

Bodyguard 481

Chapter 481 – How Am I Supposed To Pay It Back?

Sis, now that you have a powerful partner you need to help me! Wei said carefully. Its that boss from last time, hes still not letting me and Dan go.

That boss? Didnt you guys give them the 150,000? Tang Yin asked curiously after a pause.

We did, but he said that 150,000 is what wed pay ten years ago. Now that prices have multiplied so much there needs to be interest for just the 150,000! Wei was evidently quite furious as he spoke. They said that either we give him 500,000, or Dan continues working in the company.

500,000? Tang Yin said, her eyes widening. Thats just being unreasonable! Theyre changing 150,000 to 500,000 all of a sudden, is this even in the contract? Should we file a lawsuit?

What contract? Wei smiled bitterly. Things wouldnt be like this if there was a contract! The only contract is the one we signed, the one stating that we have to work for him. It says that Dan has to compensate for the loss if she breaks the contract, but its never said how much the compensation actually is. He could pretty much just say anything he wants! Plus, if we really do file a lawsuit, theres no way we can sustain the legal battle. Theres still Uncle Tangs problem to deal with, isnt there?

Tang Yin sighed. Wei was right. Her family was marginalized in the first place. Of course they couldnt fight a legal battle against a big boss. Even if they did somehow win, theyd still do things thatd harm Wei! The enemies wouldnt be the ones losing.

But tell me, what can I even do? Tang Yin lowered her head. Wei was saying it loud and clear. He wanted her to go borrow money from Lin Yi.

But how was she supposed to do something like that now?

Yin, I do have 500,000 from Lin Yi, but isnt this money for our new place? We wouldnt be able to get the house-restaurant if we give it away! Mrs. Tang interrupted. Here, try and see if you can ask Lin Yi if he can give us another 500,000.

Another 500,000! Do you think hes a money tree?! Tang Yin stood up all of a sudden, panicking.

A money tree? Hes rich, this money isnt worth much to him, Mrs. Tang said as she looked at her daughter, a little irritated. Now that youre allowed to ask him for money, you need to do it more! Hed definitely agree if you ask!

Yeah, Sis! Please, Im begging you! Only Brother-in-law can help us now! What would happen to Dan if you dont do this? You dont wanna see her get eaten up, do you! Wei chimed in.

You guys dont understand at all! You dont even know whats going on between Lin Yi and me, whyre you always forcing me to borrow from him?! Why do you always force me?! Tang Yin was so furious tears threatened to fall as she screamed at the top of her lungs. Do you know how much money I already owe him? How am I supposed to pay it back? How? Its me borrowing the money, not you two! How do you think Im supposed to pay it back?!

Mrs. Tang looked helplessly at the raging Tang Yin. Do still not get it, Yin? Lin Yi likes you! You being pretty is your advantage, and if you dont use it properly, youll regret it when he breaks up with you!

Break up! Yes! He broke up with me! Tang Yin spat out. She didnt want to humiliate herself like this, but these two were forcing her into a corner! He doesnt want me anymore, now are you guys satisfied? That money he gave you this morning, thats the break up fee!

Ah?! Mrs. Tang froze along with Mr. Tang and Wei. Yin you, what are you saying? Lin Yi broke up with you? Youre kidding right?

Kidding? *Kidding*? Does this face look like Im *kidding*? Tang Yin had been upset the whole day. All the pain and sadness overflowed, and her tears flowed.

I Mrs. Tang didnt quite know what to do as she watched her daughter cry. She may have been a materialistic woman, but she was always on Tang Yins side. She hugged her and tried to comfort her. Alright, Yin, dont cry, its just a break up. Mom said that the guy was no good in the first place, right? Hes just a young master tyrant, a jerk.

What Mrs. Tang was saying actually amused Tang Yin a little. She couldnt help but chuckle. Mom, didnt you say he was good?

Huh? I Mrs. Tang was a little embarrassed. Yin, he didnt take advantage of you, did he?

No. Tang Yin shook her head. I told him that it wasnt okay before I meet his parents.

Good, then! Thats good, Mrs. Tang said happily. So youre still untouched, alls good then. We even got 700,000 out of the whole thing, its a great deal!

Mom, whatre you saying? That moneys a loan! Tang Yin panicked. Her mother wanted to just take Lin Yis money without paying him back! I cant just owe him that much money!

Whatre you talking about? He dumped you, it wasnt you breaking up with him! Plus, the moneys a break up fee, of course were supposed to take it! Mrs. Tang said, unwavering.

Wei, on the other hand, was at a loss. He never expected that Lin Yi would break up with Tang Yin all of a sudden. Hed wanted her to help him borrow money, too, but now

Sis, what about me? Wei lowered his head, upset. Dan looked to be in despair.

Wei, calm down. Ill cancel the plans for the house-restaurant! Ill let you use the money! Mrs. Tang was a materialistic woman, but she wasnt cold-hearted. She was still very generous when it came to family. I cant let you and Dan suffer, no matter what! Here, take this money and pay them!

Mom! Youre still thinking of using that money? I told you its Lin Yis, I need to give it back! Tang Yin said, panicking. Didnt she just tell her that it was Lin Yis money? What was she even thinking?

Its a break up fee, of course its yours! Or do you want to see your brother sell his kidney? Mrs. Tang glared. Were being nice enough by not asking for more! Of course were not gonna give this back to him!

I Tang Yin was at a loss for words. It was true. She had to pay the money back, but she couldnt just ignore Weis situation.

What should she do? If she freely accepted this money, what would Lin Yi think?

Hed most likely look down on her. Xiaoxiao would mock her for her greed, too. Shed say that she was a gold digger with no class.

Tang Yin found herself in an awkward position, unsure of what she should do.

Tang Yin, whyre you such a dummy? He played you, its normal for him to give you money! Mrs. Tang harrumphed.

Played me? Mom, your choice of words Tang Yin blushed.

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Doesnt matter either way, you dont need him! Mrs. Tang said with a wave of her hand. Alright, lets put this behind us and forget about it. Well go with Wei to his boss in just a minute!

Tang Yin didnt find it very appropriate that they were using this money, but there wasnt much she could do. This was what they got for being unlucky. Everything was just crashing down on them at once.

Sis, cheer up, the jerks blind! Dont worry, Im a man. Ill pay this money back to you, I promise! Wei said as he tried to console his sister. I wont make things hard for you!

Okay. Tang Yin nodded, feeling better. At least Wei wasnt the type of person whod force her into borrowing money. Just knowing that was enough for her.

The debit card was under Tang Yins name, and it was required for her to be there personally if they were to withdraw a sum as large as 500,000.

Mrs. Tang, Tang Yin, Wei, and Dan went to a twenty-four hour bank, and after Tang Yin made the withdrawal, they got in a taxi and made their way to where the boss lived.

Does he live here? It looks so grand! Mrs. Tang exclaimed as she looked at the luxurious neighborhood filled with beautiful houses and high-end facilities. She couldnt help but feel a little envious. I wonder when we can live in a house like that.

Aunt, were in Lead Shore! This is one of the highest class neighborhoods in the city, everybody heres rich! Just one house costs up to tens of millions! Wei was more familiar with the place. Hed been here a couple of times, after all.

Tens of millions? Thats ridiculously expensive! Mrs. Tang said in shock before turning to her daughter, sympathy and regret in her eyes. And I thought Yin had found a nice and influential husband. I thought your uncle and I could live in places like these, but thats impossible now.

Mom, whatre you saying! Tang Yin frowned. This wasnt something she wanted brought up. Shed rather not hear about the whole thing.

Ill stop, Ill stop! Mrs. Tang said.

But Mrs. Tang didnt stop. She started thinking if she could go talk to Lin Yi if she had the chance, see if she could get the two back together. Rich young masters like Lin Yi usually already had a partner

prepared for him by his family. Why else would he break up with Tang Yin all of a sudden for no reason? There had to be a reason.

Mrs. Tang was a seasoned woman, and she looked further than Tang Yin did. It was only natural for her to be more scheming.

She didnt know about Xiaoxiao, so she felt like there had to be something up on the inside.

So Mrs. Tang wondered if Lin Yi could possibly be engaged? He might not be able to marry her daughter, but couldnt he bring her home as a mistress? Yes, they were not a family who wanted much, just letting them live in this Lead Shore neighborhood was enough! If not, they needed to get a lump sum from Lin Yi. They couldnt just let him go like that!

He may not have done anything to her daughter, but he did hurt her feelings!

Tang Yin, on the other hand, wasnt aware of the things her mother was plotting. She was still rather innocent, and not capable of imagining the sorts of embarrassing thoughts running through her mothers mind. Shed be quite angry if she found out.

But one couldnt blame her mother for her mindset. Shed really had too much of a share of this cold, cruel world. Her years of suffering and poverty resulted in an urge to keep her own daughter out of that poverty, to the point where she was even satisfied with her daughter being a mistress. It wasnt her fault that she thought this way.

This is it! Wei said as he pointed at a solitary villa. Mr. Zou lives here.

Mom, dont say anything after we go in! We cant just give them the money this time. There needs to be some sort of written agreement! Tang Yin said as she calmed herself down, breathing deeply as she regained her composure and put the events of today behind her.

Tang Yin had no experience in society, but she did attend a prestigious private high school. Shed interacted with many people and understood that there needed to be contracts to guarantee their safety.

Her father couldnt get the compensation precisely because of a vague contract. She needed to have him write down a number this time. As long as they could make sure that Dan could get off the hook, paying up wasnt a problem.

Alright, Ill listen to you. Mrs. Tang nodded in response. She understood that her daughter was more experienced in these matters than she was.

Wei walked up and rang the doorbell.

Zou Tiandi was feeling quite troubled these past two days. Hed pissed off both Lin Yi and Li Cihua! These were men who could wipe him off this planet instantly! He didnt even think of resisting them!

His opponents were simply too strong. Lin Yi himself was a master above the golden class, while Cihua had with him many golden class masters.

Tiandi used to have Uncle Yan backing him up, and that allowed some tyranny in Songshan, but there just wasn't much he dared do now that Lin Yi had disabled his trump card.

Fuck! I'm Zou Tiandi, a damned big shot in Songshan! How have I fallen this far? Tiandi poured himself a glass of red wine and gulped it down, depressed.

As troubled as he was, Tiandi was actually feeling rather relieved. He might've pissed Cihua off, but this wasn't something that Cihua would want to kill him over. All he did was refuse to work with him, and that was it. Cihua wouldn't come and cause him trouble for something like that. Lin Yi had promised to let him off the hook too.

He could've had it way worse, and he was having trouble eating and sleeping. Fortunately for him, a charming, pretty girl would be coming to his doorstep soon, something he was quite looking forward to. It would ease his troubles a little.

The doorbell rang, and Tiandi adjusted his shirt, sure that Dan had arrived. After all, he'd given Dan the final word: either she came with the money tonight or her body!

The housekeeper had gone to the door already, and Tiandi walked out his study and towards the living room, full of confidence.

Mrs. Tang, Tang Yin, Wei, and Dan were in the living room, sitting on a couch and feeling a little uncomfortable. Wei and Dan had been here a couple of times and had gotten somewhat used to it, but this was Tang Yin and Mrs. Tang's first time in a place so luxurious. They weren't quite sure what to do.

That's you, isn't it, Dan? Is it money or your body tonight? Tiandi said as he walked down the stairs. He looked into the living room and was slightly taken aback. The couch faced away from the stairs, so he couldn't see the faces on those bodies.

Mr. Zou, we've brought the money! Wei said, standing up and turning to face Tiandi.

What? Money? Tiandi was shocked, so enraged steam shot out of his ears. Never would he have expected for Wei to get his hands on 500,000! How was this even possible! These guys were farmers! Even if they'd borrowed from the entire village, they couldn't have gotten that much!

He'd made his calculations in advance, planning on drugging Dan and relieving himself from all the trouble Lin Yi had caused him these past two days. He didn't dare do anything to Lin Yi, but Dan? *Heh heh*

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But what Wei said shattered all of Tiandi's fantasies. It left him with only his fury.

That's right, we brought 500,000! Please, Mr. Zou, we hope you can let Dan go! Wei nodded. He'd rather not just lose 500,000 like this, but it was money to save Dan. It was worth it.

Hmph. Wheres the money? Tiandi said coldly. As furious as he was, he couldnt really go back on what hed said. He decided that hed try and cause the group trouble.

Its with my sister, Wei said. Sis, can you show him the money?

Tang Yin found the voice extremely familiar, and abruptly realized who this Mr. Zou was after Wei addressed him as such. This was Ruomings father, Zou Tiandi!

The thought that Tiandi was with them right now froze Tang Yin in her tracks. Tiandi didnt scare her one bit when she was with Lin Yi, but now that theyd broken up, she no longer had his protection. Did this mean that the Zous would be bullying her again? The thought made Tang Yin regret coming here in the first place. She was worried that Ruoming would go overboard with her again.

Sis? Wei called again, not sure why Tang Yin was spacing out.

Tiandi was rather pleased with what he was seeing. Tang Yins tender figure moved him, and he started itching with a bit of lust, evident from the slimy smile he was wearing. Oh? Your sister came as well?

Tang Yin was even more terrified after hearing that lustful and repulsive voice. She grit her teeth and stood up now that Wei had called her. Turning around, she tried to look as composed as possible as she opened her bag. Mr. Zou, heres the money. I hope you can keep your promise and let my brother and Dan go.

Wha?! Tiandi froze as he looked at who this was. Never would he have thought that the girl Wei called Sis would be Tang Yin! How lucky was he going to get! He was always fucking bumping into Lin Yis associates the more he tried to avoid him! Was there some sort of curse on him? His luck was absolute shit!

He even thought that Tang Yin was just mocking him with what she said! He blanched as fear hit him, and words started slipping out his mouth. I dont want it. I dont want the money anymore.

Tang Yin frowned. She looked at Tiandis changing expression and wondered if he was going to go back on his word.

Wei was in shock as well, along with Dan.

Mister Zou, didnt you say youd let Dan go for 500,000? Whyre you going back on your word? Wei said nervously.

Mr. Zou, are you going back on your word? Tang Yin was shaken as well but tried her best to maintain her composure. She couldnt let the man see her true emotions. Thatd only worsen things!

I say, Ms. Tang no, ah, Sister Tang, Ill call you sister. Stop messing with me, I didnt mean it, I really didnt, I didnt know Dan was with you, Id never dream of doing anything if Id known! Tiandi said, on the verge of tears, convinced that Tang Yin was being sarcastic and mocking. After all, the most powerful people usually liked to say stuff like that when they wanted to look strong. It was the sort of thing he himself did when he preyed on the weak. It was only natural to assume that Tang Yin was doing the same.

Tiandi's outburst took everyone aback. Wei and Dan stared at Tiandi, as well as Mrs. Tang. The man's personality underwent a 180 right after seeing Tang Yin's face!

Tang Yin frowned. In her hesitation she realized what was going on. Tiandi most likely was still unaware of her break up with Lin Yi! This was why he was all respectful towards her!

She could very well use this chance to just walk away, but Tang Yin was concerned that he'd come cause Wei trouble again once he learned of the news.

From the looks of it, he wasn't going back on his word. He really was planning on not taking the money! It felt like it had come out of nowhere, but everyone was more than pleasantly surprised!

Tang Yin spoke after some thought, Mr. Zou, I think you should take this 500,000. This needs to have a conclusion, right?

Tiandi didn't really like how Tang Yin was mocking him and causing him trouble on purpose, but he was more overcome with fear than anything. He'd learned from Ruoming of just how precious Tang Yin was to Lin Yi. His son had gone through some shit after what he tried to do to her! There was no way Tiandi would piss this woman off.

Plus, Lin Yi had to be involved in some way with Tang Yin's visit today! Everyone had a limit to how much shit they could take, and nobody would be pleased if they had to deal with trouble coming from the same people time after time, let alone a master like Lin Yi.

Masters usually didn't even bother with small fry, but being small fry didn't excuse them from smacking themselves into the master's face all the time! The master wouldn't mind slapping the nuisance away!

It was a situation similar to a barking dog. You wouldn't pay it much attention if it always barked at you when you walked by, and you might even get over it if the dog came and bit you just once. If this dog were to go after your family, biting them time and time again, it wouldn't be a surprise if you just went and cooked it for dinner.

Tiandi felt like he was that dog. After being a nuisance to Lin Yi time and time again, it was likely that he wasn't far from death's door.

And so Tiandi was at the height of his fear. The thoughts sent him to his knees. He slammed down onto the floor as his tears fell. Sister Tang, please! Stop messing with me, I'm really sorry, I'll never do it again! Please, tell Boss Lin Yi that I'm really just a blind, blind man. I'll slap my own cheeks as an apology if you will it. Just think of me as a fart and release me.

With that, Tiandi lifted his arms and slapped his own cheeks, going harder and faster as the slaps rang out.

Tang Yin's face reddened at what Tiandi said. Think of him as a fart and release him? She was a girl! What sort of vulgar thing was he even saying? She couldn't help but glare at the guy.

Tiandi's pitiful state did give Tang Yin courage. Since he didn't want money anymore she decided to have it written on paper in case he ever went back on his word. Tang Yin decided to use Lin Yi's name to her advantage now that Tiandi was practically telling her to.

Mrs. Tang, Wei, and Dan, on the other hand, realized what was going on. Tiandi wasn't afraid of Tang Yin, he was afraid of Lin Yi! They didn't know just why he was so fearful of him, but from how he was kneeling and slapping his own face, it was apparent that it must be quite a traumatic fear for him.

Chapter 484 – The Powerful Mrs. Tang

The ones feeling the brunt of the impact were Wei and Dan. The two of them were absolutely terrified of Tiandi, but the man they were so afraid of was far more afraid of Lin Yi than they were of him! It sent Wei's blood racing seeing that the last thing Tiandi was concerned about was his pride. All he wanted was to please Tang Yin!

Wei could only imagine how it'd be if Lin Yi and Tang Yin never broke up, if they were still together. He could use his brother-in-law's powerful name if he needed it! Why did he break up with his sis?

What part of Tang Yin didn't he like, anyway? She was pretty with a good temperament, she was one in a million! Was Lin Yi blind?

But Wei understood at the same time that if Lin Yi really was this ridiculously powerful, he wouldn't have a shortage of women. His sister's advantage in life wasn't really that much of an advantage anymore.

Mrs. Tang was agitated as well, full of regret. How nice would it be if Lin Yi had never broken up with Tang Yin. She'd have a big shot for a son-in-law! No one in their right mind would dare piss her family off! A big boss like Zou Tiandi was slapping his own face right now at the mention of Lin Yi's name, just how exciting was that!

Hmph. My son-in-law's made it clear that if you cause my nephew any more trouble he'll teach you a lesson! Mrs. Tang said with a hand on her hip. The words just slipped out.

Tang Yin stared at her mother, speechless. Son-in-law? None of that was happening anymore!

But she didn't correct her. They couldn't let Tiandi know this, after all.

And so she let her mother continue making bold claims.

Of course, of course! Tiandi said quickly. Aunty, I apologize. I didn't know who you were. I'll keep myself in check, I'll never cause trouble again!

What about the 150,000 we gave you last time? Mrs. Tang harrumphed, absolutely excited and full of a sense of accomplishment. Tiandi was quite advanced in age, probably older than she was, and here he was, calling her aunty and making her his elder! Mrs. Tang had never experienced treatment like this before. It was thrilling!

Tang Yin saw immediately that her mother was about to screw things over. She was only going to make Tiandi suspicious! If theyd known that it was Tiandi, they wouldnt have given him the 150,000 in the first place, but they did.

At the thought, Tang Yin spoke up, Mom, Lin Yi said that Wei owes him the 150,000. We should just give it to him.

Tang Yin had to lie to avoid getting exposed. They still had their own skins to save.

Mrs. Tang did not like how her daughter was throwing this 150,000 away. They couldve just used Lin Yis name to get it back!

Right, right, the 150,000! Ill give it back right away! Please wait a minute! Tiandi didnt have the luxury to be suspecting anybody. Plus, Tang Yins remarks only convinced Tiandi more that he was in the situation he thought he was in, since those were things that Lin Yi would say himself, judging from what he knew of his personality. Minor things like this shouldnt really concern him that much, and as long as they didnt cross his bottom line it was usually okay.

Tang Yin said that Lin Yi didnt want the 150,000, but now that Mrs. Tang mentioned it, there was no way Tiandi was brave enough to refrain from paying back. Pissing off Lin Yis mother-in-law might result in some very bad things happening if she went home to badmouth him in front of Lin Yi. That badmouthing might very well get him killed! Itd be pretty regretful if he lost his life over something so trivial.

So he didnt care if Tang Yin wanted the money or not. He decided to just give it to Mrs. Tang, hopefully making it so that she wouldnt say anything to Lin Yi, or even mention some good things about him. It might very well get Lin Yi to stop paying any attention to him! The thought made Tiandi stumble up the stairs to retrieve the money.

Tang Yin glared at her mother, but she didnt care. As long as they got money who cared if they used Lin Yis name a little?

Wei and Dan were still in shock. Just how powerful was Lin Yi for a man like Tiandi to stumble around like this? To them, Tiandi was an existence far, far above them. He had money and power, was established in both the criminal and normal worlds, with his eldest son Zou Ruoguang acting as the gang leader in the northern district. This was someone with extreme authority in Songshan!

But Lin Yi wasnt even here in person! His sister was the one here, and just her presence alone was enough to make him shit himself! Would he be kneeling and slamming his head onto the floor if Lin Yi was here?

But Wei and Dan didnt voice their questions, afraid that theyd mess things up. They chose to save the questions for later.

A while later, Tiandi ran down the stairs, tripping from his frantic rush and tumbling down, landing on his butt with a painful thump. He ignored the pain and moved to give Mrs. Tang an envelope. Aunty, for you.

I thought I said we didnt want it? Tang Yin only voiced that without adding anything else. Now that Tiandi charged down to pay them the money, she didnt really want to insist anymore. It wouldnt do any good, either, now that the money had entered her mothers hands. It was as good as gone.

Mrs. Tang stared at the envelope with happy eyes. She sat down on the couch and started counting.

Tang Yin stared in speechlessness. Was her mother really counting the money when Tiandi had that terrified expression on his face? Hed obviously pay the full amount! Why was she counting the money in front of him! It looked like shed never seen money before. How embarrassing could she get?

Tang Yin stomped her feet in frustration, but she kept her mouth shut.

Tiandi, on the other hand, noticed Tang Yins expression. He didnt think much of Mrs. Tangs reaction to the money, since he was pretty familiar with Tang Yins family. They were poor, living in the slums. It wasnt a surprise that Mrs. Tang would be so fixated on money.

Tang Yins feet stomping wasnt much to him either. Now that Tang Yin was together with Lin Yi, she had plenty of money. Chances were, she didnt really care about this amount of money anymore.

Eh? How come theres an extra 50,000? Mrs. Tang counted the money to learn that there was actually a surplus instead of a deficit, much to her surprise.

Aunty, its the interest! The moneys been here for so long, so its just the interest! Tiandi said quickly, still hoping that Mrs. Tang would say something nice about him to Lin Yi. From what he could see, Mrs. Tangs weakness was simple. It was her greed.

The extra 50,000 was so that he could get on Mrs. Tangs good side. He was sure that she wouldnt blame him if he gave her that money. Shed probbaly even praise him!

As expected, Mrs. Tangs smile only grew wider. Good, good. Youre quite smart, arent you!

Mrs. Tang excitedly put the money back into the envelope before turning to Tang Yin. Lets go, Yin? We should let Mr. Zou rest!

Wait, Mister Zou. Lets have it in writing, that you promise you wont cause my brother and his girlfriend any more trouble! Tang Yin said, suddenly remembering what she had to do. Having this on paper was important in the case that Tiandi went back on his word.

Alright, its no problem! Tiandi said, agreeing to Tang Yins request instantly, thinking that hed be insane to still cause the Tangs any trouble. He still had things to live for, he didnt want to commit suicide!

Chapter 485 – Upset

It didnt matter what Tang Yins goal was. If she was asking for an agreement to be written on paper then Tiandi would do everything he could to fulfill it, not thinking much about it at all. He only assumed that Tang Yin put more emphasis on the details.

But if he were dealing with Lin Yi, things wouldnt be this civilized. The guy wouldnt ask him for writing at all, hed destroy his hands and legs so he wouldnt be able to!

Tiandi not only wrote down on paper that he'd never cause Dan and Wei any trouble in the future, he even gave the original contract he'd signed with Dan back to her, meaning that she no longer had anything to do with him.

Tang Yin breathed a sigh of relief as she took the contract. Not wanting to stay in Tiandi's house any longer, she nodded her head and turned to her mom. Let's go then.

Wait! Tiandi called out to the Tangs.

Tang Yin froze. Had Tiandi figured something out? That they had nothing on him?

Mr. Zou, are you going back on your word? Tang Yin turned around and made her voice as collected as she possible. Mrs. Tang, Wei, and Dan paled, still facing away from Tiandi without turning around, fortunately.

No, no, you've misunderstood, Sister Tang! Tiandi was given a fright as he explained himself. I just want to have my chauffeur drive you home. It's really late, and it's not safe, especially when you're carrying money on you!

It wasn't Tiandi's fault for being a busybody. He simply had no choice! It really was true that it'd be unsafe for the Tangs to go out at night with a total of 700,000 yuan along with the 200,000 he gave back to them. If anything like a mugging happened to them, Tiandi would be fully fucked if Lin Yi thought he was responsible for sending the muggers.

So he had no choice but to prove his innocence. He wouldn't be able to rest easy unless he himself saw them back home safely.

I see, that works, Mrs. Tang said, agreeing that it was rather unsafe for them this late at night.

Tiandi quickly contacted his chauffeur after Mrs. Tang agreed, telling him to drive the company SUV over. He then put on his jacket, preparing to see the Tangs home.

Mr. Zou, you get some rest. We'll be fine on our own. Tang Yin didn't want Tiandi following around. It'd be bad if he noticed something. What if Lin Yi sees you and gets angry again?

What? Tiandi jumped in fright at what Tang Yin said. Now that he thought about it, that really did seem like the case. Lin Yi would let the whole thing slide after a couple days if he never saw him, but he might very well give him a beating if he did! Tiandi quickly thanked Tang Yin. Thank you, Sister Tang! I was being illogical, I apologize. If that's the case, then I'll just walk you to the door. I really want to see you home, but it's just too dangerous for me!

Mrs. Tang, Wei, and Dan let out a sigh of relief, while Mrs. Tang turned around all of a sudden, very confident. It's fine. You're not a brave one, are you? I'll tell my son-in-law to leave you alone!

Oh! Thank you, Auntie, thank you! Tiandi said, overjoyed. This is what he'd been waiting for!

Tiandi's chauffeur arrived a short while later. He gave him a couple of instructions, telling him to treat the Tangs with more respect than he'd treat Tiandi himself before letting him drive them home, relieved.

Tiandis chauffeur was a responsible one, deciding to let the chassis of the car scrape against the dirt road as long as he got the Tangs back home safely. He went back after making sure hed finished his duty.

The Tangs, meanwhile, sighed after entering the house. The performance theyd put on was successful, and the happiest was none other than Mrs. Tang. Not only did they not have to pay up, they even got 200,000 back! It was a gift from God!

Mom, what were you thinking? Ive got nothing to do with Lin Yi now, why did you tell him he was your son-in-law? Youre just making it hard for me! Tang Yin said, feeling rather embarrassed and awkward about the whole thing.

She didnt want to throw away what little remained of her self-esteem by using Lin Yis name for her own benefit. The guy didnt want him anymore, and itd be rather shameless for her to run around using his name, wouldnt it? Tang Yin felt a little humiliated.

So what! Mrs. Tang didnt quite share Tang Yins concerns. That Mr. Zou doesnt know anyway. By the way, Yin, are things still possible between you and Lin Yi? Why did he leave you?

Uh Tang Yin uttered, embarrassed and not very keen on talking about Lin Yi, especially when Wei and Dan stood there watching. She just couldnt bring herself to do it.

Wei was a bit curious himself as to why Lin Yi had broken up with Tang Yin. He wanted them to get back together, and decided to stay and listen.

That look on his cousins face, however, told him that this was something embarrassing for her. He couldnt stay, knowing that. He stood up and held Dans hand. Well, well be leaving then, Aunty.

Be careful on the way back! Call me after getting home! Mrs. Tang said as she walked the couple out of the house before coming back in to hold Tang Yins hands. Yin, tell me. What happened? Lin Yi was pretty nice to you all this time, wasnt he? I didnt feel anything wrong this morning! What happened, all of a sudden?

Mom H-He has a girlfriend She transferred to our school and is sitting next to him, even Tang Yin said with a red face, upset as her mom pressured her with questions. Mom, why did he come and get me involved when he has a girlfriend already?

Tang Yin lost her strength in front of her mother. She laid on her moms lap and started to cry.

Dont cry, Yin, Mrs. Tang sighed. This was close to what she was epecting. It wasnt that Lin Yi didnt like her daughter anymore! The offical girlfriend had charged in and forced Lin Yi to break up with Tang Yin!

Mom, whats wrong with him? Whyd he come to me when he has a girlfriend, its so embarrassing! How am I supposed to live like this? Tang Yin said, getting more upset by the second.

Yin! Mrs. Tang sighed. Its all my fault, my fault for being poor. If we were a rich family, Lin Yi wouldnt be able to break up with you! This girlfriend of his, shes from a rich family, isnt she? Its likely the wife that Lin Yis family arranged for him.

Yeah, she drives a sports car to school. Tang Yin nodded, not lying.

You see? Why else would Lin Yi break up with you so suddenly, out of nowhere? Mrs. Tang said as she stroked her daughters head and shook her own. Did his girlfriend talk to you?

Yeah, she did Tang Yin got even more upset when Xiaoxiao was brought up. She said that I didnt know my boundaries, and that she wanted to let me be the mistress She said she doesnt want to let me even have that position because I want to take in Yi for my own. Hmph, whod ever wanna be a mistress!

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Hm? Mrs. Tangs eyes lit up as she listened to her daughter. Whats that, Yin? Lin Yis girlfriend doesnt mind letting you be the mistress?

Tang Yin blinked before realizing what her mother was talking about. She furrowed her eyebrows. Mom, youre not thinking of letting me be a mistress, are you? If so, dont even think about it. Theres no way Id ever bring myself to do something so embarrassing!

Mrs. Tang didnt really want to say anything anymore after that display of will. She patted Tang Yins shoulder. Alright, Yin, cheer up. Who knows, Lin Yi might come back to you one day.

Who needs him to come back! I wont even look at him! Tang Yin stomped her feet, making up her mind. Im gonna go study. I was just too dumb and trusted him! Itll never happen again!

With that, Tang Yin ran into her room, feeling a lot better after letting that out to her mom. She didnt feel as rejected and pressured.

Mrs. Tang looked at her daughter run off before shaking her head in regret, sighing to herself. *Yin, you just dont know how tough life is yet. Youll know how hard it is without money once youre my age.*

She remembered all her classmates who werent even as pretty as she was when they were young.

But they were in rich families now, all taking care of their skin and face! She, on the other hand, had lost her school beautys looks to the passage of time!

Her daughter liked a man who also liked her. Even if she wasnt the main girl, there wasnt any shame in that! There was a classmate of hers she met at a reunion who got a divorce and became the mistress of a huge CEO, always showing off to everyone. No one looked down on her! They were actually quite envious of her, even experiencing what it was like inside her BMW before she left!

People judge you based on your wealth, a truth about the hopelessness of society, a truth people didnt like to hear.

Xiaoxiao went through the blood extraction numbly before getting the CT scan. It was a battery of tests and checkups, same as always. The result would always be the same.

Xiaoxiao yawned as she laid on the hospital bed bored to death. Tianlong walked in and looked at his daughter. What do you want to eat tonight, Xiaoxiao? Ill take you, I took two days off. We can spend some time together!

Its okay, you have work to do. Xiaoxiao shook her head as she stared blankly at the cars outside the window, her tone indifferent. Are the results out yet? When can I leave?

Xiaoxiao only asked if the results were out and if she could leave. It was clear that shed long since given up hope on getting cured. All she wanted now was for the whole thing to finish so she could leave.

She wouldve stayed in the hospital if it were curable.

Not yet, but Doctor Zheng is an expert on hereditary diseases. He should know what to do! Tianlong comforted.

You dont need to try and make me feel better. Even that first generation miracle doctor Lin Dongfang couldnt do anything about Moms sickness. How are other doctors supposed to fix me? Xiaoxiao said with a grimace. Shed lost all hope, wishing only to be able to do the things she wanted without restraint in the last stages of her life so shed die without regret.

Miracle Doctor Lin said that he *could* heal you. Theres just some circumstances that havent been fulfilled, Tianlong said helplessly. Miracle Doctor Lin said that given five years, he might be able to find a cure, but your mom couldnt wait five years

Isnt he just making excuses for his incompetence? Xiaoxiao harrumphed. Who knows if he can actually cure me or not? Hes probably worried about his reputation.

Thats not it. Miracle Doctor Lin kept researching the special composition of your moms blood after her death. Its just that hes gone into isolation after our last meeting, Tianlong said, feeling helpless.

Yeah, he went into hiding because he couldnt cure her! Xiaoxiao didnt care much for him. Thats just what miracle doctors are! That stupid Miracle Doctor Kang too. What did he do, he just made a Golden Creation medicine! What else does he know? Miracle Doctor? What a joke!

Youre still young, you dont know of the type of person Miracle Doctor Lin is. Hes a man with determination! He put himself at risk by going out and doing solitary research on poison. Tianlong couldnt bring himself to scold her daughter, but he did put on a lecturing tone. You cant disrespect him!

Fine, fine. Xiaoxiao waved her hand. If he has such determination, how come hes in hiding?

Your moms sickness isnt childs play, its a really serious disease. Tianlong smiled bitterly. I tried to get into contact with him recently, but I couldnt get ahold on him. Captain Yang, the man who brought me on a mission that year, has some involvement with Miracle Doctor Lin, but hes gone into hiding as well.

Why did you bring me here for the checkups if you know how hard it is? Xiaoxiao frowned.

Theres still a couple days for the tests. Ill walk you around Yanjing for a bit, get some fresh air, Tianlong said, avoiding the question. Naturally, he, too, understood that there wasnt much hope in the checkups this time around either, but it was better than nothing.

Okay, Xiaoxiao said quietly, not saying yes or no, evidently not very interested.

Someone gave me some tickets to an auction. Are you interested? Tianlong said, remembering the Yus auction. Hed received an invitation as well.

Tianlongs division was the secret investigaion department, a secretive special ops team. They were very close with House Yu, and the Yus would always send many invitation tickets to the people of that department, despite the majority of them not having the time to actually participate. It was more of a gesture than anything.

Auction? Lets go take a look then! Xiaoxiao hadnt been to an auction in her life, so it actually interested her. Shed like to see one before she died. Itd suck if she died without knowing what it was like!

But I wont have the money for it if something catches your eye, Tianlong said regrettably. I have a high paying salary, but I cant bid on items worth millions and ten millions.

Haha. Xiaoxiao finally smiled and laughed. This was what shed wanted, the feeling of having fun with her father. Whether or not they could buy anything was the least of her concerns.

Shed heard her dad tell her that theyd take a walk more times than she could count, and itd always end in her father leaving for an unexpected mission, skipping out on her. He couldnt do that if he got invited to this auction! You need to commit this time!

Tianlong was overjoyed to see the smile on his daughters face. I wont! Theres three auctions, I can at least stay with you for one!

Okay. Xiaoxiao was more than satisfied with that. It was more than enough for her.

Chapter 487 – The Auction Starts

The auction was split up into three days, and thered be different items for each. Naturally, just having an invitation didnt mean you could participate in all three auctions. Only the most powerful families and the small number of celebrities were given the golden invitation card. The standard invitation card was red, specifying how many of the auctions the holder could join, effective on the day of use. It wasnt uncommon for the normal rich families and most celebrities to receive a red invitation card.

They could attend the auctions, but the invitation cards werent as valuable as the golden ones.

Fatty Lais was a red card, but he managed to get his hands on the invitation card for all three days. The one delivered to Xuemin, on the other hand, was golden. He was evidently considered on the same level as the highest families out there.

The items being auctioned started off with lower tier items, getting rarer as the days progressed. The items on the first day may be rarities, but the starting price was usually around a few hundred thousand to 2,000,000. They never went past that 2,000,000 cap.

The second days items ranged from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000, and the third day had items auctioned off for over 5,000,000. The regular rich people could really only attend the first days auction, attending the following second and third days just for the entertainment.

As a result, most didnt even bother trying to get an invitation for the second and third days, giving them to their interested friends even if they did receive the invitation.

There were different types of invitation cards, but there weren't set seats in the auction hall. People seated themselves randomly, and the families on good terms would sit close to each other.

There were a lot of seats in the auction hall, and the attendants usually never even filled up a third of the spots. There was no need to worry about a lack of seats.

Lin Yi, Xuemin, and Fatty Lai looked for a less populated place and settled down.

People started constantly entering the hall a moment later. The houses had sent forth their representatives. It was common for the head of these families to be absent, sending others in their stead.

The lights dimmed and the auction stage lit up with light as a man around thirty years old walked out, silencing the audience.

Welcome, ladies and gentleman, to the annual auction of the Yu family! The man bowed politely after speaking, and thunderous applause followed.

House Yu? Lin Yi froze briefly, his indifferent face tensing up for an instant before returning back to normal.

Boss, the Yu family is the biggest of all the powerful houses, and also one of the most mysterious. They just rose to power in the last ten years, but they got into the position of the dragon head of all houses with one leap! Fatty Lai explained softly. Always avoid crossing the Yus if possible. But, Boss, considering who you are Heh heh, even the Yu family would want to get on your good side, wouldn't they?

Hmm? Is that so? Lin Yi smiled softly. Whos that guy on the stage then?

Hes Yu Haitian, not part of the core Yu household, just a branch of the family. But even so, hes someone outsiders want to please, as hes the person who manages the Yu auction by himself on the outside, Fatty Lai said.

Lin Yi sighed before nodding, a smile on his face. Guess there isn't much opportunity to meet them.

Yeah, the Yu family's a really mysterious bunch. No one even knows what it is they do, but they're involved in a lot of businesses. The people they send out are never part of the main Yu family. Fatty Lai shook his head, smiling. Lets keep watching the auction. They actually put our Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing out on the first day, the blind fools!

Just thinking about the pills starting price of 1,000,000 pissed Fatty Lai off. 1,000,000 for a treasure like this? What a rip off!

Ha, its okay. Lin Yi shook his head. The 1,000,000 yuan starting price exceeded my expectations. Its never been proven or acknowledged yet, after all. You need to try it before knowing the effects.

Thats true. Fatty Lai stopped dwelling on the problem after hearing what Lin Yi said. By the way, Boss, just tell me if anything catches your eye. Ill help grab it for you!

Alright, Lin Yi said, accepting the offer. There might actually be something hed like during this auction. There was at least one item that Lin Yi needed to take.

Hed seen the catalog for the auction. The third item was a tattered goatskin scroll, an old map. Naturally, normal people would see it as some ancient map, an antique that wasnt worth much other than the appeal of its strangeness.

The problem was that the map was obviously just a small part of the map, not the complete one. In other words, it was both useless for collecting and without practical value.

Lin Yi would have absolutely no interest in the trash if it werent for that piece of a map hed found in the sharks belly.

But from the picture in the catalog, Lin Yi could tell that this was the same map from the one hed found in terms of material, craftsmanship, and even the strokes. Naturally, it caught his interest.

Would people fight for something like this later? Lin Yi didnt know much about auctions, or what people had demand for. He decided to show Fatty Lai the picture.

Uh Fatty Lais eyes went wide open as he looked at what Lin Yi was pointing at. No way, Boss, do you want that?

Why, whats the problem? Lin Yi frowned, not understanding what Fatty Lai meant.

Fatty Lai felt that hed overreacted too. He quickly and awkwardly apologized. Boss, in this auction, the earlier somethings brought out the less value it has, and the less interested parties there are. Of course, its possible that theres be an underdog item, but to be honest I really dont see the value of that little thing.

Ha, help me get it, then, Lin Yi said, relieved. Itsd be a problem if people fought for it. The items starting price was 100,000, and from what Fatty Lai said, this wasnt really a popular item.

The first item was a complete virgin jade that hadnt been sculpted before, an item thatd be the star in any other normal auction.

But the items here were on a different level from normal auctions. Evidently, the top tier families and billionaires didnt really care about something like this.

A jade with a starting value of 1,000,000 was then taken by a CEO with a red invitation card, buying the item at 1,200,000. It wasnt particularly interesting or exciting.

The second item was an item with a starting price of 100,000, a date with a celebrity who was auctioning the date invitation, a small-time celebrity. Anyone who bought the item could go on a date with the celebrity.

Chapter 488 – The Appearance of the Second Map Piece

Something like this would have quite the impact at a regular auction, but the rich in this particular one were evidently rather uninterested in the item. It ended up in the hands of a normal business man with a red invitation card, spending less than 150,000 for the purchase.

The third item was the map remnant that Lin Yi had his eyes on. It had a base price of 150,000, and a brief silence ensued in the auction room as the auctioneer displayed the item.

The description of the map in the catalog was crude and simple, the picture provided blurry and unclear as well. No one understood what it was for.

Was it an antique? There wasn't a corresponding testimonial that came with it, and they didn't even know what year it was made.

If it wasn't an antique, just what use did that piece of paper have? It looked no different from the type of hand-drawn maps ancient tribes would make, and this wasn't even a complete piece!

This sort of thing had no materialistic or practical value. Putting it in an antique market for those less knowledgeable of the field would work better; putting it in an auction hall like this seemed out of place.

But there would always be weird and out-of-place items in the auction. They were rare, but it did happen a few times every year.

In truth, even the auctioneer had no idea what this map fragment was. He didn't really introduce the item, simply reading the description from the catalog and describing it as an odd goatskin map, possibly leading to a great treasure.

The word possibly wasn't very convincing because of the sheer number of things that were possible. It was possible to chance upon 1,000,000 yuan on the street too. People naturally didn't believe in things that were unreliable.

The house representatives and millionaires weren't idiots. They were here for something they wanted, and something that wasn't on that list didn't earn their attention. They never intended on participating.

It wasn't a market, it was an auction. If they bid for an item they didn't want, they had to make the purchase. There was no room for refunds! No one made a bid for the useless map fragment.

This sort of situation had precedent, and the auctioneer was no stranger to it. It wouldn't be the only one left over from this auction. He cleared his throat. Item number three, goatskin map, is there anyone who'd like to bid?

Ha, 110,00! Fatty Lai said, raising his paddle. Who knows if that thing might actually be a treasure map? I'll buy it back and research it a bit.

Fatty Lai's words drew the disdain of many people present. Finding treasure with that shitty map fragment? It was complete bullshit. Fatty Lai was acting like someone who'd won the lottery, and the people who knew him recognized him as a smart man. Why would he buy trash like that? Did he want to make a scene, show off? The people who didn't know him, on the other hand, just assumed that Fatty Lai simply had too much money to spend, that he was an idiot.

110,000! Number 183s made a bid of 110,000! Are there any higher bids? the auctioneer said after a brief pause, thinking that it was good that someone was willing to participate. It may not be a large sum, but twenty percent of the earnings would still go to the auction.

A small piece of meat, but a piece of meat regardless.

Going once going twice the auctioneer said as he looked at the auctioneers, hoping that someone would come increase the bid.

The participants weren't stupid. They wouldn't go fight someone for an item as useless as that map fragment, especially when that might piss the current bidder off. The people qualified enough to make it to this auction hall all prioritized benefits and profit, and doing something that'd only damage them without benefits was something no one was willing to do.

Might as well leave the item to someone else and not participate altogether, since they had no use for the map in the first place. If they wanted it, then they'd fight it out for sure. Plus, it was rather rare that bidders would fight against each other simply for causing trouble, unless there was some sort of beef between them.

In the corner of the auction hall was a man. His face tightened when he heard someone bid for the map. He spoke into the mic next to his mouth, Uncle, should I raise the price a little?

The man's being rather careful. I don't know if he actually wants it or not. The voice of a middle-aged man came through the earpiece. Add 10,000 or two and see how it goes.

Alright! the man responded, raising his paddle when the auctioneer said going three times. 120,000!

Oh? Could this actually be something good? Here we go then! Fatty Lai stood up after looking at the new bidder, a little surprised. He didn't wait for the auctioneer to speak. 125,000!

Huh? The auctioneer started wondering if the goatskin map might actually be valuable now that two bidders were fighting over it.

But after the initial shock, Fatty Lai's words made it clear to them that he wasn't particularly interested in the item. In other words, from the way he was bidding it was clear that he wouldn't be expending his resources to get the item. Who'd inched the bids up like that otherwise? It looked like he was playing around!

While the bids needed to be raised at least 5,000 yuan each time for an item with a 150,000 yuan base price, very few people actually did that, raising the bids by tens of thousands instead. What Fatty Lai was doing told everyone that he was interested enough to not let the item go if this person was going to fight it for him, that he was just inching the price up a little to test if the opponent actually wanted it.

So no one else was interested in participating. It'd cause them unnecessary trouble if they pissed somebody off. They decided to watch the show.

What does this mean, Uncle? the man asked hesitantly.

I don't know. Add five thousand more. Give it up if he continues bidding, the middle-aged man said.

130,000! The man raised his paddle again.

135,000! Fatty Lai raised his paddle with a twerk of his big ass.

Concede, the middle-aged man said. Have someone check his background!

Alright, the man said, not raising his paddle anymore.

135,000 going once, going twice, going three times sold! the auctioneer said, disappointing the people looking for some entertainment.

The man who was fighting Fatty Lai was obviously doing it for fun himself, not interested in getting the item, the same thing Fatty Lai was doing.

And so no one actually thought the map fragment was good. None of them were interested or impressed when Fatty Lai got the item, convinced that he was doing it for fun, that he wasn't committed to getting the item.

Congratulations the Number 183 for taking home this goatskin map for 135,000 yuan! Well have our staff contact you for the papers later, the auctioneer said before continuing the auction.

Fatty Lai bidding for a goatskin map was but a small ripple in today's auction. Nobody paid him any more attention, save for the one who had bid against him earlier.

Chapter 489 – Adding 100 Million from the Start

The Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing was the tenth item to appear in the auction. It didn't have much information on it like the goatskin map from earlier, resulting in the auctioneer just reading off the description since he didn't know anything about the item or have any experience with it in an auction.

But the auctioneer added something to his description, something Fatty Lai had requested beforehand. Requests like that from the seller were usually fulfilled as long as it wasn't too much trouble.

The next item is a Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, one of the three provided by the Miracle Doctor Guan Company! Each pill has a starting price of one million yuan, and will be auctioned in three separate instances. The auctioneer then paused due to the sudden uproar from the crowd.

Very few had heard of this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing before, and it was the first time any of them had heard about the Miracle Doctor Guan Company. What sort of company was that? What sort of pill could this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing be?

All of them were invested in their health, people who considered their lives precious. If this pill really was good, there was no way they wouldn't have known about it. But the fact remained that this item was something they'd never heard of before!

And wasn't the one million starting price a little too high, especially when it was the price for just one pill? Would anyone make a bid?

No one here lacked money, but no one was willing to take that risk either.

Especially when it was a pill with completely unknown origins. No one would go for it.

The uproar died down, seemingly within the auctioneer's expectations. Similar things would always happen in the annual auctions, and he wasn't very surprised as he continued his introduction, The Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing is capable of expelling all toxins within the body! As we all know, through consumption of food there will inevitably be unwanted toxins that gather in our bodies. Some may be expelled constantly, but some stay inside. The longer we live, the more these toxins pile up. What this pill achieves is a body cleansing effect that expels all those toxins out of the body, renewing and extending it for a longer life!

The auctioneer himself didnt have too much faith in the description. It sounded like something from a wuxia novel! If the description were true, and if the pill actually had such magical properties, then one million wouldnt be expensive at all!

But was it genuine!

The Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, starting price of one million! Bidding is now open! The auctioneer was prepared for the item to be left out of the auction. If no one was going to bid for the first one then both the second and third ones wouldnt have any bidders either, and theyd carry on to the next item.

Due to the last item, an antique vase that had quite a competitive bid for it, the auctioneer didnt think theyd be able to finish the auction on schedule. He wanted to save time wherever he could.

The Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing might not have been common knowledge among the participants, but some people were aware of what it was. Liu Tianyi knew about it, as did Miracle Doctor Kang!

The only concern was whether or not it was real. Miracle Doctor Kang was worried that it was the same pill that Xiaobo had provided, something that wasnt genuine.

Heh, Miracle Doctor Guan? Isnt that clearly a rip off of your name, Elder Kang? Xiao Ji said a little mockingly to Miracle Doctor Kang, who wasnt sitting far from him. This must be a scam.

Hed only just received the invitation, but while his father received a golden one every year, theyd only received the red invitation card this year! It was a three day card, but it was clear that the Xiaos didnt enjoy the prestige they once did.

But there wasnt much they could do about it. As enraging as it was for Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji, it was nice enough to actually receive the invitation. What more did they want? It only convinced the two brothers that they needed this alliance with the Kangs to stay relevant and in power as a house!

Miracle Doctor Kang frowned, as if he realized something, but was unsure.

Miracle Doctor Guan This Miracle Doctor Guan wasnt Guan Xuemin, was it? He remembered that the person with Xiaobo seemed to have a good relationship with Xuemin. Could the real owner of this pill actually be Xuemin himself?

As Miracle Doctor Kang pondered, a man stood up and made his bid.

100 million! Fatty Lai raised his bid board.

Huh?! All the participants burst into an uproar, including the auctioneer who stared blankly at Fatty Lai. Hed been an auctioneer for the Yus for almost a decade, and never had he seen a situation like the one before him today!

Nobody would do something like this! It was impossible! Bidding 100 million for an item with a starting price of one million? It was just the first bid!

Can Mr. 183 please repeat your bid for confirmation? I didnt quite hear it. It was an embarrassing thing for the auctioneer to say something like that, but he didnt care anymore. It was simply too absurd, something that absolutely defied logic. He simply didnt believe that Fatty Lai would bid 100 million, especially right from the get-go. He was convinced hed heard it wrong.

But Yu Haitian, who was sitting under the auction stage, frowned slightly as the auctioneer struggled in his confusion.

The Yus might be the hosts, but they did attend the auctions. Haitian was currently sitting with a middle-aged man, and if one looked closely theyd see an earpiece in the mans ear.

The auctioneer didnt know, but Haitian knew for a fact that Fatty Lai was the one whod provided the pill!

Buying the pill he provided himself? Could he be trying to raise the price?

It was a real tactic when auctioning, and people did employ that tactic to raise the price of their item. It created a false sense of competition and was a strategy that the host was aware of as well. In order to prevent something like that from happening the host would always get a cut of the profits, and in the case of the Yus, that cut went as high as twenty percent!

Because of that, even if people wanted to carry out that strategy theyd have to take very high risks. If it were a success then itd be a win-win: the host would receive a hefty profit, and the seller would get the sum they wanted!

But failure would mean a heavy loss on the sellers part!

Of course, they could still back out of buying the item after completing the bid, but they would still need to pay a twenty percent fee for compensation!

In other words, there was no escaping the twenty percent, and this resulted in a very small amount of people actually raising the price of the item they were trying to sell.

And what Fatty Lai was doing by throwing out 100 million for the first bid looked like a complete joke!

But as perplexed as Haitian was, he kept his silence and didnt say anything.

Chapter 490 – Sky-high Prices

Liu Tianyi was itching with frustration as he watched Fatty Lai wave both his bid board and butt in front of him. What the hell did he think he was doing?!

Others might not know what that pill was, but Tianyi did! It was a treasure if it came from Lin Yi!

Just one look at Fatty Lais old man and it was obvious if that pill worked!

But what he wasnt expecting was how Fatty Lai threw one hundred million on the table right from the get-go! Did the man not know how to make a purchase? This wasnt how you spent money! He might be rich and all, but one did not buy things 100 million yuan at a time!

As pissed off as he was, Tianyi understood the value this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing had. Even one hundred million didnt do it enough justice.

So Tianyi raised his own bid board. 110 million!

What?! The crowd burst into an uproar again. They couldve written it off as Fatty Lai going crazy, but this was Liu Tianyi, the first in line to House Lius inheritance! There was just no way hed be messing around with Fatty Lai like this!

If even he was throwing out 110 million for this pill, could it be that it was a real deal?

The auctioneer inhaled as well, completely speechless as he watched. This sort of competitive bidding was an extreme rarity.

Yu Haitians frown only deepened. If Fatty Lai was trying to raise the price, then what the hell was Tianyi trying to do? From what he could make of things, this pill did seem like it was something good! Did he make an inaccurate assessment when he took a look at the item?

150 million! Fatty Lai raised his board again.

Tianyis lungs were bursting at this point. What the hell was Fatty Lai trying to do? He was clearly fighting him for the pill! Did the guy think he was the only one with money! Tianyi raised his board and threw out a bid that silenced everyone. 200 million!

Everyone else had originally planned on watching as spectators, and see what the others would do before doing anything themselves. After all, many of the bidders knew Tianyi and knew that anything Tianyi had his eyes on gave it complete validation.

But it wouldnt be wise to involve themselves in this bidding war.

First, the highest bid was 200 million, far too high.

Second, theyd cross Tianyi. From what they could see, the way Tianyi was bidding made it clear that this pill was something Tianyi was set on taking home!

So even those with a genuine interest didnt want to make a bid. Fortunately for them, there were two more pills!

Everyone started heating up as Tianyi's passionate chase for the pill reminded them of something.

Tianyi's old man went to Xuemin to get cured. It was no secret, and many of the bidders were aware of it. Connecting that with the Miracle Doctor Guan Company the auctioneer mentioned earlier and the first one who came to mind was Xuemin!

Could this very pill be what was responsible for Tianyi's father's recovery?

The people who knew Fatty Lai, on the other hand, realized something even more critical.

Fatty Lai's father had uremia and was inches away from dying when he got discharged from the hospital all of a sudden, his face bright and his appetite healthy, much more energetic than the old man his age. Even if his uremia hadn't been completely cured yet the guy had obviously recovered! He was fine!

The miracle had finally been explained, and everyone understood what was going on.

Clearly, Fatty Lai and Tianyi were no idiots, just men aware of what type of pill this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing was! Why else would they throw such ridiculous amounts of money at it?

250 million! Fatty Lai said, his eyes red. This was a valuable treasure that even Lin Yi himself said was rare. Just how insanely precious could it be! He wasn't thick-skinned enough to ask Lin Yi for it, so the only way left was to get it through bidding!

280! Tianyi said, giving the extreme bid through gritted teeth.

Another uproar sounded. This was a price that Tianyi would bid only if he knew what the pill's effects actually were! The answer was simple. The auctioneer's description of the pill was genuine, and that this pill really did extend one's life and cleanse all unwanted toxins!

Fatty Lai was about to make another bid when Lin Yi pulled at him, shaking his head. Don't make any more bids, it's getting a bit expensive.

Ugh! Alright. As unwilling as Fatty Lai was, disobeying the boss was not something he wanted to do. As painful as it was to lose this pill, he'd very much rather die than piss Lin Yi off!

Your old man won't need this after drinking the medicine I gave you, Lin Yi said quietly. No need to fight for the pill.

Ah!! Thank you so much, Boss! Fatty Lai exclaimed, overjoyed. He'd wanted to have one for his father in case of an emergency, but now that Lin Yi said he could be cured then that meant his father would be fine!

But Fatty Lai wanted one for himself too. After all, this was a miracle pill right in front of him! But, Boss, I want one too.

Kay, Ill give you one when we get back, Lin Yi said casually.

Wha! Fatty Lais tears and snot erupted upon hearing Lin Yis divine words. The unknowing people around him thought he was crying in pain from losing the pill because he didnt have enough money!

280 million going once! 280 million going twice! 280 million going three times! Sold! the auctioneer said, highly excited. This was the highest price in the entire auction! Even the items on the third day would have a difficult time getting bids like that! From the looks of it, it was clear that the pill had the right to be put on the third days auction!

But now that the schedule was set there was no changing it. They had to move on.

Tianyi, on the other hand, started weeping with joy! Fatty Lais finances must have been tight recently. Hed heard about the inheritance war between his elder brother and him! It seemed like Fatty Lai had lost the Lai money to his brother!

Next, the second Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, with a starting price of 100 million! the auctioneer said slowly. Each bid increase is required to be at least 10 million!

The auctioneer had the authority to make adjustments depending on the crowds reaction. With the precedent set, itd be a joke for him to start it off with a one million yuan starting price.

As shocking as the price was, it was clear that the item really was worth that price tag. There were no objections at all.

Dad, what is that? How can there be bids that high? Xiaoxiao asked her father, confused.

Because of some delays from the hospital, Tianlong and Xiaoxiao had only just gotten into the auction hall, only to see the first item being sold for the absurd price of 280 million yuan.

Chapter 491 – House Yu Intervenes

Feng Tianlong furrowed his brows as his emotions raged. He couldnt calm down as he wondered if the pill was as miraculous as it sounded. Could it be effective at treating his daughter’s illness?

If the auctioneers description really was genuine, could this pill provide his daughter the miraculous cleansing effect it promised?

The root of Xiaoxiaos illness was caused by a defect in her blood. Miracle Doctor Lin had said this once. So had some experts on hereditary diseases as science and medicine improved. Theyd tried using different methods to make up for that defect in her blood, to no avail. If the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing really did work, then Tianlong would do all he could to get his daughter one.

The price, however, was a hurdle he could not pass.

He was part of a top secret department, with a shockingly high yearly salary in the eyes of an average person. But hed probably have to not eat anything for his entire life to be able to barely afford it.

Dad, whats wrong? Xiaoxiao asked curiously after noticing the hesitant look on her fathers face.

Xiaoxiao, I was just wondering if that pill would work on you too? Tianlong said after thinking about it. Its just that I cant afford it.

Haha. Xiaoxiao started laughing. That thing sounds like something from a xianxia novel, how could it be real? Dont buy into that, Dad, its got to be a scam!

But the two bidders were smart people. Tianlong shook his head. One of them is Lai Changyi, the son of the Norths largest electronic company CEO. He may be from a wealthy family, but hes no spoiled child. Hes a really good businessman.

But why does he look like a crybaby to me? Is he standing there crying because he couldnt get the pill? Xiaoxiao blinked. That fatty was quite something, but what was he doing crying like that?

Thats just how he is. But he doesnt cry all the time, only when certain things happen, Tianlong said. The other guys an even bigger big shot, the first in line to the House Liu inheritance of Yanjing, Liu Tianyi, even less likely to be an idiot!

But so what! Theyre rich, and rich people usually buy things thatre rare and weird. Xiaoxiao didnt really believe that the pill would be that powerful.

Well see. Tianlong made up his mind to pay Tianyi a visit afterward. If it really did work, hed get one for his daughter at any cost!

The second pill was up for bidding, but now that the base price had been set to 100 million, a lot of the interested participants started spectating again.

150 million! Fatty Lai jumped up with his bid board once more.

The crowd was not surprised this time around, having just witnessed Fatty Lai make a bid of 250 million. From the looks of it, he was completely determined to be the one to bring this pill home.

After seeing Fatty Lai fight Tianyi for the pill, most people understood that the pill had to be genuine. But that didnt mean theyd throw out a few hundred million for it!

What if the effects werent prominent? Or if it simply added more years to ones lifespan? Then it wouldnt be that worth it. One could do so much more with 200 million yuan. There was no need to purchase this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing!

200 million! Tianyi raised his board, much to everyones surprise.

Fatty Lai was starting to panic. Liu Tianyi, goddammit! Are you trying to mess with me! What do you think youre doing?! You already have one, leave me alone! Whats the matter with you!

Its a fair competition; the highest bidder wins. Its only fair, Tianyi said as he looked at Fatty Lai. He knew that he wasnt being very nice, but it was times like these that one had to hold their ground. If he could get this with 200 million, hed take it. If not, then Tianyi decided that hed let it go. After all, there was

only so much money he could spend. Just having one Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing satisfied him.

250 million! Fatty Lai raised his board again as he gave Lin Yi a slight smile.

Lin Yi understood immediately that Fatty Lai was trying to raise the price for the pill. He didn't stop him, letting him continue bidding.

Make a bid. Were buying it, the middle-aged man beside Haitian instructed all of a sudden.

Haitian paused briefly before responding. Understood, Uncle.

280 million! Haitian said, raising his bid board. The Yus might be the hosts, but they still reserved the right to participate in the bidding. It was just that there werent a lot of items that caught the eye of the Yu Family.

The crowd was but shocked at Haitians sudden participation in the bidding. After all, House Yu had almost never raised their board in the past few years, since everyone was aware that a Yu making a bid meant that no one would try and contend.

This wasnt just because of the fear of House Yus strength. The key was that no one wanted to make an enemy of the family! Anything that caught their eye would end up in their hands, no matter the price.

As a result, everyone else would forfeit whenever a Yu raised their bid board.

Understanding this, the Yu family also refrained from raising their board, so as to avoid tarnishing their reputation. They only made exceptions to items they really wanted.

Their bid on the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing meant that they would stop at no cost to obtain the item. The pill was as good as theirs.

But the Yus wouldnt do anything thatd result in people talking behind their backs. The bid Haitian made was a reasonable one. It was the price Tianyi paid for his pill! There was no bullying here; it was very much fair to the seller.

Naturally, nobody else made another bid after Haitians, and the second pill was theirs for the taking.

The third pill was up for bidding, and it was the last. Many were being hesitant as they contemplated. They really didnt want to spend 2 to 300 million for this one pill!

They werent House Yu, or House Liu, nor were they Fatty Lai. Their families needed the money for their businesses, and 280 million was simply too high a sum.

But there was one person who had his mind set on obtaining this last pill, Miracle Doctor Kang! He didnt do any proper research on the last Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, so it was a must that he bring this one home. Even if nothing came from the research, he could very well eat it and add a couple of years to his lifespan!

Chapter 492 – Last Bid

Looks like this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing is quite the popular item this auction! Well now start the bidding for the final pill! Now, fellow bidders, dont hold back this time around, its the final pill!

The last pill! the auctioneer said passionately as he put the final pill on display, hoping that the winning bid would beat the previous two pills and create history.

The bidding began and Fatty Lai was the first to jump out, shaking his ass in the process as he raised his bid board. 200 million!!

The crowd erupted into an uproar, not expecting Fatty Lai to start the bidding war with 200 million right from the get-go!

But it made sense as they thought about it. Fatty Lai had lost two pills in a row, and this was his last chance. There would be no more opportunities after this one.

Yu Haitian, on the other hand, didnt quite understand Fatty Lais bid. Haitian might have gotten a pill earlier, but his instincts told him that this pill had to be something good. Uncle, should we make another bid?

No. The middle-aged man shook his head. You bought the previous one at a low price. Fatty Lai didnt make another bid out of respect for House Yu, and the same goes for the other bidders. It isnt slightly for our family to fight for this final pill; its not our way.

Huh? Low price? Haitian blinked.

Youll see, the middle-aged man said evenly. This final pill would sell for more than 300 million, Im afraid.

Haitian felt regretful upon hearing the words. He was still young and didnt consider all the consequences. He assumed that buying the pill at the price of the last bid was high enough. He wasnt expecting that to be a low price!

After all, when the same items were auctioned off, the first ones would usually sell for a higher price, with the later items being sold for gradually lower prices, since the people interested in competing had participated already.

In other words, the bids would only get cheaper. But todays item was an exception.

Liu Tianyi had been planning on taking part in the fun for a bit, but hearing 200 million discouraged him from doing so. As rich as House Liu was, there were a lot of assets and investment securities he couldnt sell or move. Plus, even if he had plenty of usable resources he couldnt just blow it all on buying pills, could he?

210 million. A son of a house raised a bid board after receiving permission from his elders, much to everybody elses disdain as they shot him a look. People were adding tens of millions with each increasing bids. Wasnt 10 million too small a number?

250 million! Fatty Lai said grandly.

Miracle Doctor Kang frowned. Hed wanted to join in the bidding during the second round but didnt expect for the Yu Family to butt in. He didnt dare fight the Yus for the pill, so he had to resort to joining the third round. But Fatty Lai was making it pretty clear that he had no intention of holding back this time around. It was quite worrying for the doctor.

Lin Yi and Xuemin were sitting quietly, and the only one standing and raising his board was Fatty Lai. As a result, nobody could see Lin Yi and Xuemin. Miracle Doctor Kang wasnt thinking too much either.

280 million! Miracle Doctor Kang said after some consideration, offering the high price that the last pill had sold for. He thought that Fatty Lai would give up after that bid, but life was indeed full of surprises.

300 million! Fatty Lai raised his board without even hesitating.

After a brief pause, everyone in the crowd understood why Fatty Lai was going so far. Hed given up on the first pill because there were more chances to come, and hed backed out of the bidding the second time because of the Yu Familys involvement. He didnt want to fight House Yu and had to give up.

This third pill, however, was his final chance. He had no other choice.

With all that in mind, 300 million really wasnt that high a price.

Miracle Doctor Kang was quite pissed at Fatty Lai. This was bullying! He never made any higher bids when Tianyi was fighting him or when Haitian was making bids! He just had to bid 300 million when it came to him!

With the precedents from earlier, Miracle Doctor Kang had assumed that 280 million would probably guarantee him the pill, but things were much less simple than hed thought.

What should we do, Father? Guifeng frowned. This is the last Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, and that damn fattys not holding back!

Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben, sitting beside them, found it odd. Elder Kang, is this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing really that valuable?

Miracle Doctor Kang didnt answer them, turning to Guifeng instead. It doesnt matter if hes hellbent on getting the pill; we need to be the highest bidder! This pill is highly important to our family!

I understand! Guifeng evidently knew what his father was thinking. If they could analyze the constituents making up the pill, then the Kangs would be able to count the days until their greatest glory!

This might be a long-lost ancient medicine, Miracle Doctor Kang said to the Xiao brothers after speaking to Guifeng. Im planning on researching it after purchasing the pill.

Oh? I see! Its no surprise that the bids are this high, then. So its an ancient medicine? Xiao Ji said, understanding what was going on. Then itll really be worth the buy. With your knowledge, Elder Kang, the research is sure to go smoothly.

Haha, thats not for certain. After all, arent the ones who discovered this pill some Miracle Doctor company as well? Even they havent managed to finish the research. Well just have to try and see, Miracle Doctor Kang said, extremely pleased by what Xiao Ji said.

Guifeng, on the other hand, was making another bid. 320 million!

350 million! Fatty Lai shouted before the auctioneer even said anything.

Guifeng paused as a layer of sweat covered his brow. This Fatty Lai sure was rich. He wasn't holding back one bit!

Keep going. It hurt Miracle Doctor Kang to be spending this much money, but the entire medicine company had nearly 500 million yuans worth of movable resources he could use for this bid.

380 million! Guifeng raised his board once more.

Fatty Lai clearly hesitated for a bit, but raised his board again before the auctioneer said anything.

400 million! Fatty Lai announced.

The crowd burst into a heated uproar, while all the rich people and billionaires kept their mouths shut. While Tianyi and Haitian had made their acknowledgement of the pill clear, this was still an item none of them really knew about. Paying this much for a mystery pill was not something they'd do.

Chapter 493 – Unexpected Events at the Auction

But as things stood, Fatty Lai and Miracle Doctor Kang had involved themselves in a bidding war for the pill!

Miracle Doctor Kang. He was a titan of the medical world, and even that very titan was fighting to spend millions for this pill.

The pill was most definitely a miracle pill. Everyone was convinced.

They were regretting not bidding during the first round. Tianyi had it good. He'd snatched himself a miracle pill early on when the price was still low, but it was now being bid for 400 million! From what they could see, it might not even be the final price!

As expected, Guifeng raised his board again after Miracle Doctor Kang motioned to him. 410 million!

He didn't dare bid too much this time. The Kangs only had around 500 million yuans worth of movable funds and bidding too much for the pill would definitely affect the family business.

But Fatty Lai went quiet after Guifeng's bid. People all assumed it was because he'd run out of money and was deciding he should withdraw.

Except he was looking at Lin Yi, a smile on his face. Boss, the Kangs are probably near their limit. I can raise the bid again, and they'll still be able to keep up, but anything beyond that has no guarantee.

Yeah, one more bid is good. Lin Yi smiled. Fatty Lai wasn't being very nice to the Kangs, but Lin Yi himself didn't like that family very much. There was no reason for him to stop Fatty Lai from messing with them.

410 million going once 410 million going twice The auctioneer paused at the second call and turned to Fatty Lai, seeing if he wanted to make a higher bid.

Needless to say, it pissed Miracle Doctor Kang off. What in the world did this auctioneer think he was doing? Did he have to look at Fatty Lai even if he couldnt bring himself to hit the final hammer? Was he encouraging the fatty to continue fighting him??

But the auctioneers encouraging eyes turned out to be effective. Gritting his teeth, Fatty Lai stood up and raised his board once more. 420 million!

Miracle Doctor Kang went cold as he mentally cursed the fucking auctioneer.

It was House Yus auction, however, and Miracle Doctor Kang couldnt really voice his opinion even if he wanted to. He swallowed his frustration and motioned for Guifeng to reraise.

After all, Miracle Doctor Kang had already labeled this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing an absolute treasure. Looking at things, it was highly likely that there were only these three pills. Missing out on this opportunity would be final, and Miracle Doctor Kang had to grit his teeth and fight to the end.

430 million! Guifeng raised his board.

430 million going once 430 million going twice 430 million going three times! Sold! The auctioneer wanted to let Fatty Lai continue bidding, but the man had unfortunately backed out, evidently because hed run out of money and had confirmed his withdrawal. The guy wasnt moving one inch!

Liu Tianyi was the happiest person in the room at the moment, feeling intensely pleased with himself!

Hed thought that 280 million for a pill was expensive, but it turned out that hed gotten his pill at a bargain price! Fatty Lai couldnt even get his hands on the last pill for 420 million, losing it to Miracle Doctor Kang for 430!

In actuality, he was wrong. Tianyi wasnt the happiest man in the hall. It was Fatty Lai, who had played the entire auction hall!

These three pills had brought their company nearly one billion yuans worth of profit! This was the most vital part of the entire companys growth, and with this one billion there were so many things they could do!

It was true that he wanted to get a pill for himself, but now that Lin Yi had promised to give him one his entire mindset towards the auction bidding had changed.

Boss, what a surprise, right? We have tons of funds now! Fatty Lai laughed.

Lin Yi never expected that three regular body cleansing pills could sell for this much money. These were things that the old man put in a tin can for him to eat like sweets when he was young, after all.

Hah. Youll get your share as well! Lin Yi was quite impressed with Fatty Lais business skills. There was probably no way the pills would have sold for so much if it werent for Fatty Lai.

Thank you, Boss! Fatty Lai nodded enthusiastically.

But just when the auctioneer was about to move on to the next item, someone in the audience spoke up.

Shouldnt good things be shared with everyone, Little Yu Haitian! Arent there more of those Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing? We didnt even get to bid, and its sold out! Thats not very fair! It was Wu Gonggao, the head of the Iron Fist Wus.

He had quite a name. Wu Gonggao meant impressive martial arts. It seemed like he was kissing his own ass, but at the same time it was completely justified!

After all, he was one of the very few mystic-class fighters! He was the only one whod dare talk to a Yu like this.

House Wu of the Iron Fist, an ancient house. While on the surface, the Wu Family seemed like a house as powerful as the Lius, it was a house more than a century old. Houses like them always had a trump card.

If the head of House Wu brought his martial prowess to be bear, itd be a spectacle just short of stunning. Even the Yu Family considered them formidable.

It could be said that as long as Wu Gonggao stayed the Wu Familys head, no one would ever take them lightly.

Wu Gonggao had rushed over after receiving his grandson Wu Chentians phone call. He was in Yanjing and was planning on attending the Yus auction as well, but someone of his position very rarely attended the first two days of the auction, usually sending his sons and grandsons to represent him instead, personally participating only on the final day.

But hearing about the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing selling for 280 million, and the fact that even the Yu Family had participated, Gonggao couldnt take it anymore. He rushed to the auction hall with haste, only to make it to the final call for the last pill.

He took one look at the description of the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing and felt that it was the long-lost body cleansing pill of the martial world. Feeling harmony with the item, his interest grew, resulting in him interrupting the auction out of his sense of loss.

If it were a son of a typical strong house, Haitian would have had a way to deal with it.

But this was Wu Gonggao of the Iron Fist Wus, a mystic-class master. He had to tread carefully here.

He turned to look at his uncle sitting beside him.

Ask what Mister Lai Changyi thinks, the middle-aged man said calmly after some hesitation. If there are more, it wouldnt hurt to pull out a few more pills. We wont be taking a percentage of the profits!

Understood! Haitian nodded before motioning to the auctioneer to pause the auction. He then gave Changyi a call.

Chapter 494 – The Miracle Doctor Guan Medicine Company

If an item sold well in the auction, the host would contact the provider in the case that there might be more than just one, asking if there were more or if there was anything similar to put up for auction.

Haitian calling Fatty Lai, as a result, wasn't very surprising.

Mr. Lai, this Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing is quite popular. I wonder if there are more similar treasures in your possession? You've heard the audience's reaction too, Mr. Lai. There are guests that haven't had a chance to bid, Haitian said amiably.

He didn't used to put a lot of value on Fatty Lai, but now he thought much more highly of Fatty Lai.

I'm sorry, Mister Yu, but currently I only have three. It's impossible to bring out a fourth one this auction, Fatty Lai apologized.

I see. What a pity. Haitian sighed. Looks like I'll have to go onstage to explain.

Perhaps I could be the one to do that. It'd be good timing to explain why the pill is so rare, Fatty Lai said.

That works; thank you, Mister Lai! It saved Haitian a lot of trouble if Fatty Lai went onstage himself, otherwise people would be coming to him for the pill. He might be the one in charge of the auction, but there was no way he could put out more Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing. Placing this responsibility on Fatty Lai's shoulders was nothing short of perfect!

After hanging up, Fatty Lai moved his large frame onto the stage as the audience watched, puzzled.

Good evening, everyone. I'm the representative of the Miracle Doctor Guan Company. Allow me to extend to you my deepest apologies! Fatty Lai said to the audience, mic in hand.

What?! Everyone listening widened their eyes at Fatty Lai. This man was part of the Miracle Doctor Guan Company? Why was he fighting in the bidding earlier? Was he buying what he was selling to raise the price?

A lot of the guests started frowning, not very pleased with Fatty Lai's actions. After all, it wasn't a very nice thing that he did.

There wasn't anything wrong with it on paper, since everyone at the auction knew the rules, that House Yu took a percentage of the profit.

What Fatty Lai did, however, was still damaging to his name.

The most pissed off was none other than Miracle Doctor Kang. Tianyi's bid was considered very low, so he wasn't too affected by the reveal, but Miracle Doctor Kang, on the other hand

He'd spent 430 million! That was the vast majority of all movable funds House Kang had! Fatty Lai had played them!

This Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing is made with constituents that are extremely rare. The refining process itself is very complicated as well, and it took Professor Guan Xuemin almost a year to create five of the pills. We've offered three for auction! Fatty Lai said, shaking his head.

Fatty Lai's words balanced the audience's emotions a little. One year for five pills, and on top of that, rare constituents. The pill must be a truly priceless treasure.

If it was said that Miracle Doctor Kang was the one who made the pill, people would most likely doubt it. Xuemin, on the other hand, had credibility to the houses of power. He was a miracle doctor himself, in the first place.

But weren't there two more pills? Where had those gone?

Of the remaining two pills, one was given to a partner of the Miracle Doctor Guan Company, which he brought to Miracle Doctor Kang's birthday party as a gift for Miracle Doctor Kang. The other pill, however, has already been consumed by my father! Fatty Lai bullshitted as he created a false origin. Naturally, he wouldn't tell anyone that the pill his father took was actually the one meant for Miracle Doctor Kang.

Ah! Everyone who knew Fatty Lai finally understood why his father recovered so quickly. The man was a uremia patient inches away from death and was now alive and walking, healthy as ever!

These people had heavy hearts as they regretted their actions. Why didn't they make a move earlier? There were only five pills, and there was nothing left!

Of course, the one taking this the hardest was none other than Miracle Doctor Kang, whose old face burned with embarrassment!

He'd just told Xiao Ji that the pill was a long-lost ancient medicine, but it turned out Xuemin had refined and created it!

On top of that, Miracle Doctor Kang was given one pill himself during his birthday party! And here he was, shamelessly calling the pill a long-lost unique item!

But Xiao Ji didn't say anything. He was looking down on Miracle Doctor Kang a little, but he was now on the Kangs side. Miracle Doctor Kang's humiliations didn't give them any relief.

But what Fatty Lai said next made Miracle Doctor Kang feel a little better. So the three pills were the only available ones! I may be the acting chairman of the Miracle Doctor Guan Company, but it doesn't give me the right to own a pill for myself. It was because I was aware of the effects the pill had that I joined in the bidding as well! I couldn't help myself! It's a pity I didn't manage to make the purchase.

The audience started murmuring in understanding. So Fatty Lai genuinely coveted the pills. He wasn't trying to raise the prices or anything. They may not have wanted it before, but he did!

As for why Fatty Lai was so relentless in his bidding, the reason was simple: He knew firsthand just what the treasure was worth.

But Ill go discuss this with Professor Guan when I get back. Ill see if we have anything to offer for auction on the third day! With that, Fatty Lai gave everyone a bow. Thank you all for your interest and love in the Miracle Doctor Guan Company. Our products will be listed on the market shortly after the auction!

With that, Fatty Lai left the stage as everyone started discussing the third day items that Fatty Lai mentioned, their interest intense as they wondered just what kind of surprises the company would bring.

Guan Xuemins name had always been a bright topic among the billionaires and powerful houses. His reputation and skill were very much legendary.

But the man wasnt a particularly social person, and it was very difficult to get close with them even if they managed to associate with the person.

No one had expected Xuemin to start a company with someone. Was this a competition against the Miracle Doctor Kang Company? Or was the professor finally interested in making money?

No matter the case, everyone would welcome the new company if it provided quality medicine. This Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, for example!

People had already been wondering if this pill and company were connected to Professor Guan, but now that Fatty Lai had confirmed it, there was no longer any trace of doubt. All that remained was regret. After all, Miracle Doctor Guan was a man with very strong principles, a just man. He would never lie.

Chapter 495 – Meeting An Old Acquaintance

Fatty Lais speech was cunning. In actuality, he hadnt made anything clear at all. Would there be Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing in the future? When would there be pills? He hadnt addressed these problems, leaving the items he planned on adding to the third day unclear as well. He hadnt even confirmed that anything was even going to be there on the third day!

But that was the exact sort of attitude that excited the audience. They looked forward to the mysterious. People always worked their imaginations when things were murky.

Good speech that didnt say anything at all. Lin Yi smiled at Fatty Lai as he walked down.

Heh heh, thats right. This isnt something we can just let the world know; its a trade secret! Fatty Lai smiled back. But, Boss, what do you think we should sell for the third auction? Are we preparing to sell anything?

Prepare what? Lin Yi didnt have anything prepared, but he could if he wanted to. He still had time.

I heard that Miracle Doctor Kang is about to auction some special edition Golden Creation Medicine tomorrow. They say it has healing effects more effective and faster than the regular one. Fatty Lai said. Maybe we can buy some special edition Golden Creation too? Weve pissed him off enough anyway, and well be competitors once our medicine gets listed. No need to avoid crossing them or anything right now.

Hm? Miracle Doctor Kang having special Golden Creation Medicine to auction caught Lin Yi's interest. Let me think, see if I can come up with something. Maybe I can make something better than his stuff.

That's great, that's great, Boss! Fatty Lai nodded. That's true, it'd be pointless if we were the same as them, it'd look like we were copying him!

The auction items that followed were less special.

Of course, that was relative to the sort of stage they were on. These were items considered to be top-tier treasures in any regular auction.

But people here were veterans of this world, and they weren't too surprised at the items coming out.

The bids weren't going higher than the bids for the Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing. They weren't even one-tenth of it!

Lin Yi lost interest, so Fatty Lai left his seat. He went backstage to handle the procedures for the three pills he'd sold, subtracting the money they'd spent on the goatskin map. Everything else was deposited into Fatty Lai's bank account.

After finishing the procedures, Fatty Lai brought the goatskin map back to Lin Yi.

He took a look at it and folded it back up. This wasn't the place to investigate the map. In fact, he wasn't even planning on looking into it at the first place, at least not now. He didn't have the time.

Along with the one back home, Lin Yi only had two map pieces. He didn't know how big the map was in its entirety, or how many pieces it'd been split into, but the certainty was that two pieces didn't have much practical use.

So Lin Yi got Fatty Lai to purchase the map simply to sate the bit of explorer's curiosity he had. He wasn't expecting this map to really bring him anything. It was more of a whim.

The auction ended shortly, and no other auction item received the same sort of response as the Pills of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing. People made their bids and things wrapped up quickly.

The first day wasn't supposed to be very special in the first place. That was how it had always been. This year's pill was a very special exception.

Lin Yi, Fatty Lai, and Guan Xuemin got up to leave the auction hall when they saw Miracle Doctor Kang looking their way, his face visibly freezing upon sighting Lin Yi and Xuemin.

Lin Yi nodded, giving the doctor a smile.

Miracle Doctor Kang had long since suspected Lin Yi of being something like an inheritor of a powerful family, so seeing him together with Fatty Lai and Xuemin put a frown on his face. He didn't think much of it.

As far as he knew, Lin Yi and Fatty Lai were the driving force behind Xuemin's sudden desire to join the business world.

The investor was probably Fatty Lai. Lin Yi should have some shares as well, but Miracle Doctor Kang didnt care much about that. The person he was keeping an eye out for was Fatty Lai. The man was a veteran businessman.

Lin Yi! Xiaoxiao couldnt believe her eyes. She rubbed them to make sure who she really saw was, in fact, Lin Yi. She ran over and cried out excitedly.

Lin Yi turned around to look at Xiaoxiao, surprised as well, not quite understanding why he was seeing Xiaoxiao here.

Did she follow him here? Lin Yi couldnt bring himself to believe that. He hadnt even seen her shadow when boarding the plane! This could only be a coincidence, so Lin Yi smiled bitterly. Why are you here?

Yeah, why are you here? Xiaoxiao said at the same time.

Just taking a look with my friends. Lin Yi smiled. Well, I have something to do, so see ya.

Lin Yi avoided Xiaoxiao. He didnt want to get too close to the girl. Her thought process was quite weird, and he didnt want anything to do with her.

Will you come tomorrow too? Do you want to sit together? Xiaoxiao was quite troubled with Lin Yis attitude towards her. Why in the world was he so cold? She had her face look excited anyway as she puppy-eyed Lin Yi.

Lets talk about it tomorrow. Lin Yi brushed her off, not wanting to deal with her right now.

Alright, Ill come look for you tomorrow then! Xiaoxiao said, remembering that her father was waiting for her. She shouldnt be talking to Lin Yi for too long.

Meeting Lin Yi here did excite her, for some reason. She didnt quite understand why.

Was it the feeling of meeting an old acquaintance in an unfamiliar city? Or was it another way for her to attack Tang Yin, a way to make Lin Yi fall in love with her? Or was she just too bored?

Just then, Wu Gonggao and Wu Chentian walked over quickly.

Having learned that Xuemin was the one who refined the pill, Gonggao wanted to come talk to Xuemin and see if he could get himself another pill.

Professor Guan, its been a while! Ive missed you! Gonggao looked quite the martial artist in his long robes. He cupped his fists and greeted Xuemin.

Haha, Elder Wu, how are you doing? Xuemin nodded to Gonggao to greet him. Hed performed acupuncture on him before, and while the two were no strangers, he didnt act overly friendly.

Xuemin had always been very neutral towards these houses, never getting too close with a particular house, even if that house was the Yu Family, or the Wus.

All thanks to you, Professor! Im still feeling rather tough, but my old wounds from my youth do still need your help, Miracle Doctor Guan, when you have the time for an acupuncture session! Gonggao said very politely.

He might be a mystic class master, but even so, he paid Xuemin great respect. After all, this was a renowned miracle doctor, a godly figure!

Chapter 496 – Confrontation

Of course, that's not a problem. Just come to Songshan anytime you can, Elder Wu, Xuemin said, not refusing him.

But he'd never take the initiative to personally go treat him at their house!

All the most powerful houses and billionaires understood Xuemin's stubbornness in that regard. He was okay with treating you and never dwelled on the price, but he never left his own home to treat his patients. The only way was to see him in Songshan.

This was also because Xuemin still had to prepare his lessons for the university. As far as he was concerned, he was a professor, and it was his calling to educate. Giving his students a lecture was the priority.

Alright, I'll go pay you a visit sometime later! Elder Wu nodded with a smile.

Grandpa, this is the man! He's the one I told you about. Not only did he go for Sun Jingyi, he even pretended to be some miracle doctor! He's a con artist, and I got slapped by Aunt because of him! Chentian said after realizing it was Lin Yi sitting beside Xuemin. Rage and humiliation rushed to his head as he lost all reason, pointing at Lin Yi and yelling at him on impulse.

Chentian had been too pampered in the Wu household, and they all had high expectations for him, raising him to be the third generation inheritor!

He was a man in the golden class at only a little more than twenty years old. It was an astounding feat, an extreme rarity in this world. At least, for the Wus it was.

And so the Wu Family gave Chentian everything, resulting in a bratty attitude and small-mindedness. He wouldn't let anything that wronged him pass. Seeing Lin Yi made him act without even thinking things through.

Xuemin's face darkened very quickly. To him, Lin Yi was a teacher and also a friend. At the least, he was like a senior elder brother if they were in a sect! It was only natural he'd be unhappy at people bad-mouthing Lin Yi. He gave Gonggao a look and spoke evenly, Well, well, we'll be leaving then, Elder Wu!

Gonggao's expression froze. He wasn't expecting Xuemin to stand up for Lin Yi. This was quite troubling for him.

He wasn't a man who'd take the right stand over taking his grandson's side; he was notorious for it. His grandson was someone with exceptional talent, someone very precious to him who he pampered with anything he wanted. No one was allowed to do anything to him! Naturally, he'd stand up for this grandson if anything happened to him, regardless of whose fault it was or the person he had to deal with.

But Xuemin was one of the only people he didn't dare cross. With him here, he couldn't really go and cause Lin Yi trouble. He gave Lin Yi a brief look and burned his face into memory, thinking of some way to get back at him.

Gonggao didnt say anything, but someone else exploded before he could.

Whore you calling a con artist? Youre the con artist! Youre nothing!! Xiaoxiao said after witnessing this person insult Lin Yi out of nowhere. Who did he think she was? She was trying to act as if she was Lin Yis admirer! This mans words were degrading Lin Yi, and if Lin Yi were a con artist, that would mean shed fallen for a liar and criminal! The man was insulting her!

So Xiaoxiao, naturally, wouldnt have that. She glared at Chentian, and the only thing stopping her from sending her foot into his face was the amount of people around them.

After all, Xiaoxiao was a girl who beat people up for breakfast.

Chentian raged when he heard someone speaking up for Lin Yi. He was about to say something when he saw it was a pretty, delicate girl. He couldnt really yell at her. Dont butt in, this has nothing to do with you!

The young one has no manners, and so does the old one, I see? Xiaoxiao pursed her lips. Yo, old man, arent you gonna educate your grandson? Where are his manners?

You little! What did you say?! Gonggaos face heated as he looked at Xiaoxiao, his hands curling into fists. He was the head of the Iron Fist Wu Family, and letting this sort of disrespect pass was simply unimaginable. Itd be absolutely humiliating to himself and the entire house!

Wh-What are you going to do, you old man! Xiaoxiao said, shocked. She didnt know any martial arts, but there was a prominent killing intent coming off of him.

Mystic class early phase! Lin Yis heart skipped a beat. Gonggao was the same as Chentian. Both were physical practitioners, not spiritual. As a result, he couldnt sense the energy within them unless they released it themselves. He was only able to assess their level of strength when that happened.

He wasnt expecting the old man to be so strong. Lin Yi subconsciously moved his body, a wry smile on his face.

Regardless of anything else, Xiaoxiao was speaking up for him. It didnt matter what her intentions were. Lin Yi couldnt just leave her to her fate like this. Itd be quite wrong for him to do so.

So Lin Yi was prepared to take a hit for Xiaoxiao if Gonggao attacked. He was a mystic class opponent, but Lin Yi had golden class late phase strength, along with his Art of Dragon Mastery training. He could very much take a strike from a mystic class early phase, and while there was no guarantee hed win, he could confidently hold his own against him.

But Lin Yis preparation was unnecessary. Right as he stepped forward, a middle-aged man quickly moved between Xiaoxiao and Gonggao, his eyes on the old man. Elder Wu, are you going to raise your fist against a little girl?

Gonggao froze briefly, his expression changing completely. This was Feng Tianlong, a face hed always recognize. He took a deep breath, understanding that there was nothing he could do today. Punishing Xiaoxiao was completely off limits.

What gave Gonggao pause wasn't Tianlong's golden class mid phase strength. For a mystic class master, golden class fighters weren't a threat at all. What he was wary of wasn't Tianlong's background either. It was a highly formidable group, the mystery investigation department. Their authority was nothing short of stunning. But that was in the eyes of a normal person. Someone like Gonggao might not want to make enemies with a group like that, but by no means was he afraid of them!

What really terrified Gonggao was that person who'd disappeared from the scene more than ten years ago, Tianlong's former captain! That man was once part of the mystery investigation group as well and had brought Tianlong on missions. Their bond was a strong one.

If it were someone other than Tianlong, Gonggao might not have held back, but Tianlong was someone he had to pay some respect to. He had no other choice.

After all, it didn't matter if he was mystic class or earth class. That man would crush him with one move either way.

He didn't know just how great that man's strength is, but he knew one thing for sure. Pissing him off would be the end of the Wu Family, and it'd end in but one day too.

Phew, Gonggao breathed out, an embarrassed smile on his face. Captain Feng! I'd never raise my hand against your daughter, of course not. It was a joke!

It'd better be. Tianlong nodded, sighing in relief before he took Xiaoxiao's hand. Stay put next time!

Chapter 497 – He's Your Boyfriend?

His focus on a phone call could very well have cost Tianlong his daughter. That short moment was enough for Xiaoxiao to cause trouble.

Okay. Xiaoxiao wasn't so stupid as to not understand the situation. The old man would've attacked her if it weren't for her father!

But the old man was evidently wary of her father. Not aware of the details, she simply assumed that he was afraid of Tianlong. It made her a little happy.

Professor Guan, it's been a while. I've been thinking of paying you a visit these past few days! Tianlong said happily when he saw Xuemin standing there. He'd been planning to visit him and ask about the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing too.

Tianlong and Xuemin knew each other, but even Xuemin had nothing to offer after going through Xiaoxiao's medical history. He felt especially helpless when he'd heard that the legendary Lin Dongfang couldn't do anything for the girl.

But that didn't mean that things would be the same as a couple of years ago. As long as a sliver of hope existed, Tianlong would latch on to it.

Lil Feng! It's been so long! Xuemin smiled. I'm always free, just give me a call!

Xuemin was clearly quite friendly with Tianlong, which displeased Gonggao quite a bit. He gave a harrumph before leaving, pulling Chentian with him.

Alright, you must be busy, Professor. Ill take my leave! Tianlong had just received a phone call. Something had come up, and he had to go back to deal with it. Hed have to pay Xuemin that visit some other day.

Alright. Xuemin nodded.

Tianlong was about to leave with Xiaoxiao when he saw Lin Yi out of the corner of his eye, his face instantly changing.

Ah. Lin Yi smiled wryly. So Tianlong saw him after all. He was pretty stunned himself when he saw Tianlong, actually. He didnt expect him to be Xiaoxiaos dad. He tried his best to hide at the back because of that, but to no avail. He made a slight gesture with his hand, telling Tianlong not to cause a commotion.

Tianlong was an understanding man. He pretended not to see anything when he saw that Lin Yi wanted his identity hidden.

With that, he left with Xiaoxiao.

After he calmed down, Tianlong realized how funny his earlier tension was. There was no need to panic. He didnt miss Lin Yis quick movement before he intervened, but he didnt think much of it, assuming that it was just an accident. The thought that Lin Yi was about to take a hit for Xiaoxiao didnt cross his mind at all.

Now that he knew who exactly that person was, however, he understood that his motive was to protect Xiaoxiao. With his protection, Xiaoxiao would be perfectly fine!

After all, he was aware of Lin Yis strength. He wasnt on Gonggaos level, but he was quite capable of fending him off for a while.

You know them, Xiaoxiao? Tianlong asked as he thought about it. He didnt understand why Xiaoxiao would know Lin Yi. They looked pretty close too.

Yeah, Lin Yi sits next to me in class. Xiaoxiao nodded, finding it a little odd. Why was her dad paying so much attention to her life all of a sudden?

What?! Tianlongs eyes shot wide open as he stared at Xiaoxiao. Youre saying hes one of your classmates? He even sits next to you?

Yeah, why? Xiaoxiao looked at her dad puzzled. What was he freaking out for?

I-Its nothing! Tianlong shook his head. Lin Yi might not be part of the mystery investigation department, but theyd been on a couple missions together. But what was Lin Yi doing in a place like school? Knowing his background, it was an extremely odd thing hed just learned.

Not only was he a twelfth grader now, he was even sitting next to his daughter in class. Wasnt that too much of a coincidence?

But he couldnt really let Xiaoxiao know too much about Lin Yi. He could only hide his suspicions. He didnt quite understand just who Lin Yi was in the first place either. Hed been assigned to those missions by his superiors.

Xiaoxiao, Dad has an emergency to take care of, so you get back to the hotel first. I might not be able to come back tonight, I have stuff to do tomorrow too, Tianlong said a little awkwardly. Hed promised to go out with his daughter for a couple of days.

Its alright, Ill be fine. Ill go to the auction with my friend tomorrow! Xiaoxiao said, not angry at all as she waved her hand softly.

Tianlong paused a little at his daughters attitude. Remembering how she spoke up for Lin Yi, a thought came to mind. Did his daughter have a crush on Lin Yi? Was she starting to like boys now, and was that boy Lin Yi?

The thought gave Tianlong a fright! He wasnt the type of parent to discourage his children from getting into early relationships, especially because of his daughters special circumstances. He actually wanted her to quickly get herself a boyfriend, maybe get him a grandson or granddaughter. He wouldnt have to be alone if something really did happen to his daughter then!

And if this boy was Lin Yi then Tianlong would only be even more supportive. After all, hed witnessed Lin Yis excellence firsthand! Tianlong wouldnt say no to a different person, but wouldnt it be better if her partner was someone he was satisfied with and approved of?

He didnt want his daughter to be running around on her own, but if she really was going to be with Lin Yi tomorrow, shed be more than safe. There was nothing to worry about.

Youre talking about Lin Yi, right? Tianlong said as they reached the parking lot. He asked the question as he opened the car door.

Yeah, Xiaoxiao said, suddenly embarrassed. There was something in her fathers tone! But that little embarrassment was it. She wasnt afraid or anything. She wouldnt care even if she actually ended up with Lin Yi, let alone just messing around with him! Shed gotten used to causing trouble since she was a kid anyway, regardless of whether it made her father angry.

Xiaoxiao, is he your boyfriend? Tianlong said all of a sudden as he drove.

Ah?! Xiaoxiao didnt expect such a direct question. It made her pause a little before she stuttered. Thats not it!

No? Tianlong asked again. You seemed rather protective back there.

Ugh. Were classmates, okay? Of course I have to be protective! Xiaoxiao said weakly. She wasnt afraid of anything, but even she got shy at the topic of boys.

Hah. Xiaoxiao, Dads fine with you getting a boyfriend. If theres someone you like, just bring him home for me to see. Tianlong smiled, not asking any more questions and making his stance clear after seeing his daughter turn shy.

Chapter 498 – We Have Special Edition Too

Huh? Xiaoxiao stared wide-eyed at her father, utterly mesmerised. What did you say?

What I meant, Xiaoxiao, is that you're no longer a kid. Shouldn't you be finding yourself a boyfriend? Tianlong coughed a little. He felt that this topic wasn't too appropriate but he didn't have a choice now, did he?

Xiaoxiao's health wasn't good in the first place. Tianlong couldn't stop himself from having a thought like this! Normally, other parents would hope that their children wouldn't involve themselves in a relationship this early, worse still getting pregnant before marriage, but things were different for Tianlong. He wished his daughter would give birth to a baby with haste!

In reality, Tianlong was well aware that his daughter's condition was out of hand. He was running here and there for the sake of his daughter even though he knew that the chances were slim! Meeting a miracle doctor would only delay her death, not give her a full recovery. Looking for a full recovery was a far-fetched dream that had never crossed his mind in the slightest! This was the sole reason why Tianlong would hurry his daughter into a relationship as fast as possible. He didn't care about anything. He just wanted to see his daughter live as he started discussing this issue with his daughter.

It's not needed, I guess? Xiaoxiao reddened. Why would I need a boyfriend?

Erm, I would leave this to you as long as you try your best! Tianlong smiled and drove away.

Xiaoxiao was left in the hotel after Tianlong bid farewell as he drove away. People were still waiting for him, so he had to leave.

Xiaoxiao stood still in front of the hotel while remembering what her dad said to her. *What did he mean? Supporting me getting a boyfriend?* Xiaoxiao felt weird. She wasn't the age to be someone's wife, was she?

Xiaoxiao jolted as she remembered her health. Her mother gave birth to her when she was her age as well. *It's so mysterious. Why is this hereditary disease only passing down to the girls, generation after generation. If I was a boy, I would be totally normal,* thought Xiaoxiao to herself. It was her grandfather who arranged her father and mother together back then. They weren't married, but her mother was already carrying her in the womb.

Her father was a loyal man. He was infatuated with his wife. Even after so many years, he still remained single. *Daddy's thought now wouldn't be the same as my grandfather's thought back then, right?* Xiaoxiao shook her head. That time of the century had passed. She was a twelfth grader. Wouldn't it be strange if she found herself a boyfriend and started to make babies?

Xiaoxiao didn't want to have any relationships with anyone, not their sympathies, and of course, not with the sadness when death tore them apart! In her eighteen years, she didn't have any besties, just some lackeys following her around! She'd never once fallen for a guy because she ought not feel the indescribable suffering when they had to separate.

After Tianlong spoke up, it triggered Xiaoxiao to fall deep into thought. *Finding myself a boyfriend? Can I? Even a person like me can fall for a guy?* wondered Xiaoxiao.

Whod fall for me? Xiaoxiao shook her head with a bitter smile. Finding yourself a girlfriend on the verge of death that would be like getting rotten luck for eight full years.

Xiaoxiao suddenly thought of Lin Yi. It would be a great idea to have Lin Yi fall head over heels for her. Even though she might not be able to ditch him, he would still suffer significantly. Xiaoxiao made an even more firm decision deep down.

Uncle, Lai Changyi and the others have left, the young guy who bid for the tattered goatskin scroll against Fatty Lai said softly into the earpiece he was wearing.

Kun, tail them and check which hotel theyre staying at as well as checking the young mans identity! said the middle-aged man seated next to Haitian.

Yes! Kun said as he nodded, leaving the auction and blending in with the crowd.

Fatty Lai didnt have a car in Yanjing. The three lived not far away from the auction, roughly one kilometer away so they decided to just walk back. Fatty Lai might have been fat but his stamina wasnt that bad. Meanwhile, Xuemin exercised regularly, so he had a healthy and strong body. As for Lin Yi, it wasnt even an issue for him from the beginning.

The trio started walking back to the hotel as exercise without stopping a taxi so they could eat supper in the caf after working out a little.

Boss, have you made up your mind on what to bid for during the auction? Fatty Lai reminded Lin Yi again just in case he had forgotten it just after witnessing the stunt.

Not at all. Lin Yi frowned as he fell deep into thought. Miracle Doctor Kang was putting out the limited edition Golden Creation medicine for the auction, if he were to bring out a similar special edition of the Golden Creation medicine, this would surely raise suspicions of it as a copycat.

Boss, as far as I can see, you dont have to stress over it! Just making a similar special edition of the Golden Creation is more than enough as long as both parties have cards to play! Fatty Lai suggested when he saw Lin Yi was having trouble deciding.

Isnt that the act of a copycat? Wouldnt we be disadvantaged at this stage? Lin Yi questioned back.

Argh, Boss! I didnt want that to happen either, but since were in the early stage of starting a company, I dont think we should announce too many products too suddenly. A Pill of Life Extension and Toxic Cleansing as the signature product is more than enough already. If we show a wide assortment of products, it will greatly diminish the good our painkiller and injury medicine can do. Besides, we should play our cards slowly, bit by bit. This is a rule in business, Fatty Lai said.

Special edition injury medicine it is then! Lin Yi nodded in agreement. Our special edition injury medicine would be different from Miracle Doctor Kangs one, since Ill be adding a few more herbs in it that will be effective even for old scars by increasing the regeneration and rejuvenation of skin cells!

Huh? Boss, is that for real?! That medicine would have such an overpowering effect? Fatty Lais eyes went wide in excitement. He stared at Lin Yi, disbelieving.

Thats not something overpowered, its just adding a few more herbs in it. Naturally, the cost of the medicine will be raised as well, Lin Yi said calmly.

Then increasing the cost shouldn't be a problem since these are gonna be sold for auction and Miracle Doctor Kang always sells the limited edition Golden Creation for 500 thousand per box! said Fatty Lai.

Oh, that's pretty expensive for a medicine! The profit is more than enough to cover the cost! Lin Yi was shocked and taken aback a little. One box of Golden Creation for 500 thousand?

That's nothing. 500 thousand is just a small figure to rich people. They earn tens of thousand every second. Having the papercut recover the next day would be much better for them to earn back more money! Fatty Lai chuckled, To be honest, I myself bought a box last year!

Chapter 499 – How Cheap

So Miracle Doctor Kang doesn't sell just one box of limited edition Golden Creation a year, does he? Lin Yi questioned.

A box? There's at least twenty boxes every year, but it can only be sold 500 thousand yuan max. Those who offer 500 thousand first will instantly get it, eliminating the tedious bidding process. It's all about speed and first come, first serve basis, said Fatty Lai.

If that's the case, can I assume that each box can be sold for 500 thousand? Lin Yi nodded and continued asking.

Not really. The first few boxes can easily reach 500 thousand, but as the bidding goes on, competitors lessen, and the price will fall to 400 thousand or even 300 thousand naturally, Fatty Lai explained.

500 thousand is good, let's look for pharmacies nearby. I gotta buy some herbs. Lin Yi nodded as he felt that the profit wasn't bad at all. It might not sell as much as the Pill of Life Extension and Toxic Cleansing, but it was still very beneficial for building up the company's reputation and fame.

Uh Fatty Lai was almost getting used to Lin Yi's ability. Only Lin Yi could pull off the trick of making the medicine just a night before the next day's auction. Ill order some exquisite items for the wrapping and have people send it here in no time? Fatty Lai asked.

Nah, just get me a bottle to fill them up. I shall leave belief in the effectiveness of the medicine for the bidders to decide, Lin Yi said as he waved his hand.

Indeed, good medicines naturally sell out; we don't have to wrap them up so nicely! Fatty Lai nodded and said, Wheeee, another chunk of money saved!

Ugh. Lin Yi felt that Fatty Lai really was meant for business. Letting him manage the company wasn't a bad idea at all. Oh yeah, before I forget, what's the market price for Miracle Doctor Kang's normal version Golden Creation? Lin Yi asked.

It's normally 299 RMB, but I'm thinking of selling our injury medicine at 288 RMB. But I've no right to decide the price of the medicine if I don't know the cost of the medicine, do I? Fatty Lai replied.

What? We're selling it at 288? Lin Yi's eyes went wide. Miracle Doctor Kang was selling a mere normal Golden Creation at nearly 300 RMB. This was way too much. How could normal people be able to afford such price? Wasn't this a little too greedy?

Lin Yi would always find ways to rob those rich assholes who thought they were big shots looking down on the people, but the idea of robbing the peoples money had never crossed his mind.

Too cheap? Fatty Lai asked after observing the stunned expression on Lin Yis face. Boss, Miracle Doctor Kang is selling it at just 299. Even though we dont have enough supply, I dont think itd be a good idea to set the price higher than theirs! Yes, I know that our medicine is obviously more effective than theirs!

After listening to Fatty Lai, Lin Yi knew that he mustve gotten the wrong idea. I think that were pricing the product way too expensively. The cost of this medicine isnt even considered expensive in the first place, just a few yuan! LinYi said with smile.

Gah! A few yuan? Fatty Lai tripped, almost slamming into the cold, hard ground. Boss, may I beg your pardon? A few yuan? Hows that even possible? That makes Doctor Kangs Golden Creation a few yuan too, right? Fatty Lai asked in surprise, clearly in shock.

I have no idea; Ive yet to see it. Lin Yi shook his head. I would suggest that we sell it cheaper so even the average person can afford it since the cost isnt expensive!

Sure, well be a caring and generous company then! Fatty Lai grit his teeth and said with an aching heart, 199 it is then!

Fatty Lai was a profiteer, but since Lin Yi had spoken up, he couldnt do anything against it, could he? So he stepped back and accepted the adjusted price since selling at 288 might not fully satisfy the buyers either.

199? To tell the truth, Lin Yi felt that it was still a little expensive, but he didnt know much about managing business and setting prices, so he decided to accept the price after seeing Fatty Lais pained face. Sure.

Fatty Lai let out a sigh of relief after Lin Yis agreement. He was afraid that Lin Yi might not be content with the price and would reduce it to 99 RMB. They would lose a lot of profits if that was the case. Itd be a huge loss!

Ill make a plan for the next auction then and announce the retail price to the public. Fatty Lai nodded and added, Boss, what do you think the price of the painkiller should be?

The cost is around five yuan per usage, and of course, the cost is going to lower if we mass produce. How high do you think we should set it? Lin Yi asked.

Ok, one box for five usages, setting it at 199. Is that alright? Fatty Lai asked, testing his bosss limits.

Make it ninety-nine, LinYi said after giving it some thought.

Sure, well accept your decision, Boss! In fact, Fatty Lai had already predicted that his boss would reduce

the price, so he set the price higher in advance.

After setting the prices of the two medicines, Fatty Lai felt relieved and very delighted because Lin Yi did not hide the cost of the medicine from him, meaning Lin Yi treated him as a partner, telling him one of the big secrets.

After a while, the trio went into a fairly large pharmacy. Lin Yi did not take out any prescriptions and just told the staff what he wanted.

Even though Lin Yi had built up trust between Fatty Lai and him, he still did not fully trust Fatty Lai, so he would naturally blurt out some useless herbs. The amounts of the herbs were random as well. There were a few main constituents yet to name, but he didn't. Instead, he asked for some rare herbs only to find out they weren't available.

It's okay, Boss, there are a lot of pharmacies in Yanjing. I can also ask people to buy it for you, Fatty Lai said after finding out the herbs weren't available.

There's no need; we can check the other pharmacies, Lin Yi replied with a smile.

After packing the herbs, Fatty Lai charged forward to pay. It wasn't much, just a few hundred yuan.

Xuemin was an honest man. He didn't pay much attention to memorizing what Lin Yi bought in there unless Lin Yi offered the prescription to him. Otherwise, Xuemin wouldn't even budge into people's business.

Not long after the trio left, the young man Kun hesitated a little and sneaked into the pharmacy they had just left.

There was only one long route in and out of the pharmacy so Kun had confidence he wouldn't lose track of them. So he went in the pharmacy.

Hallo there, would you please tell me what the three of them bought from the store? Kun politely asked the employee in the shop.

At this late hour, there weren't many customers so one employee was all they needed. Kun had it lucky since he didn't have to ask around since there was only one target to prey on.

Chapter 500 – Stalker

Fatty Lai, bring Grandpa Guan to the side shop and wait for me, I've got something to settle. Lin Yi stopped in his tracks and gave Fatty Lai an order.

Oh? Okay. Fatty Lai wasn't sure what was concerning Lin Yi, but after reading his expression, he didn't seem he wanted to explain, so Fatty Lai decided to just shut up and walked Grandpa Guan to the nearest shop. Lin Yi, meanwhile, made a quick turn and walked back to the shop in haste.

Little did he know that someone would stalk them on the first day of his arrival to Yanjing.

Excuse me, sir. The employee smiled sweetly to Kun. Our customers purchases are secret.

There was no doubt Kun looked very handsome, like the main character in a Korean drama. The employee couldn't help but keep looking at him a little more than she should.

Kun furrowed his eyebrows in disbelief. He'd always been the lady killer, but here the employee rejected his request. Even though he failed the first attempt miserably, he did not give up. He took out his wallet and pulled out a few hundred yuan, putting it on the counter. Hey, pretty, give me some face, will ya? That guy who came in was my brother. He said that he got a prescription, and I'm worried that the prescription might worsen my father's health, so here I am to confirm the reliability of the prescription.

Oh, so that's the case! The homely employee's heart melted a little. Kun really was attractive, but the cash on the counter was more alluring! These workers had always been eking out a living, earning barely 2,000 RMB a month, so 500 RMB was a huge seduction they couldn't resist.

The employee hesitated a little and quickly stuffed the cash into her pocket, pulling out a list of herbs and placing it on the counter. You can copy it, but you can't take it away.

Kun had incredible memorization. Just by scanning the list once he could memorize all the name of the herbs. I practice medicine. I know the effects of the herbs just by looking at them. Great, there aren't any problems. Thanks a lot!

O-Okay! The employee gave a sigh of relief. This was her first time betraying a customer. Luckily, Kun said everything was okay. She felt even relieved at the thought that Kun only glanced at it once.

See ya, pretty, thanks a lot by the way! Kun left the store but found he froze instantly! Lin Yi was standing right in front of him!

Why are you stalking me? Lin Yi looked at him and asked evenly.

Lin Yi didn't want to initiate trouble in Yanjing, but someone was following him. He couldn't just ignore him, could he? When facing such a threat, Lin Yi would always choose to confront the pursuer.

The jade didn't give any signals or warnings. The guy wasn't an enemy, so Lin Yi decided to give him a chance to explain himself instead of instantly killing the golden class mid phase young man!

Judging from the appearance of the guy right in front of Lin Yi, he might be over twenty years old, but he was already golden class mid phase. He must be pretty good.

Stalking you? You must be mistaken. Kun lost his composure a little but returned to normal. But in his eyes were traces of shock and surprise. He never knew that there was someone as strong as Lin Yi!

Kun did not hide his presence while following the trio, but he was caught red-handed by Lin Yi. It caught Kun by surprise that he, as a golden class mid phase, was discovered.

Is that so? Probably not, I'd guess. Lin Yi shrugged and memorized his face. From where Lin Yi was standing in the foreign land, he couldn't bring himself to kill this guy. He would attract too much attention if he eliminated him here.

Since that guy didn't show him any hostile intent, Lin Yi let him pass and gave him a warning not to follow them anymore.

Kun frowned as Lin Yi walked away. He didn't understand how this normal young man caught him off guard.

He got exposed, so he chose to retreat. It wasn't a good time to follow him after what had just taken place. He dialed up his uncle. Uncle, they found me!

Oh? The middle-aged man was surprised. Found you? Do they have powerful bodyguards?

I'm not sure, I have no idea how they found me, but I was stopped by that young man. He asked if I was following them. Kun was sad and unhappy. He thought that he was a pro and that it would be as easy as ABC. He underestimated his target, which resulted in him being discovered.

It's okay, come back, your job is done. As long as we found out that Lai Changyi and Xuemin were walking side by side it's fine. The middle-aged man paused, then ordered, Go infiltrate their company tomorrow. Try talking to Lai Changyi and get some information about what he's up to with the goatskin map.

Okay, Uncle! Kun nodded and disappeared into the darkness. Kun did not mention to his uncle what actually happened in the pharmacy.

Lin Yi stepped into the store and found Xuemin and Fatty Lai window shopping. Naturally, they didn't come here to shop, so when they spotted Lin Yi they walked towards him.

Is it settled? Fatty Lai asked.

Yup, it was nothing, actually, just met an old friend. Lin Yi smiled. He chose not to tell them about the stalker. He didn't want Grandpa Guan to worry over it.

Lin Yi's instinct told him that Kun wasn't looking for him. It might be due to the drama that had happened in the auction that Kun followed them out of curiosity, seeing how he came out of the pharmacy just now. Lin Yi concluded that he was just a commercial spy, trying to get information out of them. Lin Yi never thought that Kun's tracking was due to the goatskin map.

Luckily, Lin Yi didn't buy all the needed herbs in one store, or else it'd be truly troublesome.

In fact, even if Lin Yi bought all of them in one store, it wouldn't be a problem because it'd be meaningless if they didn't obtain the base of the injury medicine. The base was an important factor for the herbs and injury medicine to work together in order to become effective in healing old scars.

On the way back to the hotel, Lin Yi went into another pharmacy and rapidly bought all the remaining herbs. Lin Yi felt relieved after seeing that Fatty Lai didn't seem to care or memorize the herbs he was buying.

After they returned, Lin Yi started making the special edition injury medicine with his bare hands. It was nothing special or difficult for Lin Yi, so he swiftly filled up the small medicine bottles that they had bought earlier.