Fade seemed unaware of it. He was still standing in the same place, with no intention of defense or evasion.

The crowd couldn't help talking about it.

"What's wrong with Fade? He didn't move at all!"

"I think he's scared out of his wits by Young Master Lin's attacks. He's bound to lose."

"Hmph, this isn't just a matter of winning or losing. If he were to be hit, it's possible that he'd be seriously injured or even die."

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"Look, that guy is dead meat."

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In the midst of the commotion, Eliff's fist was wrapped with the aura of the Real Essence, and he smashed hard in front of Fade and was about to hit Fade's face.

It was not until this moment that Fade came to his senses. He raised his right hand and was ready to fight back.

Seeing this, Eliff lifted the corners of his mouth and sneered, "Now do you realize? It's too late. You're doomed."

Rumble! Eliff's extremely proud fist slammed with a loud bang.

However, just as he smiled brightly, a big hand suddenly reached out and accurately grabbed Eliff's fist. Then, as Eliff looked shocked, Fade's right hand exerted force, and a majestic and irresistible force instantly swung Eliff's body outwards and threw him out.

Eliff rose into the air and was about to fly out of the ring.



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At that critical moment, he pushed out a stream of force with both hands and stopped his body with counterforce. Finally, he landed on the ground and stepped into the arena.

Immediately, Eliff's face was gloomy. He stared at Fade and gritted his teeth, saying, "How dare you—"

Before he could finish, Fade frowned and said with a calm expression, "I didn't want to hurt you, but since you want to waste my time, I shall go ahead."

Hearing this, Eliff almost exploded, and flames of anger almost spurted out of his eyes. "Arrogant words. Next, I will go all out. I want you to know what the consequences are if you annoy me."

Following Eliff's roar, the aura on his body shook once again and immediately soared. With a sound, it formed a wave of True Essence Qi. The aura was majestic and grand, shocking everyone.

However, Fade, who was opposite him, shook his head and immediately took a step forward. A big hand directly reached out to grab Eliff.

"You're looking for death!" Eliff shouted and stabbed at Fade with a sharp virtual sword.

However, the moment the sword hit Fade's palm, it broke and shattered into fragments of Qi strength, scattering around the ground.

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"How could it be—" Eliff was still shocked. At this time, Fade's hand had already reached out to him.

Everything that stood in front of Fade got smashed to pieces, rendering them useless.

In the end, all Eliff felt was Fade's right hand constantly expanding in front of him with an unspeakable pressure, which was impossible for him to resist. Fade slapped him in the chest and he instantly spat out a mouthful of blood, and he instantly flew out.

This time, Eliff passed out in the air. He had no strength to do anything at all. He fell hard on the ground and spat out a mouthful of blood, which stained the ground red.

This scene left everyone there stupefied. It was completely silent. No one expected this to happen.

Eliff was actually defeated so easily. Everyone was completely unable to see through Fade's strength. He actually won eight consecutive victories in the end.

It was only after Fade walked forward and reminded the judge, that the stunned judge finally recovered and hurriedly announced the result of the competition.

Following the referee's announcement, the audience burst into an uproar of heated discussion.

The focus of the discussion was of course Fade, the anomaly who won the championship. Everyone was talking about his background and strength, and some were wondering how to draw this newly rising expert over to their side.

Of course, there were people who were filled with incomparable regret, like the ashen-faced Pei family, Hsing family, and Chiang family.

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Among them, the ones with the ugliest expressions were the people of the Hsing family. After all, the relationships between the Pei family and the Chiang family and Fade were not good, and it was natural for them to be hostile.

As for the Hsing family, they were originally the hidden family that had the closest relationship with Fade. It was initially possible for them to get Fade to represent their family.

If that was the case, Fade, who had now won eight consecutive matches and won the championship, would've won about 80 percent for the Hsing family. He could've directly raised the level of the Hsing family by a level and greatly increase the benefits of the Hsing family.

The Hsing family initially pushed Fade out and even to their opponents. Jones even went against Fade in advance, causing the Hsing family to be eliminated early, making their final score not ideal.

This move caused the loss of the Hsing family to be incomparably huge. At the thought of this, the expressions of the Hsing family members turned extremely ugly. Their hearts were aching.

At this time, everyone in the Zhu family was excited. Keeran was surrounded by the cheering crowd. He felt surreal, as if everything was a dream.

The battle arena, where they originally did not hold any hope, had been turned around by Fade. The Zhu family had a total of nine points. Their total score ranked them fourth on the ranking list. The final share was 80% of the total score. It could be said that it was a huge benefit.

Amidst the surprised discussion, the crowd sighed with emotion, then they got up and left.

Keeran was so excited that as soon as he finished the formalities, he was ready to ask Fade to leave with him.

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But at this moment, Fade walked toward the direction of the Chiang family.

The people of the Chiang family, who were about to leave, saw Fade walking over and their faces sank. Finley's father, Hambrick, stepped out right away, looked at Fade, and said coldly, "What are you going to do?"

Fade looked at Hambrick, then glanced at the other members of the Chiang family, and asked coldly, "I'd like to ask you a question."

"What?" Hambrick frowned.

Fade said, "Who is in charge of the Luo family in Capital City? Also, who sent a sniper to assassinate Joey?"

Upon hearing this question, Fairoze, who was behind Hambrick, couldn't help but change his expression, and his gaze darkened.

Fade caught this and looked at Fairoze, saying, "It seems that the assassination of the Luo family was your order."

"So what if it was?" Fairoze shouted coldly and glared at Fade, showing no signs of weakness.

"So what? If you hurt my friend, you must pay the price," Fade said in a deep voice.

Hearing this, Fairoze snorted hard, and his face was full of anger. "Pay the price. These words should be said to you by the Chiang family."

"My son Faxon, as well as Harold and Raleigh of the Chiang family, were all killed by you! For this, the Chiang family will never let you go."

Hearing this, Fade's face turned cold. "Really? Then come on. I'm not afraid of the small Chiang family."

"You—" Fairoze was so angry that he almost couldn't help but want to attack Fade.

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At this point, Hambrick pulled his older brother and stepped out. He looked at Fade and said, "Young man, don't think that you're amazing just because you won the championship today."

"Let me tell you something, the arena battle today was nothing. The main event is the election tomorrow. Tomorrow will be the day when all the true masters gather. When the time comes, prepare to welcome the Chiang family's wrath."

Fade said coldly, "I'll be waiting."

After that, Fade turned around and left with a flick of his sleeve.

The Chiang family members behind him were downcast. They were so angry that their faces turned dark, and their bodies were on the verge of shaking.

"F\*ck, this kid is too arrogant. He actually dared to provoke the Chiang family in front of everyone."

"He thinks he's invincible just because he won a few matches. He's like a frog living in the bottom of a well, he's never seen the world."

"Tomorrow, the real masters will come out to fight. Then, this guy will learn a thing or two."

"Tomorrow, the Old Master will fight, and this guy will be dead for sure."

"That's for sure. Old Master is a master at the Heaven Level. He has been unfettered for tens of years. How can a junior be a match for him?"

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The Chiang family members turned around and left angrily. 

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Fade and his men were also ready to leave.

But at this moment, a group of people walked over to them. Upon second glance, Fade realized that the people who arrived were from the Hsing family.

This made Fade slightly surprised. He narrowed his eyes and looked at them.

The gazes of Harmon and Romeo also grew slightly weary. They looked at the group of people that Shergius was leading.

In the end, it was Keeran who smiled and said, "Elder Hsing, what can I do for you?"

Shergius nodded and said, "Zhu family, congratulations on the results of the battle in the ring. I wish to discuss some matters with Mr. Chen now, alone."

Hearing this, Keeran's face changed, and he quickly thought of the Hsing family's intention of coming.

Although he was unwilling, he could only smile at the Hsing family. "I happen to have something to attend to in my family, so I'll take my leave first."

While speaking, Keeran called his daughter, Leena, and was ready to leave.

But before the two men could leave, Fade called out to them, "Keeran, Leena, you don't have to leave."

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The two of them stopped and looked at Fade and Shergius. "But, this..."

Seeing this, Shergius frowned slightly. He looked at Fade and said, "Mr. Chen, I have some important matters that I wish to discuss with you. Thus..."

"Since I've agreed to fight for the Zhu family, it means I'm a guest of the Zhu family. If you have anything to say, just say it. If not, then please leave," Fade said coldly.

Shergius was stunned for a moment. His face darkened and he said, "Since that's the case, then I'll get straight to the point. The Hsing family wishes to apologize to you over what happened earlier, Mr. Chen."

"We specially prepared a dinner party for you. We would like to invite you to come and have dinner with us. We will sincerely express our apologies, of course."

None of them were fools. Although it wasn't obvious what they were saying, the meaning behind it was clear.

Shergius was clearly trying to poach him. Because Fade's win in the arena was beyond everyone's expectations, and the Hsing family saw Fade's potential. Hence, now, they regretted driving Fade and the others away. Therefore, they wanted to make up for their mistake and take advantage of the opportunity to apologize by using the dinner to rope Fade in to help the Hsing family.

Thinking of this, Keeran's face fell. Although he understood their intention, he could do nothing.

After all, no matter which aspect it was in, the Zhu family was unable to compete with the Hsing family. If the Hsing family were to offer lucrative enough terms, Fade just might be attracted.

At this time, Fade was silent, as if he was considering this matter.

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Seeing this, Lanzo had a proud expression on his face. He said, "Mr. Chen, the Hsing family has much to offer. As long as you promise to help us, no matter if it's cultivation methods or medicinal herbs and pills, we can provide them for you."

After hearing this, Fade glanced at the people of the Hsing family, and said, "You Hsing family want to rope me in. Do you deserve me?"

"Uh—" The Hsing family was shocked. It was clear that they did not expect Fade to respond this way.

Immediately, Lanzo's expression sank. His face was filled with anger that was about to spew out.

However, before he started, Shergius stopped him. Shergius looked at Fade with a serious expression. He said. "Mr. Chen, we did make a mistake. However, when we say that we want to cooperate with you, we are definitely sincere. As for this point, you should be able to tell from Harmon and Romeo."

As he spoke, he gave Harmon and Romeo a look. It was obvious that he wanted the two of them to persuade Fade.

But the two people were silent and did not buy the Old Master's trick at all.

Fade said unceremoniously, "If it wasn't for the sake of Harmon and Romeo, I would have crippled Jones a long time ago. Now, before I get angry, all of you should leave!"

Shergius was shocked that although he personally appeared, Fade wasn't giving him any face and was driving him away in public.

The Old Master's face sank, and his aura surged. He almost couldn't control himself and wanted to make a move on Fade.

Meanwhile, Lanzo had long since been unable to hold back his anger. He was suddenly ignited by Fade's words. Without any



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trace of politeness, he said to Fade, "Chen, don't be proud. You think that you're so powerful just because you won the championship! Let me tell you, today was just a piece of cake. The real thing, it starts tomorrow. That is when the true experts will go on stage."

"Also, the Hsing family is interested in roping you in, and that is giving you face. You think very highly of yourself!"

"Let me tell you something. You've injured Eliff and offended the Lin family. Other than the Hsing family being willing to rope you in, are there any other families that are willing to do that?"

"Don't think that just because of your achievement, you're something. In the hidden family, people like you are not even worth mentioning."

Lanzo's series of words shot out like bullets. It was as if he was going to degrade Fade to the point of being incapable of anything.

After hearing this, Fade's face darkened, and he had no intention of refuting him. He then waved to the others and was about to turn and leave.

When Lanzo saw this, he became even prouder. He continued, "You have nothing else to say, right? Let me tell you, the Hsing family will give you one last chance. Now, quietly come over and join us, and we will disregard our past grudges and take you in. Otherwise, no one will be willing to take you in, you—"

However, before Lanzo finished speaking, a group of people walked over. One of them shouted enthusiastically, "Fade, wait a moment."

Hearing the cry, Fade stopped and turned to look. He discovered that the person who shouted at him was Hoffman, who had

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fought with him during the match. He could not help but ask curiously, "Hoffman, what's the matter?"

Hoffman smiled, then pointed to a middle-aged man next to him and introduced him, "Fade, this is my father, Zeger, the current head of the Zhou family. My father wants to invite you to our family as a guest."

Zeger immediately smiled and said, "Mr. Chen, we sincerely invite you to be our guest. We can offer you a generous reward."

After hearing this, Fade finally understood that the Zhou family was also there to draw him in. He had just defeated Eliff and won the championship, so he was very valuable.

"Mr. Zhou, I hurt Eliff and offended the Lin family. Do you really want me to be a guest of the Zhou family?" When he said this, Fade deliberately looked at the Hsing family.

Immediately, Lanzo's expression sank and was extremely ugly. After all, he had just said that no one would dare to have Fade and that Fade should join them. However, in the blink of an eye, the Zhou family had come to take Fade in. This was a slap across the face for Lanzo and the Hsing family. <sup>15</sup>